

VII.—CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

I. CANADA.

1. CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Formed in 1853 by the union of societies previously existing in Upper and Lower Canada. Object to plant new churches and sustain weak ones in the Provinces. Administration by a General Committee working through Local Missionary Committees in the various missionary districts. Every subscriber of one dollar is a member of the Society, and the annual meeting is held in connection with the Congregational Union. The Colonial Society gives aid by adding twenty per cent. to the amount the Canadian churches raise. Income for 1880-1 including the Manitoba Mission, from churches \$3,980 from Colonial Society \$970, total \$4,950. Expenditure \$4,738. Officers: Rev. H. Wilkes, D.D., LL.D., Montreal, *General Secretary*; Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., Kingston, *Home Secretary*.

2. CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Instituted in 1860, the work having previously been carried on for ten years by other Congregational agencies. Object to spread the Gospel among the Aborigines of Canada. Managed by a Board of Directors annually elected at a meeting held simultaneously with the Congregational Union. Income for 1880-1, \$1,945. Expenditure \$1,873. Rev. J. Howell, Orangeville, Ont., *Secretary*.

3. CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND.—Established in 1856 as a Widows and Orphans Society, in 1873 the Pastors' Retiring Branch was added and the name given as above. Ministers received as Beneficiary Members by paying an annual sum into the various branches on a scale according to age. Widows of deceased members receive an annuity of \$100 and for children, sons under 16 and daughters under 18, \$20, but the youngest child \$40. Superannuated ministers receive \$100 a year for life. Capital invested, \$20,290; annuitants, seven; annuities, \$640: C. R. Black, Montreal, *Secretary*.

4. CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Incorporated in 1874 to take the place of the proprietary having in charge the publication of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. Composed of stockholders of five dollar shares. Publications, CANADIAN INDEPENDENT and CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK. A. Christie, 9 Wilton Ave., Toronto, *Sec'y-Treas.*

5. LABRADOR MISSION.—Organized in 1859 to conduct Missionary operation on the Coasts of Labrador. Managed by a committee of ladies in Montreal. Receipts \$521; expenditure \$871. Mrs. Rushton, Montreal, *Secretary*.

6. NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Object to aid weak Congregational Churches and open new fields. Conducted in connection with the Congregational Union of these Provinces. Collections from the Churches, \$564.45. Rev. Alexander McGregor, Yarmouth, N.S., *Secretary*.