

the extreme displeasure of the headquarters of Romanism; that is the country whose acts are declared rebellious and in violation of all law, whose soldiers are refused Christian burial, and whose beloved king is all but excommunicated. I offer no comment on these facts. They are a commentary on Roman Catholicism.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA.

We have received a "Separate Appendix" containing a large body of important and interesting statistical information bearing upon our Church in Canada, an abstract of which, we think, cannot fail to be interesting to our readers. The publication of this Report exhibits great courage and earnestness on the part of those who have undertaken the management of these matters, and we cannot but augur well for a Church which possesses in addition to a large number of active and earnest ministers, many influential laymen, not only of large and generous hearts, but of great business capacity, with a measure of enthusiasm leavened with high principle devoted to its interests. Without labor there can be no return, and the amount of labor which must have been expended upon these returns it would not be easy to give any thing like a proper idea of. We must confess that taken as a whole, our Canadian brethren have not come up to anything like a full measure of their duty—but we have not the slightest doubt that the meagre and illiberal efforts made by too many congregations, will in their published state, be a spur not only to them but to others. It will convince many not only how little has been done, but how much might and ought to be done. These returns will no doubt involve immense labor, much annoyance and irritation to those engaged in them, from the sloth, the deadness, and indifference of the drones who always form a considerable portion of every community lay and ecclesiastical. It will be observed that the value and importance of these very statistics have suffered materially from this cause, as 24 out of 115 congregations have made no return whatever. It is not unlikely, as a general rule that these non-reporting congregations are about the most backward in other parts of their duty as they have been in this particular, so that the present may perhaps be looked upon as at least a very fair, if not favorable average of the work of the various churches in Canada, belonging to our body. The total number of congregations is 115, of which 93 had ministers and 22 were vacant. In connection with those who have made returns there are 7,510 families, 11,377 communicants, with an attendance of 14,974. In connection with 89 churches, there are 26 elders. There are 60 churches which have Sabbath schools, showing an attendance of 4,226 or 60 to each. 35 churches have

Bible classes with a total of 818 pupils. 23 churches are without Sabbath schools. 1700 have been dedicated in baptism during last year. 21 ministers have a weekly prayer meeting and 8 a monthly. The total amount received from ordinary Sabbath collections throughout the year from 66 congregations is £1667 which will not average 7 shillings a Sabbath to each congregation. There is some room for improvement here. Besides the ordinary Sabbath collections, special collections have been taken up by 85 congregations to the amount of £1,303, making an average of £15 to each. The whole collections of every kind except stipends, amounted to £3,779, giving an average of about £44 to each church. The amount collected for ministers stipends from 64 returns is £6,957 which of course gives an average of about £93 to each minister. It ought to be observed however, that these stipends vary very much, the highest being £700 and the lowest £15. No part of this very full and minute Report has surprised us more than the small income of many of the clergy. We are here told that there are 5 ministers whose annual stipend is £15, 5 who receive £22, 6 who receive £35, 9 who receive £57, 9 who receive £62, 10 who receive £81, 8 who receive £102, 5 who receive £132, 3 who receive £200 and 4 who receive £383. Dr. Matheson has £700. It ought to be recollected however, that in addition to this, there is the clergy Reserve Fund, which yields £108 per annum to 56 ministers, £96 to 10, and £50 to 26 ministers, making the average income of each minister, so far as an average can be struck with the data at hand, of about £170 per annum.

The total amount of unencumbered church property is worth £104,000. There are 33 congregations in debt, varying from £4 to £9000. 31 churches have no manse, 29 no glebes, 20 neither manse nor glebes. The stipend of 24 ministers is payable yearly—33 half yearly—13 quarterly—1 weekly. 38 congregations are in arrears, some very largely—average one fourth.

We have endeavored to present in as small a space as possible a bird's eye view of the more important items contained in this "Statement." It is necessarily, very superficial, but will at the same time give a general if imperfect idea of the resources and prospects of our friends in Canada. They have a vast field, great duties, and important privileges and we fervently trust that the Church of Scotland in Canada will continue to occupy the land and to water it with the dews of heaven, so that through it, it may be blessed to yield a large spiritual increase. The liberality of the Church at present seems in a great measure to be confined to the large cities. The indifference to religious matters, as evinced by the financial returns of the great body of the country charges is painfully evident. For example, out of \$15000 gross