

PREFACE TO VOL. V.

THE CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK is intended to be an Annual Register of the operations of the denomination whose name it bears, first and chiefly in regard to our own country, but also of our Churches and religious institutions in other parts of the world. Though comparatively few and feeble in Canada, it will be seen by reference to the statistical, and other information here presented, that both in Great Britain and the United States the Congregational Churches take rank with the foremost religious bodies of the land. This fact ought to encourage us in the prosecution of our work, and in the maintenance of the principles for which the denomination has ever contended. We trust our readers will make themselves familiar with the facts collated.

For the convenience of those wishing to refer to them, the statistical tables of the Congregational Churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been inserted alongside of those of Ontario and Quebec, instead of in a separate part of the volume as before. We have thus the statistics of the whole of our Canadian Churches placed before us in one view. We regret that by a mistake of the printer, table No. 2 of Ontario and Quebec has been placed before No. 1, but the error is of no consequence, as it will be at once discovered. The YEAR BOOK has been delayed somewhat in consequence of the non-receipt of some of the documents inserted, several of them not having reached the Editor till the 10th October.

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