

It is not necessary, and it would be unwise, to detain you with anything approaching a detailed exhibit of the state and progress of the Church from that time to this. Tables have been prepared from which may be learned, at a glance, the state of each Presbytery from year to year, both as regards its Statistics and Finances, and others giving the aggregate of Statistics and Finance for each year. Your Committee must remark, however, that while the number of Ministers has been reported for every year, columns for entering "Stations," "Regular Charges," and "not in Regular Charges," have been introduced only in 1863-64, and that the number of families began to be reported in 1865-66. The Kan-kakee Mission appears for the first time in the Report for 1867-68. Sabbath School Contributions for Missions were first reported in 1869-70, and that a column in which to enter the Total Contributions for the Schemes of the Church was introduced in 1870-71, "Debt on Church Property" and "Value of Church Property" were reported for only two years. The amount collected for College Building Fund has been reported for four years, viz., the two last years, and the first and third after the Union.

Your Committee cannot, however, refrain from giving a comparison between the first year's Report of the Canada Presbyterian Church and the year's just closed, that this Court may see the work which God has been doing for her and by her.

The number of Ministers has increased from 223 in 1862, to 339 in 1875, that is 116 in the fourteen years, being an average of more than 8 for each year.

The number of Stations supplied by Ministers as part of their Regular Charge was reported in 1864 to be 450; this last year it was returned at 677, an increase in eleven years of 227; or an average of 20 for each year.

Stations supplied but not in the Regular Charge have fallen from 85 in that year to 52, as shown in the present Report.

In 1861-62 Vacancies were given as 42, for the last year as 72.

In 1865-66 Families were reported at 19,229; this year at 30,940; an increase of 11,711 in nine years, or an average of 1,360 each year.

Communicants have risen in number in the fourteen years from 30,450 to 56,241; increase 25,791, average each year 1,842.

Attendance at Sabbath Schools has risen from 14,065 to 37,665, an average increase for each year of 1,865.

Attendance at Bible Classes has gone up from 4,604 to 10,373, or an increase of nearly 6,000.

The number of Elders is given in the first Report of the United Church as 1,164, and of other office-bearers as 1,963; in the present Report they are returned as 2,693 and 3,386 respectively.

Volumes in Congregational Libraries were first reported in 1864, and were given as 10,293, now as 12,184; and in Sabbath School Libraries as 50,410 for the one year, and 96,720 for the other, an increase of 46,310.

FINANCIAL.

Comparing next the Financial Statements we see the following differences of amounts in the items specified.

On Stipend Promised the increase has been from \$106,757; when, as previously stated, there were 223 Ministers on the Roll, to \$254,515.85, with 339 Ministers on the Roll; an average in the one case of nearly \$480, in the other of \$750. Stipend paid in the one year was \$104,144.41, in the other by Congregations alone, \$270,690.23, and from other sources \$21,274.84, giving an average in the one case of \$467, and in the other of \$798.

The total amount raised for strictly Congregational Purposes was \$156,146.59, as compared with \$546,697.26, being the large increase of \$390,550.67.

And the total Contributions for all purposes have risen from \$195,027.88 to \$667,274.29, being an increase of \$472,246.41—not quite half a million—but your Committee are satisfied that had full returns been received it would be seen that that amount had been fully realized.