

14, in that of Hamilton; and 75, an increase of 2, in that of London; and 8, an increase of 1, in Manitoba. The total increase for the year is thus 17.

Last year the total number of vacancies was returned as 78, this year as 72; being a decrease of 6. The number of mission stations was given last year as 37, this year as 96. Stations in regular charges supplied by pastors was 641 last year; this year it is 677, being an increase of 36. Stations supplied but not part regular charges were (last year) 46, this year they are 52.

The number of families reported is 30,940; last year it was 28,110, thus showing an increase of 2,830, which may well call forth our thanksgiving to the great King and Head of the Church, and representing a population of about 155,000. Of these families the greatest number is in the Presbytery of Guelph, being within a very few of 3,000. In Toronto there are 59 fewer, Hamilton comes third, London fourth, Montreal fifth, Huron sixth, and so down.

The number of single persons not connected with families under the pastoral oversight of the ministers they attend is given as 4,380; last year it was reported to be 4,175, showing an increase of 205.

The number of communicants last year was 50,702; this year it is 56,241, giving an increase of 5,539.

The additions to the church through examination was 2,888 last year, this year it has been 3,988; the additions by certificates were, in the former year, 2,923, in the latter, 2,960, showing an aggregate increase of 1,137, there being an increase in the one of 1,100, and an increase in the other of 37.

The diminutions from death, and other causes, were, last year, 3,509, this year they were 4,050, being an increase of 570.

Most of those reported as added by certificate may have passed from one congregation to another of the same denomination, but their case is comprised in the returns of diminutions, as well as those who have been removed by death or have gone to some other land, or branch of the visible Church.

4,923 children, and 199 adults have had baptism administered to them, and thus have put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the number receiving instructions in Sabbath Schools there is the encouraging increase of 2,635, the aggregate for each of the two years being 35,020 and 37,655 respectively. In all the Presbyteries there is an increase, as compared with last year, with the exception of Montreal. The greatest increase is in that of Hamilton.

The number in bible classes has risen from 9,405 to 10,363; an increase of 968.

The number of elders, an important staff of officers in the Presbyterian Church is 2,093; an increase of 64.

"Other office-bearers" were, last year, 3,148; this year they are 3,386; an increase of 233.

Sabbath-school teachers now number, as made up from reporting congregations, 4,479, against 4,094 last year.

Volumes in congregational libraries were, this year, 12,184, and in Sabbath school, 96,726. The Presbyteries of Toronto, Paris, Guelph and Montreal, stand highest, and according to the order in which they are here given, in the number of volumes in congregational libraries; and Guelph, Toronto, Hamilton, London, in the number in Sabbath school libraries.

175 Missionary Associations are reported as existing in congregations.

The number of churches built during the year is reported as 31, and of Manses 14, a falling off on last year of 9 and 6.

The Presbyteries of Brockville and London exhibit a decrease this year in the number of communicants, as compared with the year immediately preceding. The largest reported increase is in the Presbytery of Toronto, amounting to 1,824, but the two columns containing additions by certificate and examination show only 799, while the diminutions are returned at 560, which should give a net increase of only 239. The presbytery containing the next largest number of communicants is that of Guelph, viz: 5,586, an increase of 302 on last year. Hamilton comes third in order, and Montreal fourth. Confining