

PREFACE TO VOL. III.

DELAYS, for which the Editor is not responsible, have prevented the issue of this volume as early as was anticipated. It will, nevertheless, be found full of information of interest to the Churches. The Historical Sketch of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, for which we are indebted to the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, is a document which will be of permanent value in after years. The Calendar has been made more complete, as an ecclesiastical and ministerial register of events and occurrences among us in Canada. The operations of our great Religious Societies, both British and American, are more fully presented. The Official Lists, and the names of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of the Dominion, which have been brought together into one place, will be found useful for reference. We hope to make it still more complete in the future. The Statistical Tables of the Churches of Ontario and Quebec, which cover only the *Calendar* year of 1874, present, on that account, apparent discrepancies, as compared with the Report of the Missionary Society, which covers the *Ecclesiastical* year; but this will be easily borne in mind. It will not occur again, the rule of the Union, with regard to such returns, having been changed at its last meeting. The YEAR BOOK being the only form in which the Reports of most of our Societies are to be published, we trust the Churches will give it a wide circulation.

We regret a slight inaccuracy in the Official List of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, on page 8. The Committee will be found to be correctly given on page 41.