

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Congregational Church at Hamilton, C. W., on the evening of Friday, 13th June, 1856. After an abstract of the Report had been given in the form of an address, by Dr. Wilkes, several brethren addressed the assembly on topics connected with Missions. A collection was made at the close in aid of the funds.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN CANADA.

June, 1856.

There are 74 churches generally recognized as belonging to the denomination.

The number of Ministers stationed, and, with one or two exceptions, settled Pastors is 51. There are 2 Professors in the Theological Institute; 3 Missionaries and 3 native Indian Missionaries. Total 59, in active service. But there are also 2 who have long laboured in Canada, unable for the present to be actively engaged, and 4 others are without pastoral charges. Total Congregational Ministers in the Province, 65.

There are 10 vacant charges; one or two of them will probably be abandoned.

It is computed [for details see Minutes of Congregational Union] that the total average attendance in our places of worship is 12,480. The lowest estimate of Church Members is 3,383.

There are 57 Church Buildings, with accomodation for 15,045; the value of them £36,706, with a debt of £5,569; and only £9,600 insured on all this property.

In the Sunday Schools of 54 churches reported there are 3000 Scholars; 490 attending Bible Classes; and 306 Teachers,

£8,492 is the sum reported by the 54 Churches as raised by them during the year for all purposes, of which £3,816 was for Ministers' Stipends, £851 for ordinary incidentals, £851 for Missions, £792 for general purposes, £246 for Theological Institute, and £1933 for Church Property.

N. B.—For comparative estimates and other interesting details see the Minutes of the Congregational Union.