

the bonds of society must soon be dissolved, and the diverse and discordant elements contend in licentiousness and death.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of one of your beloved Ministers, the Rev. Jonathan Gladwin. We rejoice in the conviction that he is now reaping the reward of his fidelity and toil, as well as in the mercy of God in removing no other from our ranks. For a more particular account of our deceased and lamented brother, we refer you to his obituary contained in the Minutes of the Conference.

From a comparison of the returns of the present with those of last year, we perceive that we have sustained a small decrease of 125. While we regret that there is any diminution in our numbers, we are thankful, considering the embarrassing events which have occurred in the civil affairs of the Province, that it is no greater.

The statistical items which we have furnished will sufficiently account for our small numerical loss, and at the same time evince the paternal regard and blessing with which our heavenly Father has distinguished us. That our beloved Zion has so happily surmounted the obstacles and escaped the injuries of the past year; that the Spirit of God has been so graciously and largely shed upon many places; and that so many have been added to occupy the ranks of the unfaithful, or of the redeemed from among men, are facts which should awaken in all our hearts the deepest emotions of gratitude, and elicit suitable expressions of thanksgiving and praise.

In referring to the Upper Canada Academy, we feel that we have peculiar cause of gratitude and encouragement. The remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit with which God has graciously visited this Institution during the past year, and the facilities which it affords for the acquisition of sound and useful learning on Christian principles, and upon more moderate terms than any similar Institution with which we are acquainted, demand our warm recommendation of its interests to the cordial support of all our Societies. God has placed upon it the impress of his approval, and

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