

ANNUAL REPORT, 1900.

Your Directors would report another year of active effort and advancement.

The Rev. J. P. Gerrie, B.A., having withdrawn his resignation (made at the last annual meeting) of the position of Editor, and again resumed that position, a marked improvement has taken place, Mr. Gerrie giving his whole time and attention to *The Congregationalist*.

This was not done without much sacrifice, both on Mr. Gerrie's part and that of Broadview Avenue Church, which gave up its pastor to this broader and more general work.

Thanks are due to the churches and friends who so generously responded to the appeals made to create an Editorial Guarantee Fund, the result of which is made known in the financial statement herewith presented. Your Directors again earnestly plead with the churches and brethren for a hearty response and support to enable them to continue what has been done and to still further go forward.

The YEAR-BOOK has been issued, in the same style and at the same price as formerly, presenting somewhat more than the ordinary number of illustrations. It contains eleven excellent portraits of ministers and official brethren, and a double-page view of one of our churches. We are sorry to report, however, that a considerable number of the churches have failed to order parcels of the YEAR-BOOK. Fifty-eight churches have sent orders; though seven of these were only for two copies each. Over forty churches have sent no orders for parcels, though individual members may have obtained single copies. Only about seven hundred copies have been sold. Will not every Pastor and Deacon see that *somebody* gets subscribers for the YEAR-BOOK, which is furnished at one-half the actual cost of printing?

By an oversight at the last meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, no appropriation was made for printing in the YEAR-BOOK the minutes of the former year; hence a temporary large balance in the accounts, in favor of the Treasurer.