

as given in the official enumeration, and for this purpose I have prepared the following table for the census years of three decades :

YEAR.	ONTARIO.		QUEBEC.		TOTALS.	
	Pop.	Members.	Pop.	Members.	Pop.	Members.
1871.....	64799	16030	5301	1788	70100	17818
1881.....	88948	27013	8853	2310	97801	29323
1891.....	96969	33736	6854	2144	103823	35850

These figures show that in 1871 there was upon an average one church member to every four of the Baptist population of the two provinces ; in 1881, one to every $3\frac{1}{3}$; and in 1891, one to every 3—statistics which are significant of growth in a very important direction. They are a cheering comment on the earnestness of Christian work in our Baptist churches.

I had intended saying a word or two in closing upon the utility of correct church statistics, and to offer some suggestions on method in the collection and tabulation of the yearly returns made by churches and Associations. But perhaps the best suggestion I can offer is, that a special committee be appointed by the Convention to consider and report upon a thorough scheme ; so that no longer may it be said when turning over the pages of our YEAR BOOKS that "figures do lie."

NOTE.—The Roman Catholic population of Ontario increased during the decade 1881-'91 by 11½ per cent., the Methodist by 10½, the Regular Baptist by 9, the Presbyterian by 8½, and the Church of England by 5.