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STATISTICAL HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

	1840	1845	1850	1855	1860	1865
Synods	12	13	14	15	16	17
Presbyteries	285	295	305	315	325	335
Ministries	1,200	1,250	1,300	1,350	1,400	1,450
Licentiate	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,000
Candidates	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500
Churches	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,300
Add on Examination	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,700
Add on Certificate	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500
Communicants	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,000
Adult baptisms	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500
Infant baptisms	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,700
Gen. Ass. Fund	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$140,000	\$160,000	\$180,000	\$200,000
Home Missions	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$100,000
Foreign Missions	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000
Education	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
Publication	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$21,000	\$24,000	\$27,000	\$30,000
Ministerial Relief	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Congregational Endowments	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000

We have taken the pains to collect in the above tables, the entire statistical history of our Church from its beginning. The contents made to the Fifteenth Assembly and each of course, covers a period of three years. Only since 1858, with the single exception of the very first year, 1859, has there been an attempt to report the benevolent activity of the denomination. The statistics for 1840 and 1845 are exceedingly defective, covering neither licentiates, candidates, baptisms, nor contributions. The first three reports make no mention of the Synods. In those days, the idea of a separate existence for our Church was seriously criticized by our forefathers. And it was only with the awakening of the denominational consciousness, some twenty to thirty years afterwards, that we felt impelled to take and to put on record, a definite account of our doings as a Church.

Comparing the first and the last years of this report, we have the following tabular statement:

	1840	1867	Increase
Synods	12	17	57%
Presbyteries	285	335	17%
Ministries	1,200	1,450	21%
Licentiates	1,500	2,000	33%
Candidates	1,000	1,500	50%
Churches	1,800	2,300	28%
Add on Examination	1,200	1,700	42%
Add on Certificate	1,000	1,500	50%
Communicants	1,500	2,000	33%
Adult baptisms	1,000	1,500	50%
Infant baptisms	1,200	1,700	42%
Gen. Ass. Fund	\$100,000	\$200,000	100%
Home Missions	\$50,000	\$100,000	100%
Foreign Missions	\$20,000	\$45,000	125%
H. and F. Miss.	\$30,000	\$55,000	83%
Education	\$30,000	\$55,000	83%

From which it appears that we have, in 28 years, gained 27 per cent. in Presbyteries, 89 per cent. in ministries, 94 per cent. in licentiates, 75 per cent. in candidates, nearly 22 per cent. in churches, 184 per cent. in additions on examination, 58 per cent. in additions on certificate, over 50 per cent. in total membership, 200 per cent. in adult baptisms, more than 81 per cent. in General Assembly's Fund, 406 per cent. in contributions, to Home and Foreign Missions, 226 per cent. in those of education, there being a decline of less than one per cent. in infant baptisms.

From the first table it will be seen that these handsome gains have been made, mainly, in the last four years, and that the year just closed, eminent as it was among the chronicles of our whole history, is, in some important particulars, exceeded by some of the earlier years. We have no more Synods now than we had in 1853; and only three more Presbyteries than in 1846. We have three Synods and eleven Presbyteries less than in 1858, before the secession of 1857 was noted on our minutes. In the number of ministers the advance is very decided; we have now many more than we ever had before; four hundred and forty more than in 1846. But the number of our reported licentiates is forty-six less than that year. There have been only seven years before, when so few licentiates were reported; they were down as low as, 94, in 1856, less than one to each Presbytery. The greatest number of licentiates was reported, in the midst of the war in 1863, one hundred and sixty-two—partly the fruits of the revivals of '58 and '59, when an unprecedented number of candidates for the ministry (370) were put upon our rolls. The next best year for licentiates was in 1846, when they numbered 151.

The number of candidates for the ministry for this year (273) has been exceeded in four consecutive reports, which covers the period of the revival of 1858, leaving out

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FROM CHICAGO, CORRESPONDENT.

The recent death of Wm. H. Brown, Esq. of this city, at Amersdam, Holland, has excited universal regret. No man among our citizens was more widely known or more universally esteemed and honored. Our city has been bereft of a man whose name would be respected in the highest circles of the Union, and in the highest circles of the world.

Mr. Brown was born in this city on the 12th of May, 1812. He was admitted to the Union in 1838. He was soon employed in public affairs, and in this capacity he met the late General Harrison. It was in 1840 that he was elected to the office of Secretary of the State of Ohio. He was re-elected in 1844, and again in 1848. He was one of the most distinguished statesmen of the day.

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FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN MEXICO.

The late Rev. Mr. Hickey, agent of the American Bible Society in Mexico, organized this Protestant Church in Mexico, in Monterey. That church now numbers about thirty converted Mexicans, who worship in a private house. It is a house of about one hundred and fifty square feet, and is situated in a street of the city. The Rev. Mr. Hickey has been in Mexico for some years, and has done much for the Christianization of the people.

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