

It was resolved on report of the Business Committee, "That in reply to the letter from the church at Hamilton, the Secretary be instructed to state that the action of the Union last year in reference to the 'Simcoe case,' was not founded upon the result of the *ex parte* council."

Resolved, "That the unfinished business of last annual meeting still lie on the table."

Resolved, "That the Union adjourn to meet in Zion Church, Montreal, on the 2nd Wednesday in June 1860."

After a short address by the Chairman on the happy feeling that had pervaded the meeting, the members separated after singing the hymn beginning "May the grace of Christ our Saviour," and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lillie.

EDWARD EBBS, *Secretary*.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS,--1858-9.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

There are altogether, so far as known, 82 churches. The returns from 75 have been embodied in the statistical table.

The Secretary would here record his gratitude to the brethren generally, for their prompt and full returns, and would venture to hope that in this good work they may yet attain even to perfection.

No estimate of the statistics of unreported churches has been added, as in previous tables, to the actual returns.

MEMBERSHIP.

Seventy-five churches report on their roll, May 3rd, 3,435 members; of whom 1,368 are males, and 2,067 females. During the year, 38 have been removed by death, 131 have received regular dismission by letter, 9 have withdrawn without church action, and 40 have been removed by discipline. Total removals, 218.

The additions reported are, 191 by letters of transfer, and 355 by profession; in all 546. Twelve reports show a decrease of 55 in the aggregate; eleven reports show no change, the removals and additions being equal; while forty-four report an aggregate increase of 384. The net increase according to the returns is 329.

Seven new churches have been formed, including one reorganization.

MINISTERS.

Again we are permitted to report that death has made no breach upon our staff of ministerial labourers. But three have resigned their charges, with impaired health, and are seeking its renewal by temporary cessation from labour. A fourth has been entirely disabled by sickness, throughout the year, though he retains his pastoral charge. One of these brethren is about to leave our northern clime for the coast of Africa, in hope of thereby regaining physical vigor.

Three graduates of our Theological Institute—two of last year's classes, and one of the present—have entered spheres of pastoral ministry. Another graduate, who for a time labored in New-York State, has returned to this Province, and gathered a new church.

Three ministers have entered the field from Great Britain, and are in pastoral charges.

Thirteen ministerial settlements have taken place during the year now expiring.

The following table, it is believed, includes all the Congregational Ministers of Canada.

Pastors, or stated supplies	55
Professors, Tutors, or otherwise in Educational departments....	5
Agents of Missionary or other Religious Societies	3
Without charge	8