

AN ABBREVIATION OF REPORT OF STATISTICAL  
SECRETARY UNION OF N. S. AND NEW  
BRUNSWICK.

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There are laboring in the churches at the present time, 11 pastors, 1 ordained supply, and 1 student ; also 1 evangelist. Two pastors have resigned during the year, one having accepted a pastorate in Ontario, and one in Cape Breton. Rev. J. Bleasdel has accepted a call to the Church at Economy, recently vacated by the Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A., Pleasant River. Mr. Bleasdel's former charge is still without a pastor. One of our pastors was ordained 32 years ago, one has been in the ministry 43 years, and another 25 years ; all the other pastors were more recently settled for ministerial work. None have been in their present stations on their last appointments for more than five years ; two have resumed previous pastorates ; six of the present pastors and supplies have received instruction in our own college ; two at English institutions, one at Queen's College, Kingston ; one at Darmouth, N. H., and one at Bangor, Maine, U. S. The pastors and supplies labor in 19 stations, apart from their churches, and preach at 32 places on the Lord's Day, to an average number of hearers, at all stations of 2,095 persons.

All the churches report 3,081 persons as being under their pastoral care ; but the number of Congregationalists in the two Provinces is reported as being 3,531 ; 69 persons have been admitted into churches by profession, and 8 by letter. Death has taken away 27 ; and 20 have been dismissed to other churches. The membership of the churches in the Union is 1,229, but in both Provinces, including Milltown, N. B., 1,362. although there is a slight decrease in membership at the end of the statistical year, the number of admissions at the following communion would more than compensate for our previous losses.

Admissions on profession last year were 97, but this year 49 ; some reports being tardy, the exact numbers could not be given.

There is a Sabbath School in every church, and in some cases more than one, with a total of 140 officers and teachers, and 1,052 scholars on the rolls, while the average attendance is 807. Twelve churches have C. E. Societies with a total membership of 428.