

church of 104 members not counted in, the loss is only 206. Including the church whose membership is not counted (and I take for it the return of 1891, which is 15 less than the one for 1889), the real loss is only 102 instead of either 728 or 950. In the eight years which I have chosen to illustrate the growth of Baptists in church membership in the two Provinces, six of the YEAR BOOKS present summary tables and aggregates. Of these only one is within 100 of correct figures, and it is the only one in excess; three are under the correct totals by more than 1,000 but less than 1,400; a fifth is under by nearly 3,000; and a sixth is under by 3,400.

It is not pleasant to make these exposures, but having discovered the errors in the course of an examination of the records, which I was compelled to make for the writing of this paper, I could not pass them over in silence. And in calling public attention to them I feel that I have discharged an obligation to my conscience, if not to this Convention or its officers.

The one redeeming feature of the statistics of the YEAR BOOKS is, that the membership of the churches is given by detail each year, so that whoever possesses the plodding patience may work out the totals for himself. This is what I have been obliged to do; but as in some instances a church has not made a return of its membership for a year I have used the figures of the preceding or the following year to complete the list. I have also included in the aggregates the returns of churches connected with the Grande Ligne Mission, which are not, as I understand, identified with the Convention. In the following table, then, is presented, as thus compiled, the number of Baptist churches and the number of members in them, in Ontario and Quebec respectively and collectively, for the years 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885 and 1890:

YEAR.	NO. OF CHURCHES.			NO. OF CHURCHES.		
	Ontario.	Quebec.	Totals.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Totals.
1870.....	273	39	312	15,984	1,854	17,838
1875.....	313	35	348	21,050	1,956	23,006
1880.....	340	33	373	27,392	2,336	29,728
1885.....	340	31	371	26,615	2,097	28,712
1890.....	378	30	408	32,263	2,358	34,621

In this period of twenty years the Baptist churches in Ontario increased by 105, while those of Quebec decreased by nine, the increase in both provinces being 96. The increase in the number of members was in Ontario 16,279, and in Quebec 504, being at the rate nearly of 102 per cent. in the former and of 27 in the latter. The growth in members was also almost uniformly continuous for each of the periods, but one, in Ontario, being in the first five years 5,066, in the second 6,342, and in the fourth 5,648. In the third period, however, there was a

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Montreal.....
Ottawa.....
Owen Sound.....
Paisley.....
Paris.....
Peterboro.....
Port Hope.....
St. Catharines.....
St. George.....
St. Thomas.....
Stratford.....
Simcoe.....
Sarnia.....
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Thurso (Que.).....
Tiverton.....
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