

For the evidence of the latter the Committee refer to the monthly state of the accounts given in the Magazine ever since it was issued;—and they have no doubt that the annual statement also will be furnished in due course, shewing at a glance those of the congregations that are doing their duty, and those that have neglected it.

With the special view of receiving the returns requested from Presbyteries, together with a digest of them by the Convener to whom they were to be sent in the interval, another meeting of Committee was appointed to be held during the sittings of the present Synod. It was held on Wednesday, 15th June, but its design has, to a great extent, been thwarted by the failure of Presbyteries to make the returns solicited of them. Only six have sent any answer to our repeated communications.* Though disappointed and discouraged by this, the Committee have yet prepared a digest of the Returns that have been sent in;—and while, from its being so partial, it affords no very accurate gauge of the present Missionary power of the Church, or of the accession that has been made to it during the past year, it will yet give some indication of what the Committee aimed at, and shew that their labours have not been altogether in vain—yes, that within the limits of which their reports enable them to speak, a measure of success, greater than might have been expected at such a time, has attended them.

The six Presbyteries from which communications have been received, are those of Toronto, London, Brant, Wellington, Huron, and Grey.

That from Toronto is altogether general, and furnishes no information either as to the number of Missionary Societies existing in the Presbytery, or as to the period of their formation. This reduces the actual returns sent in to the Committee to five, being exactly one half of the Presbyteries in the Church.

The return from the Presbytery of London sets out by stating, that though

such vigorous action had not been taken on the suggestions of the Committee, as might be deemed desirable, the scheme was yet gradually but surely working its way within their bounds. It then gives a list of 19 congregations, of which 9 are reported as having Missionary Societies in operation, 5 as having not yet formed them, and 5 as vacant. Of the 9 Missionary Societies, 5 had been organized previously, while the remaining 4 have been formed during the course of the past year.

Of 6 Congregations reported by the Presbytery of Brant, 1 had a Missionary Society in operation previously. In 2, a Missionary Society has been formed last year; and in other 2, Missionary Societies were about to be formed at the time the return was sent in.

Wellington Presbytery reports 5 Congregations, and of these, 4 have Missionary Societies—the 5th only having none. Of these 4 Missionary Societies, 2 existed previously; and of the other two, one has been originated, and the other resuscitated in the course of the past year.

Huron Presbytery reports 8 Congregations, and in 4 of these there are Missionary Societies, and in 4 there are none. The last 4, however, are stated to be purely Missionary fields, yet sustaining themselves without help. Of the 4 Missionary Societies in this Presbytery, only 1 existed previously, while 2 have been originated, and a third has been resuscitated in the course of the past year.

The Presbytery of Grey reports 9 Congregations; and in them all, except one, a Missionary Society has been formed. Of these Societies, 3 existed previously to the issuing of your Committee's Address; the other 5 have been organized since.

It thus appears that, since last meeting of Synod, the Missionary Societies in the Presbytery of London have been very nearly doubled. In the Presbytery of Wellington they have been exactly doubled. In Huron Presbytery they have been trebled; and in Grey they have been very nearly so; while in Brant they have been increased five-fold.

More generally the results arrived at may be stated thus:—In 5 Presbyteries, reporting 47 Congregations, there are 30 Missionary Societies; and of these 30 Societies, 18, or very nearly two-

* After this Report had been presented to the Synod, verbal explanations and statements were made in behalf of the other four Presbyteries;—and of these, an abstract, as prepared and certified by their clerks respectively, is, by order of Synod, appended to this Report.