

## CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING CO., OF TORONTO.

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The Board of Directors beg to report that the YEAR BOOK continues to fill its place as a repository of the doings of the churches. With the deliberate opinion of the Union, often expressed, of the value and indispensable usefulness of the YEAR BOOK, the Directors would urge upon the churches a larger circulation of the volume. There is no possibility of furnishing the YEAR BOOK free—nor would it be as much valued if it cost nothing.

Thanks are expressed for the co-operation of the various Societies and the College, in the matter of making up a fund for Editorial expenses and services on the *Congregationalist*.

There are a number of new Brethren in the Union who are not shareholders in the Publishing Company, who could, by taking stock, put the Company on a better basis: as well as by assisting in the ever-present opportunity of increasing the circulation of our paper.

The *Congregationalist and Canadian Independent* is still striving to fill its place as a medium of communication between the churches. During the past year, it was for two months under the Editorial charge of the Secretary; and later, for a short time, conducted by Rev. J. A. C. McCuaig; and for a further term conducted by the President. After an interregnum of some months thus variously provided for, Rev. J. P. Gerrie was again prevailed upon to re-assume the Editorship of the paper—which, under improved conditions and surroundings, and with the help and co-operation of the different Associations and Societies—has greatly increased in interest and value.

The Accounts of the year are herewith presented. All which are respectively submitted.

W. W. SMITH,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

St. Catharines, 3rd June, 1898.