

SEPARATE APPENDIX.*

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics beg leave respectfully to report :

That the total number of Congregations in connection with the Church on the first day of April, was 115. Of this number 93 had Ministers, while 22 were vacant.†

97 Returns—6 being double, as coming from Congregations, whose Ministers regularly officiate in two Churches, and 12 from vacant Congregations—have been received by the Committee. 16 Kirk Sessions having Ministers, besides 8 vacant Congregations, (some of which, however, ought perhaps rather to be regarded meanwhile, as Preaching Stations than Congregations organised) have not only disobeyed the injunctions of Synod, as given last year, but also the peremptory orders expressed by the Synod of the present year, through the Moderator, to defaulters. These are

Thorah, Mulmur and Searboro' in the Presbytery of Toronto.

‡Quebec, Point Levi, Three Rivers and Leeds, in the Presbytery of Quebec.

Grenville, Hawkesbury, Ormstown & Lachine,‡ in the Presbytery of Montreal.

Galt and Brantford in the Presbytery of Hamilton.

London, Woodstock and Norwich, in the Presbytery of London,

with the vacant Congregations of Spencerville, Camden, Whitby, New Richmond, St. Eustache, Vankleek Hill, Beamsville and Puslinch. The return from Richmond (Presbytery of Bathurst) the Committee regret to find has gone amissing.

The greater number of those returns which have been received are more or less incomplete, while many of them are very imperfectly answered.

In connection with those Churches which have reported, there are 7,510 Families, 11,377 Communicants (being a net increase over the former year of 689) with an attendance on Divine Ordinances of 14,974. In 5 returns the number of Families is not given; in 6, the number of Communicants; and in 7, the attendance. The attendance given, it may be remarked, is that of the Morning, which, it appears, is generally considerably larger than that of the Afternoon or Evening. It ought, however, to be noted that the actual attendance is more than this, as the Ministers of the country charges, (and they are by far the more numerous) usually conduct Divine Service, as is well known, in different Churches or Preaching Stations in the after parts of the day to Congregations for the most part different, in very many cases, to Congregations entirely different.

* See minutes of Synod, 1860, page 40.

† There were also 4 Ministers being Professors; 4 retired Ministers; 5 Ministers without charge, and 2 Probationers, making a total of 108 Ministers.

‡ The returns from Quebec and Lachine have since been received. See pp. xv. & xx.