

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following amounts have been received for the Society during the month of October :

Milton, N. S., Ladies' H. M. S., \$4 ; J. T., interest G. R. M. F., \$51 ; Miss Mary L. Ball, Lenoxville, Que., \$25 ; Paris, Ont., \$37.30 ; Granby, Que., \$37.65 ; C. C. Woman's Board, \$43 ; J. H. C. G., interest G. R. M. F., \$41.20 ; Beach Meadows, Ladies' H. M. S., \$'0.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,
Treasurer.

Kingston, Oct. 31st, 1891.

Review.

THE CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK 1891-92.

Once more we eagerly scan the pages of a new Year Book in search for our name. And be it known, to all whom it may concern, that if same has been left out, or if "our church" has not received justice in every department of the book, the editor shall hear about it ; and the wretchedly bad writing in which we gave him information will not be taken as excuse for the blunders ; nor will our neglect to furnish data reconcile us to the omission. It's a personal matter between the editor and ourselves—and the Year Book.

While thus in quest of the signal of peace we note that the "Nineteenth Volume of the Year Book," just to hand, is "not inferior to its predecessors" either in material, workmanship or matter.

The church map of Ontario, which proved so handy and valuable an addition to last year's book, is followed, in the present issue, by a map showing the localities of churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

"Postal Information," as part of a Congregational Year Book, starts a train of deep and serious thought. There can be little doubt but that the intention, in its insertion, is to reprove many pastors and secretaries of churches for their carelessness in not replying to communications pertaining church interests ; a carelessness tantamount, in appearance at least, to discourtesy. "Letters addressed to places in Canada and United States, 3 cents per ounce, or fraction thereof." "Drop letters where there is free delivery by carriers, 2 cents per ounce." "Post cards for Canada and the United States, once cent each."

To many readers of our official record much interest will centre in the tables of statistics. Within the past year seven churches have been dropped from the list of churches in Canada—Brockville, Bolton, Owen Sound, Saugeen (Indian), Whitby,

Belle Riviere and Quebec ; two have been added—Concord and Toronto Junction (with these might be mentioned the Maple Street church, Winnipeg, though not yet included in the tables). The combined membership of all Canadian Congregational churches shows a net increase of about four hundred and fifty souls. The Concord church, Toronto, reports the greatest numbers of accessions by profession—ninety-two.

Among the "District Associations" appears for the first time the "Toronto Association." This Society was organized in the City of Toronto, Oct. 13th, 1890 ; its objects being "to aid the weaker churches, and encourage the organization of new causes in suitable localities in the city and neighborhood, and to promote the social and spiritual welfare of the Congregational churches of Toronto." Membership, personal. Meetings, monthly.

Resignations and Installations, pages 47 and 48, preach us an original sermon on "Itinerancy." A sermon that ought to suggest to some churches to make themselves more solid with their pastors.

As usual, Minutes of Unions and Denominational Societies comprise a great part of the current number. These give, in comprehensive form, through reports and resolutions, a synopsis of the work done during the twelve months gone. We would suggest, as a matter of typographical detail simply, and because we don't see anything else that we can conveniently grumble about, that in future editions, "headings" in "black-faced" type be given to the various items dealt with in reports and minutes. For reference, something that will catch the eye is needed.

Altogether, the editor presents the churches with an interesting and well pruned record of Congregationalism in Canada. What it lacks of being complete, so far as statistics go, is largely due to the failure of churches to respond to the frequent and urgent appeal for facts and figures.

J. A. C. McCUAIG.

Toronto, Nov. 13th, 1891.

THE resolution of the Directors of the London Missionary Society to add, within the next four years, one hundred missionaries, male and female, to the existing staff of the Society's agents, is the most important step which has been taken by the Board for many years. It means, if successfully carried out, the increase of the staff from 200 to 300—i.e., the addition of fully half as many again as are now at work. It involves an increase in the Society's expenditure of not less than \$25,000 per annum, and it pledges the Society to a policy of large extension, in the face of the experience that the annual income is not yet sufficient, even with the aid of legacies and occasional special efforts, to meet the liabilities already incurred.—*Christian.*