


## PREFACE.

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WE do not attempt any pleasantry on the fact of this being the twenty-first volume of the YEAR BOOK, as if, forsooth, it were of age and maturity—for there is always something more to attain. But, thankful to the Giver of all good for mercies in the past, we invite a careful perusal of our pages, and an ever-deepening interest in the work of the churches, the College, and all the associated charities. The Christian Endeavor comes in this year for the first time in our statistics. We asked, last year, for the names of Church Secretaries: we have only obtained a few of them; but we have this year the names (with a few exceptions) of the S. S. Superintendents. This is an advance; but we still want the other.

The paper, type, and general "make up" of the book will commend themselves to the churches. The engravings are improving and will become, year by year, an attractive department of the book. We leave this issue to the favorable attention of all the Congregational churches of the Dominion.

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