

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES

give a good account of themselves so far as heard from:—

The number reporting in Ontario and Quebec is 47 Societies.

Active members.....1,317

Associate " 442

Total.....1,759

Increase during the year in accounts and assets, \$298; amount raised, \$767, and 133 joined the Church from the Societies during the year.

So that more than one-half the numbers who joined the Church by profession during the past year, were from the S. S. and C. E.

It is worthy of note that 36 out of 47 Societies reporting, show an increase in membership; nine remain the same, and only two mention a decrease, which is a very encouraging feature of the Endeavor field.

As I have no former list of S. S. and C. E.'s to guide me, I cannot tell what proportion have filled out the blanks. I sent blanks to all churches, and took for granted that each had a S. S. and C. E.; and I submit the above, regretting that it could not be made more satisfactory. At the same time I trust that the report may not be entirely without interest. Some of the churches need to read *again and again*, the "kindly and serious" advice of the former Statistical Secretary (see YEAR BOOK, 1895-96), and until they heed his exhortation they shall have to bear a good portion of the blame for any incompleteness in the returns.

Respectfully submitted,

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