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STATISTICS AND FINANCE.

The Convener of the Committee on Statistics desires to correct one or two errors which have crept into their preparation. When the Report was prepared for Synod, the number of ministers was taken from the Synod Roll, and the number actually reported was deducted, which gave the number not reported by Presbyteries. Instead of 23 not reported, there ought to have been only 13. This added to 282 makes a total of 295, being the actual number of ministers on the Roll at the opening of Synod. In order to ascertain the actual increase, the total number of ministers given on p. 65 of the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod for '68 was deducted from 295, giving an apparent increase of 17. This, it is now seen, had a misleading effect. By referring to p. 14 of the Minutes of Synod for the current year, it is shown there that 7 ministers were ordained and inducted during the period which elapsed between the 31st of March and the opening of Synod. Subtracting 7 from 295, we get 288; to this add 1, who was a settled minister on the 31st March, but whose name does not appear on the Synod Roll, and we get a total of 289, as the number of ministers on the Roll on the 31st March, of the current year. To ascertain the actual increase in the number of ministers, we have only to deduct 278, the total number on the 31st March, '68, from 289, the total number on the 31st March, '69, and we get an increase of 11. It may be noted in this connection that 2 names were added to the Roll of Synod during the Session, which would bring up the total number of ministers on the Roll of Synod to 297.

In preparing the table of "Congregational Statistical Returns Delayed," four congregations appear in that table whose statistics are reported in their proper places in the ordinary return. When these congregational reports came to hand, the Financial Statements had been made up and sent to press, but not the Statistical Returns, and consequently the statistics of these congregations were entered in the general Statement. This was overlooked when the Delayed Returns were prepared. Deducting 340 families and 521 members, which have been thus added twice, from the increase of