

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND
QUEBEC,

To the Churches associated therein, sendeth Greeting :

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

DEAR BRETHREN,

The founders of this Union of Pastors and Churches, contemplated addressing an occasional letter to the associated churches, accompanied by such information as might be deemed necessary. This communication is in fulfilment of that purpose. *Let it be read in all the churches*; with such discussion as may seem appropriate, accompanied by earnest prayer to the One Master, that he will so manifest his will to us, and his presence among us, as to render us increasingly competent and efficient witnesses unto him.

For specific information concerning the numerical and financial condition of our churches, and the resolutions of this meeting, we refer you to the Canadian Congregational YEAR-BOOK. The reports on National Schools, Temperance, Lord's Day Observance, Young People's Societies, the Ordination of Pastors, and Church Union, and the address of the Chairman of the Union, should receive particular attention. The subjects they deal with are of prime importance, and in them will be found a careful expression of our matured thought concerning the same. The price of the YEAR-BOOK is only Fifteen Cents, and a copy of it ought to be in possession of every family.

Along with the YEAR-BOOK we also call attention to our church paper, *The Congregationalist*. It is a religious and family newspaper published weekly in the interest of our own denomination. Through its columns our people may learn the current news of the churches, week by week, and thus keep in close fellowship with each other. It is due to the body that the circulation of both the YEAR-BOOK and *Congregationalist* be largely increased.