

tional sentiment, and a gradual unity of belief and practice evolve itself, not out of a suppression of differences, but from that more perfect understanding and appreciation of each other's peculiarities which usually follow upon hearty coöperation in works of practical usefulness."

Here is a great subject for our leading religious men. We suffer from waste of power—in all temporal things *that* is economised; no manufacturer would think of employing half-a-dozen small steam engines to do the work which one large one would do more easily and effectively, at a third the expense; and without considering at present the higher considerations involved, we may safely predict that the result of the labors of the churches will continue to be small, until they shall carry worldly wisdom into divine things, and learn those laws which apply equally to all undertakings, commercial, moral or religious. We suffer equally, perhaps more, from this cause in Canada than in England: every little village must have its two, three or four rival causes, which, separately, are almost powerless for good, but which, if united as above indicated, might do a great and effectual work. We shall watch with interest the development of the ideas thus put forth in the mother country.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.—From the "Congregational Year Book" for 1863, just published, we extract the following statistics:—

NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

In England	1,840
In Wales	719
In Scotland	101
In Ireland.....	27

Total in Great Britain and Ireland..... 2,687

In the Colonies—

The Canadas.....	87
Other British North American Provinces.....	16
British Columbia.....	1
Australasia	125
South Africa.....	9
Demerara	3

In connexion with the London Missionary Society..... 241
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3,131

This total does not include the village chapels, out-stations, school-houses, and other places in connexion with the churches. The number of these is not reported, but may be roughly estimated at twice the number of the churches themselves, making a total of at least 10,000 places where the Gospel is proclaimed by Congregational ministers and helpers.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES VACANT.

In England	184
In Wales	78
In Scotland	13
In Ireland	5
In Colonies	16

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