

REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee on Church Property beg leave to report. After a careful examination of the reports as received from the several Circuits within the bounds of this Conference, your Committee are of opinion, that the subject of church building for the accommodation of those who wait on our administration has become one of exceeding importance, and as such is receiving at the hands of the members of this Conference, and of the lovers of Zion generally, that amount of consideration which the importance of the subject demands.

But past and present engagedness in this important work will not secure future prosperity, increased and unremitting exertions in order to a successful prosecution of our religious enterprises are still called for. This age is a progressive one, and this country one of enterprise. Churches of other denominations are towering their lofty spires toward the heavens, pointing to the habitation of the Great Eternal, and calling within their pales the surrounding public to worship; and shall we relax our energies with regard to this important and commendable work?

Your Committee do not for a moment insinuate that the erection of buildings for chapel accommodations, or any thing short of an application of the blood of the covenant by the agency of the Holy Spirit is able to save sinners; yet in all civilized communities the disposition to worship God in houses erected and dedicated especially for that purpose is so general, that few that have houses fail to have worshippers. Your Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that if we intend to increase our numbers rapidly, and keep pace with the rest of society, and prove a blessing to ourselves and our country we must prosecute the work so well begun—increasing our zeal and contributions in extending our chapel accommodations.

The following table will show the number of Chapels and Parsonages within the bounds of this Conference, and what they are worth:

DISTRICTS.	No. Chapels.	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Total Church Property.
		\$		\$	\$
Napanee...	28	41,300	13	6,870	48,170.00
Augusta...	16	29,900	8	3,700	33,600.00
Ottawa.....	12	15,550	9	4,050	19,600.00
Total.....	56	86,750	30	14,620	101,370.00

Being an increase for this year of seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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