

....THE ANNUAL....
Statistical and Financial Report
...OF THE...
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON
FOR 1898.

STATISTICAL.

CONGREGATIONS
AND PASTORAL
CHARGES.

THERE are 53 congregations in the Presbytery. The number of pastoral charges is 36; of these 31 are self-sustaining, and 5 receive assistance from the Augmentation Fund. There is one mission station, Ekfrid.

FAMILIES.

The number of families, 3,906, has increased by 391, while single persons not connected with the families of the several congregations is 675, showing a decrease of 79.

COMMUNICANTS.

The communicants, numbering 7,917, has increased by 262. Altogether 773 were added to the rolls of communicants, of whom 437 were on profession and 336 on certificate, an increase of 2 in the former and a decrease of 10 in the latter.

The removals were 90 by death, 245 by certificates, 49 without certificates. Total, 384; a decrease of 140.

BAPTISMS.

The baptisms were: Infants, 265, an increase of 26; adults, 62, the same as last year.

ELDERS AND
OTHER OFFICE
BEARERS.

The eldership, which is 277, has decreased by 4, while other office bearers, 426, has increased by 12.

Persons engaged in Sabbath School work, 680; a decrease of 13. Number in Sabbath School and Bible classes, 5,730, a decrease of 320.

PRAYER
MEETINGS.

The average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting, 211; an increase of 12. There is much room for improvement here, as only 26 per cent. of the church membership avail themselves of this aid to spiritual strength.

MISSIONARY AND
OTHER
SOCIETIES.

Missionary associations, 16; a decrease of 6.

Woman's Foreign Societies, 32; an increase of 1.

Christian Endeavor Societies, 18. Same as last year.

Young People's Societies and Home Mission Societies, 21; an increase of 6. The membership of the various societies, 1,298, shows a decrease of 25.

FINANCIAL.

Your Committee desires to report as follows :

Every congregation in the Presbytery, with the exception of Kintore and Alma Street, St. Thomas, sent in full returns.

One congregation, West Lorne, reports \$65 arrears for stipend.

Every congregation in the Presbytery contributed to one or more of the Schemes of the Church, and 42 congregations contributed to all the schemes.

CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSES.—The total contributions for strictly congregational purposes amounted to \$68,568, which is \$6,331 less than last year. The average per family, \$17.55, and per communicant, \$8.66, shows a decrease of \$3.17 per family and \$1.12 per communicant. This average is 80 cents per family and 2 cents per communicant lower than the average for the whole church.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.—The amount contributed to the schemes of the church was \$14,474, a decrease of \$3,372. This gives an average per family of \$3.70, and per communicant of \$1.83, which is \$1.24 per family and 50 cents per communicant less than last year ; but is 83 cents per family and 34 cents per communicant higher than the average for the whole church.

ALL PURPOSES.—The total contributions were \$85,991, a decrease of \$10,653.

The average per family is \$22.01, and per communicant \$10.86. This shows a decrease of \$4.72 per family and \$1.76 per communicant, but is \$1.37 per family and 16 cents per communicant higher than the average for the whole church.

Although the total contributions by Presbytery show a decrease of \$10,653, the Presbytery has not actually gone back.

The decrease of \$6,331 for strictly congregational purposes is accounted for in that the amount paid on churches and manses this year was \$6,059 less than last year. This is an item which fluctuates from year to year.

The large decrease of \$3,372 in the contributions to the schemes of the church is to be explained thus : Last year special offerings were made by several of our congregations to India Famine Fund, and were included in their contributions to Foreign Missions. This accounts for that fund having received from the Presbytery \$2,646 less than last year. Besides this, last year two bequests, amounting to \$1,250, were made to missions. When these things are taken into account it will be seen that we have actually made progress. Compared with 1896, which was a normal year, 1898 shows an increase of \$852 for strictly congregational purpose, \$1,527 for the schemes of the church, and \$932 for all purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That thanks be given to the King and Head of the Church for the measure of success which has crowned our efforts as a Presbytery during the year.
2. That whereas, we believe that as a Presbytery we could do far better in the way of giving for God's cause, we would urge all ministers and Sabbath School workers frequently to call attention to the fact of the "stewardship of money"—that all we have has been given us of God, and is ours only to be used for God's glory in carrying forward His great purpose, the redemption of the world through Christ; and whereas, liberality is called in the New Testament a grace, we would further urge that all who are desirous of seeing the Kingdom of Christ advance, be instant in prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in the hearts of all our people to their growth in this grace.
3. All the schemes of the church are worthy of support, but whereas some of the schemes of the church are but poorly supported by many of our congregations, and none of them as they ought to be; and whereas, we believe that did our people know more about the aims of the several schemes and the work that is being done through them, they would give more liberally, we would recommend that in every pastoral charge certain Sabbaths during the year be set apart for the presentation of the aims and claims of the various schemes.
4. In view of the Century Fund scheme, adopted so unanimously by the General Assembly, the Presbytery strongly urges every minister and elder, as well as all members and adherents within the bounds of the Presbytery, to yield a loyal response, and to give a hearty support to this great Forward Movement, by which our church proposes to mark the opening of the new century.
5. That the Presbytery direct attention to the desirability of congregations forwarding their missionary money not less frequently than quarterly to the agent of the church, so that the church may be saved a large amount in interest, and the respective committees be in a better position to carry on the work.
6. That every congregation, whether settled or vacant, send in a full and accurate report, and that each minister make it a point to see that this report is sent off so as to be in the hands of the Clerk of Presbytery by the date mentioned on the schedule, and so save our Presbytery Clerk and the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on finance and statistics much annoyance and unnecessary labor.
7. That communion rolls be purged annually. Only by this means can the statistical report from year to year truly represent the progress of the church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. LAWRENCE,

Convener.

July 11th, 1899.

Average Amount per Family

..... CONTRIBUTED FOR.....

ALL PURPOSES.			CONGREGA'L PURPOSES.			SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.		
	No. of Families.	Average per Family.	*	Average per Family.	*	Average per Family.		
1 St. James' Ch., London	110	\$44 94	(1)	\$43 64	(40)	\$ 1 04		
2 First Church, London	200	41 96	(2)	32 02	(3)	7 14		
3 Knox Church, London	130	36 88	(5)	28 26	(16)	3 75		
4 St. Andrew's, London	300	35 46	(8)	24 13	(1)	11 00		
5 Ilderton.....	18	33 33	(3)	31 56	(30)	1 78		
6 Knox Ch., St. Thomas	270	30 86	(8)	24 13	(5)	5 49		
7 Port Stanley.....	30	30 50	(4)	29 00	(46)	67		
8 Glencoe.....	140	30 17	(6)	24 89	(7)	4 83		
9 Komoka.....	14	28 36	(10)	23 64	(12)	4 07		
10 Cook's Ch., Caradoc..	40	27 30	(7)	24 30	(26)	1 93		
11 Thamesford.....	161	27 03	(9)	23 97	(22)	2 66		
12 Melbourne.....	40	24 54	(11)	21 55	(23)	2 40		
13 Bryanston.....	12	24 15	(12)	20 33	(17)	3 67		
14 North Caradoc.....	26	23 43	(13)	20 12	(13)	3 85		
15 Hyde Park.....	28	23 23	(14)	18 39	(8)	4 83		
16 Bethel.....	40	23 23	(15)	18 20	(13)	3 85		
17 First Ch., Westminster	114	20 48	(42)	9 88	(2)	9 17		
18 Belmont.....	90	19 97	(24)	14 67	(18)	3 04		
19 King Street, London.	120	19 83	(16)	18 13	(33)	1 52		
20 South Delaware.....	25	19 43	(17)	18 09	(39)	1 17		
21 Kintore.....	90	19 34	(31)	13 12	(4)	5 91		
22 Dutton.....	120	18 58	(20)	15 89	(25)	2 04		
23 Mosa.....	112	18 45	(18)	16 60	(37)	1 26		
24 Dorchester.....	65	18 34	(29)	13 25	(6)	4 97		
25 Tai's Corners.....	39	18 05	(26)	14 10	(19)	3 59		
26 South Westminster..	50	17 84	(32)	13 04	(14)	4 84		
27 Wallacetown.....	70	17 76	(24)	14 67	(24)	2 30		
28 English Settlement...	53	17 62	(28)	13 40	(15)	3 76		
29 Aylmer.....	32	17 09	(19)	16 13	(41)	96		
30 Appin.....	45	17 07	(22)	15 09	(32)	1 67		
31 North Delaware.....	30	16 67	(21)	15 27	(44)	77		
32 Fingal.....	90	16 40	(38)	11 11	(9)	4 67		
33 Springfield.....	20	15 85	(23)	15 00	(40)	77		
34 Argyle Ch., Aldboro..	60	15 63	(37)	11 42	(11)	4 08		
35 Melville Church, Lobo	56	15 54	(35)	11 48	(20)	3 29		
36 Riverside.....	35	15 45	(27)	13 91	(34)	1 49		
37 Kilmartin.....	57	15 37	(39)	10 93	(10)	4 11		
38 St. George's, Lon. Junc.	60	14 93	(25)	14 43	(48)	37		
39 Wardsville.....	32	14 81	(30)	13 21	(38)	1 25		
40 Cromlin.....	54	13 33	(36)	11 44	(39)	1 80		
41 Carlisle.....	45	12 76	(40)	10 76	(27)	1 89		
42 Ailsa Craig.....	90	12 57	(46)	9 04	(21)	2 72		
43 Chalmer's, London...	69	12 48	(34)	11 52	(41)	96		
44 Newbury.....	43	11 69	(33)	11 63	(45)	74		
45 New Glasgow.....	56	11 39	(41)	10 41	(42)	86		
46 Rodney.....	68	11 07	(43)	9 49	(36)	1 44		
47 West Lorne.....	40	10 48	(47)	8 58	(28)	1 83		
48 Tempo.....	45	10 08	(44)	9 32	(47)	60		
49 Ekfrid Mission.....	40	9 40	(45)	9 15	(49)	25		
50 Chalmer's.....	70	9 00	(48)	7 08	(31)	1 75		
51 Duff's Ch., Dunwich	60	7 53	(49)	6 07	(35)	1 46		

Column marked with (*) shows standing of church