22 ABSTRACT OF SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES,

Condensed from report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Union, Montreal, 1857.

Returns have been received from 71 churches; 73 appear on the Statistical Table, and there are other five. which do not appear.

I.-NUMBER OF CHURCHES.

Two new churches have been formed during the year; and the church at Guelph has been reorganized. There are now, therefore, 78 Congregational Churches in Canada. II.—MINISTERS.

None of our brethren have been removed by death. Five have left Canada, some of them we trust only for a time. Seven have entered the field; five from other countries and two from the Institute.

On the 7th May, 1857, there were 49 settled over Churches; 2 Professors in the Institute; 3 Native Indian Missionaries; 4 Missionaries; 8 without pastoral charge, in all 66 Congregational Ministers in the Province.

III.-VACANT CHARGES.

There are 10 vacant charges, 2 of which may not again be occupied.

IV.-AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ON THE SABBATH.

The 73 Churches on the Statistical Table present an *average* Sabbath attendance of 10,470—for the other five Churches we have, given 850, which will make the total 11,320.

V.-MEMBERSHIP.

The 71 reported churches on the Table, return a membership of 3,159. Addition during the year by Profession 239; by Letter, 91. Total 330. Removals by Letter, 169; by Death, 47; by Discipline, 66. Total 282.

For the other 7 churches we cannot give an estimate of additions and removals; but we add 270 as members; which would make our total membership on 7th May, 1857, 3, 429. Net increase on last year, 164.

VI.-CHURCH PROPERTY.

Sixty-two places of worship have been reported; in value \$147,904, with accommodation for 16,995. There are other 4 places of worship unreported, at least in value \$23,640, with accommodation for 1,490. There are, therefore, 66 places of worship, with accommodation for 18,485; in value \$171,544.

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