

ministers would be provided for on their arrival; but the request of the Colonists, aware now of their scarcity, is confined in meantime to one missionary, to itinerate in the districts of the vacant churches. Yet with this moderate request the Colonial Committee have not yet been enabled to comply. Much need in the Church for earnest prayer that the Lord would raise up reapers for the fields white for the harvest.

Ibid.

A HOME MISSION SCHEME.

In view of the rapid expansion of the population of the western portion of the Province, and its progress into the counties of the Western Peninsula, it is beyond doubt that the country bordering on the Lakes will soon contain a large population, among whom are and will be many of our adherents, as well of those emigrating from Scotland as of others, trained in our Church, but moving from the East towards the West. It is important then that efficient steps should be taken by our Church in order to the accomplishment of its mission in these parts of the Province, as well as throughout other portions of its borders, where people attached to the Church, but now uncared-for, are settled. Our Church is passing through a transition stage; the events of the next year or two will in all probability determine our ultimate position.

If our pastors and people are true to themselves and to the great object which the organisation of the Church is designed to accomplish, and if their measures, conceived in faith, and prosecuted with believing prayers and steady energy, be owned and approved from on High, then our Church may prove a blessing to our country, an honoured instrument for good, a barrier to the progress of irreligion and carelessness; and many will rise up to call her blessed. Conscientiously believing that her standards are pure, and her forms of worship and order of church government are peculiarly adapted to the circumstances of this rising country, we deem it important that the consideration of all those who are deeply attached to her, and who desire that through her instrumentality the glad tidings of great joy may be widely spread abroad, should be directed to such measures as might tend to the maintenance and elevation of her present position and the extension of her borders. Many such will occur to our readers, as for instance a combined effort for raising-up a numerous native ministry—a warmer interest in the Jewish and Foreign Missions—a more religious and faithful setting apart of their substance on the part of the people towards the support of the pastorate and the many objects which now claim the sympathy of Christians—a more faithful observance of family worship and family religion, a more general effort for the support and encouragement of Sabbath Schools. All these are objects which call for notice and consideration; but, for the present, there is one subject which appears to us the most engrossing and absorbing, and with which the

others are wrapped up. Our Church having been privileged to occupy a position of usefulness in our country, and numbering many adherents and 84 pastors, how is that position to be faithfully maintained and extended? How are the many scattered adherents of our Church, now as sheep without a shepherd, to be cared for and provided with the teaching of the Word? How are the vacancies, which have occurred and will occur, to be supplied? These are important questions. A field, white to the harvest, stretches out before us; where shall we find labourers to gather it into the garner? We need not point to the congregations now mourning over the loss of faithful pastors, to exhibit one phase of our wants. But there is another feature that requires illustration, and which forcibly exhibits the necessity of a Home Mission on a good, sound and comprehensive plan. Owing to the wide extent of our country, groups of Presbyterians are to be found scattered in all directions over the Province. Some of these are too few and feeble to support a pastor, others, though still so, are yet the nuclei of large and growing communities, and therefore deserving of speedy notice; and yet others are already in a position to support a minister. All these classes alike claim our regard. Of the reality of the case there can be no doubt; but a reference to the *Census Returns*, as regards Upper Canada, will demonstrate its correctness. We have therefore prepared the following alphabetical statement from the first volume of the *Census Returns*, and solicit for it a careful and attentive examination.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADHERENTS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA.

We remind our readers that we have protested against the accuracy of the Religious Census, our numbers being grossly underrated. The figures, however, so far indicate the localities of our adherents.

<i>County of Addington.</i>	
Camden,	651
Ernestown,	47
Sheffield,	19
<i>County of Brant.</i>	
Brantford,	87
" Town,	20
Burford,	22
Dumfries,	176
Onondaga,	158
Tuscarora,	48
<i>County of Bruce.</i>	
Kincardine,	65
Other Presbyterians in the County,	951
<i>Carleton.</i>	
Fitzroy,	508
Gloucester,	370
Goulbourne,	332
Huntley,	437
March,	85
Marlborough,	121
Nepean,	392
Richmond Village,	85
Torbolton,	169
<i>Dundas.</i>	
Matilda,	553
Mountain,	826
Williamsburg,	961
Winchester,	586

<i>Durham.</i>	
Cartwright,	127
Cavan,	30
Clarke,	440
Darlington,	364
<i>Elgin.</i>	
Southwold,	30
Yarmouth,	188
St. Thomas Village,	36
<i>Essex.</i>	
Maidstone,	62
Sandwich,	68
<i>Glengary.</i>	
Lancaster,	1257
Charlottenburgh,	2279
Locheil,	1114
Kenyon,	931
<i>Grey.</i>	
Bentick,	230
Derby,	20
Sydenham,	190
Glenelg,	383
Egermont,	10
Artemesia,	19
St. Vincent,	39
Collingwood,	12
Melanethon,	10
<i>Grenville.</i>	
Augusta,	113
Edwardsburgh,	132
Gower South,	97
Oxford,	424
Wolfred,	137
<i>Haldimand.</i>	
Canborough,	5
Cayuga North,	125
" South,	22
Dunn,	33
Moulton,	19
Oneida,	34
Rainham,	5
Seneca,	805
Sherbrooke,	13
Walpole,	15
<i>Halton.</i>	
Esquesing,	765
Trafalgar,	643
Na-sagaweya,	120
Nelson,	469
<i>Hastings.</i>	
Belleville,	183
Hungerford,	17
Rawdon,	17
Sidney,	17
Thurlow,	14
<i>Huron.</i>	
Hay,	41
MacGillivray,	19
Usborne,	53
MacKillop,	1
Ashfield,	110
Wawanosh,	261
Colborne,	257
Hullett,	100
Tuckersmith,	76
Stanley,	204
Goderich,	217
" Town,	257
<i>Kent.</i>	
Camden,	39
Chatham,	247
Dover,	67
Harwich,	255
Oxford,	94
Raleigh,	11
Tilbury East,	30
Chatham Town,	78
<i>Lombton.</i>	
Brooke,	3
Moore,	9
Sarnia,	129
Sombra,	5