There are other inaccuracies in Mr. Kemp's figures as regards the ministry; but it is surely enough to have shown on this head that his reasoning is fallacious, and his computations inaccurate, and that the causes of the decline in the numbers added to the ministry is to be found simply in the diminution of the number of ministers received from the Churches in Britain.

Instead of taking two different periods, it may be well to compare the progress of our Church with that of another Church in Canada, in which no Union has taken place, and in which no changes have been made in the mode of conducting missionary operations. In the list of ministers connected with the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church superannuated ministers and preachers are included, differing in this respect from our rolls, but taking that list with these included, we have the following result:

Ministers on the Alphabetical List, in 1862	504
" " 1866	525
Increase in four years	21

Average annual increase, 5.25. Or, about one per cent.

We thus find that the Methodist Church has only increased by four more than our own during the same period—the per-centage, owing to the larger number of ministers being a good deal less.

Mr. Kemp's tables in reference to the membership are as follows:

FREE CHURCH.		U. P. CHURCH.	
Members reported in 1855	11,191	Members reported in 1855	6,288
" " 1859	16,485	" " 1859	9,293
Increase in four years	5,294	Increase in 4 years	3,005
Average annual increase	1,323	Average annual increase	754
Or, 12 per cent.		Or, 12 per cent.	

C. P. CHURCH.

Members reported in 1862	30,256
" " 1866	36,469
Increase in 4 years	6,213
Average annual increase	1,553

Or, 5 per cent.

For reasons already fully stated the percentage argument is wholly worthless. Again however, there is an actual decrease in the members added in the last period as compared with the first. In the two churches in the first period the increase was 8,299, against 6,213 in the C. P. Church during the last period. But the statistics on this point, as Mr. Kemp admits, are incomplete. As an illustration of this, we may state that the membership reported in the U. P. Church is actually greater in 1854 than it is in 1855. We must, however, deal with the statistics as we find them.

In the first period there were 55 added to the number of ministers, and only 17 in the second period. For every minister added during the first period there were nearly 151 added to the membership; but for every additional minister in the second period there were 365 additional members, a difference of 214 in favor of the Church since the Union. There is another way in which the relation of the membership to the ministry may be brought out. In 1855 there were in the two churches 154 ministers and 17,479 members, which gives 113 members to each minister; but in 1859 there were 123 members to each minister; and in the C. P. Church in 1862, there