

COMMENDATION AND COMMENT.

A GAIN the compiler's work is completed and the YEAR BOOK of 1888 goes forth as a record of work done for the Lord Jesus Christ. While we believe that much more might have been done by us as a people, yet there has been steady progress in every department of our work, for which we have reason to thank God and take courage.

The tables have been very carefully prepared. No pains have been spared to make them reliable, several hundred post cards having been sent out. In a few cases, as will be seen by the tables, no reply could be got.

In the list of ministers, the dates of ordination, and also of present settlement are given. This list tells the sad story of lack of permanency in the pastorate. The table of the pastors of 1881 shows what a large proportion of pastors are going to the United States, or into business.

The progress made is encouraging. 2,639 were baptized during the year, the present membership in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and the North-West being 33,029. Seventeen churches have been organized, and seven places of worship have been dedicated.

JOHN STUART.