

pastoral duties are so faithfully done by a clergyman of mark, such as Mr. Wilson. In their good work and in their generous gifts they will themselves be blessed, and no doubt the cause of the Redeemer's kingdom will be advanced.

We regret the non-appearance of the "Notes of the Month" for the present issue. The writer, R. J. C., having been from home on professional duties till too late, was unable to forward his manuscript in time.

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## Intelligence.

### Statistical Report of the Church of Scotland in old Canada for 1869.

A copy of this Report has been sent us, and we gladly make room for almost the whole of it, as, like everything that comes from the hand or pen of Mr. Croil—the Convener of the Committee—it shows accuracy, thoroughness, and a literary finish that seldom characterizes "Reports." We in the Maritime Provinces take a great interest in the welfare of our inland sister, and this report gives us a good idea of how she has fared from 1866 to 1869; for no Statistics were published for 1867 and 1868. It has cost great labour to get these issued; for there, as with ourselves, there are ministers and congregational managers who will not forward returns, and others who leave the matter to the eleventh hour; and yet others who, after repeated solicitations, favour the Committee with "skeleton reports" at the *twelfth* hour."

Mr. Croil says: "The comparison, so far as it can be drawn, between the statistics of 1866 and 1869, is both interesting and suggestive. In the first place it appears, plainly enough, that we are not an aggressive Church. We had 107 Ministers in charges in 1866; in 1869 we had 113. Then, we had 126 Congregations on the Roll of the Synod, now we have 129—a very modest increase

for three years. The number of families in connection with the Church in 1866 was 10,633; in 1869 we number 11,463—an increase of 780 families in three years. At the former date we had 8,393 Sabbath School Scholars with 381 Teachers; latterly we report 9045 Scholars and 998 Teachers—increase of 652 Scholars and 17 Teachers. The number of communicants has increased in like proportion, from 14,850 in 1866, to 15,847 in 1869. Taking into account the natural increase of our population, we have done little more than to maintain our position; but it is something to have done even this in the face of so many Christian rivals in the field—active, aggressive rivals—friendly rivals though many of them be. We had 19 vacant charges in 1866, at the present time there are 15. The total number of Ministers on the Roll is 130, of whom eleven are on the list of retired Ministers, five are Professors in Queen's College, and one a Professor in Morrin College.

Important changes have transpired among us since the publication of last Report. Venerable Fathers in the Church, middle-aged men in the midst of their years and in the days of their greatest usefulness, young men, full of Christian life and zeal—eleven ministers in all—have been removed from us by death. Four received the sanction of the Synod to retire from ministerial work; twelve demitted their charges, of whom four are now in Scotland; two are in the United States; two connected themselves with other churches, one was elected a professor in Queen's College; three are still with us as ordained missionaries. During the same period nineteen students of Queen's and Morrin Colleges have received licenses to preach, and have been ordained and inducted to charges. Two ordained ministers came to us from Nova Scotia, one from New Brunswick, while seven, formerly on the list of ordained missionaries, became the pastors of settled charges. The number of ordained missionaries is eight. (Messrs. Black, Borthwick, Nicol, McLennan, Hutchinson, Paul, McLaren, Kiefel); and the number of Licentiates not engaged in the work of the Church, four (Messrs. Douglas, McQuarrie, Jamieson, Hart).

The number of Elders reported to your Committee is 542; seven hundred