

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, For the Year ending 31st December, 1852.

Main statistical table with columns for Presbyteries and Organized Congregations, Stations within Bounds, Average Attendance, Members Added, Members Removed, Members on the Roll, Baptisms, Number in Religious Classes, Attending Prayer Meetings, Volumes in Libraries, Number of Churches, Property Deeded, Congregational Debt, Total Income, and Expenditure on various categories like Stipend, Church Property, Theological Fund, Synod and Presbytery Funds, Synod's Missions, General Missions, Contributions to the Poor, and Incidental Expenses.

\* The Vacancies have not sent in any returns, except Ingersoll, which regularly pays £1 5s. per Sabbath's services; Harwick, 15s.; Goderich about 15s. (Stipend £11 18s.); Warwick and Adelaide, no definite sum. The latter promises liberally in aid of the general funds.

The names of 75 Congregations appear in the above Table, but it will be observed that six of these give no statistics, while in the case of several others, these are incomplete. Forty-four "Stations within bounds" are returned—being an increase of four upon last year. The "average attendance" throughout the Church amounts to 12,845, showing an increase upon the returns of the preceding year of 2,287; 930 Members have been added, and 374 removed, while the numbers in the previous return were, respectively, 719 and 276, showing a total increase of 546, and an increase over the foregoing year of 113. The total membership is 6,409; Baptism has been dispensed to 613, and 2,988 are in Religious Classes; 959 attend Prayer Meetings; "Volumes in Libraries" amount to 12,424, and the number of Churches is 76. According to the Reports, "Congregational Debt" is £2,947 7s 4d; the "Total Income" has been £6,425 15s 5d; and there has been expended upon "Stipend" £4,050 12s. 10d., and on "Church Property" £1,930 8s. 8d. On these items severally there has been a great increase: on that of "Income," for example, upwards of £1050; on that of "Stipend" upwards of £1,200; and on "Church Property," more than £217. For the "Theological Fund" there have been raised £76 6s. 6d.; for the "Synod and Presbytery Funds," £54 2s. 1d.; for "Synod's Missions," £197 4s. 10d.; and for "General Missions," £295 7s. 0d. In these two last sums there has been a falling off for the past year. While the total income in the returns for the year ending December, 1851, gave an average of less than one pound to each member, this year it is just about one pound.

Let it be remarked, that these general results do not present the actual state of the Church; for, in many instances, full returns have not been made—a circumstance which is much to be regretted, and which it is highly desirable that Presbyteries should remedy in future; and again, we are able to compare only with a year, the returns for which were imperfect. Sufficient evidence, however, is afforded, that the United Presbyterian Church in Canada is prospering; and while we breathe the prayer, upon taking this retrospect, "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it,"—let the success with which God has blessed, and is still blessing the labors of his servants, stimulate them to renewed zeal and activity in unfolding and bearing forward the banner, which God has given them to display in the cause of truth.