

The following is an aggregate view of the Congregational Statistics within the bounds of Toronto Presbytery:—

Organized Congregations.....	12
Stations attached.....	5
Average attendance.....	2160
Members added during 1852.....	135
Members removed.....	97
Members on the Roll.....	1030
Baptisms.....	122
Attending religious classes.....	380
Attending prayer meetings.....	82
Volumes in Libraries.....	2616
Churches.....	14
Congregational debt reported.....	£57 2 6
Total Income.....	1172 11 7
Expended on Stipend.....	653 9 2
" Church Property.....	254 6 10½
" Theological Institute Fund.....	18 8 6
" Synod and Presbytery Fund.....	7 0 11
" Synod Missions.....	33 2 9½
" General Missions.....	21 5 4½
" Incidental expenses.....	97 6 7½
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	54 12 4

If we take the Total income, the average contribution per member is as follows:—

For all Congregational and Religious purposes. For Stipend.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
West Gwillimbury.....	1	2	1	0	10	7½
Keosauqua.....	0	7	11½	0	6	0
Tecumseh.....	0	5	10	0	3	8½
Toronto.....	1	11	9	0	15	9
Richmond Hill.....	1	9	7½	0	13	8
1 Chingacousy.....	0	12	5	0	10	10½
2 Chingacousy.....	0	12	0	0	12	7
Brampton and Toronto Township.....	0	19	0½	0	14	0½
Pickering.....	1	3	9½	0	12	4
Caledon.....	1	2	5½	1	0	5
Vaughan and Albion.....	0	11	3½	0	11	3½

The Committee of Distribution have been looking anxiously for information from Presbytery Clerks respecting any changes, actually or soon to be effected in their bounds, tending in any way to affect the amount of supply of Preachers, or otherwise. Believing, however, that no essential change has taken place, the Committee feel necessitated to make future arrangements, and the following is the Distribution for the next three months:—

Preacher's Name.	April 4 Sabbath	May, 5 Sabbath.	June 4 Sabbath
Mr. — Barr.....	D. 1. F. 2, 3, 4.	1, 2, 1. 3, 4, 5.	1, 2. W. 3, 4.
J. G. Carruthers...	W.	1, 2. F. 3, 4, 5.	D.
Wm. Deas.....	D.	1, F. 2, 3, 4, 5.	L.
John Dunbar.....	F. 1. D. 2, 3, 4.	1, 2, 3. F. 4, 5.	W.
Patrick Greig.....	L.	L.	W.
John Scott.....	D. 1, 2. F. 3, 4.	1, 2, 3. W. 4, 5.	1, 2. L. 3, 4.
James Sinclair.....	W.	F. 1, 2, 3, 4. L. 5.	L.
Gilbert Tweedie...	F. 1, 2, 3. D. 4.	D.	F. 1, 2. L. 3, 4

As some of the Calls will doubtless be accepted, and arrangements made in the respective Presbyteries for Ordination before the end of June, it is confidently expected that Clerks of Presbyteries will forward the earliest notice possible, so that we may have time to prevent disappointments.
R. H. THORNTON, Gen. Com.

BRANTFORD, FOR 1852.—Synod's Missions in Canada	£6	0	0
Theological Institute.....	4	0	0
Old Calabar.....	4	0	0
French Canadian, L. C.....	5	0	0
Nova Scotia Mission at Anselmeus, Sab. School Box	1	0	0
Contribution for the Poor.....	2	7	6
	£22	7	6

PRESENTATION.—On Monday, 14th February last, a deputation from the congregations of St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie, consisting of Messrs. James Laurie and Wm. McGhie, waited upon their Pastor, the Rev. John McClure, and presented him with the sum of \$85, as a mark of their respect and esteem. As it is not yet a twelvemonth since Mr. McClure's ordination over them, this present is at once creditable to them and encouraging to him. May his labours be abundantly blessed for their spiritual instruction and edification, and may they grow and prosper with "the years of the right hand of the Most High."

SOIREE.—On the 23d of February, a Fruit Soiree was held in the U. P. Church, Hamilton. Rev. Mr. Hogg in the chair. There were present on the platform, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, Messrs. Christie, Barric, Torrance, Porteous, Jennings, Mr. Brodin of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Mr. Goldenboth of the New Connexion Methodist Church. The speakers were, Messrs. Porteous, Brodin, Barric, and Torrance. An excellent choir "discoursed" some splendid pieces of music. The audience was large, and seemed pleased, and, we trust, edified also, and quickened to every good work, by the excellent and eloquent addresses.

Original Articles.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY.

BY THE REV. DR. FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

The Representation of Mr. Gillespie, which we quoted at the close of our last communication, was neither put on record nor kept in *retentio*, as he requested. The Assembly were too much excited, and too eager to hurry on this matter to a close, to enter on the grounds of claim to which he had referred, or to renew discussion on the question before them. It was not because they felt that Mr. Gillespie was either out of order, or in error, that they declined complying with his wishes; but because they had the consciousness that their cause and conduct were incapable of deliberate defence, either rational or scriptural. For it is always found that the weaker the cause, the more strenuous and keen are its defenders, and that when an endeavour is made to defend exceptional conduct, it is done with obstinacy and vehemence. Having nothing in the shape of argument to plead, they substitute, in such cases, wrath for reason, and evasion or sophistry, for candour, openness and truth.

When Mr. Gillespie had read his representation, "The Assembly," says Dr. Struthers, "were not in such a temper of mind as to discuss the matter afresh, and modify their judgment. Nor did they read the grounds of claim as he craved at their hand. That the reader may know what this ground of claim from Patronage was, which Gillespie wished read, and which they refused, it is proper to mention that it was prepared at the meeting of Assembly, 1736, when an attempt was made to propitiate the Seceders, and as it had been drawn up, according to Sir Henry Moncrieff, in bad faith, the reference to it at the bar of the Assembly, would be anything but pleasing. It was touching the flesh-spot which was still raw and tender. In his defence, Gillespie kept to constitutional ground. He pled before the Assembly that the Assembly itself had declared that Patronage was a grievance,—inconsistent with the Union Settlement, and the constitution of the Church of Scotland. He referred to the very same paper, and employed the same arguments, which the Non-intrusionists employed before the late Disruption. Single handed he drew his arrows from the same quiver. He galled the leaders of the Church by reminding them of what the Church herself had declared."

The impression had been already produced, both in the Assembly and elsewhere, that Mr. Gillespie would be the one singled out from the six, on whom the sentence of deposition would fall. The various steps of this anomalous and disgraceful procedure were hurried through till they came to "the last act of the tragedy." Here they made a pause by observing the usual practice, in like cases, of addressing the throne of grace in prayer, which, in this case, as has been well remarked, would have been "more honoured in the breach than in the observance." It was certainly a mockery of God to seek light and direction in a matter so rash and unchristian. A few votes came out for some of the five other brethren. But the great majority of voters gave their voice against Mr. Gillespie. Fifty-six in all voted. Fifty-two of these were against Mr. Gillespie. One hundred and two in the house declined voting. It is said that the measure was carried chiefly by the suffrage of the elders, most of whom were gentlemen of the law.

"When Mr. Gillespie stood up," says Dr. Struthers, "to receive the sentence of deposition, there was in his deportment such christian meekness, and at the same time such dignity, arising from devoutness and conscious innocence, that even those who concurred in voting for his deposition, could not help feeling a high esteem for him. On this try-