

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE

OF

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The Board of Directors have much pleasure in rendering to the constituency of the Congregational College the following account of its affairs for the academic year 1861-2. Referring first to their own body, the Board have to lament that shortly after the last Annual Meeting they were deprived, by death, of the services of Peter Freeland, Esq., a long-trying and liberal friend of the institution.

In the last Report it was stated, that at the time of the Annual Meeting for 1861, it was uncertain how many of the students who had completed the term of four years, for which they were admitted, would return for the fifth session which has since been added to the course. Of the five gentlemen thus referred to, four felt it their duty to engage at once in ministerial labour, Mr. R. Burchill having become the Missionary of the Canada Indian Missionary Society; Mr. Robert Brown having accepted a call to the Pastorate of the Churches in Garafraxa and Erin, and Mr. John Brown that of the Church in Eramosa; while Mr. John R. Kean is labouring at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Mr. G. Strassenburgh, therefore, alone returned for the fifth year. A special course was arranged for him, including attendance on some classes in University College.

At the beginning of the new session a communication was received from Mr. B. W. Day, stating that the condition of his health continued such as to unfit him for the sedentary life of a student, and asking the consent of the Board to his withdrawal from the College. To this request the Directors felt constrained to accede, though deeply regretting, with the writer, that he was unable to complete