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Thirty years have passed away since the then existing Canada Education and Home Missionary Society, introduced a Congregational Minister into Canada. At the time, the few Congregationalists in the country acted through that Society, which was not denominational. The Minister introduced was the Rev. A. J. Parker, still remaining where he began, at Danville, Shipton, C. E. This was the true commencement of the missionary movement, the progress of which it is the province of these Annual Reports to record and make known. For, although there existed a Congregational Church in Quebec at the close of the last century, which continued as such until about 1829; and there were Churches at Stanstead, at Potton and at Phillipsburg earlier than the coming of Mr. Parker,—yet that brother may be fairly considered as the pioneer of the Congregational Missionary movement in Canada. Twenty-three years since, the Colonial Missionary Society, at that time formed in connexion with the Congregational Union of England and Wales, took up Canada as its first field of operations, and has ever since contributed largely to the progress of the work. Then there were only nine feeble Churches of our denomination in both sections of the now united Province: at the date of this Report, there are 82; some of them large and of great efficiency, and others of them growing into strength. Nineteen years have elapsed since the brotherhood in the Western Province formed themselves into a Home Missionary Society, that they might co-operate in this work; and thirteen years ago the Eastern brotherhood dropped the Canada Education and Home Missionary Society, and formed themselves into a distinctively Congregational Society. For the last six years, however, we have been fused into one organization, and have worked with unbroken harmony and much happiness in this Society, whose sixth anniversary has now arrived.