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STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, for the year ending May 8th, 1895.

DEAR BRETHREN:

It is a source of deep regret to me that I am unable to be present at the Union to present this Report, as it would afford an opportunity of making comment and explanation here and there, which may be necessary to a right understanding of the same.

However, I send you herewith a report which I had considerable difficulty in preparing, owing to incomplete returns; and even now I shall not attempt to give more than a general view of our work, and for further details shall refer you to our next Year Book.

This is the first year the Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor statistics have been combined with those of the churches, which furnishes another reason why the brethren should look with leniency upon my maiden efforts in this line, should the report not seem up to the mark in all respects.

I find ninety-four churches on the roll, but of these six at least are dead, leaving eighty-eight, from which the Secretary should have received returns; but several have failed to respond to the request for information.

A greater number of churches are without pastors than was the case a year ago; and pastors and supplies now number about sixty-three. So many changes have taken place recently that I have been unable to secure information up to date respecting them, but it would seem that some twelve or fifteen churches are without settled pastors, and it is to be hoped that this condition of affairs shall not long continue.

There have been many changes during the year; and amongst those who have gone from us to other lands, W. S. Pritchard, Geo. Fuller, S. L. Mitchell, and others.

Those who have removed to other fields are:—D. C. McIntosh, W. J. Hindley, A. W. Richardson; R. Hopkin, Thomas Hall, H. E. Mason, D. S. Hamilton, J. W. Pedley, H. C. Mason, and G. E. Read.