

Report on the Petitions of Christians of

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THIRTEENTH Do you think that the Ecclesiastical chart now shown to you, exhibits a fair & correct view of the different denominations of christians in this province? Can you point out any inaccuracies in the chart within your knowledge?	A. McLean, Esq. M. P. John Wilson, Esq. Speaker of the House of Assembly. * Rev. A. McDouell of the Roman Catholic church. John B. Robinson, Esq. M. P. (Attorney General.) * Hon. William Dickson. Hon. Thomas Clark. John Rolph, Esq. M. P. D. Jones, Esq. M. P.	ture, and the Rev. A. Connel was established as the minister of the congregation at Martintown I think 12 months before. I am not aware of any other inaccuracies. There is not a single church in the district of Gore. Mr. Leeming officiates regularly in the presbyterian church at Barton and occasionally at Dundass and other places. Statements concerning other districts, I leave to other persons to answer. Having not the chart before me, I cannot give any answer to this question. I have never made the necessary inquiries to enable me to answer this question, further than that, I perceived a few inaccuracies in the chart, so far as it regards the church of England, some churches are erroneously stated to be built under the impression no doubt, that they had been built, but either the subscription list had not been completed, or some other cause of which the compiler of the chart, was doubtless not aware, has occasioned the execution of the design to be abandoned or delayed. I notice also some omissions in the chart as it regards the church of England.—I could not pretend from any information I possess, to construct one more accurate on the whole. I have not seen the ecclesiastical chart for some time, and cannot without a reference and some further time, point out some inaccuracies which I noticed at the time. I cannot answer without having time to examine the chart. I have not time to examine the chart—but when I did look over it, I certainly noticed inaccuracies in it. I do not consider it correct inasmuch as it does not in my opinion, furnish a full view of the different denominations of christians in the province.	FOURTEENTH (continued)	Z. Burnham, Esq. M. P. Reverend J. Richardson, James Wilson, Esq. M. P., Elder William Case. William Morris, Esq. M. P. Robert Randall, Esquire, M. P. Doctor Lefterty, M. P. John A. Wilkinson, Esq. M. P. D. McDonald, Esq. M. P. Paul Peterson, Esq. M. P. Thos. Hornor, Esq. M. P. Wm. Scollick, Esq. M. P. Edward McBride, Esq. M. P. B. C. Beardsley, Esq. M. P. Reverend Mr. Barclay, baptist minister,	I have not had any opportunity of knowing. Several of them, as the Baptists, Quakers, or Friends, and Menonists, are neither few nor insignificant. There are several societies of Lutherans and Baptists, and a great many Catholics who have clergymen. These clergymen are not in my opinion, ignorant men. There are a great many Quakers, the latter have what they call public speakers, who are travelling, and who are very respectable, and I think useful men. There are Menonists and Tunkers in the province, who have their preachers, and I consider them an excellent people. The principal teachers of the different denominations, not specified in the letter and chart, are neither few nor insignificant. The Baptists themselves are more numerous than the church of England, as 45 to 31 in their ministers and though they may not make high pretentions to human science, and may be utterly ignorant of any thing like political intrigues, yet with respect to biblical knowledge, and that divine science so essential to the spiritual welfare of their flocks in the truths and duties of christianity, I believe they are as well qualified, as the ministers of the church of England. The teachers referred to in this question are not to be found in the part of the province I reside in, and therefore their condition is unknown to me. I don't know what teachers of various denominations of christians, are considered ignorant. I think the knowledge of the different religious denominations in this province are at par, one with the other. Does not think that they are by any means few or ignorant. In the western district there are 2 priests of the Roman catholic church, and of course men of education. The other denominations have a fair proportion of clergymen, and they are men of respectable acquirements and seemingly pious men. Does not think that they are, by any means, few or ignorant. I think not. They are not few, and many of them well informed I think. I think not. I have known many enlightened and intelligent ministers of the different denominations not specified in the chart, and I think that statement utterly untrue. I think they are not numerous; with respect to their qualifications cannot answer—never having attended their places of public worship. They are not to my certain knowledge, a number of them have had a liberal and classical education, others are not so well qualified for the ministry.
FOURTEENTH Are the teachers of the various denominations of christians in this province, not specified in the letter & chart before you, few and seemingly ignorant?	Rev. A. Stewart, Baptist Minister. D. McColl, Esq. M. P. R. White, Esq. M. P.	The teachers of the denominations not specified in the chart are not few. The baptist teachers alone exceed the church teachers by 1-5d, the one being 30 and the other 15,—as to their knowledge it was well for the writer of the chart to introduce the word “seemingly,” for am persuaded he knows little about these teachers, I can give no account of the knowledge of the menonists, tunkards, quakers, christians, &c. but I affirm that if the bible is made the standard of the qualifications of christian teachers, that the teachers of the baptist denomination are as well qualified for their office as the teachers of the church of England, mentioned in the chart—Though I believe there are unqualified teachers in both denominations, many of the baptist teachers have a liberal and some a classical education, though a knowledge of the scriptures and abilities to explain them is all that the baptists think absolutely necessary for the pastoral office with regard to knowledge. I am of opinion they are not. I have answered the questions proposed, agreeably to my knowledge of my district only. They are not.			
The answers given by the Reverend A. McDouell and the honorable Wm. Dickson, were written at their lodgings and sent to the committee; a list of the questions having been communicated to them, unaccompanied by the chart.					