

supplied its quota of material. The printed Minutes of Synod, from 1831 to the present time; A Digest of the Minutes of Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Alexander F. Kemp, together with the Minutes of the United Synod of Upper Canada from 1831 until their union with us in 1840, have all been carefully examined, as well as the 20 volumes of the Presbyterian, commencing with 1848. In addition to these sources of information, the older records of all the Presbyteries have been examined and placed under contribution. While every precaution that seemed possible was taken to ensure correctness of detail, it is more than likely that some slight inaccuracies may have crept in. The writer will esteem it a kindness if parties observing such will furnish him with the corrections for a second edition, which is sure to be required.

To avoid repetition, figures in brackets have been introduced which indicate the numbers of the Congregations in connection with which additional particulars are to be obtained. The Alphabetical List at the close, supplies, so far as is known to the writer, the names of all who have been Ministers of the Church during the last 100 years; their nationality; the dates of ordination; the charges in which they officiated, and the Universities at which they were educated. If additional names or dates occur to any reader I hope to be informed of them.

It is regretted that from want of full information, the Churches in the Maritime Provinces are not included in this Report; it is intended, however, to publish some account of them in separate form hereafter.

It only remains for me here to express my devout acknowledgments to a kind Providence that permitted not the slightest accident to befall me in all my journeyings.

But for one event I should look back upon the time spent in this work with unmingled pleasure. That event was the death of him who, I may say it without disrespect to any other, was at once the originator and the principal promoter of a plan for furthering the interests of the Church of which he had long been a useful, active, and consistent member, and at the same time a most liberal supporter. He, who of all others was most sanguine as to the results of the Agency, only saw the work begun. I shall never forget the date of my visit to Ottawa, for there this heart-rending telegram reached me, "Montreal, 23rd March 1867, MR. GREENSHIELDS died this morning."

The necessity for re-writing the whole of the historical portion of the Report, added to the time required for authenticating the statements contained in it, have delayed its publication until now.

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