

1868-4.....	\$8,475 59
1864-5.....	8,486 58
1865-6.....	8,997 89
1866-7 (including £100 stg. from F. C.).....	4,809 50
1867-8.....	4,841 18
1868-9.....	5,179 58
1869-70.....	5,526 26
1870-1.....	6,812 62
1871-2 (including \$1,168 legacy and outfit)	11,212 82
1872-3.....	10,522 88
1873-4.....	12,084 44
1874-5.....	12,558 40

In the fourteen years which have elapsed since the last Union, the Foreign Mission Fund has risen from \$2,067.06 to \$12,558.40; or in other words, it has increased more than six fold. We are very far from thinking that the Church has reached the limit of its ability. It is with us only the day of small things. But such steady growth inspires the hope that the church is gradually awakening to a fuller sense of her responsibility to the heathen.

In resigning their trust into your hands, your committee can only express the hope that the approaching union will give a new impulse to the great work of Foreign Missions; and that the Presbyterianism of the Dominion, consolidated into one compact and powerful church, will gird itself with earnestness proportioned to its strength, for the evangelization of the heathen world. They do not overlook the fact that the real source of success in this, as in every good work, is God. But they feel assured that, in proportion as the church goes forward in the right spirit, she is warranted to expect the divine presence and blessing. It is in connection with this very work that Christ said "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." It is our slothfulness and unbelief that turn away from us God's blessing. God has given us reason to hope in Him. He has revealed His power and grace in the past. He has given us His promise for the future, and He is now beckoning us by his providence to reap fields already white to the harvest. Let the Church then go forward, assured that God is for us and none can be against us. He will bring forth judgment unto victory.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McLAREN, *Convener*.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting their report, your Committee would express their ever deepening conviction of the importance of the work intrusted to them by the Assembly. It is of vital moment that all the Sessions under the care of the Assembly should be often and earnestly reminded of the necessity of inquiring how it is in regard to the "State of Religion" in the congregations of which they have the oversight—often and earnestly warned of the danger of mistaking the shadow for the substance, and the form of godliness for its reality and its power.