

church for 1862 has been £202,875. This, while it exhibits a decrease of £2291, as compared with 1861, yet shows a steady increase during the preceding four years of £37,823; that is to say, the church is raising £37,823 per annum more than it did in 1858, or previous to that year; and during the five years from 1858 to 1862, including both these years, the Church has raised for all objects £967,606.

The key to certain variations in the finance of the past five years, is to be found in the large debt extinction movement, which embraced five years, and culminated in 1860, in an annual effort amounting to £158,300, 18s. 7d.; but this effort has relaxed since 1860, and accordingly, the debt paid off in 1862 was £24,751, as against £46,010, in 1860. But this variation has been accompanied by a happy converse effect upon our missionary and benevolent funds. Partly from the stress of the debt liquidating effort, but mainly from other causes, the fund for missions and benevolence did not make its usual advance in 1860. Indeed, it seemed to suffer a depression in that year of £4281. This arose from the circumstance that a large amount was granted for Indian missions by a few individuals in 1859, but from that period our debt liquidation has been contributing to our missions a portion of the interest previously given to the money lender. As there is now less need to pay for principal or interest to the lender, so there is more to afford to pastoral stipends and to missions.

The average amount contributed by each member in the Presbytery of Aberdeen for congregational and missionary purposes was £1 8s. 4½d. sterling. In Glasgow and the Lanarkshire Presbytery the amount rises to £3 10s. 5d.; while in the London Presbytery it reaches the sum of £5 16s. 9d. for every member! The average contribution for each individual of the whole Church for 1862 was £1 4s. 1½d.

STATISTICS OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We learn from the *Canada Record* that of 230 pastoral charges only 11 failed to send in a statistical return. In the Canada Church there are four quarterly collections—being one for each of the following schemes:—Widows' Fund, Synod Fund, Home Mission Fund, Foreign Mission Fund. A collection for the College is also enjoined, and one for the French Mission recom-

mended. The sum of \$5,571.67 was raised last year for Home Missions. The *Record* states "that of 252 congregations, 28 gave no contribution whatever for any object, 21 contributed for one object, 30 for two, 46 for three, 68 for four, and 59 for five. Altogether there were made 800 collections, when there should have been 1,260, had there been no blanks. We trust that congregations will begin this synodical year with a determination to be more regular and punctual in complying with synodical appointments. Should not Presbyteries take an account of the way in which the appointments of Synod are attended to? Were this done in a prudent and kindly way, we believe the happiest results would follow. Ministers and Sessions are not responsible for the amount contributed by their respective congregations; but they are responsible for bringing the object before their congregations, and giving them an opportunity of contributing as they may see it to be their duty."

This remark of our Canadian contemporary is fully applicable to our own church—how fully the Statistical Table to be shortly issued will prove.

"The following is the amount of contributions for various ecclesiastical objects, viz:—Stipend, \$112,504 76; all other Congregational objects, \$70,096 92; College, \$4,851 25; Home Missions, \$5,571 67; Foreign Missions, \$2,743 89; Widows and Orphan's Fund, \$2,292 25; Synod Fund, \$1,379 75; French Canadian Mission, \$1,821 96; other benevolent objects, \$6,486 04; Total, \$219,036 21. It is to be regretted that there are 83 congregations in arrears for stipend, the gross amount of arrears being \$16,067 57, exactly one-seventh of the whole amount of stipend paid. Care should be taken to remedy this state of things. Stipends are at the best too low, and it is very sad if, as they are, payments are irregular, and arrears are allowed to accumulate."

The average stipend in the Presbytery of Montreal (highest) is \$713. In the Presbytery of Huron (lowest) \$337 is the average. The average amount contributed by each communicant to stipends is about *three dollars, fifteen cents*.

The following view of the ecclesiastical strength of the church is given:—

"There are presented to view nearly 40,000 communicants; an attendance on ordi-