

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

General Assemblies will meet in the latter part of May, when it is probable the subject will be finally decided. The following statistics of both these bodies will show what the strength of the churches amounted to in the year 1865 :

	Old School.	New School.
Ministers, licentiates, professors, and editors.....	2,346	1,779
Members.....	287,360	138,074
Sabbath scholars and teachers.....	161,574	112,789
Home Missionaries.....	508	321
Cost of Home Missions.....	\$116,489	\$93,477
Foreign Missions, ordained ministers.....	67	58
Male and female teachers in foreign field.....	92	—
Native helpers.....	50	—
Cost of Foreign Missions.....	\$268,442	\$112,296
Periodicals :		
Weeklies.....	11	11
Monthlies.....	4	10
Quarterlies.....	2	8
Semi-monthly.....	—	1

The following figures show how much money was raised by both bodies in 1865 for congregational and benevolent purposes :

Congregational purposes.....	\$3,204,233
Miscellaneous collections.....	839,468
Foreign Missions.....	292,008
Home Missions.....	199,890
Educational purposes.....	154,766
Publication Fund.....	77,426
Church Extension.....	55,814
Support to destitute ministers.....	26,618
Total.....	\$4,850,223

ITEMS OF GENERAL RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF DR. LIVINGSTONE.—Universal regret is expressed on account of the death of Dr. Livingstone, tidings of which recently reached Britain. The particulars have not been received ; but it is stated that he was killed by the Kaffirs.

PERVERTS TO ROME.—It is stated that, within the last year, about 1,000 converts have been added to the Church of Rome, in the western districts of London alone.

ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE IN SOUTH AFRICA.—The Privy Council has lately given a decision which affects the position of all churches not connected with the state. A minister of the Dutch Reformed Church had been removed for heresy. By order of the Privy Council, in confirmation of the judgment of the court at the Cape, he is to be reprimanded in his charge. This is farther than the Court of Session went in the Cardross case.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.—The union question is still one of great interest. The prospects are more favourable than they were some time ago. It is believed that in both the Free and United Presbyterian Churches, those opposed to union will be in a very decided minority.

OVERTURE FOR UNION WITH THE FREE CHURCH.—At a late meeting of the Established Presbytery of Edinburgh, an overture was brought