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## SECOND REPORT

*of the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union,  
presented at the Second Annual Meeting held at Beamsville,  
5th June, 1845.*

Your Committee exceedingly regret that, in presenting their Second Annual Report, they should be under the disagreeable necessity of commencing with an apology for not being prepared with a more perfect document, and one whose features would more correspondent to the importance of the objects contemplated by the institution of this Society. The reasons for this deficiency are twofold: they proceed, to some extent, from inattention on the part of the individual member of the Committee united with the preparation of the Report; but, principally, from the supineness of the churches in not following out the requisition of the Union by forwarding to the Committee statistical and other information. In only one instance have the Minutes of an Association been forwarded to your Committee, and in scarcely less than a half of the letters received from individual churches has any statistical information been given. Of course it cannot be expected that a Committee will be in a position to furnish general information, unless the members of the Union themselves supply the means, by each forwarding to the proper officer the details of its own case. As any attempt under these circumstances to give statistical information would result in a failure, your Committee will waive it altogether on the present occasion, especially as from the late period at which it devolved upon another member of Committee to prepare this report, it would be impossible to overtake any arrangements of statistical details whatever. It may just be observed that, whereas at the commencement of the Union sixteen was the number of churches composing it, the number now amounts to thirty-eight.

At the last Annual Meeting certain duties were imposed upon your Committee. They will now endeavour to detail in that manner these duties have been performed.

In compliance with the first and fourth Resolutions, your Committee had the Report, and the Sermon which was preached by the Rev. F. Bosworth printed, first in the *Register*, and subsequently in the form of a pamphlet. There is reason to believe that some of the objectors to the Union, to whom notice was made in the former Report, have read the pamphlet with advantage; and, so far as your Committee are concerned, its general effects have been beneficial in spreading a better understanding of our principles. It was as extensively