

under the charge of the Synod. In 1852, the number of ministers had increased to forty, having more than doubled its numbers in eight years, and giving an increase of nearly three ministers per year. In the year 1861, the number had grown to 68, being in nine years an increase of 28, at the rate of a very little more than three per annum.

Thus, 26 years after the formation of the United Associate Missionary Presbytery, we find, the United Presbyterian Church, with a Synod composed of nine Presbyteries and a Synod roll of sixty-eight Ministers in charge of congregations, together with a considerable number of vacant congregations under the care of the Synod, and a total membership of nearly 10,000.

At the time of the Union the total number of ministers on the Roll of Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, was 226, while the number of ministers on the Rolls of the four District Synods, at the opening of Assembly, was 294—giving an increase of sixty-eight, being at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per annum, since the date of the Union.

In the year 1862, the year after the Union, the number of communicants reported, was 30,256; in the present year the number of communicants is 46,343, being a total increase of 16,087, or an average increase per annum of 1787.

In the matter of Finance, your Committee finds that the improvement is just as marked. Taking the one item of stipend, the amount raised in 1862, was \$101,599; in 1870, the amount reported as paid by congregations alone, was \$174,466, being an increase in eight years, of \$72,867. Thus, from whatever point of view we regard the matter, whether that of statistics or finance, it is manifest that great and satisfactory progress has been made, not only before but since the Union, which was so happily brought about in 1861.

II. STATISTICS.

Passing aside from this more general statement, your Committee would note the fact, which is to be lamented, that not a few congregations send in no reports to your Committee, so that no estimate can be formed of the progress which they are making. In order as far as possible to meet the lack of statistics, a calculation was made for congregations not reporting, at the rate of seventy-five families and one hundred communicants to each congregation. This was also done last year. The calculation was made only for those congregations over which pastors are settled, no estimate being made for non-reporting congregations without settled pastors. It is believed that the approximation, instead of being over, is very much under the actual number of families and communicants in the congregations to which this reference is made.

It is highly satisfactory to notice that the Church still continues to make decided progress, notwithstanding the losses by death and removal. Deducting the number of ministers reported to your Committee on the 31st March, last year, 282, from 288, the number returned up to the same date this year, there is an increase of six ministers; while, singularly enough, the number on the Synod Rolls of the District Synods, is 294, one less than the number reported at the time of the meeting of Synod last year.

The total number of communicants is 46,343, being an increase over last year of 1,468. In the number of families there has been an increase of 549, bringing up the total number to 27,798.

Calculating that each family represents at least five persons, and including the number of single persons reported as not belonging to any of the families of the congregation, we get the large number of 139,202 persons immediately connected with the Church. But this, it is believed, does not by any means cover the number over whom the Church has no small influence.

Regarding Sabbath Schools, 30,160 pupils were reported as in attendance, being an increase over last year of 2,544; while in the Bible classes the attendance is reported at 3,905, being an increase of 715. Adding these, we get the large number of 33,065 young persons, taught from Sabbath to Sabbath by a devoted band of faithful, self-denying men and women, numbering 3,272 teachers, while the number of volumes in the libraries of these schools is 79,445.