

churches are about 4000—perhaps slightly more—of our brethren, or on an average about 36 members per church. In connection with these 110 churches there are 40 more preaching stations, making about 150 places where the gospel is preached, in nearly all cases once every Lord's day, and in quite a number of them twice. Between 10,000 and 12,000 hear the gospel through your missionaries every Lord's Day. This does not make reckoning but for one average congregation where services are held twice a d y. Such figures ought to be pondered over. At the first glance 10,000 or 12,000 may seem but a small number out of the one and-a-half millions lying within our territory, but when it is remembered that we occupy the ground in the sparsely settled districts, and in all cases have of necessity the weak causes with small congregations, 10,000 to 12,000 people having gospel privileges once every Lord's Day, and many of them twice, means that eternity alone will disclose results which statistics never can be made to cover.

In most cases there is a Sabbath School with each church, and in a few cases more than one. Between 4,000 and 5,000 scholars are in regular attendance. Who can estimate the harvest of good there is to the next generation in a year of such work?

In connection with our mission churches, during the past year, there have been baptized upon a profession of faith between 400 and 500, and added by letter only about 180. It is easily seen by this that the percentage of additions by letter is much smaller than by baptism, and that mission churches consequently rely for growth mainly upon conversions. Still, we regret that during this year there has not been a greater number of additions to our churches.

It is not aside from the purposes of a report to desire that the attention of the Society be specially drawn to what must be honestly regarded as results by far too meagre for our privileges. Would it not be well to set apart some time of our Convention week to seek mercy from on high for the coming year, so that instead of hundreds we may have to record next year thousands as converted and added to us to the glory of God?

Chapels have been built, bought or opened for use during the year in Plattsville, Cobourg, Port Arthur, Essex Centre, Thorold, Norwood, Dwight, Bracebridge, Burk's Falls and Kinmount.

These churches are divided or grouped into 69 fields. Up to a very late date we have had a full running force of laborers, but on account of the withdrawal of students and the resignation of some pastors—which is more likely to occur towards the end of the mission year than at any other time—we are at present shorthanded. Of the laborers engaged, say, during the last quarter of the year, thirty-nine were ordained ministers, ten or twelve more were on the fields for terms longer than students ordinarily labor—in most of these cases the full year, and seventeen were students from Toronto and Woodstock Colleges laboring during their five, four or two months' vacation.

This brings us to a question which may be fairly raised: Whether

the employment of students of the Board than it of labor, as much of student requires unusual caution and experience to cope with out of proportion to that

Your Board does not matter, as it does not in measures or acts. We are men who are prepared in new fields. A large number both of our Colleges, with many instances most excellent in working up new fields have in some cases, not hold during the winter, or at intervals and return

The basis of remuneration make good, has been at the \$30 per month for the five month term, clear of expenses, year, he receives the same cases where living is high be taken to student labor, the year, and that consequently, we wish it understood place for the summer while continuing the work. For the accomplished fact, except field towards securing a large

Your Board desires to in the plan of working out that the brethren on these complimentary or ornamental Missions—if Mission work. It has taken time and will much is expected of them, can be made than to conceal and educated attention—utility and beneficence of into the hands of a foreign hands of brethren at their stand their necessities and could learn in a lifetime. consider how more and more Associational Boards with Society. On the one hand