

1889

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

REPORT

— ON —

STATISTICS AND FINANCES.

YOUR Committee, in presenting their Annual Report on Statistics and Finances, beg leave to submit the following summary. In doing so, they would not fail to acknowledge the good hand of God towards us during the year, in the measure of success that has attended our efforts as a Presbytery. Numerous additions were made to the roll of membership, and our people in general manifest a sustained interest in the support of ordinances at home and abroad. It is to be regretted, however, that not a few of them habitually shrink from bearing anything like a proportionate share of the financial burdens of the Church. It is to be hoped that the revived attention now given to the subject of systematic beneficence may serve to bring these delinquents into line with the recommendations of the Church anent this important duty. The Presbytery of London is composed of 33 pastoral charges, 15 of these consisting of one and 18 of two congregations each; making in all 53 congregations. Of this number 2 have made only a partial report, while 8 have made no report. The last named, however, were vacant at the time. Such omissions, no doubt, account largely for apparent deficit in several departments of finance. Two thousand seven hundred and two families are reported, and 298 single persons not connected with families. There are 5,082 communicants, of which 661 were added during the year—478 by profession and 183 by certificate. Such numbers indicate an advance over the previous year. Baptism was administered to 279 persons during the year, of which 67 were adults. There are 168 elders and 281 other office-bearers, which leaves an average of 18 families to each elder, and 9 to the other office-bearers. Nearly one half of the members

are reported as attending prayer meetings; in all 1,384, or 123 in advance of last year. But why not the other half, or at least a fair proportion of them? Four thousand two hundred and twelve attend Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction. The number of teachers reported is 414. These schools are furnished with 1,262 more volumes of religious literature than was reported for previous years. As the subject of missions is now engrossing the attention of Christian nations in an unwonted measure, it will be gratifying to learn that our own Presbytery has caught something of the flame, as there are no less than 32 Societies within our bounds devoting their efforts more or less intently to that cause—16 of these are Missionary Associations and 24 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. If only animated by love to Christ, such multiplied agencies must exert a powerful influence for good.

FINANCES.

There was raised in all for stipend \$22,769, making an average of \$8.42 per family, and \$4.48 per member. In this important department we stand .10 per family below the general average of the whole Church, and .8 per member above it. The total raised for congregational purposes was \$50,003, some \$946 in excess of previous year; leaving an average of \$18.50 per family, and \$9.84 per member. In both these items also we are below the general average \$1.02 per family, and 39 cents per member. The aggregate contribution for schemes of the Church was \$9,567, making an average of \$3.54 per family, and \$1.88 per member. In these we rise above the general average 12 cents per family, and 8 cents per member. Of this total sum distribution was made in the following proportion: To College Fund (ordinary and special), \$812; Home Missions, \$1,977; Augmentation, \$934; French Evangelization, \$903; Foreign Missions, \$3,919; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$560; Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$264; Assembly Fund, \$198. These numbers indicate an advance of \$681 over previous year. For all purposes \$63,984 was raised, as against \$62,451 for year ending 1887, or an excess of \$1,533. The average per family of this aggregate is \$23.31, and per member, \$12.59. In this total also we are \$1.09 per family, and 27 cents per member, below the general average.

As will appear from the appended table, 21 congregations in our Presbytery rise above the general average in stipend, while 12 are below it. For congregational purposes, schemes and all purposes, 10 only are above, while 23 are below. Such is

the relative liberality of reporting congregations. Our relative liberality as a Presbytery stands thus : Out of the 42 Presbyteries in our Church, 21 are above us per family and per communicant in the matter of stipend ; for congregational purposes, 16 per family and 19 per communicant ; for schemes, 5 per family and 6 per communicant ; for all purposes, 13 per family and 14 per communicant. It may be stated in brief that while the aggregate contributions of the present year are \$1,533 in excess of the sum reported for 1887, yet the rate of increase has not been equal to that of said year, nor have we kept pace with the advance of the Church as a whole ; for at no period since the union in 1875 have the material resources of our Church been developed at so rapid a ratio as during the year ending 1888, being nearly \$16,000 above the increase of the preceding year. May the zeal of others provoke us to devise more liberal things ; that while we seek to excel in other gifts, we may not fail to abound in this grace also.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That in terms of the injunctions of the General Assembly, all vacant congregations, as well as those having settled pastors, be instructed through their sessions to report accurately both their statistics and finances.

2nd. That, in view of the manifest disparity in the relative liberality of congregations, the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be encouraged in their efforts to commend the principles and methods of Scriptural giving.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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COWAL, Sept. 25th, 1889.

Convener.



Table showing Totals for each Department, with Averages per Family and per Communicant.

CONGREGATIONS.	Families. No.	Members. No.	1.—STIPEND.			2.—CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSES.			3.—SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.			4.—TOTALS FOR ALL PURPOSES.		
			Total.	Per Family.	Per Member.	Total.	Per Family.	Per Member.	Total.	Per Family.	Per Member.	Total.	Per Family.	Per Member.
1st Presbyterian Ch., London	102	219	\$ 1200	\$11 76	\$5 48	\$3592	\$34 23	\$16 40	\$971	\$9 52	\$4 43	\$4607	\$45 16	\$21 04
Fingal	90	206	1000	11 11	4 84	1221	13 56	5 92	417	4 63	2 02	1793	19 92	8 70
Argyle Church, Aldborough.	60	105	607	10 10	5 78	625	10 41	5 95	130	2 16	1 24	767	12 78	7 30
Thamesford	121	207	1000	8 26	4 83	1370	11 32	6 61	513	4 24	2 48	2008	16 59	9 65
Kintore	56	80	650	11 60	8 12	834	14 88	10 42	127	2 27	1 58	1060	18 93	13 25
St. Andrews, London	380	2000	2000	5 26	2 57	6909	18 18	11 41	2453	6 45	3 01	11346	29 86	14 55
Duff's Church, Dunwich.....	61	70	411	6 74	5 87	486	7 96	6 94	121	1 98	1 73	617	10 11	8 81
Chalmers' Church, Dunwich.	40	80	339	8 48	4 24	404	10 10	5 01	119	2 97	1 48	528	13 20	6 60
Hyde Park	27	64	500	18 52	7 81	625	23 04	9 76	130	5 04	2 19	783	29 00	12 23
Komoka	17	46	200	11 76	4 35	263	15 53	5 71	48	2 72	1 04	344	20 23	7 48
St. James, London	86	104	1000	11 64	6 09	2197	25 54	13 38	29	0 33	0 11	2235	26 00	13 61
English Settlement	68	178	800	11 76	4 44	994	14 62	5 58	299	4 39	1 68	1324	19 47	7 43
Kintyre	90	198	810	9 00	4 09	1271	14 12	6 42	188	2 09	0 85	1498	16 64	7 56
London East	52	138	624	12 00	4 52	1015	19 54	7 35	105	2 02	0 76	1121	21 55	8 12
London South	89	131	1200	13 48	9 16	2871	32 24	21 91	214	2 40	1 55	3096	34 78	23 55
Wardville	19	36	175	9 21	4 86	268	14 10	8 00	15	0 78	0 42	287	15 10	7 92
Newbury	32	53	225	7 03	4 24	316	9 87	5 96	10	0 31	0 19	329	10 28	6 20
Dorchester Station	33	79	400	12 12	5 06	460	13 93	5 82	70	2 12	0 88	536	16 24	6 78

Crumlin.....	24	77	350	14	58	4	54	500	20	83	6	50	55	2	29	0	71	567	23	62	7	36
Belmont.....	135	232	900	6	66	3	88	1180	8	00	5	08	279	2	13	1	20	1831	13	56	7	46
North Westminster.....	88	240	700	7	95	2	92	1332	15	13	5	55	957	10	86	3	99	2824	32	09	11	30
South Westminster.....	41	101	350	8	54	3	46	4467	108	95	44	21	227	5	53	2	24	4728	115	41	46	81
Rodney.....	70	148	860	12	28	5	81	2284	32	63	15	43	48	0	08	0	32	2417	34	53	16	33
Glencoe.....	200	282	1000	5	00	3	54	3248	16	24	11	52	386	1	93	1	77	3785	18	92	13	42
St. Thomas.....	250	539	1455	5	82	2	70	4755	19	02	8	63	960	3	76	1	77	6000	24	00	11	13
Bethel.....	40	115	670	16	75	5	82	767	19	10	6	66	164	4	10	1	42	936	23	40	8	14
Wallacetown.....	80	188	188	2	35	2	35	1045	13	06	13	06	41	0	31	0	51	1215	13	18	15	18
Melville Church, Lobo.....	41	69	375	9	15	5	43	1123	27	39	16	27	35	0	85	0	50	1162	28	34	16	84
North Caradoc.....	37	36	375	11	35	14	16	398	10	76	10	78	38	1	02	1	05	442	11	97	12	27
Mosa.....	120	181	850	7	08	4	69	1150	9	58	6	40	208	1	73	1	15	1437	11	97	7	94
Dutton.....	110	63	510	4	00	8	00	782	7	11	12	41	13	0	12	0	20	803	7	39	12	26
North Delaware.....	30	56	334	11	13	5	98	391	13	03	6	98	8	0	26	0	13	403	13	40	7	18
South Delaware.....	13	29	319	24	54	11	00	340	26	15	11	72	8	0	61	0	28	348	26	77	12	00
Alisa Craig.....	*50	150	392	7	84	2	61	520	10	40	3	46	76	1	52	0	30	700	14	00	4	66
Melbourne.....	*64	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	1	59	0	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals and Averages.....	2702	5082	\$22769	\$8	42	\$4	48	\$50003	\$18	50	\$9	83	\$9567	\$3	54	\$1	88	\$63984	\$23	31	\$12	59
Average of whole Church.....	.....	.....	.....	8	52	4	40	.....	19	52	10	23	.....	3	42	1	80	.....	24	40	12	86

*Taken from last year's Report.

Relative Liberality in Each Department per Family.

N.B.—The heavy lines mark the division between those above and below the general average of the whole Church.

STIPEND.	CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSES.	SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.	TOTALS FOR ALL PURPOSES.
South Delaware	\$24 54 South Westminster . . . \$108 95	North Westminster . . .	\$10 86 South Westminster . . . \$115 41
Hyde Park	18 52 1st Pres. Ch., London. . .	23 1st Pres. Ch., London. . .	9 52 1st Pres. Ch., London. . . 45 16
Bethel	16 75 Rodney	32 63 St. Andrews, London. . .	6 45 London South 34 78
Crumlin	14 58 London South	32 24 South Westminster . . .	5 53 Rodney 34 53
London South	13 48 Melville Church, Lobo . . .	27 39 Hyde Park	5 04 North Westminster . . . 32 62
Rodney	12 28 South Delaware	26 15 Fingal	4 63 St. Andrews, London. . . 29 86
Dorchester Station	12 12 St. James, London	25 54 English Settlement . . .	4 39 Hyde Park 29 00
London East	12 00 Hyde Park	23 03 Thamesford	4 24 Melville Ch., Lobo . . . 28 34
1st Pres. Ch., London.	11 76 Crumlin	20 83 Bethel	4 10 South Delaware 26 77
Komoka	11 76 London East	19 54 St. Thomas	3 76 St. James, London . . . 26 00
English Settlement	11 76 Bethel	19 10 Chalmers' Ch., Dunwich . . .	2 97 St. Thomas 24 00
St. James, London	11 64 St. Thomas	19 02 Komoka	2 72 Crumlin 23 62
Kintore	11 64 St. Andrews, London. . .	18 18 Crumlin	2 29 Bethel 23 40
North Caradoc	11 35 Glencoe	16 24 Kintore	2 27 London East 21 55
North Delaware	11 13 Komoka	15 53 Argyle Ch., Aldboro' . . .	2 16 Komoka 20 23
Fingal	11 11 North Westminster	15 13 Belmont	2 13 Fingal 19 02
Argyle Ch., Aldboro'	10 10 Kintore	14 88 Dorchester Station	2 12 English Settlement 19 47
Wardsville	9 21 English Settlement	14 62 Kintyre	2 09 Kintore 18 93

Melville Church, Lobo	9 15	Kintyre	14 12	London East	2 02	Glencoe	18 02
South Westminister	9 00	Wardsville	14 10	Duff's Ch., Dunwich.	1 08	Kintyre	16 04
South Westminister	8 54	Dorchester Station	13 03	Glencoe	1 93	Thamesford	16 59
Chalmers' Ch., Dunwich	8 48	Fingal	13 56	Mossa	1 73	Dorchester Station	16 24
Thamesford	8 26	Walcetown	13 06	Melbourne	1 59	Walcetown	15 18
North Westminister	7 95	North Delaware	13 03	Ailsa Craig	1 52	Wardsville	15 10
Ailsa Craig	7 84	Thamesford	11 32	London South	1 17	Ailsa Craig	14 00
Mossa	7 08	North Caradoc	10 76	North Caradoc	1 02	Belmont	13 36
Newbury	7 03	Argyle Ch., Aldboro'	10 41	Melville Ch., Lobo.	0 85	North Delaware	13 40
Duff's Ch., Dunwich	6 74	Ailsa Craig	10 40	Wardsville	0 78	Chalmers' Ch., Dunwich	13 20
Belmont	6 66	Chalmers' Ch., Dunwich	9 10	Rodney	0 68	Argyle Ch., Aldboro'	12 78
St. Thomas	5 82	Newbury	8 97	South Delaware	0 61	North Caradoc	11 07
St. Andrews, London	5 26	Mossa	9 58	Walcetown	0 51	Mossa	11 07
Glencoe	5 00	Belmont	8 60	St. James, London	0 35	Newbury	10 28
Dutton	4 60	Duff's Ch., Dunwich.	7 06	Newbury	0 31	Duff's Ch., Dunwich.	10 11
Walcetown	2 35	Dutton	7 11	North Delaware	0 26	Dutton	7 30