

THIRD REPORT

*Of the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union
presented at the third Annual Meeting of the body, held at
Paris, C. W., June 25, 1846.*

In presenting their third Annual Report, your Committee while they feel themselves fully competent to give an account of the proceedings of the Union during the past year, are constrained to acknowledge their inability to obtain, and therefore to make public, such full and correct statistical information respecting the Baptist denomination throughout the Province as they could have wished. They beg to state that this deficiency in their Report is owing not so much to any diminution of zeal on their part, as to the want of that co-operation which they had hoped would have been gladly rendered by the Churches, Associations, and Corresponding Committees of the denomination at large. No statistical returns have been forwarded to your Committee throughout the past year. No communication has been received from the Secretaries of any of the Corresponding Committees. The sources of information have therefore been closed, and one design which the Union has in view, has been frustrated. Although this is sufficiently discouraging, your Committee do not despond of ultimate success. The number of churches composing the Union at the last Annual Meeting was twenty-eight, it is now thirty, while the interest felt in the body, and the influence exerted by it, are constantly on the increase.

Our duty, however, is not so much to find fault with others or even to dwell at length upon the prospects of the Union, as to give an account of our stewardship since appointed to the responsibilities of office. It became our duty after the Annual Meeting of last year to put into execution many plans and resolutions decided upon on that occasion. To show in what manner these duties have been performed is now incumbent upon us. This we proceed to do.

According to the first resolution of the last Annual Meeting your Committee published the Report then received from Cramp's Sermon, Mr. Fyfe's Address, and other documents in the *Register*: 150 copies of which were printed extra, and these, a copy was sent to every Member of the Provincial Parliament. In addition to this, the Report was printed in pamphlet form and circulated throughout the Province. Your Committee feel assured that the distribution of that Report has tended much to advance the cause of truth and union.

In compliance with the third and eighteenth resolutions of the last meeting, your Committee, through the Secretary, opened a correspondence with the Baptist Union and the State Church Association in the mother country. From the latter bodies no answer has yet been received.

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