

I. *On the State of Religion.*

The number of congregations reporting this year is forty-six, as against thirty-two last year, being an increase of fourteen. The report states that family worship is generally observed; that weekly prayer meetings are held in almost all the congregations reporting; that Sabbath schools are maintained, and the Shorter Catechism taught in them all. There are also encouraging evidences of increasing Christian liberality, and hopeful indications of spiritual life, especially among the young. The report may be summed up as follows:—

Forty-six congregations have sent in reports.	
Forty-three give an aggregate membership of	5519
Received by Certificate during the year	285
Received by Profession	499
An addition of nearly 18½ per cent.	

II. *On Evangelistic Services.*

In the fall of last year, the Committee sent circulars to the congregations within the bounds of the Synod, enquiring if evangelistic services were desired, and if the ministers were willing to assist in the work, and put themselves at the disposal of the Committee; several wished to have the services, but only two offered to help in the manner desired. Evangelistic services were held in the congregations of Osgoode, Nepean, Pakenham, Almonte, and Castleford, with very encouraging results. After giving a full report of the services, the Convener adds: "Some very instructive general facts, bearing on special evangelistic work, may be gathered from the congregational reports. Out of the forty-six returns, *twelve*, representing eleven pastoral charges, report such services. These eleven charges have an aggregate membership of 1871. Thirty-one other congregations reporting, give an aggregate of 3648. But the eleven report 269 as received during the past year on profession of faith; while the other only reports 230. But among the thirty-one, we find three large city congregations, where the number received is always in excess of those in villages or country districts. In these districts, all the eleven reporting are to be found. To make any just comparison, we should leave out these three city congregations, and see the state of the case as between the remaining twenty-eight, and the eleven others. Now we find this:—

Twenty-eight congregations, aggregate membership	2748
Received by Certificate	57
" " Profession	130
Being a total of 187	
or rather less than seven per cent.	
Eleven congregations, aggregate membership	1871
Received by Certificate	75
" " Profession	269
Total 834	
or nearly nineteen per cent.	