

the greatest increase having been in the Presbytery of London where ten have been added to the roll during the past year. There are present at this meeting of Synod 85 ministers and 44 elders, making a *Sederunt* of 129.

The number of libraries has not increased, although several sums have been expended in adding to the volumes previously reported. It were well, both for the people and their pastors, that each congregation had a well-filled library. It is to be hoped that this subject will engage the serious consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions.

The material property of the Church in Manse Glebes and Churches has been largely augmented during the past year. The committee believe that our Church will not be completely organized until each charge shall have been provided with a comfortable Manse and its concomitant Glebe.

Large sums have been laid out in building, adding to, and improving churches. There is every indication of life in this department. Debts to a considerable amount have also been liquidated, although too much yet remains to be done in this matter. The property of the Church in Buildings and Glebes, was last year reported as about *ninety thousand pounds*—this year it exceeds *one hundred thousand*. This estimate does not include Knox College and its dependencies.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

The following items of interest have been gathered from the returns:—All the ministers preach twice on each Lord's Day, except *four*, and the great majority have also week-day services, with the exception of *two or three*, all the ministers visit their people pastorally once a year, and some oftener; there are Sabbath Schools connected with almost all the congregations with a large attendance of children, and Libraries containing several thousand volumes; the management of congregational affairs is chiefly in the hands of Managers or Trustees, not deacons;—the average attendance on Public Worship is far greater in the forenoon than in the afternoon in all the congregations, save three or four.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The first Column in the schedule is that devoted to stipends or ministers' salaries. The Synod has repeatedly recommended to the various congregations the suggestions of the Brethren in the Eldership submitted during the Sessions of Synod, and it is hoped that these recommendations and suggestions will, in due time, produce good results. The rise in the price of all the necessaries of life, within the last few years, has entailed on ministers a large additional expenditure; and it is expected that these parties who have gained by the advance in prices will not overlook those who have suffered. The Committee regret that it is still their duty to report a few congregations that give their pastors less than £100 per annum, viz:—

- Presbytery of Montreal*, 2.—Metis, £80; Leeds, £80.
- Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa*, 2.—Dalhousie, £89; Aylmer, &c., £90.
- Presbytery of Hamilton*, 1.—Owen Sound, £82.

Presbytery of London, 1.—Lobo, £65.

There are thus, in all, *six* having less than £100! There were *eight* last year in this low position, three of which are reported above, and other three have been substituted for five withdrawn. The total amount reported as having been paid for stipend is £14,160, which sum divided among the contributing congregations, would yield to each minister an average of, at least, £148,—a sum more than equal to the dividend of the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland!

THE COLLEGE.

Two columns are this year devoted to Knox College, one for Ordinary Expenses, and one for the Building Fund. The amount collected for both, reaches nearly £2,500. There has been some falling off in the contributions to the Ordinary Fund, as reported, although an additional Professor had been appointed at an expense of £100 per annum. However, a large sum has been supplied by the Churches to the Building Fund, on the whole realizing an amount which does credit to the liberality of the people. When the necessary buildings shall have been completed, and the debt for the purchase paid off, this sum will be amply sufficient to meet expenses even when the machinery of our Educational Institute shall have been perfected by additional professorships, under the Act of Incorporation.

The following congregations are reported as not having taken up collections for the Ordinary expenses of our College, viz:—

- Presbytery of Montreal*, 5.—Metis, St. Sylvester, Leeds, Cornwall, Durham.
 - Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa*, 3.—Brockville, Dalhousie, Edwardsburg.
 - Presbytery of Cobourg*, 1.—S. Cavan.
 - Presbytery of Toronto*, 4.—York Mills, Oakville, King, Barrie.
 - Presbytery of Hamilton*, 5.—Wellington Square, Simcoe, Paris, Wellesly Dunville.
 - Presbytery of London*, 3.—Stratford, Saugeen, Plympton, and the newly settled charges.
- In all 21;—an increase of *four* over the non-contributors of last year. Some of the above failed to collect last year also,—their names are in italics.

Although the sum raised for the Building Fund be the greater, (£1,300), yet the contributing congregations are fewer than those that have aided the Ordinary Fund. Nearly 40 congregations have failed to give any thing, of which number there are 12 in the Presbytery of Hamilton, 9 in the Presbytery of Montreal, including the cities of Montreal and Quebec; 8 in the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa; 3 in the Presbytery of Kingston; 3 in the Presbytery of Cobourg, and 3 in the Presbytery of Toronto.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This scheme appears to be a favorite with the congregations of our Church, judging from the fewness of non-contributors. All the congregations in the Presbyteries of Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, and Brockville and Ottawa have taken up collections for it. Those in the other Presbyteries that have omitted to do so are the following:—

- Presbytery of Montreal*, 1.—Leeds.
 - Presbytery of London*, 2.—Stratford, Plympton.
 - Presbytery of Hamilton*, 4.—Simcoe, Paris, Dunnville, W. Puslinch.
- In all 7 congregations.

The contributions reported amount to less than those of last year, being £421 to £452,—a decrease of about £30.

BUXTON MISSION AND SYNOD FUND.

This Fund furnishes the means for the Religious and Educational training of the colored population at Buxton, under the superintendence of one of the ministers of our Church,—the Rev. W. King; and also for defraying the expenses connected with the meetings of the Synod. It likewise contributes a share to the payment of the Agent's salary.

All the congregations in the Church from which reports have been received, have contributed to the Fund, except *four*, and a few of the recently settled charges. These four are—

Cumminsville, East Puslinch, Doon, and Perth. The amount reported this year is £349,—a trifle more than last year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The action taken by the Synod last year in appointing a Missionary of its own to labor among the heathens of India, would, it was anticipated, lead to the display of increased liberality on the part of the people. The Committee regret to find that the hopes entertained have not been realized to the extent that they expected. The sum reported is only £620—not much greater than that received last year, and scarcely sufficient to meet the liabilities of the mission.

All the congregations in the Presbyteries of Brockville and Ottawa, Cobourg, and Kingston, have given in contributions. Those in the other Presbyteries that have failed are the following, viz:—

- Presbytery of Hamilton*, 4.—Owen Sound, McNab Street Church, Paris, Doon.
 - Presbytery of Toronto*, 2.—Whitby, Barrie.
 - Presbytery of London*, 1.—Port Stanley.
 - Presbytery of Montreal*, 1.—St. Sylvester.
- In all 8 congregations, to 7 last year.

WIDOWS' FUND.

This scheme, in which ministers are so deeply interested, has not received the support that its importance deserves. As may be seen below, some of the largest congregations have failed to contribute; but it is pleasant to know that some generous individuals have given handsome donations.

The following congregations have reported no contributions to this Fund, viz:—

- Presbytery of Montreal*, 2.—Quebec, Leeds.
- Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa*, 1.—Beckwith.
- Presbytery of Toronto*, 2.—York Mills, Whitby.
- Presbytery of London*, 5.—Aldborough, Saugeen.
- Presbytery of Hamilton*, 4.—Dundas, McNab Street Church, Owen Sound, Blenheim.

There are thus *eleven* congregations to *ten* last year, that are reported in default. It is painful to note that there is a considerable falling off in the congregational contributions,—the sum this year being only £309, whereas the sum reported last year amounted to £354— a decrease of nearly £50.

PRESBYTERIES' HOME MISSION FUND.

As in former years considerable sums have been raised by the several Presbyteries for missionary labour within their respective bounds. The total amount thus raised reaches very nearly £700. This sum does not include the contributions of the Mission Stations in payment of their own Missionaries; but is confined to the collections taken up expressly for this object. It is somewhat less than last year, owing in part, no doubt, to the default of the following congregations, viz:—

- Presbytery of Montreal*, 6.—Quebec, Metis, Lachute, St. Sylvester, Leeds, Durham.
- Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa*, 5.—Ottawa, Dalhousie, Perth, Wakefield, Bristol.
- Presbytery of Hamilton*, 6.—Owen Sound, Wellington Square, Paris, Doon, Wellesly, Elora.
- Presbytery of London*, 1.—Saugeen.
- Presbytery of Cobourg*, 1.—Springville.

Thus nineteen congregations have omitted to contribute. There is no omission in the Presbytery of Kingston.

BURSARIES.

Very little indeed has been done for this object, notwithstanding the appeal of last year.