


PREFACE.

N this twenty-second issue of the YEAR BOOK, we present for the first time the names of Secretaries of churches, in addition to the names of Superintendents of Sunday Schools. If we could manage in some way to get more in touch with the Societies of Christian Endeavor belonging to our various churches, we should be pleased: but the fact of the officers being elected for only six months, has been a difficulty. As it is, the Societies are not assisted by anything in the YEAR BOOK, to correspond with each other. The names of Junior Endeavor Superintendents (who are more permanent), could be annually furnished; and the Societies might appoint an Honorary Secretary year by year, whose name might be reported, and who could be a means of communication for the public and other Societies.

Our denominational statistics are more than ordinarily full this year—an indication of skill and perseverance on the part of the Statistical Secretary, and of a better appreciation of the value of full and prompt returns on the part of the churches. A remodelling of the tables during the year by the Statistical Secretary—which he is authorized to do—will doubtless bring out some particulars more clearly in future.

And only one word more:—Will office-bearers in the churches take more interest in the circulation of the YEAR BOOK? Its value depends upon its being read, and it is worth reading! Don't ask a man to give 15c. for a YEAR BOOK; but ask him to give you a dollar, to supply each household with a copy! Some churches ordered none last year—the minister perhaps paid for one.

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