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## A FORTNIGHTS FURLOUGE

## DOWN AMONG TEE LOWER PROFTNCES.

The round trip from Montreal via the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Pictou, Halifax, Portland and thence to the place of begining is already "popular" with summer tourists and must become still more so when its adrantages are better known. The entire distance of nearly 2000 miles may be accomplished easily and comfortably in a fortnight, and for fifty dollars, although it were better if a month could be devoted to it. There is a great deal worth seeing and much to be learned by those who have the inclination and the faculty for picking up information. Specialy, one cannot fail to be impressed with the variety and value of our national rescources and with the mutual advantages of confederation to all the provinces of the Dominion.

Early ona Friday moraing we left Bontreal in one of the well-appointed Gulf Ports Steamers, the "Georgia," in company with more than a hundred cabin passengershamong whim we soon discovered many pleasant compagnons de voyage. Towardsevening we touched at Quebec,and dering the night slipped quietly past Marray Bay and Kamouraska, Cacouna and! Tadousac, the delightful summer quarters: of thousands of our fellow citizens. At noon, Saturday, we reached Metis where : party of trionty or thirty left usin 2 staall boat a mile and a half fromshore. By Sunday morning we had rounded Cape Gaspe and were steaming up that benutiful Bay that reminds one so much of a Scottish loch while divine service was being condacted in the saloon by one of our fellow travellers, a Presbyterian minister all the way from Meaford on the Georyian Bay, who, with his family, was journesing towards
his newly appointed sphere of labour in some part of Nora Scotia. "Knock!" was the text of his brief but pointed and pithy discourse tellirg us why, where, when, how to Knock. He was listened to attentively and in the course of the afternoon was waited upon by a deputation who in name of the little floating congregation presented him with a substantial token of their appreciation of his services. Sunset found us at sea again and opposite the famed Perce Rocks, the largest of which has detached itself from the mair promontory, and, encircled by the restless billows which have washed and worn its gigantic sides into caves and grottoes, rises to a sheer perpendicular height of more than tro hundred feet. On the top it is quite level and covered with grass. Myriads of wild fowl have their home here.-Gulls and Gannets and the Lune orgreat Northern diver, the traffic in whose egss at one time formed a considerable branch of trade, although now, from the danger incurred in procuring tbeas, it has been abondoned. We are still in the Province of Quebec and 650 miles from Montreal. The nest point of call is Shediac in New Brunswick which has risen to some importance since it became the nothern terminus of the Trunk line of railway from St. John. Immediately opposite lies the benutiful Island of Priace Edward, separated from the mainland by a strait varying in width from ten to twenty-five miles. Our first point of call is Summerside. a pleasantly situnted seaport torn of 2000 inhabitants, haring a good harbour, where ship building is carried on to a considerable extent and where a splendid new hotel, picturesquely situated upon an adjoining wooded istet, has just been opened for the accommodation of the rapidly increasing community
of tracellers. Charlottetorn, distant sixty miles by water, is the capital of the Island and has a population of about 9000 . It was late in the evening when we arrived and rain was falling heavily so that it was not scen to good adrantage. Just then howerer it was jubilant over the arrival of the Gorernor General and the Countess of Dufferin, and its principal streets were spanued with green arches, and adorned with buntin in honour of the occasion, and of the recent reception of the Island as a nex Province of the Dominion. One of the arches was brilliantly illuminated, bearing on this side the pathetic motto "Courted long but won at last" and on that, the somewhat lugubrious one "For weal or woe the die is cast." The Island is about 130 miles long and has a population of about 95000 , neasly one third of thom are Presbyterians. It is exceedingly fertile. The soil is of a bright red colour. The climate, in summer, is delightful, and although the difficulty of crossing the strait during the long winter months must always prove a serious dramback, the industry and intelligence of its people are a guarantee for the continuance of its internal peace and prosperity. Very many frons these Ippir I'rovinces, and from the Unied States as well, are beginning to recognize its clainsas the most charming of all North American summer resorts.
before learing the lsland let me record a risit to the Manse adjoiuing the Scotish Kirk and the hospitable reception estended to us thy the Rev. Mr. Duncan. Now we ran orer to Picton a di-tauce of cisty miles where the unexpected pleasure amiated us of h:eeting the respected minister of St. Andrews' Clurch, Ottawa, who was here spending his holidays and through whose kiadness we were enabled to make the most of our short stay. Here is a splendid harbour surrounded by a region of untold wealth in its coal and iron mines which, with perhaps the exception of the Sidncy mines in Cape Breton, are the finest that have yet been ciscorered. From Pictou we may go direct to Halifax by railmay, but instead, we proceed in the steamer "St. Laurence" to the strait of Canso, landing near nightfall at Port Haukes
bury on Cape Breton. It trould have been a pity to have missed this splendid sail around Cape George and through the Bay of Antigonish, and not to have seen the "schools" of mackarel and the means employed for capturing and curing them. It was at Port Mulgrave, on the opposite side of the strait that we first had occular demonstration of the process, where boat after boat came into the bay loaded to the gunwale with beautiful shining mackerel fresh from the "seine." For the information of those unacquainted with the term it may be mentioned that the seine is a large net by which the fisherman surrounds the shoal of fish, drags them shorewards and impounds them in a convenient cove until help enough arrives to shovel them with scoop-nets into their boats, like wheat from a bin. Fitiy barrels is accounted a small catch. A thousand barrels have been thus takeu at a single haul. Here too may be seen upon a large scale the process of curing and drying codfish, enabling one to appreciate in some degree the magnitude of our Canadian fishery interests. But perhaps the most novel and interesting of these operations is the c:ipture and preparation of Loobsters for the market.

Through the kindness of a friend extensively engaged in this business an opportunity was afforded me of visiting what is here called a " lobster factory" situated at the fishing station joining Cape Canso. The fishing grounds, in ten or twelve fathous of maler, extend for two or three miles along shore. The lobster " trap" is a cage made of lath or wicker work four feet in length and two fect in breadth and height. Inside of it there is suspended as bait the head of a codfish or other attractive morsel and at either end, near the top of the trap, a funnelshaped opening just large enough for the lobster to enter. He suales a grab at the bait, misses his mark, as other more intelligent animals have been known to do, tumbles head first into the cage, and there he is, a condemned prisoner. His comrades follow his example and share a like fate. A dozen such traps are suspended at intervals from a buoyed line. One after
another they are hauled up and discharged into the boat, which, when full, is rowed ashore.
The fish are counted as they are thrown on the dock and half a cent for each is credited to the fisherman, who, if be understands his basiness, will catch a thousand lobsters per day. A thousand lobsters all of a heap, wriggling and clutching each other with the death-grip, is as unsightly a spectacle as one wants to sce. It sends a shudder through one's frame to witness their contortions. Bat take one up, if you have the nerre to handle him. You will be anazed how quietly he submits to your inspection, and, ex uno disce omnes. He is wonderfully made. In common parlance he is called a shell-fish, but in reality he is neither fish nor flesh, and properly belongs to the order of Crustares. His erasted corering, of a horny substance, exhibits varinus tints of colour - chic dy a dark motied green-winien he periodically casts off for a nert coat of mail to protect him from the numerous foes which prey upon lim. He has benatiful bright eyes and is quick of sight, while his far reaching and delicately constructed antennae suppis him with e:quisite powers of touch. He is plentifully supplied with legs that are all muscle, and at any time can part with a limb or tro without seeming inconvenience. His feet are small and adorned with a fringe of large bairs. But his lecomotive performances are arkward in the extreme. He is too heavy to srim, and his lezs are 80 crouked that in walking he osually advances side ways. When put to his mettle, hossever, as on a sudden attack, he gires a flourish of his tail and darts off rith a hop step and jump motion comical to belold and perplesing to his pursuer. His food is the smaller kinds of mollusea varied by vegetable diet and the miscellaneous garbage that abounds in his subaqueous haunts.

We now enter the "factory" and ander the intelligent gaidance of Mr. Ogden, the proprictor, are initiated in the mysteries of lobster caring. A trap door, covering a huge oblons cauldron is lifted. We are capeloped in a cloud of steam. Ss-swissh! Iuto the beiling water are plunged a
whole hecatomb. A hundred tails make their last flourish, and hundreds follow until as many as two thousand are immersed together. The agony, if any was felt, is over in a moment. The lid falls with a heavy thud: the creatures are boiled for filteen minutes and come out of the hot bath as red as-well, "as red as a lobster." They are piled up like stacks of cordwood on a bench to cool, when the "crackers" take them in hand, and in a trinkling extract from the clars and the tail all that is made use of. The rest is thrown away. Next a gray of girls pack the meat deftay into the sumall tin cans containing one pound, ench oue of which is accurately weighed. Then, the lid having being adjusted, pressed down, and soldered, they are passed on to the couk. Tro hundred tins ranged upon an iron tray are hoisted from the table by block and tackle, swung over a mammoth pot, lowered into is and boiled for three hours or more. When taken out each can is punctured by a sharp point to permit the escape of steam and gas. Immediately a drop of solder closes the vent and the boiling process is continued for seyeral hours longer. Ouce more it is tapped and as quickly as before the drop of solder excludes the outer air, and all that remains of three average sized lobsters is "hermetically sealed," cooked ready for use, and warranted to keep in any climate, and for any number of years provided the can remains uninjured and air tight. The tias are now transferred to a bath of sand from which they come sut olean and bright, when they are painted, labelled, and sent to the packing room.

But the quantity thus caught and cooked is the most marvellous of all. This is but one of many similar establishments along this coast, yet here no less than ten chousand lobsters are caught upon the average daily, and this goes on for six months in the year! A million and a half of lobsters taken from the same ground, year after year, with no appearance of exbausting the supply! It seems almost incredible, yet such is the fact. And even supposing the statement to be correct that each female lobster deposits annually its sparn containing a million of eggs, and
that a very large proportion of these come to maturity, it is still a mystery.

To be continued.

## Our Own Church.

The larger portion of this number is taken up with the Annual Report on the Statistics of the Church, which ought to be interesting to all our readers. In looking over the list of the congregations, and their respected ministers' names, we are surprised and ashamed, indeed, to find a large proportion most meagrely reported. So many families, 80 many communicants, so many dollars of stipend, and that's about all we know of them! These nonreporters the reader will detect at a glance, for the Convener has decorated them with the order of the star, and the exclamation of the Scottish drill-sergeant, whose raw recruits would neither dress in line, nor keep step together, might not inappropriately be addressed to them. "Oh men! what a bowed row ! Just come out here and look at yoursells." It is a serious matter to think of the sheer indifference of 80 large a number of our office-bearers.

We see by the British American Presbyterian, that the Rev. D.J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, and the Rev. James Carmichael, of King, have arrived in Manitoba. A commission of the C. P. Church, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Ure and Cochrane, had preceded them, and from the very interesting account of their visit, given by Mr. Cochrane, we extract the following handsome acknowledguent of our missionaries' services:-
"It has given as mach pleasure to notice the good feeling existing between the members of our own Charch and the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Firk of Scotland. Professor Hart has done nobio serrice in our college, snd is highly spoken of, not only in the commanity, but throughout the coantry. In addition to his professional dutios bo bas acted the part of Histionary, and is to bo found every Lord's Day, engaged in our Mission work. But for his self-denying lebours, the Home Mission Committee wouli have been under the necessity of employing another ordained afissionary during the past year. Some special recognition of suah efficient and cheerfally rendered services
is due to Professor Hirt from the Home Mission Committee of our Church. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, is expected in the Prorince in a few weeks, on behalf of our sister Church; We trust his visit may result in his sending us, without delay, another Missionary, in ancordance with the decision of their last Synod, and at the same time cement, still more firmly, the bonds that unite us as erangelical churches, having a common faith."

The Principal of Qucen's College was to have sailed from Glasgow on the 12th ultimo and we trust will have arrived ere this has reached our readers. In connection with Dr. Snodgrass' visit to Edinburgh we have been informed of the following appointment of missionaries by the Colonial Committee: Rev. Mr. Fairlie for Ontario, Mr. Hally for Fredricton, N. B., Mr. Galbraith with a view to Buthurst, N. B., and Mr. Coull for Nova Scotia. Some yonng men have also been selected to go out to study for the ministry at Queen's College-half a dozen in number, all young men of good promise. The good people of New Glasaow, N. S., may not be very well pleased to hear their much respected minister, who was also on 2 visit to Scotland, addressing them from across the sea in the words of the old song "I'll gang nae mair tae yon toon." We understand that Mr. Pollok has already entered upon his duties as assistant to Dr. Leishman of Govan. We also notice that the minister of Obustown whose departure for Scotland we chronicled some months ago bas returned to his parish rafe and sound-improved in health, highly satisfied with his trip, and, plus the honorary degree of $\mathrm{Pb}: \mathrm{D}$., attached to his name. Our attention bas further been called to the fact that the rank of a minister of the Church of Scotland was conferred on Dr. Clarke at the same time that it was conferred on Professor Ferguson as mentioned in the last Presbyterian.

The presentation of a call, and even the acceptance of it is not always followed by the indaction of the Presentee. The Presbytery claims the privilege of having "the last word" to say about it, and 80 we find that Mr. Strachan isstill the minister of Erin and Mr. Donald Fraser of Price ville. The induction of the Rev. J. C.

Smith of Belleville, however, to the charge of St. Paul's church, Ifamilton, is un fait accompli. Foi this purpose the Presbytery of Hamilton met on the 22nd July last in St. Paul's church when the Rev. J. B. Muir of Galt preached and presided. The Rev. Mr. Livingstone of Simcoe delivered an admirable address to the newly appointed minister, while the Rev. Geo. Bell, LL.D., in like manner spoke to the people on their duties towards their pastor. There was a large attendance of the congregation and the reception accorded to their minister was very cordial. At an earlier stage of the proceedings of the Presbytery a letter was read from Dr. Bell resigning his charge at Clifion, ou the ground that his general health is not good and that be required cessation from the labours of the ministry for a time. Commissioners from the congregation baving been heard, it was agreed to accept Dr. Bell's resignation, the Pres bytery at the same time recording their deep sympathy with him in his affiction, their high respect for him as a brother, and their hope that the great Head of the Church may still render him useful in the work of the ministry, it was also agreed to retain Dr. Bell's name on the roll as a minister without charge. We feel sure there are many outsido the Presbytery of Hamilton who will join in the prayer that one who has placed the church at large under so many obligations may be speedily restored to wonted strength and usefulness. The following, from a trustrorthy corresnondent, is an interesting item of news from the Presbytery of Saugeen and pleasantly told-" $A$ ugust 15th 1873. Yesterday witnessed the induction of the reverend Malcolm MI. MacNeil as minister of Mount Forest. The services were conducted by the Bishops of Owen Sound and Pricerille, the former presiding and preaching from acts 2:42, the latter addressing minister and people. In order to be in keeping with the usual style of newspaper correspondents, I should perhaps say that the sermon and addresses were eloquent and impressive or something of that kind, but one thing I can say that they were attentively listened

And there are things in connexion with the case which I have no doubt jou will deem of importarce, namely the happy circumstances under which the settlement took place. Mr. MacNeil "came, saw and conquered." It seems to have been a case of "love at first sight." The writer stood behind the newly inducted minister when passing through the ordeal of handshaking and from the expression in the peoples faces it was easy to see that the feeling toward him was very cordial; after all their tribulations there is good hope of Mount Forest and Woodland yet. From what we saw yesterday there seems to be life enough in them still to fight many a successful campaign against the "world the flesh and the Devil."
The regular quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held at St. Andrew's Charch there on Tuesday the fifteenth day of July. The business was chiefly of a routine character. Mr. Tawse of King formally took leave of the brethren in the Presbytery on the demission of his charge. Mr. Tawse expressed himself in very feeling terms which were reciprocated by the brethren present. A committee was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the high esteem entcrtained by the Presbytery towards Mr. Tawse and of their regret at losing his valuable services. The charge of King is now to be attached to that of west King under the pastoral care of the Rev. James Carmichael.
The Reports of Messrs. Laing, Johnson and Chambers, labouring as missionaries in New Lowell, Arthur, and Caledon and Mono respectively were read. They contained natter of a very interesting lind, and received the approbation of the Presbytery as indicating that these missionarics were doing a good work in their respective fields. A call in favour of the Rev. Donald Strachan was presented which Mr. Strachan declined on the ground that "the well understood conditions of call were not fuifilled."

On the 23rd July the Presbytery of London met at Lueknow for the purpose of ordaining the IRev. J. B. Taylor to the to.
congregation there. The Rev. W. T. Wilkins of Stratford delivered an impressive discourse on the occasion. Mr. Sieveright, of Goderich, and Mr. Gibson of Bayfieild, respectively addressed the pastor and people. The Town Hall in which the service was conducted was filled by a respectable and most atttentive audience. The settlement has been a harmonious and satisfatory one, and specially interesting as both the minister and the congregation are recent accessions to our church: We offer to both our sincere wishes for their continued happiness and prosperity. The congregation have a stone church in the course of erection which they hope to occupy this autumn. The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Mont. real was held on the first Tuesday of August. The attendance was not large; the business chiefly of a routine character. The report of the Presbytery's home mission committee was read and approved and arrangements made for holding the amnual missionary meetings in the course of the present month.

Educational. - As elsewhere announced the next sessiou of Quren's CoLlege at Kingston will begin on the first Wednesday of October, being the first day of the month. We are happy to have it in our power to say that the prospects of the College never were better than at the present time. Copies of the Calendar, giving fall information as to the course of studies, class fees, \&c., can be had on application to Professor Mowat.

The Rofal College of Pifyictans and Surgeons, in affliation with Queen's Univeasity, begins its winter session on the same day-1st of October. The teaching staff consists of eleven Professors. The Curriculum of this College is identical with all Colleges in Canada, as prescribeü by the Medical Council, and most of the practitioners who bave graduated here rank high in the Profession. Dr. Fife Fowler, the Registrar, will supply all needful information.

We further beg leare to direct attention to the advertisement of Mrs. Watson's Educational Institution, Bute House,

Montreal, where the classes commence on Thursday the fourth instant. We shall forward prospectuses to any parties whe may apply for them, and meanwhile confidently recommend this Institution to the notice of parents and guardians desirous of obtaining the highest educational advantages combined with the comforts of a refined home for the young poople entrusted to their care.

## THE FIRST CNION GUN.

We notice that to the Presbytery of St.Joun,N.B.,in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces belongs so far as we have learned the honour of having made the first move in the direction of Union siace the rising of the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches. We quote from the Presbyterian Advocate :-
"The question of Union as seat down "by the Synod in terms of the Barrier "Act was then considered, and the Sy"nod's deliverance read, It was moved " and agreed to unanimously that this " Presbytery cordially approves of the "Basis and Terms of Union proposed, " and as directed by. Syood, sends the "same down to Sessions and Congrega"tions, with instructions that returns be "sent to the Clerk of Presbytery on or " before the first day of December next-

Scotland.-The Rev. Malcolm C. Taylor, D.D., of Crathic, has been presented to the church and parish of Morningside, Edinburgh, vacant by the translation of Dr. Lang to the Barony parish, Glasgow. Dr McGregor, of the Tron Church, Edinburgh, has been presented by the Crown to the parish of St Cuthbert, vacant by the death of Rev. Dr. Paul. It is announced that Mr. James Baird, of Gartsherrie, the famous iron master, has given $\$ 2,500,000$ to the Charch of Scotland, to be administered by a body of Trustees, and used in strengthening the Church and in stimulating all her agencies to greater efforts. Specially in seeking to reclaim the lapsed by endowed territorial work. The "Rogers Testimonial,"
which has for its object the practical recognition of the many literary and patriotic laboars of the Rev. Charles Rogers, L.L.D., is giining in favour under the distiuguished patronage of the Earl of Mar. Few men, it is claimed, have done so much for the preservation of the memories of great Scotchmen. The Wallace monument would never have been erected but for him, and in very many other ways he has shown himself to be a disinterested patriot.

Ireland.-The Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian Church (the Rev. W. Johnstone) has just instituted a new society for the education of the sons and daughters of ministers and missionaries of the Presbyterian Church. More than $£ 6,000$ has been paid into the society. It is a $n \in \mathbb{W}$ and noble effort, decidedly traceable to the new spirit of liberality evoked by the disendorment of the Irish Churches.

England. - The most distinguished Anglican Bishop of modern times, SAMOEL Wilberforce, D.D., was killed by a fall from his horse on the 19th of July. A son of the no less distinguished Williay Wilberforce, he entered the ministry by the persuasion and to the joy of his father. A born orator, his power was soon fe!t, especially in the pulpit. This talent, together with the name he bore, led to rapid ceclesi:stical promotion. With promotion there were developed teadencies which ended in his becoming a high Churchman of the highest school. Yet his preaching was usually tinged with the " evangelical" views which he had received at home. As a preacher, Dr. Wilberforce had no equal in his Church. As a courtier he was on a par with the most brilliant of English nobles. The amount, the earnestness, and the efficiency of his episcopal labours, have scarcely a parallel in the history of any Church. The Church and the nation might have wished to bury him near his father in Westminster Abbey, but the Bishop himself had willed that he should rest by the side of his wife, in the quict churchyard of Larington, close to his lovely Susser bowe. And there they buried him.

## The Schemes.

The Presbyterian.-If our enteemed corresp, indent who has kindly sent us for insertion some good verses, entitled "The toils of a labouring man, in view of the Sabbath," will refer to our June number, he will find that expression has already been given to his ideas, in the beautiful poom headed "The Lord's Day." The following articles in hand are unavoidably left oier until nest month. John Knox, continuetion: "Costly and cheap Churches:" Jottings fronir Old Scotha: and an article in Gaelic. Whatever success has attended the The Presbyterian since it became the property of the Synod, is to be attributed mainly to the system began by us and continued hitherto, of treating with our publishers on the strictly case princtple. Will our kind patrons, to whom we lately addressed a modest circular, bear this in mind.

On the ground that the programmes of Presbytery's Home Missionary Meetings are of purely locai interest, and that our advertising columns are full, we beg to be escused from publishing such in our pages. But we cheerfully offer our services to have them printed separately und distributed along with the magazine to the parties interested, at cost price.

We hope to be able to publish the $\mathrm{Sy}^{-}$ nod's Remit on Union nest month:

Tee Freveli Mission.-In accordance with the instructions of the Sinod the committee have made arrangemints which they deem suitable and satiffactory for the stated supply of St. John's (French) Church, Montreal. Regular services were commenced on the first Sabbath of July: the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed: the poople have been visited from house to house, and the committce trust that they will be generously supported by every congregation of the Church. None should be deterred from lending a helping hand because they feel unable to sond a large contribution, and, let us not despise "the diy of small things."
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS FOR THE YFAR $18 \overbrace{}^{2}$.

The chief ralue of this report, will le found to consist in the information furnished respecting certain individual consregations who, with becoming respect for the instructions of the Supreme Court, supplied your Committee with their statistics, rather than as a correct index of the numerical working power of the whole Church, many of whose office bearers hare, notwithstanding repeated and respectfal representations, declined to furnish any data whaterer.

The figures contained in the preceding tables relate to 135 congregations, of which eighteen at this dato are vacant. Seven, not being sufficiently numerous to support a minister may be regarded as mission Stations, leaving 129 as the number of charges proper. An asterisk is placed opposite the names of those who did not supply the Committee with any information and the few particulars with which they are credited are taken from the most recent statistical reports.

## Ministers

There are at this date one hundred and elecen ministers in charges. In addition to these five are professors in the University of (Queen's College, Kingston, and eleven are on the list of retired ministers. There are chso mine ondained missionaries engaged in ministerial work, and four licentiates of whom three are engaged in teaching. During the year 1872 four names were removed from the Roll-two by death, one by change of residence and one by resignation of charge.

There were eight translations during the year, and only one ordination.

## ADHERENTS AND MEMBERS.

The total number of families under pastoral supervision is 11,608 . Estimating five members to each, our constitnency appears to consist of 58,040 indiviiduals. According to the last decemnial consus of the Dominion we ought to be able to account for at least 76000 in Ontario and Quebec. So that somewhere in there provinces there are no less than 18,000 shepherdless sheep that want looking after at our hande. In the same way and to a still larger extent the Comada Presbyterian church is credited by the cencus with 248,988 adherents while the convener of its committee, after diligent search, finds but 30,307 families equal to about 152,000 souls. A like dincrepancy is observable in the phbished statistics of other churches, hat, assuming that the census fairly represents the roportion of nominal adherents of the respective churches of the Dominion, we find the C. P. Church (including the Lower Provinces) creditel with 341.561 . In connection with the church of Scotland there are 107,259. Besides these there are 75,787 styled merely Presbyterians, and 19,112 helong to the Reformed Pregbyterian church. On the second day of April, 1871 the popolation of the Dominion was ascertained to be as follows:

| Ontario | 1,620,851 |
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| Quebee | 1,191,516 |
| New Brunswic | 285,59.1 |
| Sova Scotia | 387,800 |
| Tutal | 3,455,761 |

Of the entire population the Presbyterians number 544,988 , or $15 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the whole.

## Communicants.

The Committee have not sufficient data to estimate even approximately the number of Elders and other office bearers in the church, they are confident however, that the number of communicants now reported- 17042 -is rather under than over the actual number. The net increase during the year reported by 72 Kirk-sessions is 566 . The congregations in which the increase reached 20 and upwards are as follows:-Toronto, net increase, 48 : London, 39 ; St. Mark's, Montreal, 35 ; L'Orignal and Hawkesbury, 27 ; St. Gabriel's, Montreal, 25 ; Middleville and Dalhousie, 24 ; E. Nottawasaga, 21 , and Cornwall, 20. The changes arising from death and removals appear in such instances as Galt, where no less than forty were added to the communion roll and precisely the same number removed from it, and at Lindsay, where 25 were added and 20 removed.

## SABBATH SCIOOLS.

Nearly all the congregations of the church are reported as maintaining the Sabhath School in a greater or lesser degree of efficiency. And when no information has reached your committec on this head it has been taken for granted that " Union Sabbath Schools," have taken the place of congregational ones. The number of scholari is stated to be 10496, and of teachers 1127 , which is an increase of 1451 scholars and 129 teachers in three years. 1499 young persons are also receiving instruction in what are called "Bible Clases." $\$ 2426$, as we learn from these tables represents the yearly sum of our children's contributions in ffty-one, of these schools, being an average of $\$ 47.50$ to each. How much more the schools of non-reporting congregations gave we cannot tell. 18436 volumes are reported in our Sunday School Libraries.

## STIPEND.

The whole amount paid or promised to be paid to 110 ministers from all sources is $\$ 84855$, yielding an average of $\$ 771$ to each. The highest stipend named is $\$ 4,000$ per annum, the smallest $\$ 512$. The arrears, so far as they are reported amount to $\$ 2911$. Your Committee are of opinion that in the majority of country congregations one thousand dollars per annum with manse and glebe ought to be aimed at as the minimun stipend, and that.in no case should it be lers than $\$ 800$.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHEMES AND OTHER PURPOSES.
The entries made under these headings are good as regards the reporting congregations, but fail utterly and irremediably to convey an adequate idea of the total contributions of the Church. In so far as the schemes are concerned the aggregate of the contributions for the year have been ascertained from the respective Treasurers as follows :-

| The General Sustentation Fund | \$8043 00 |
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| 'The Widows' and Orphans' Fund | 242690 |
| The Bursary Fund. | 74800 |
| Manitoba Mission | 120342 |
| The French Mission | 83252 |
| The Juvenile Mission to India | 92000 |
| Total for 1872 | 141738 |

The amount contributed for Queen's College Endowment fund during the year appears to be only $\$ 4,178$. But according to the 'Treasurer's report
$\$ 838$ Geree received from 10th April 1872 to 10th April 1873．The gross amount received up to this date for this purpose is $\$ 100,323.43$ ．
The sum of $\$ 54,729$ paid＂for other purposes＂may be held to represent the year＇s expenditure by 74 congregations for building，maintaining，and repair－ ing church and ：anse and for purposes of benerolence which could not con－ veniently be otherwise specified．The gross expenditure $\$ 118,441$ ，comes from a like namber of congregations only．When divided by the number of communicants in these congrogations the average gearly contribution of each one is，as nearly as possible，$\$ 10.27$ ．This may be as much or more than our wont for every conceivable form of Curistian liborality．It may be more or less than others are giving for like purposes，bat，after all，is it not a paltry propor－ tion of our substance for Gor＇s service？It does not amount to one dollar a month！ It actally does not reach three cents per day．And this is from communi－ cants！

## Respectfully submitted by <br> THE CONVENER．

QUEENS UNTVERSITY AND COLLEGE． THE thisty－sccond Session will begin on thé first Wednesday（ $15 t$ ）of October next．Ma－ triculation Eraminations Fill commence the day after．Copies of the Calcndar，for Session 18i3－4，giring fall information as to conrse and subjects of study，scholarships，\＆c．mey be obtained on application to the Registrar，Pro－ fessor Mowat．The Registrar wilk also attend to appplicetions for Endowment ncminations to the privilege of free attendance．

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Sermons on the subject of Missions will be preached on the lath of Sept., in the conntry districts in the following order, and a collection on behalt of the Prestyterys Home Mission Scheme will be taken at each dict of worship, as well as at the Missionary Mectings following :-




Deputation: Rev. D. Rose (Dundee). Rev. R. Campbell, Rev. J. McDonald, and J. Browning, Esq.

Provision will be made in due time for holding meetings at Lachine and Chatbam and Grenvilht, as well as in the city.

## City Supply.



During the past year the Prestytery have enjoyed the services of missionaries thronghont the whole twelve months, instead of only six months as in several former years; and consequently a much larger sum than usual has been required to keep their missionary operation allott. But the Presbytery's Committee proceeded in faith, rejoicing that they could count upon the services of such men as Mr. Laing, Mr. McNeil, and Mr. Devey, and believing that the Christian congregations of the Presbytery would sustain them in any legitimate efforts they made to supply old stations with ordinances or to enter upou new ones. They hope to continut their endeavors to some extent throughont the approaching winter. By the end of September at least $\$ 500$ will be required to meet the Presbytery's liabilities; and the several congregations: within the bounds are urged to increased liberality, in view of the enlarged expenditure involved in the eftorts of the present year.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, Convener.

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STRAY LEAVES FROM SCOTCH AND ENGLISH HISTORY，with the Life of Sir Willian Wallace．By the Rev．Charles Gor－ don Glass，A．M．Price $\$ 2$ ．To be had of John Lovell，publisher， 23 and 25 St ．Nicholas Street， Montreal，and Agents．

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