

and we meet the same results. The gross numbers there are set down—total population, 890,261; and the distribution thus: Church of Rome 746,866; Church of England 48,402; Church of Scotland with 16 settled congregations but 4,047!! the Free Church 267!! and these accommodating "Other Presbyterians" 29,221!!! But, to particularize, in Beauharnois District, where we have large and numerous Congregations, and where, as an accurate and reliable correspondent of one of the daily papers, "Papius Cursor," showed in a letter transferred some time ago to our columns, we have a very large number of members and adherents, no adherents are assigned to our Church! In Gaspé, where we have one congregation with a settled pastor, and one without, there appears but 10! Huntingdon again, none; and, to cap the climax, the City of Montreal, none!! It is unnecessary to enter upon an analysis of the return of the various counties in the Province; we have pointed out sufficient inaccuracies to demonstrate that no reliance can be placed upon the returns of the various denominations. In fact we would be disposed to estimate our adherents in all Canada at 120,000 rather than at the low figure assigned to them, and would esteem even this a moderate estimate. We trust that ere another census be taken, measures will be resorted to, to secure accurate returns, without which, however carefully and systematically compiled, as the volume before us really appears to be, the Census is a mere delusion. The assigning of distinct headings to the Presbyterian bodies, and the giving particular instructions to the Enumerators, may perhaps remedy the evil. In our examination of the Census we have been struck with several features of interest, which we may hereafter develop in an article exhibiting the distribution of the members of our Church and the need for a Home Mission on a comprehensive plan.

THE SYNOD IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Although the proceedings of the various Church Courts have lately occupied much of our space, we make room for a slightly condensed report of the proceedings of this Synod of the Church, as our recent effort at fraternization will naturally lead our readers to regard their proceedings with renewed interest. To the fathers of the Church in Nova Scotia, who long, almost singlehanded, laboured in the field, it must be encouraging to meet with the co-operation of so many zealous, faithful pastors as are now associated with them. The Synod appears to have disposed of much real business in a practical manner, and to have evinced an anxious desire to promote the spiritual welfare of the people entrusted to their charge. The presence of a Deputation from the Synod of Nova Scotia—a branch of the United Presbyte-

rian Church, was an interesting feature. The result was a determination to co-operate on friendly terms. The proceedings on the occasion are interesting and instructive, and are characterized by an excellent spirit. Later in the Session our "Deputation was received, with regard to whom the "Monthly Record" says, "All felt deeply grateful to the Church of Scotland in Canada for having sent them to visit us, and to them for having executed the commission. They were cordially invited to take their seats as members of the Court, and to the end they assisted in its deliberations. Our Synod took up most heartily the hint they threw out with reference to a closer union of the branches of the Church of Scotland in North America, with the view of ultimately leading to the formation of a General Assembly, and passed resolutions to that effect. There seemed to be but one opinion on the subject: the sooner it is consummated the better." We also learn that the Deputation was received at a public meeting held in Halifax, a report of which we hope to present in our next, as well as an account of the proceedings of our delegates in the Synod, taken from the Monthly Record. After the rising of the Synod the Deputation proceeded separately in order to overtake the various parts of the Province, preaching to vacant congregations. Dr. Mathieson also visited Prince Edward Island. The Deputation have now arrived at their homes, gratified and encouraged by their visit and the sympathy and brotherly reception accorded them, and deeply impressed with the conviction of the extent of the field open to the Church in Nova Scotia. Their report of their proceedings, of their preaching tours and of their participation in sacramental occasions in the open air will be looked for with interest by our readers and the Church. We trust that they may see fit to anticipate their report to the meeting of Synod by supplying our columns with a brief sketch of their journey and its results; and on the whole we congratulate our Church on having taken a step so fraught with important results and, we trust, so immediately beneficial.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

As intimated in the advertisement in this number, the 14th Session of this Institution will commence on the 1st Wednesday of October, when we trust the expectations of the authorities will be fully realized in a largely increased attendance of Students.

The Divinity Classes will be opened on the 1st Wednesday of November. Feeling a warm interest in this, the School of our Prophets, and being morally convinced that on its efficiency, humanly speaking, depend the extension of our Church and its perpetuation, we have for some years consistently advocated its claims, in the hope

that we might yet be privileged to see our College occupying a high position in our country and proving of material service to it as well as to the Church. Had not the unhappy division occurred some years ago, beyond doubt, of all the educational institutions in the Province, it would have now occupied the first position. But, even as it is, in number of pupils and the character of the education imparted, as well as in the reputation and erudition of its Professors, it will bear comparison with the richly endowed University or Trinity College at Toronto. It is gratifying to find that the number of pupils is steadily maintained, while this year a large Divinity Class is expected. We have before us the annual synopsis of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, who under the provisions of the Royal Charter are entrusted with its management, from which we purpose gleaning some particulars of interest to our readers. It will be borne in mind that there are now 4 Professors, devoting their whole time to the interests of the College, viz., the Rev. Professors George, Dr. Williamson, Smith and Weir. In connection with the College there are a Medical School and also a Preparatory School under competent masters and under the supervision of the Professors. During the Session of 1854-55 there were 31 regular Students in attendance. In addition to these the Medical School and Preparatory School were attended by a large number of pupils. During the past year Mr. Hugh J. Borthwick was appointed Head-Master of the Preparatory School. The Ladies' Association of Hamilton remitted £15 towards a Bursary and intimated their intention of making it permanent. Professor Smith, who was about visiting Britain, was authorized to act there, in behalf of the College generally and in procuring contributions towards the Library and Museum. We find that a considerable number of Bursaries are regularly given for the aid of Divinity Students by associations and individuals. During the last year Hugh Allan, Esq., of Montreal, the St. Andrew's Church of Toronto, and the St. Andrew's University Missionary Association contributed each 1; the St. Andrew's Church of Niagara, the Edinburgh University Missionary Association and the Colonial Committee each 2; and the Lay Association of Montreal, as it has done for some years past, 3. It will be remembered that the College is now established in suitable and appropriate buildings, the Summerhill property, acquired at an outlay of £6000, and with reference to which a special appeal for aid has been made to the adherents of our Church. The expense has been met with some degree of liberality, but not yet to such an extent as is required. We trust that no congregation will omit to contribute towards the building-up of this Institution, and in fact to the perpetuation of the Church through its instrumentality. Besides this special