

PREFACE TO VOLUME VI.

There are no new features to note in this volume beyond a slight alteration in the order in which the Reports are inserted designed to facilitate the early issue of the College Report in its separate form. The lateness of the time of meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has heretofore rendered it impossible to get the YEAR BOOK out as early as is desirable, but the change from September to July next year removes the difficulty, and future volumes may in consequence be expected considerably earlier.

Being an important legal document, we publish an Appendix to its Report, the Letters Patent incorporating the Congregational Publishing Company. It will be valuable for future reference.

ERRATA AND ADDENDA.

We were unable to get authentic statistical information respecting the American Board of Foreign Missions in time for insertion in its proper place (page 33), but through the kindness of Rev. Dr. Cushing, of Boston, we are enabled to make the following corrections:—82 stations, 534 outstations; 6 male assistant Missionaries; 227 female Missionaries; a total of 391 sent out by the Society; 1172 native pastors, etc., making a total of 1,563. 256 churches, with a membership of 13,335. Income for 1878, \$441,391. The Rev. James Herrick, of the Madura Mission, was born in Canada. During the past year donations were acknowledged from Ontario of \$80.62; from Quebec of \$1,272.09; for Mission Schools, \$31.35; for Missionary work among women, \$1,039.75; total from Canada, \$2,423.81.

The statistics of the American Home Missionary Society should also be corrected to read as follows:—Number of congregations supplied with preaching, 2,237; 47 new churches organized; 46 have become self-sustaining; 4,572 conversions reported, and 7,578 additions to the churches on profession of faith. The income for 1877-8, was \$299,847,

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