

whether it would not be desirable to make an emphatic declaration in favour of Congregational Libraries

There is another matter which also has much interested the Committee, that, namely, of Manse and Glebes. It is not necessary to state to the Synod how much the possession of a Manse and Glebe may contribute to supplement a small salary, and otherwise conduce to the comforts of a minister; nor is it necessary to say that there are great facilities in a young country, like Canada, for acquiring at least a glebe. The Synod has already anticipated the recommendation of the Committee in this matter, in the deliverance which it has given.

The following tabular statement will give, at a glance, the state of the Church, as regards the subjects already just referred to:—

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Members.	Increase of Members, 1855.	No. of Congreg. and Stations.	No. of Vols. in Cong. Libraries.	Manses and Glebes.	Value of Manses, &c.	Value of Churches.
Montreal.....	16	1,644	177	5	824	5	£1,305	£9,620
Ottawa.....	11	1,491	107	4	700	5	1,395	2,750
Brockville.....	4	1,171	19	1,400	1,400
Kingston.....	4	585	84	..	220	3	6350	3,570
Cobourg.....	10	1,778	143	2	25	3	2,325	10,675
Toronto.....	20	1,858	209	6	1,967	3	700	7,650
Hamilton.....	16	1,530	115	3	730	4	250	7,790
London.....	20	2,142	205	3	570	25	5,034	49,805
Total.....	104	11,191	1,509	25	5,036	95	10,942	49,805

The material property belonging to the Church, according to the above statement, is between £90,000 and £70,000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Committee will now proceed to give a synopsis of the condition of the Church in a financial point of view. They are not able, and they regret this, to institute a comparison between the present and the past year. The data furnished to them apply exclusively to the current year; and some of the Congregations that elicited special remarks last year, are not reported at all this year. Still it is the impression of the Committee that a forward movement has been made.

MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

There is, upon the whole, an improvement in the amounts paid to ministers, but the Committee cannot say to what extent. It is evident that the recommendation of last Synod has not been come up to; nay, there are still seven ministers in receipt of less than £100. They are the following:—

- Presbytery of Montreal, 4—Metis, £80; Leeds, £80; English River, £95; St. Therese, £46.
- Do. do. Ottawa, 1—Pembroke, £57.
- Do. do. Brockville—No Report.
- Do. do. Kingston, 0.
- Do. do. Cobourg, 0.
- Do. do. Toronto, 0.
- Do. do. Hamilton, 2—Saltfleet, £85; Owen's Sound, £78.

The lowest on the list is St. Therese, £46. The lowest last year was Osnabruck, with some-

thing like £30. There is no Report this year from that Congregation, and the Committee cannot say whether any or what improvement has taken place.

In looking over the column devoted to stipend, the Committee have ascertained the following items of interest:—

— and under £100	7 ministers.
£100 and under 150	50 "
150 and under 200	13 "
200 and under 300	6 "
300 and under 400	2 "
400	2 "

It thus appears that at least two-thirds of the ministers receive less than £150 each per annum; and also that one receives the smallittance of £46, and others the sum of £400 each.

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Very few of our Congregations have failed this year to contribute to the funds of our educational institute, still the amount is not such as the friends of the College would desire. The following have not contributed:—

- Presbytery of Montreal, 6—Lachute, St. Therese, Indian Lands, St. Eustache, Cornwall, Durham.
- Do. do. Ottawa, 1—Wakefield.
- Do. do. Brockville—No Report.
- Do. do. Kingston, 2—Chalmers Church, Kingston, Demorestville.
- Do. do. Cobourg, 2—Baltimore, Cartwright.
- Do. do. Toronto, 0.
- Do. do. Hamilton, 1—Niagara.
- Do. do. London, 3—Amherstburg, Saugeen, Buxton.

Total non-contributors to Knox's College, 13.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following Congregations have not taken up the Synodical Collection for this most excellent institution. It has more claims on us, as the Presbyterian Church of Canada, than perhaps any other benevolent association can have. It appeals to our patriotism, as well as to our Christianity.

There are only eight who have failed. They are the following:—

- Presbytery of Montreal, 4—Metis, Lachute, Lancaster, English River.
- Do. do. Ottawa, 0.
- Do. do. Brockville—No Report.
- Do. do. Cobourg, 0.
- Do. do. Kingston, 1—Brook Street Church, Kingston.
- Do. do. Toronto, 0.
- Do. do. Hamilton, 1—Niagara.
- Do. do. London, 2—Chatham, Saugeen.

FOREIGN AND JEWISH MISSIONS.

The contributions for this scheme have been very generally taken up, and, it would appear, with considerable success. The following Congregations, however, have not sent in returns of contributions to this interesting object:—Presbytery of

- Montreal....2—Metis, Durham.
- Ottawa.....0.
- Brockville....—No Report.
- Kingston....2—Brook Street Church, Kingston, Demorestville.
- Cobourg....2—S. Cavan, Otonabee.
- Toronto....2—Chinguacousy, Streetsville.
- Hamilton....0.
- London.....3—N. Easthope, Sarnia, Saugeen.

Total, 11 Congregations.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

This scheme, the Committee believe, is very dear to the Church, and it is gratifying to state that, upon the whole, the collections in its behalf have been very generally taken up. All the Congregations in the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Kingston have contributed, and in the other Presbyteries only eleven have failed to do so. These are—

- Presbytery of Montreal, 2—Metis, English River

- Do. do. Toronto, 4—Chinguacousy, York Mills, Acton, Barrie.
- Do. do. Hamilton, 1—Wellington Square.
- Do. do. London, 1—Aldborough.

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSION FUND.

In the different Presbyteries considerable sums have been raised for local missionary work. It is a pleasing fact that some Presbyteries—those of Ottawa and London for instance—have laid down a systematic plan for meeting the destitution, by personal services on the part of the members, besides contributing to the support of missionaries,—with the exception of the town of Cobourg and Hamilton, from which handsome contributions are yet expected, from which collections could reasonably have been looked for, have contributed to this fund.

BURSARIES.

This column can be dismissed in a few lines. Only four Congregations within the bounds are reported as having contributed. Their names deserve a place in this Report, as an example and encouragement to others. They are—Galt; Knox's Church, Hamilton; St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal; and Ramsay.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1855.

PRESBYTERIES	Stipends.	College.	French Canadian Miss. Socy.	Buxton Synod Fund.	French and In- dian Ms.	Widows' & Or- phans' Fund.	Presby's Home Mis. Fund.	Churches and Manses.	Miscellaneous.	Total
Montreal.....	1,861	840	154	30	106	44	85	1,027	1,097	4,198
Ottawa.....	1,215	41	40	27	38	22	28	362	227	1,193
Brockville....	159	5	1	2	5	5	7	19	33	345
Kingston.....	830	24	16	16	18	91	33	329	319	1,611
Cobourg.....	1,591	81	16	16	63	17	61	1,158	347	2,806
Toronto.....	1,836	190	66	45	66	53	73	847	954	3,890
Hamilton.....	2,009	265	61	60	135	121	183	1,137	900	4,147
London.....	1,246	133	56	65	99	65	201	781	227	2,273
Total.....	11,469	840	445	307	530	348	765	5,664	4,198	21,467