Toronto, Western	10 00	
" Zion	21 70	
Stouffville	18 42	
		$256 33

ONTARIO, EASTERN DISTRICT.

Kingston, 1st	$30 70	
" Bethel	18 31	
Lanark	34 10	
Middleville, H. and R.	14 75	
Maxville and St. Elmo	60 79	
Ottawa, 1st	63 45	
" Welcome Zion	5 00	
		227 10
Ontario Total		$1091 32

MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Central Church	$125 00	
" Maple Street	25 00	
		$150 00

QUEBEC.

Ayer's Flat and Boynton	$12 40	
Brigham	4 25	
Cowansville	15 05	
Danville	72 55	
Eaton	4 00	
Fitch Bay	7 00	
Franklin Centre	11 30	
Granby	89 90	
Melbourne	29 18	
Montreal, Calvary	138 00	
" Emmanuel	332 59	
" Zion	45 10	
" Point St. Charles	75 40	
" Westmount	15 50	
Stanstead, S	17 80	
Sherbrooke	106 50	
St. Andrews	18 50	
Waterville	14 72	
Ulverton and Durham	3 47	
		$1013 21

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Beachmeadows	$10 00	
Brooklyn	13 86	
Chebogue	23 00	
Economy	17 03	
Keswick Ridge	14 00	
Kingsport	1 19	
Liverpool	24 00	
Lower Selmah	27 00	
Maitland	2 50	
S. Maitland	10 00	
Milton	23 00	
Margaree	7 75	
Noel	16 00	
Sheffield	63 77	
St. John	71 93	
Truro	30 01	
Yarmouth	117 00	
		$472 04

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Anonymous	$10 00	
R. Addison	10 00	
Rev. C. E. Bolton	12 00	
Rev. J. Salmon	5 00	
B. W. Robertson	50 00	
"Friend," N.W.T	5 00	
Rev. A. W Gerrie	10 00	
W. McKillican	3 00	
Miss R. Horton	2 00	
		$107 00
Collection at Annual Meeting	$22 09	
" " Union N.S. and N.B	9 32	
		$31 41

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

ONTARIO, WESTERN DISTRICT.

BURFORD.

Total	$8 00

BRANTFORD.

Geo. E. Adams	$1 00
Mrs. Brophy	1 00
" Cutmore	1 00
Miss Goold	2 00
E. L. Goold	4 00
Mrs. John Ott	7 00
" J. H. Oldham	1 00
Charles Sanderson	1 00
W. H. Shapley	1 50
Rev. J. Scholfield	2 00
Mrs. James Thompson	3 50
James Wilkes	6 00
Mrs. J. Wilkes	3 50
Miss Wilkes	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Wisner	3 00
" W. S. Wisner	1 00
" Wickens	1 00
Miss Wickens	1 00
Walter Wickens	5 00
Henry Yeigh	5 00
Sunday School	8 50
Bible Class	4 50
Prayer Meeting Collections	8 00
Small sums	1 85
Total	$74 35

EMBRO.

Total	$15 00

FOREST, CENTRAL.

Rev. Dr. Hindley	$2 00
J. Maylor	1 00
Mrs. W. Gammon	1 00
" J D. Livingston	1 00
Sums under one dollar	4 20
Per Y. P. S. C. E.—	
Miss E. Cope	1 50
W. Scott, Jun	1 30
Miss M. M. Hindley	1 25
" F. B. Rawlings	1 00
Sums under one dollar	2 35
Collection	2 75
Total	$19 35

FROME.

Total	$2 25

GARAFRAXA.

Total	$5 00

GUELPH.

James Goldie	$5 00
John Goldie	3 00
Misses Gausby	2 00
J. W. Lyon	1 00
T. G. Lawrence	1 00
G. H. Skinner	1 00
Miss Hodgskin	1 00
Misses Tatham	1 00
Mrs. Whitlaw	1 00
Sums under one dollar	8 25
Total	$24 25

HAMILTON.

FIRST.

Sunday School	$10 00
A. Alexander	6 00

D. Aitchison	3 00
John Duff	2 00
D. Morton	2 00
W. J. Aitchison	2 00
I. Lefevre	1 75
F. Maxwell	1 50
Miss Daville	1 50
Mrs. Wheeler	1 25
Mrs. A. Aitchison	1 25
Thomas Bale	1 00
J. C. Bale	1 00
Fred Bale	1 00
Mrs. Thomas Bale	1 00
Mr. Harron	1 00
Mr. Stott	1 00
R. Robertson	1 00
S. Gray	1 00
Charles Duff	1 00
C. P. Moore	1 00
John Black	1 00
Mr. Bliss	1 00
R. Linklater	1 00
E. Carp	1 00
Mr. Fulk	1 00
E. Bates	1 00
W. Pascoe	1 00
H. Daukett	1 00
John McGuire	1 00
George Towers	1 00
Miss Towers	1 00
" Mina Towers	1 00
" Morton	1 00
" May Morton	1 00
Mrs. J. C. Chilman	1 00
" J. Greenaway	1 00
" Thompson	1 00
" Iredale	1 00
" L. Black	1 00
" Palmer	1 00
Miss Duff	1 00
Sums under one dollar	5 25
Evening collections	21 50
Total	$90 00

IMMANUEL.

Sunday School	$19 35
Women's Missionary Society	5 00
" Aid & Benefit "	5 00
Rev. W. H. Watson & family	5 00
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Healey	5 00
Mr. & Mrs. Layland	2 00
Mr. & Mrs. F. Matthews	2 00
Mrs. C. Walker	2 00
Miss E. Pargeter	2 00
Mr. & Mrs. Shawcross	1 00
" McVittie	1 00
Mr. Bambrick	1 00
Miss L. Sachs	1 30
Friend, per J. S.	1 00
Sums under one dollar	1 50
Total	$54 15

HOWICK AND TURNBERRY.

Howick	$5 00
Turnberry	2 00
Total	$7 00

KINCARDINE.

Total	$11 00

LAKE SHORE.

Total	$5 75

LISTOWEL.

Total	$11 25

LONDON.

First Church	$16 00
Sunday School	5 00
Total	$21 00

PARIS.

Sunday School	$10 00
Special collection	19 63
Thos. Hall	6 00
Mrs. Silcox	5 00
Mrs. Whitlaw	4 00
P. Adams	3 00
J. Finlayson	1 00
A. H. Baird	1 00
Mrs. Howie	1 00
J. Brockbank	1 00
Mrs. Brockbank	1 00
J. Carnie	1 00
Miss A. Brown	1 00
Small sums	4 07
Total	$58 70

NORTH PLYMPTON.

Y. P. S. C. E.	$10 07

NEW DURHAM.

Total $14 00

SARNIA.

Total $2 50

SPEEDSIDE.

Total $5 00

SCOTLAND.

Total $27 69

St. CATHARINES.

Sunday School $8 00

STRATFORD.

Collection $7 00
Sunday school 6 43

Total $13 43

TILBURY EAST.

Church and Y. P. S. C. E. $17 50

WARWICK.

Ebenezer Church $9 85

WATFORD.

Y. P. M. Band $6 50

WINGHAM.

Church collection 18 30
Women's Missionary Society ... 10 00

Total $28 30

WOODSTOCK.

Church Subscriptions. $53 00
Rev. A. F. McGregor 5 00

Total $65 00

Total from Ontario Western District $607 89

ONTARIO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

ALTON AND NORTH ERIN.

Total $5 00

BARRIE.

Total $15 20

BOWMANVILLE.

Mrs. McMurtry $2 50
James Heal 1 00
R. D. Davidson 1 00
J. Stephens 1 00
Mrs. Freeland 1 00
Mr. Freeland 1 00
Small sums 5 75

Total $13 25

EDGAR.

Total $19 75

GEORGETOWN.

Total $4 60

TORONTO.

Bond Street $19 91
Northern 100 20

BROADVIEW AVENUE.

Collection $3 40
Rev. J. P. Gerrie 5 00

Total $8 40

Olivet 20 00

WESTERN.

Sunday School 10 00

TORONTO.

ZION.

J. J. Woodhouse	$2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wickson	2 00
Sunday School	3 00
Wm. Freeland	2 60
Mrs. W. Freeland	2 60
Mrs. Dawkins	1 00
Levi Chorley	1 00
Misses Christie	2 00
Sydney Turner	2 00
Sums under one dollar	1 50
Total	$21 70

STOUFFVILLE.

Rev. J. D. McEwan	$2 00
Mrs. McEwan	1 00
John Dyke	1 00
Geo. Robinson	1 00
Sarah Blaikie	1 00
C. D. Mertens	1 00
Mrs. S. L. Freel	1 00
W. B. Sanders	1 00
Small sums	5 14
Sunday School	4 28
Total	$18 42

Total from Ontario Central District $256 33

ONTARIO, EASTERN DISTRICT.

KINGSTON.

FIRST CHURCH.

Mrs. Geo. Robertson	$20 00
John McKelvey	1 00
David Scott	1 00
J. F. McEwan	2 00
R. J. McKelvey	1 00
J. A. Hendry	1 00
Mr. Henderson	1 00
N. Piper	1 00
Sums under one dollar	2 70
Total	$30 70

BETHEL.

Total	$18 31

LANARK.

Rev. D. C. McIntosh	$5 00
John T. Robertson	5 00
R. Robertson	3 00
T. B. Caldwell	2 00
W. W. Craig	1 00
George J. Hunt	1 00
Mrs. J. Watt	1 00
Miss Watt	1 00
Dr. Scott	1 00
James Watt	1 00
John A. Watt	1 00
R. W. Robertson	1 00
R. R. Drysdale	1 00
Maud Watt	1 00
Robt. Watt	1 00
Sums under one dollar	8 10
Total	$34 10

MIDDLEVILLE, HOPETOWN AND ROSSETA.

Total	$14 75

MAXVILLE AND ST. ELMO.

J. W. Kennedy	$5 00
Thomas Munro	5 00
Donald Kennedy	5 00
D. A. McDougall	5 00
D. P. McDougall & family	5 00
F. D. Sinclair	3 00
J. F. McEwen	3 00
Don. McEwen	2 00
J. P. McDougall and wife	2 00
Don. P. McDougall	2 00
P. F. McEwen	2 00
J. Wegar and wife	2 00
Peter Munro	2 00
Alex. J. McEwen	1 25
P. A. McDougall	1 00
J. J. McEwen	1 00

Alex. P. McDougall	1 00
Thos. McEwen	1 00
Mac. McDougall	1 00
D. A McEwen	1 00
J. Robertson	1 00
Alex. A. McEwen	1 00
Finlay McEwen	1 00
Dan McColl	1 00
D. J. Munro	1 00
Mrs. Row	1 00
S. L. Johnston	1 00
D. C. McDougall	1 00
Collection	5 04
	63 29
Less expenses	2 50
Total	$60 79

OTTAWA.

FIRST CHURCH.

Monthly collections	$38 49
Pyramid boxes	12 84
Sunday School	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E.	2 12
Total	$63 45

WELCOME ZION.

Total	$5 00
Total from Ontario, Eastern District	$227 10
Grand total from Ontario	$1091 32

QUEBEC.

AYER'S FLAT.

Collection	$4 85
Rev. C. Moore	5 00
Total	$9 85

BOYNTON.

Total	$2 55

BRIGHAM.

Total	$4 25

COWANSVILLE.

Collections	$8 30
Rev. W. T. Gunn	2 00
Mrs. Gunn	2 00
Allan Gunn	1 00
Missionary potatoes	1 75
Total	$15 05

DANVILLE.

Total	$72 55

DURHAM AND ULVERTON.

Total	$3 47

EATON.

Total	$4 00

FITCH BAY.

Total	$7 00

FRANKLIN CENTRE.

Total	$11 30

GRANBY.

Total	$89 90

MELBOURNE.

Ladies Auxiliary	$ 7 00
Rev. T. Hall	1 00
Mrs. Hall	1 00
Mrs. Thomas	2 00
Mrs. Hamell	1 00
Mrs. McDonald	1 00
R. H. Cross	1 00
Y. P. S. C. E	5 00
Sunday School	1 65
Small Sums	8 53
Total	$29 18

MONTREAL.

CALVARY.

Sunday School	$25 00
T. B. Macaulay	25 00
Rev. E. M. Hill	15 00
Rev. J. McKillican	13 00
J. R. Dougall	10 00
C. Cushing	5 00
J. Hale Romesay	5 00
Miss Dougall	5 00
Mrs. Toller	3 00
Dr. Susan Dougall	3 00
Jun. Y.P.S.C.E	2 15
Miss Jessie Smith	2 00
R. W. McLachlan	2 00
Miss C. Richardson	2 00
Geo. McGarry	2 00
Miss Green	2 00
J. C. Luttrell	2 00
S. P. Rowell	2 00
J. D. Fraser	1 00
Miss Fitzpatrick	1 00
Miss Ritchie	1 00
Andrew Kerr	1 00
G. Bale	1 00
A R. Powter	1 00
Edith Cochrane	1 00
Anonymous sums	4 75
Small sums	1 10
Total	$138 00

ZION.

Thomas Moodie	$10 00
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Leet	10 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner	2 00
Miss James	2 00
Mrs. J. W. Reyner	1 00
Thomas Costen	1 00
A. E. Hanna	1 00
J. E. Cribb	1 00
Anonymous sums	3 00
Small sums	4 10
Sunday School	10 00
Total	$45 10

POINT ST. CHARLES.

C. Cushing	$ 5 00
Mrs. J. C. Richardson	5 00
Rev. D. S. Ham ton	1 00
Mrs. W. Seargent	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Donaldson	1 00
Smaller sums	12 40
Sunday School	50 00
Total	$75 40

WESTMOUNT.

Collection	$15 50

EMMANUEL.

Charles Alexander	$10 00
Arthur Birks	2 00
Mrs. A. Birks	2 00
Annie L. Birks	1 00
Misses Blackader	3 00
C R. Black (Life)	20 00
Mrs. C. R. Black	2 00
Miss B. Black	1 00
" M. L. Black	1 00
John M. Black	1 00
Mrs. J. H. Burland	2 00
E. G. Brooks	2 00
W B. Blackader	3 00
W. H. Black	1 00
Miss Campbell	2 00
Mrs. Cowper	1 00
Miss Maude Cowper	1 00
W. E. Cushing	1 00
Mrs. L. Cushing	1 00
J. W. Duncan	1 00
J. M. M. Duff	4 00
Mrs. John Douglas	1 00
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Evans	10 00
Leo Evans	1 00
Carrie Evans	1 00
Eva Evans	1 00
Mrs. A. Fisher	20 00
Frank H. Gardner	1 00
Wm. Gamble	2 00
Mrs. F. E. Grafton	2 00
Charles Gurd	10 00
Dr. C. C. Gurd	1 00
Miss Muriel Gurd	1 00
" Olive Gurd	1 00
Master Walter Gurd	1 00
Dr. D. F. Gurd	10 00
G. Harries and Mrs. Harries	1 50
Edward Hollis	1 00
B. J. Harrington	4 00
R. C. Jamieson	5 00
Gilbert Johnston	1 00
G. R. Kearley	5 00
Mrs. Kearley	1 00
" J. H. Leishman	1 00
H. H. Lyman	10 00

Miss H. W. Lyman	1 00
George Lyman	7 00
P. D. Lyman	2 00
Mrs. Henry Lyman	10 00
" Theo. Lyman	1 00
J. B. Learmont	5 00
John Macintosh	10 00
A. Moir	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Mather	3 00
Mrs. G. Mowitt	1 00
" G. W. Morrison	3 00
O. W. G	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. McA. Murphy	2 00
Mrs. John Popham	2 00
Wm. Reid	15 00
W. M. Reid	5 00
C. N. Sims	1 00
Mrs. J. F. Stevenson	2 00
Mrs. Sanders	2 00
A. Spaulding	5 00
F. Scholes	50 00
A. H. Thompson	3 00
C. T. Williams	2 00
Small sums and anon	4 09
Sunday School	15 00
F. F	25 00
Total	$332 59

SHERBROOKE.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Morey	$10 00
Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Day	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard	5 00
A. S. Hurd	5 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell	5 00
" M. J. Mitchell	5 00
Mrs. H. J. Morey	5 00
Young People's Society	5 00

Pastor's Bible Class.

E. A. Lothrop	$1 00
Miss Rugg	1 00
C. Sangster	1 00
Sums under $1	3 00
	6 00
T. J. Tuck	4 00
G. A. LeBaron	3 00
Mrs. M. McKechnie	3 00
J. S. Mitchell	3 00
W. H. Abbott	2 00
Walter Blue	2 00
Neil Dinning	2 00
Mrs. R. Mitchell	2 00
I. E. Mitchell	2 00
S. W. Jenckes	1 25
E. W. Abbott	1 00
L. D. Abbott	1 00
Thomas M. Cowan	1 00
T. M. Craig	1 00
R. Davidson	1 00
Miss M. F. Dickinson	1 00
Dr. W. A. Farwell	1 00
Mrs. L. Farwell	1 00
" Hawes	1 00
Miss S. E. Jenckes	1 00
Hon. J. McIntosh	1 00
J. A. McKechnie	1 00
J. McNicol	1 00
A. T. Nourse	1 00
J. Partington	1 00
Hon. J. G. Robertson	1 00
S. S. Class, I. E. M	1 00
A. G. Sangster	1 00
A. M. Sangster	1 00
A. C. Skinner	1 00
Mrs. R. Smith	1 00
Miss E. Sutton	1 00
S. Tuck	1 00
W. R. Webster	1 00
Mrs. Wood	1 00
Anonymous	1 00
Sums under $1	3 75
S. S. Class, p. Miss M. J. M	1 50
Total	$106 50

STANSTEAD SOUTH.

Total	$17 80

ST. ANDREWS.

For 1896	$14 50
For 1897	4 00
Total	$18 50

WATERVILLE.

Coll. at Waterville and Eustis	$10 72
Waterville L. M. Society	4 00
Total	$14 72

ULVERTON AND DURHAM.

Total	$ 3 47
Total from Quebec	$1013 21

2 00
1 25
1 00
1 00
1 00

Mrs. F. B. Jewett	1 00
H. H. Bridges	1 50
A. Barker	1 00
Ward H. Barker	1 00
Fred W. Barker	1 00
C. J. Burpee	1 00
Arch. Harrison	1 00
Martha Harrison	1 00
Sums under a dollar	1 02
Total	$63 77

ST. JOHN.

Women's Mission Society, for Life Membership, Mrs. Wm. Kerr	$20 00
Women's Missionary Society	22 43
Church	29 50
Total	$71 93

TRURO.

Women's Missionary Society	$11 40
Rev. John Wood	3 65
C. H. Beattie	2 00
A. N. Tupper	1 50
Mrs. Tupper	1 00
Mrs. Harrison	1 00
Ross Archibald	1 00
John Currie	1 00
Bazaar—Misses Bruce, Williamson and Archibald	1 45
Miss McInnes	55
Y. P. S. C. E	1 05
Pyramid Mite Boxes	4 41
Total	$30 01

YARMOUTH

Women's Missionary Society	$117 00
Total from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	$472 04

MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG.

Central Church	$125 00

MAPLE STREET CHURCH.

A. Black	$ 5 00
Rev. D. H. Jacobs	2 50
R. Muir	1 00
W. G. Johnston	1 00
Smaller sums	3 50
Miss Minnie Black's S. S. Class	12 00
Total	$25 00
Total for Manitoba	$150 00

PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

B. W. Robertson, Kingston	$50 00
Rev. C. E. Bolton	12 00
" A. W. Gerrie	10 00
" John Salmon	5 00
R. Addison	10 00
Anonymous, Toronto	10 00
Friend—N. W.T.	5 00
W. McKillican	3 00
Miss R. Horton	2 00
Total	$107 00

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Collection at Annual Meeting	$22 09
" Union, N. S. & N. B	9 32
Total	$31 41

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Montreal, Emmanuel Auxiliary		$59 91
" Calvary	"	14 00
Toronto, Northern	"	14 00
" Bond Street	"	6 50
" Olivet	"	5 00
" Zion	"	3 25
" Broadview Ave.	"	86
Hamilton, Immanuel	"	5 00
Listowel	"	6 00
Guelph	"	7 35
Bowmanville	"	4 70
Maxville	"	7 50
Stouffville	"	10 00
Ottawa, 1st	"	1 00
Woodstock, for Life Membership, Miss Emily Ball		20 00
Granby Auxiliary		20 00
Cowansville, "		4 00
Sherbrooke, "		17 85
Danville, "		25 00
Stanstead S., per Miss E. Johnston		5 00
Balance Mrs. Watson's trip to N. S. & N. B.		10 00
		246 92
Undesignated		353 08
Total		$600 00

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ontario, West. District	$607 89	
" Central District	256 33	
" Eastern District	227 10	
		$1091 32
Quebec		1013 21
N. S. & N. B.		472 04
Manitoba		150 00
Personal		107 00
Special Collection		31 41
C. C. W. B. M.		600 00
		$3464 98
Regular Contributions last year		3607 64
Decrease for this year		$142 66

LIFE MEMBERS.

Alexander, Charles, Montreal.
Alexander, Henry M., Chicago, U.S.
Allison, David, Detroit, U.S.
Allison, Mrs. D., "
Allworth, Rev. W. H., Lansing, U.S.
Allworth, Mrs. " "
Anderson, George, Georgetown.
Anderson, W., "
Anderson, Mrs. A., "
Armstrong, George, Fergus.
Armstrong, Francis, "
Ball, Miss, Lennoxville.
Ball, Miss Mary L., Huntingville.
Ball, Miss Emily, Woodstock.
Baylis, James, Montreal.
Baylis, Mary, "
Baylis, Mrs. Jas. "
Baylis, Rosa E. "
Baylis, Jas. Adams, "
Barber, Isabella, Georgetown.
Barber, Miss H. F., "
Barber, I. M., B.A., "
Barber, Frederick, "
Barber, Nellie, "
Barber, W. M., "
Black, Mrs. C. R., Montreal.
Black, Charles R., "
Birks, Henry, "
Bogart, D.D., Belleville.
Brown, Annie C., Montreal.
Burland, Geo. B., "
Burton, P. H., Toronto.
Burton, Alfred, "
Burton, Edgar S., "
Butters, Daniel, Chicago, U.S.
Caldicotte, Blanche, Toronto.
Chapman, Rev. Chas., Plymouth, Eng.
Clark, J. P., London, Eng.
Clarke, Rev. W. F., Guelph.
Clements, Mrs. N. K., Yarmouth.
Clements, Mrs. E. F., "
Cooper, James, Toronto.
Craik, Rev. G. H., Waterville.
Cushing, Charles, Montreal.
Cushing, Mrs. Chas., "
Day, Rev. B. W., Granby.
Dearborn, C. H, St. John, N.B.
Dearborn, Mrs. C. H., "
Dennis, Freeman, Yarmouth.
Dennis, Mrs. F., "
Diploch, Miss, Kingston.
Dryden, John, Portland, U S.
Dryden, Mrs. John, "
Dunn, Robert, Montreal.
Dunn, Mrs. R., "
Dunn, John M., "
Ebbs, Mrs. Edward, Toronto.
Fenwick, Rev. K. M., Montreal.
Fenwick, G. S. Kingston.
Fenwick, Arthur M., Kingston.
Fisher, Mrs., Montreal.
Folger, Mrs Marion, Kingston.
Foulds, John, New York, U.S.
Fuller, Rev. Geo., London, Eng.
Gerrie, George, Garafraxa.
Gibson, Mrs. J. M., London, Eng.
Gibson, Henry Wilkes, "
Goffin, Rev. J. W.
Goodwillie, Mrs. G., Georgetown.
Hague, George, Montreal.
Hall, Rev. Thos.
Hall, Mrs. Thos.
Hamilton, Mrs. Norman, Paris.
Hanmond, Mrs., Kingston.
Hannan, M., Montreal.
Harrison, Miss Emma E., St. John, N.B.
Hendry, Mrs Thos., Riverside, U.S.
Hendry, James A., Kingston.
Hendry, K. N., Riverside, U.S.
Hibbard, W. R., St. Andrews.
Hill, Rev. E. M., Montreal.
Howell, Alfred, Toronto.
Hurst, Mrs. J. C.
Hutchins, Benjamin, Montreal.
Ireland, Wm., San Francisco, U.S.
Jack, Miss Isabella, Kingston.
Jackson, Rev. S. N., M.D., Barre, U.S.
Jackson, Mrs. S. N., "
Jackson, Prof. J. H., "
Jackson, Mrs. J. H., "
Jackson, Dr. J. A., Manchester, U.S.
Jackson, Mrs. J. A., "
Jackson, Dr. J. Holmes, Barre, U.S.
Jackson, Horatio Nelson, "
Jackson, Rev W. P., Brigham.
Jackson, Hollister, Barre, U.S.
Jackson, Jos. Addison, "
Jamieson, R. C., Montreal.
Jamieson, Mrs. R. C., "
James, Mrs. S. E.
Jarvis, J., Ottawa.
Jarvis, Mrs. S. J., Ottawa.

Kennedy, Miss Helen C., England.
Kerr, Mrs. Wm., St. John, N.B.
Knight, Miss J , Belgium.
Laing, Henry H.. Hamilton.
Laing, Mrs. H. H , Hamilton.
Lamb, W. A., Ottawa.
Leggo, Louisa, Salterville,
Lighthall, Mrs. W. D., Montreal.
Linton, James, "
Linton, Mrs. James, "
Linton, Miss Mary, "
Lonsdale, Henry Wilkes, London, Eng.
Lyman, Henry, Montreal.
Lyman, Mrs. Hy., "
Lyman, Theodore, "
Lyman, Theodore P., "
Lyman, Henry L., "
Mayer, J. C., "
McEwen, John, Collingwood.
McGregor, Rev. Alex., Pawtucket, U.S.
McGregor, Mrs. Alex., "
McGregor, Eben., "
McLachlan, Wm., Guelph.
McLachlan, Mrs. Wm., Guelph.
McLachlan, R. W.. Montreal.
McLachlan, Winnifred, "
Macaulay, T. B., "
Marling, Rev. F. H., D.D., New York.
Miller, Mrs. Sarah, Baltimore, U.S.
Miner, S. H. C., Granby.
Moffat, Miss E., Scotland.
Nelson, W. C., Portland, U.S.
Nelson, Mrs. W. C., "
Nivin, Wm., Montreal.
O'Hara, Henry, Toronto.
O'Hara, Mrs. H., "
O'Hara, Miss E. M., Toronto.
Parkyn, Mrs. Wm., Kingston.
Perry, Wm. A , Yarmouth.
Pim, Joseph, Toronto.
Porteous, John, Boston, U.S.
Porteous, Mrs. John, "
Porteous, Miss M., "
Porteous, Geo., New Orleans.
Porteous, W. M., St. Louis.
Porteous, Mrs W. M., St. Louis.
Porteous, John, jr., Boston, U.S.
Porteous, Daniel, Toronto.
Porteous, Mrs. Jessie, "
Porteous, Miss A , "
Porteous, " H., "
Porteous, " J., "
Potter, Mrs. E. H., New York.
Reekie, Rev. T. M., Toronto.
Ritchie, James, Somerville, U.S.
Ritchie, Mrs. James, Somerville, U.S.
Ross, W. R., Montreal.
Ross, Mrs. W. R., Montreal.
Robertson, Miss Jane, "
Robertson, " Euphemia, Kingston.
Robertson, Mrs. George, "
Robertson, Miss Etta, "
Robertson, " Annie, "
Robertson, William, "
Robertson, George, "
Robertson, Thomas H., "
Robertson, B. W., "
Robertson, Wm. A., "
Robertson, T. Hilliard "
Robertson, Robert, Lanark.
Robertson, William, Manitoba.
Saer, Rev. J. B., B.D., United States.
Saer, Mrs. J. B., "
Sanderson, Thomas, Toronto.
Sanderson, Mrs. J. R., London.
Scholes, Francis, Montreal.
Scholes, Mrs. Francis, "
Scott, Mrs. W., Hamilton.
Scott, Eben., Yarmouth.
Sherman, Rev. B. B., B.D., United States
Smillie, W. C , Poughkeepsie, U.S.
Smillie, Mrs. W. C., "
Spalding, Mrs W. H., Lennoxville.
Spence, David, Kingston.
Spence, Mrs. D., "
Stephens, A. J., Ottawa.
Stewart, R. D., Philadelphia, U.S.
Turner, John, Toronto.
Tyler, Rev. W. H., Pittsfield, U.S.
Unsworth, Rev. J., Toronto.
Unsworth, Mrs. J., "
Waddingham, W., New Mexico.
Watson, Miss Lilias, Brooklyn, U.S.
Welding, W. E.. Brantford.
Whitlaw, Mrs. Chas., Paris.
Whitney, Mary, Montreal.
Wickson, Mrs. P., Paris.
Wilkes, Mrs. Dr., London, Eng.
Wilkes, T. Holmes.
Wilkes, Cybella D., London, Eng.
Wilkes, James, Brantford.
Wilkes, Mrs. Jas., "
Wilkes, Henry.
Wilkes, Miss Annie, Brantford.
Winks, George, Seattle, U.S.
Wood, Rev. John, Ottawa.
Wood, Mrs. John, "
Wood, Henry L., Ottawa.
Wood, Peter W., Montreal.
Woodrow, James, St. John, N.B.

Congregational Foreign Missionary Society.

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REV. W. H. WATSON,
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REV. G. H. CRAIK, B.A.,
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REV. D. MACKINTOSH,

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MISS WISNER,
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MISS FLORENCE RAWLINGS,
MR. C. W. FINLAYSON,

AND THE FOLLOWING SIX WHO WERE CHOSEN AS

Executive Committee.

REV. W. H. WARRINER, B.D.,
REV. D. S. HAMILTON, B.A.,
MR. B. W. ROBERTSON,

MR. S. P. LEET, B.C.L.,
MR. T. MOODIE,
MR. C. T. WILLIAMS.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—NAME.

This Corporation shall be called THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to spread the knowledge of the Gospel among the heathen and other unenlightened people.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Society shall be persons subscribing $2 annually, ministers of all contributing churches, one other representative from each church contributing $10 annually, and two representatives from each church contributing $50, or over, annually. Every benefactor making a donation of $40 at one time shall be a life member.

IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, to be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

V.—MEETINGS.

An annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the Thursday following the first Sunday in June, at the place where the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec assembles.

VI.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution can be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Society, notice of the proposed alteration having been given in two successive numbers of the "*Canadian Independent.*" *

BY-LAWS.

I.—FUNDS.

All funds arising from donations, legacies, subscriptions or otherwise, shall be lodged by the Treasurer, as soon as collected, with some chartered bank, to be named by the Executive Committee. Money can be drawn from such accounts only by cheques, signed by the Secretary and Treasurer, but the President or Vice-President may sign for either in their absence.

* Now "Congregationalist and Canadian Independent."—ED.

II.—MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than twenty-five members of the Society, including the officers, and shall be elected at the annual meeting, who shall have full charge and power for the administration of the affairs of the Society. Immediately after their election they shall appoint an Executive Committee, and such other committees as they shall deem expedient for the interests of the Society. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors between the meetings of that Board, and shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six other members, together with two members of the Woman's Board, to be appointed by that Board, and who are members of this Society.

III.—MEETINGS.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once during the year, immediately before the annual meeting of the Society. at the call of the Secretary, to prepare reports, and a list of officers and committees to be nominated at the annual meeting, as well as to transact any other business connected with the interests of the Society.

IV.—PRESENTATION TO CHURCHES.

The work of the Society shall be presented, and a Foreign Missionary sermon preached, in each of the churches of the constituency at least once in each year. The Executive Committee shall see that news from the Society's work is distributed to the churches, and one per cent. of the annual income shall be available for that purpose.

V.—DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL WORK.

When money is donated for missionary work outside the Society's missions, it may be forwarded to societies working in that field.

VI.—AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be altered in the same manner as the Constitution.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, incorporated by Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, A.D. 1889, the sum of..... out of my estate, to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease, without charge or deduction whatever. And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer and Secretary for the time of the Society, shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge of said legacy.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held in the First Congregational Church, Kingston, Ont., on June 10th, 1897, being Thursday, at 2 o'clock p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. S. P. Leet, B.C.L. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered.

The report of the Board of Directors was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A., and the Treasurer's report by Rev. W. T. Gunn, M.A.

It was moved by Rev. John Wood, seconded by Rev. T. B. Hyde, and carried, "That these reports, as read, be adopted and printed in the YEAR BOOK."

The Secretary reported a recommendation of the Directors, "That 1,000 copies of his report be printed separately for circulation, and also that a new edition of the "Mission Sketches" be issued, after being brought down to date. It was so ordered by vote.

The Secretary then made an address, illustrated by a wall map, showing the position and plan of the station premises and buildings at Chisamba.

A list of nominations for officers and directors was laid before the Society. It was adopted as recorded on the first page of this Society's report.

An address was made by Miss Dougall of Montreal, a Vice-President of the Woman's Board, in which she outlined the methods and work of that Society and laid stress upon the use of missionary literature.

The meeting was brought to a close about 4 o'clock by the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. T. B. Hyde.

(Rev.) J. T. DALEY,
Minute Secretary.

On Friday evening a public meeting of the Society was held, with the retiring President in the chair. Addresses were

made by Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D., Home Secretary of the A.B.C.F.M., who came from Boston for that purpose. Also by Revs. T. B. Hyde and E. M. Hill, and by Rev. Dr. George, the newly elected principal of the Congregational College.

J. T. DALEY,
Minute Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The sixteenth year of this Society's life has now passed. We are grateful that God still permits us a share with Him in the great missionary work that brought Christ among men. Your Executive Committee has been busy keeping our opportunities in Africa vivid to the eyes and close to the hearts of the churches.

In accordance with your direction, we printed 5,000 separate copies of the Annual Report; but we do not believe they proved to be of sufficient general interest to warrant the expenditure involved.

We also printed copies of a very interesting report sent by Mr. Currie. We called it an "Institutional Church," for it is so as truly as any of the churches of this land that are so called, Mr. Currie's appeal there for a mill with which to grind corn, has not yet brought a response, and we have not yet been able to settle on the form of mill that would be serviceable. But we hope this need of our station will not be passed over by the generous givers.

In the month of January we sent out the annual appeal for "More Oil for the Light in Dark Africa." The months of January and February were the time chosen by vote of the Union two years ago, as belonging to this Society. We would like, so far as possible, that that be the time of making the offering to our Foreign work, though liberty must be allowed for varying circumstances. This year we did not send out red envelopes to all the churches, as formerly, to use in their collections. We offered to send them to any who asked for them; and are pre-

pared to do that at any time. We made this change because so many packages were thrown aside and neglected.

"MONTHLY LEAFLET."

We appreciate the value to our common work of this little sheet published by the Woman's Board. We urge that it be taken in all our churches, for it gives so much fresh news about our missionaries in Africa. It is well worth the 10c. a year it costs.

We congratulate the Woman's Board on another successful year of action. Their thorough organization and never-ceasing attention to the small contributions, results in good totals, and as it represents the work of the mothers and home-makers and teachers, it will bear larger fruit in the years to come. Their total income has been about $300 in advance of last year, $2,800 in all.

CHISAMBA CHURCH.

It has been a year of growth and expanding labors in the missionary church. Ngulu is still its faithful and wise pastor, with qualities that would adorn any church in civilized lands. Several of the older members, with the evangelist-deacons, go among the surrounding villages to hold services.

The Woman's Board sent a Communion set, which was used first on October 18, 1896; and a Baptismal bowl, which was used for the first time to baptize Njangelo, a bright young girl, who, at the December Communion, made the thirtieth member of the church.

Each week, two of the evangelist-deacons go away among the villages, preaching, from Monday till Saturday; and on Sundays, a number of young men go among the nearer villages, preaching.

During the year, they have begun to send one of the evangelists with each caravan to the coast, to hold evening and morning worship; and to watch over church members. When our boys go to the coast, they refuse the rum that is always offered them by the traders. At first, the clerks said: "Where do you fellows come from, that you refuse rum?" Now, they say: "It is no use offering these Chisamba boys drink."

The members of the church are learning to give money for evangelizing the world. While trying to support their own

church, and sending evangelists to the surrounding villages, they make offerings for foreign missions. It may not be a large gift, but it is more than many small churches do in civilized lands. They have more than once sent a gift to Turkey. A church that is itself aided, should begin to hear Christ's orders to send the Gospel to the regions beyond. It will not be long before the Chisamba church will be "hiving off" to some neighboring field.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Still has Muene-Kanye as its Superintendent, and they have more than a hundred present at some sessions. This is the great hope of the mission. It is pathetic to hear the old people say, when the missionaries talk with them—"We are too old; it is too late for us." But we will not cease to pray that even they may gain such glimpses of the Saviour, that they will become sparks of the divine life.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

This is in active and promising condition. The Portuguese Governor of Bihè paid them a visit last autumn, and showed much pleasure in the appearance and work of the station. He gave an order for some work, that kept the blacksmith and carpenter shops busy for several months. Traders and native chiefs have asked for the help of the young men; and three or four were sent on the express condition that they be allowed to hold a Gospel-meeting every night.

Mr. Currie made an arrangement with Mr. D. J. Smith, to spend a year at the station, and to help in the Industrial Department Mr. Smith has for four years been connected with the English Mission at Lovali. Before that, he was working in connection with the Mildmay Conference. The letter that refers to this plan says: "We hope to make the work done pay his support, and are responsible personally for any shortage. Under his direction, our young men are sawing good boards and making them into window sashes, doors and furniture. For these, together with what is needed at the station, we have orders sufficient to keep from six to a dozen young men steadily employed during the whole year."

SUPPORT OF BOYS.

A number of schools and individuals give money for the

support of boys who are studying at the station. This money is not given outright, but is used to pay for work. So, both boys and mission-premises are helped. In the last calendar year, $235 worth of work was done, for which we have the following tangible results :

A new carpenter shop, worth	$100
Adobe fence	60
Gates	10
Thatching houses	65

At the same time the young men were learning in school, and doing evangelistic work among the surrounding villages. Nearly thirty lads have houses of their own that they have built, and they are worthy of a visit for neatness and great improvement over the native style of living. But if all gifts went to supporting boys, who would support the missionaries ?

We recognize that a personal object to give for, helps to educate many in missionary giving. So far as possible, we try to arrange such objects for some schools and individual givers. But for the older givers, it is better to give to the general fund.

MISSION PROPERTY.

Last December, Mr. Currie reported the following inventory of buildings, etc., which will be of interest to the friends of the mission, and to stockholders :

Mr. Currie's house	$550
Ladies' house	450
Dispensary building	75
Store (formerly work-shop)	100
Memorial School-house	500
"Miss Clarke Memorial Houses"	50
Grinding machine	48
Medicines and instruments	250
School materials	75
New carpenter shop	100
Adobe fence	125
Machinery and tools belonging to "Self-Help Department"	450

To the list of buildings there will soon be added the Memorial Hospital.

THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Johnston, who visited Chisamba on his tour across Africa, said that during the time of his stay at the station, a larger number of patients came daily to the Dispensary there, than he saw at any station in Africa This work has been too heavy for Mr. Currie, and especially as he has not had a complete course of medical study. It took time also that he wished to devote to other work that he could do better. At first he charged nothing for treatment. But he found the natives imposing upon him, and white traders coming for free treatment. So he began to charge small fees, and this branch of his work is about self-supporting now. Last year he received $13 from natives and $120 from white men; besides a few sums as special gifts from foreign friends.

The nursing skill of Miss Helen Melville makes much of this work possible, which could not otherwise be done. We can imagine what an influence it must give her, when, with her gentleness and skill, she binds the wound, and soothes the fevered brow, and tells her patient at the same time of the good Physician for troubled souls!

The Woman's Board undertook to build a new Hospital, as a memorial of their late Treasurer, Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, of Montreal; who had so much influence in fashioning the policy, as well as giving energy to that Board. $600 has been raised, and the Hospital will no doubt be immediately built. Mr. Currie offered $200 toward the Hospital. We want this to be noticed, when so much is said about 20 cents a member given by our churches, and the sacrifices made by the home givers.

A NEW MISSIONARY.

A year ago the Society authorized their Executive Committee to find a suitable medical man, with full training, to go and relieve Mr. Currie. They have sought and found a man who seems in every way the man of Providence. R. O. Ross, B.A., M.D., was graduated from our Theological College five years ago, coming from the little mission church at Margaree, B.C. He immediately entered upon a medical course, to prepare for missionary service. A year ago he took his degree, and has

been for a year practising in the country about his old home. Zulu-land had been his dream, but the way was not open for him to go there, and when we laid the need of our field before him, he thought he heard God's voice, and has accepted. A few days ago he was married in Danville, Quebec, to Miss Lillian Brown. Those who have known her speak well of her fitness for the sphere before her.

The plan proposed by the Executive is this: Our indebtedness now is only a little over $100, and while Mr. and Mrs. Currie are our only missionaries, our average income exceeds our expenditure by enough for another's salary. We will let this income accumulate during the year, while making efforts for special gifts; because outfit and passage will cost us $1,500, and we do not like to go into debt for it. At the beginning of next year, we will begin to pay Dr. Ross his salary, and have him make a tour of the churches. Then in May of next year he will sail for Africa. They have not yet passed the thorough examination of the A. B. C. F. M. in physical condition; and we have always deferred to their judgment in such matters very much. While we hope our plans may be carried out, yet we must give prominence to this uncertainty. We do not wish to send out any who are in danger of succumbing to climate soon after landing.

A NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

This was built during the year, with the remainder of the Clara Wilkes Currie Memorial Fund, raised by the women. It is the largest building they have yet erected. We cannot tell just how many it will hold, but it was not equal to the audience of 800 that gathered for the Christmas service and festivities. They hold worship and day school in this building.

I have not seen any recent statistics of the school attendance; but a year ago, they had 30 in the Senior school. And in the junior Department the Boys' school had 24 on the roll, with an average attendance of 15; and the Girls' school, 21, with an average of 8.

A NEW KINDERGARTEN.

This is a feature of the work that has been added this year in the day school. The teachers are as delighted with it as the children; and the letters are as full of it as a friend's letters

would be when the first baby came to their home. It will be a substantial addition to the influence over the homes of the people. There are 42 little tots on the roll. But the running record must be read in the *Monthly Leaflet* to be enjoyed. Mrs. Read, of Sakinjimba, and Miss Fay have translated several of the popular Kindergarten motion songs. They sadly lack the equipments that our home children are so well provided with; and during the next year effort will be made to send out some equipment for this department.

THE YEAR'S FINANCES.

The Treasurer will report in full. But a few items will be fitting here. This year the regular subscriptions to African work have been $165 in advance of last year. But when legacies, Indian famine, Armenian and such special funds are counted in, there is a decrease of about $165 from last year. Each of the Provincial totals has shown a decrease except Ontario, which has shown an increase of $359.

A point in which your directors are particularly interested is the number of contributing churches. And also there are 38 churches in the Dominion this year that have sent this Society nothing, and this is more than last year, instead of less, as it should be. Look at it: in Ontario, 27 churches sent nothing. In Quebec, 1 church. In the Maritime Provinces, 10 churches.

NINETY-SIX PER CENT. REACHES AFRICA.

There is a slander that dies hard because it has been so much a favorite with the critics. It says that of all foreign mission contributions, "10 cents in each dollar goes abroad, while it takes 90 cents to collect and send it." It never was true of any society. The truth about our Society is, that of every dollar, 94 cents reaches Africa, and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents is used in printing information, while $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents is all that is used in executive expense! Let this fact be repeated often and widely!

INCIDENTS AND ITEMS.

Recently Kanjundo, chief of Ciyuka, 20 miles from Chisamba, promised to build a school house of his own accord. He

had sent some boys to a Portuguese school at the coast, and they had brought back only a thirst for rum. Now he sees that the mission school is far the best. On Mr. Currie's last visit, he found the sticks cut and trimmed for the frame, and the chief is making the *nails* himself. They write that it is touching to hear the lads pray for him in the meetings. It indicates a great change in the minds of the people; because formerly this chief laughed at the mission, and spoke of the white men with contempt.

The father of Sambumbula, one of the school boys, died recently; being chief of his village. The lad went to the funeral; and after it the old men gathered around him, and insisted that, as oldest son, he must now take his father's place, with his goods and honors. They pressed him very hard. There was position and wealth offered to him, but he would not accept; because they would lead him into great temptation, and keep him where he would not hear the words of God that he loved so much. Is not that the kind of Christians it is worth giving our money to make?

Wanga is a bright boy about 13 years old, son of the chief of Ciyuka. He has been with the mission two years and a half; and is home-boy to the ladies; being specially devoted to Miss Maggie Melville. They say he is a born gentleman. A few months ago he went back on a visit to his father's village, where there is not one Christian. His father returned to Chisamba with him, very much pleased with Wanga's literary attainments. He said, "I went into the house one night; and there was Wanga, with some others he had gathered around him, reading the Bible, and praying with them." Think of it! a little thirteen-year-old fellow, in a village where no one loved Jesus Christ! That is the kind of material they are fashioning in Chisamba schools!

OTHER FIELDS.

While so much of our thought is taken up with Africa, we do not forget other fields to which our churches have contributed money and men. We do not need to make a catalogue of the beloved missionaries whom we follow with our love and prayer. In Turkey, Japan, Ceylon and China they are doing splendid service.

A new one has recently gone out. Rev. C. R. Ashdown,

B.A., from Zion Church, Toronto, after completing his course in McGill and the Congregational College, was ordained in Emmanuel Church, Montreal, the last of May. And now he goes under the A. B. C. F. M. to Bitlis, Eastern Turkey, to take the place of Rev. Mr. Ellis, a gallant worker who fell in the exhausting struggle to help the Armenian Christians endure persecution and poverty.

We are further trying to gather a Canadian alcove of books for the Theological Library where Rev. Fred. Macallum is teaching. Books and money may be sent to our Treasurer.

EDWARD M. HILL,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Year ending June 1, 1897.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FRIENDS:—

It is with much pleasure that your Treasurer submits the annual financial report. Our total is somewhat smaller than last year's high-water mark of $3,121.00, but we have not had the $600.00 Chisamba Building Fund nor the legacies of $400.00, which went to make up that sum. The large amount for India and Armenian Funds, $480.00 helps the total this year, but when all extras are deducted from each year, the regular contributions from the churches are ahead of last year by $160.00.

Ontario has increased $369.03 (largely for special objects), Quebec has decreased $206.58 (largely in legacies), the Maritime Provinces decreased $14.70, and miscellaneous contributions decreased $212.84 (owing to large legacies last year).

In Ontario, 27 churches; in Quebec, 1 church; in Maritime Provinces, 10, and in the North-West, 5 churches sent nothing through this Society, a total of 43 from whom nothing was received.

The banner church this year has been the Northern Church, Toronto, with a total of $185.66; Montreal, Calvary, $179.70;

Montreal, Emmanuel, $176.50; Embro, $160.00; St. Andrews, $121.88; Toronto, Zion, $103.00, and Sherbrooke, $102,00, being the only others whose contributions passed $100.00.

In our regular work we have paid all expenses for the year and reduced our debt to the American Board from $802.24 to $63.40, and if three amounts, usually in before the closing of the books, but this year sent in just too late, had been received earlier, we would have ended the year out of debt.

It is a pleasure to notice the increasing use made of the Foreign Missionary Society for the remittance of funds for special objects, thus enabling the Treasurer each year to present a more accurate statement of all the Foreign Missionary gifts of all the churches. It has been a pleasure to forward $126.25 for the Armenian Relief through our own American Board, $14.00 of this in care of our friend, Rev. F. W. Macullum. Also for the Indian Famine Relief Fund, $355.10 has been sent, partly through the American Board, partly to the "Star," some through Mr. A. M. Smith, of St. Catharines, whose son is a missionary in India; and $170.98 through the London Missionary Society. This last was an especial pleasure to your executive, as enabling them to manifest their desire, when possible, to work with that grand old Society and our Congregational brethren in Great Britain.

For the Canadian Alcove in the Marash Library, we have as yet received only one of the books listed in the *Congregationalist*, and $25.00 in cash. We desire that more of the books should be given, and also that friends who have not the books to give, will send us gifts of money that will enable us to buy those not given directly.

For Mr. Currie's gristmill we have received some $28.00, but must await further correspondence with Mr. Currie before deciding definitely. We can not tell with the information at our command what kind of mill it is best to send out. In the enquiry your Treasurer has received very great assistance from Mr. Jas. Goldie, of Guelph. A 20 h. p. engine, boiler and roller mill, with 2 sets of steel rolls would cost f. o. b. in Ontario $1,300.00, and for freight to Africa perhaps as much more. We think that something smaller and less expensive than this will be better.

Nearly $300.00 has been sent to the Industrial School for support of boys, but they have, in addition to their schooling

and the large share of time given to evangelistic work, repaid the station in building and repairs about all the cost of their support. Mr. Smith, formerly of the Lovali mission, is with them for a year as instructor, but his expense will be met by the work turned out.

The amount for Rev. Jas. Smith, Ahmednagar, comes from friends in Broadview Ave. Church; that for the Navennore teacher from Calvary S. School, Montreal; and for the Madura teacher from Yarmouth W. M. S.; for the Leper mission from the St. Catharines S. S.

Now as to our prospect's next year. We have raised this year for regular work about $1,900.00. We have still for next year $63.40 balance of our debt to raise, and about $1,300.00 for the support of Mr. and Mrs. Currie, printing and insurance. But we hope to send out two new missionaries next year, which means $1,500.00 for outfit and travelling expenses, and $1.100.00 a year after their arrival there. So that we need to raise $2,850.00 next year, or an increase of over one-third. When this is done we will have a fully equipped station of which we may be proud. With Mr. and Mrs. Currie, the Misses Melville, and a missionary physician and wife, Chisamba will be able to increase its present power and usefulness. But one good station, like a good sample, creates a demand for more, and already the cry comes for stations at other places, and the needs of Africa repeat to us the Master's forward call, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

WILLIAM T. GUNN,
Treasurer.

Cowansville, Que.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 1896-7.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year			$ 36 49
Contributions.	Last year.	This year.	
Ontario	$1,161 32	$1,530 35	
Quebec	1,206 60	1,000 02	
Maritime Provinces	263 94	249 24	
Miscellaneous	480 02	167 18	
Total	$3,111 88	$2,946 79	$2,946 79
			$2,983 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

To American Board expenses at Chisamba Station, 1896.		$ 940 63
To American Board on acct. debt due June 1st, 1896, $802.24		738 84
To Rev. W. M. Stover, for aid in printing Umbundu books		25 00
To objects specially designated—		
A. B. C. F. M., for Rev. W. T. Currie's Industrial School	$292 20	
A. B. C. F. M., for Rev. F. W. Read	10 00	
A. B. C. F. M., for teacher in Madura, S. India	40 00	
A. B. C. F. M., Rev. Jas. Smith, Ahmednagar, India	65 71	
London Missionary Society, teacher in Travancore.	60 00	
Canada Congregational Home Mission	8 15	
Canada Congregational Woman's Board	134 25	
Armenian Relief—Rev. F. W. Macallum, $14.00; for regular fund, $86.25; Widows and Orphans Fund, $40.00	126 25	
Indian Famine Fund—Per *Star*, $14.75; per A. B. C. F. M., $156.37; per London Missionary Society, $170.98; per Mr. Smith, St. Catharines, $13.00	355 10	
Leper Mission—Per Mrs. Hewson, St. Catharines.	4 00	
		$1,095 66

To printing account, pamphlets, $2.00; statements, $2.00; receipt books, $4.00; YEAR BOOK and reports, $56.00; envelopes and circulars, $11.75; envelopes, $1.00; Institutional Church leaflets, $21.00; letter heads, $2.50; distribution of reports, $5.80	106 05
To insurance on Mr. Currie's life in Golden Rule Alliance	32 91
To petty expenses — postage, $6.01; cheques and P.O.O., $12.36	18 37
Balance on hand	25 82
	$2,983 28

Audited and found correct,

F. E. DRAPER,
Auditor.

For the year 1897-8 we will need to raise for our regular work, $63.40 balance due the American Board, $1,300 for Mr. and Mrs. Currie's support at Chisamba, and $1,500.00 for the outfit and travelling expenses of the new missionaries we hope to send out next June. This means one-third increase over present subscriptions. We want also about $200.00 for the Canadian Alcove in the Marash library.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. GUNN,
Treasurer.

Cowansville, Que.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From June 1st, 1896 to June 1st, 1897, Detailed Statement.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

BARRIE.

Church	$11 25
Sunday School	4 35
Junior C. E., for boy	7 50
For Mr. Currie	2 50
Total	**$25 60**

BOWMANVILLE.

Church	$26 25
Sunday School, for boy	16 70
Total	**$42 95**

BRANTFORD.

Mrs. Brophey	$ 1 00
L. O. Banting	$ 1 00
Mrs. Cutmore	1 00
A friend	2 00
Miss Goold	2 00
E. L. Goold	5 00
Mrs. Hollinrake	1 00
" Hartman	1 00
J. T. Mills	1 00
Mrs. Jno. Ott	7 00
Mrs. J. H. Oldham	1 00
Chas. Sanderson	1 00
W. H. Shapley	1 50
Mrs. James Thompson	4 00
James Wilkes	5 00
Mrs. Jas. Wilkes	2 50
Miss Wilkes	1 53
Mrs J. O. Wisner	4 00
" W. S. Wisner	1 20
" Wickens	1 00
Miss Wickens	1 00
Walter Wickens	5 00
Henry Yeigh	5 00
Sunday School	7 92
Bible Class	4 50
Prayer Meetings	8 50
C. E., for boy	15 00
Total	**$91 65**

BURFORD AND NEW DURHAM.

S. S. and C. E	$18 00
Church, for Indian Famine	21 80
Total	**$39 80**

COLDSPRINGS.

Young People's Missionary Soc.	$15 00

EMBRO.

Church	$40 00
Sunday School	30 00
C. E., for boy	25 00
Women's Missionary Aux., for Indian Fund	65 00
Total	**$160 00**

FOREST.

CENTRAL.

For Indian Famine	$23 67
Church	10 00
Christian Endeavor	8 35
Local Union C. E., for Canadian Alcove	2 00
Total	**$44 02**

LAKE SHORE.

Church	$ 5 25
" for Indian Famine	5 00
C. E., for Armenian Fund	10 00
Total	$20 25

FROME.

Church	$ 2 30
Christian Endeavor	1 70
Ch., for Rev. F. W. Macallum, for Armenian Relief	10 00
Total	$14 00

GEORGETOWN.

Church	$ 8 00

GUELPH.

C. E., for "Lumbo"	$15 00
C. E., for Chisamba Building Fund	10 00
Prayer Meetings	5 51
S. S. Class	2 05
Total	$32 56

HAMILTON.

FIRST CHURCH.

A. Alexander	$ 4 00
D. Aitchison	2 00
Jno. Duff	2 00
D. Morton	1 00
Mrs. J. C. Bale	2 00
Fred Bale	1 00
Harrow	1 00
Mr. Stott	1 00
R. Robertson	1 00
S. Greey	1 00
Mrs. J. C. Chilman	1 00
" J. Greenaway	1 00
Miss Morton	1 00
" Mary Morton	1 00
Chas. Duff	1 00
Thos. Bale	1 00
Mrs. T. Bale	1 00
J. C. Bale	1 00
C. P. Moore	1 00
Sunday School	10 00
Y. W. M. B, for Sambumbulu	12 00
C. E., for Canadian Alcove	8 25
Total	$55 25

IMMANUEL.

Prayer Meetings	$ 7 25
Thanksgiving and Lecture	7 30
Church	3 65
Christian Endeavor	4 13
C. E., for Canadian Alcove	8 25
Mission Band	5 00
Total	$35 58

HOWICK.

Ladies' Aid	$ 6 00

HUMBER SUMMIT.

Church	$ 7 00
For Armenian Relief, per Rev. F. Macallum	2 25
Total	$ 9 25

KINCARDINE.

Rev. C. E. Bolton	$ 4 00
Union C. E., for Chisamba Hospital	11 00
Thanksgiving	4 50
Total	$19 50

KINGSTON.

BETHEL.

Total	$19 98

LANARK.

Zion Church	$ 8 34

LONDON.

FIRST.

Sunday School	$ 5 00

SOUTHERN.

Famine Fund	$13 16

MARTINTOWN.

S. W. Christie	$ 1 50
H. P. Christie	1 00
P. H. McDermid	1 00
A. J. McDermid	1 00
Small sums	1 50
Total	$ 6 00

MAXVILLE AND ST. ELMO.

D. Kennedy and family	$ 5 00
Thos. Munro	3 00
John F. McEwen	2 50
D. A. McDougall	2 00
A. A. McEwen	2 00
Rev. D. Macallum	2 00
John Kennedy	1 50
J. J. McEwen	1 25
Peter Munro	1 00
Mrs. D. A. McDougall	1 00
Friend	1 00
D. A. McEwen	1 00
J. P. McDougall	1 00
Peter McEwen	1 00
Donald McDougall	1 00
Friend	1 00
Small sums	2 16
Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, for support of boy, care Rev. F. W. Read	10 00
Total	$39 41

MIDDLEVILLE.

Church	$20 50
Payment for Pamphlets	1 25
Total	$21 75

OTTAWA.

First Church.

C. E., for Armenian Fund	$22 50
Junior C. E., " "	1 00
Indian Famine Fund, Church	12 28
" " " C. E.	11 73
C. E., for boy	15 00
Church collection	5 00
Mr. Hume	5 00
Total	$72 51

PINE GROVE.

For Armenian Fund, care of Rev. F. Macallum	$ 1 75

PLYMPTON.

Ch., for Indian Famine Fund	$ 9 00
Christian Endeavor	5 04
Total	$14 04

PARIS.

Thos. Hall	$ 6 00
Mrs. N. Hamilton	5 00
Rev. E. D. Silcox	2 00
Mrs. Whitlaw	2 00
J. Brockbank	1 00
Miss N. Brockbank	1 00
Jno. Carnie	1 00
H. Finlayson	1 00
J. Finlayson	1 00
P. Buckley	1 00
Small sums	6 15
Total	$27 15

RUGBY.

W. M. Auxiliary, for Canadian Alcove	$ 2 00

SCOTLAND.

Church	$19 62
" for Indian Fund	19 21
C. E., for boy	15 00
Total	$53 83

SPEEDSIDE.

Total	$ 4 00

STOUFFVILLE.

For Indian Famine	$10 00
W. M. Circle, for boy	15 00
Total	$25 00

ST. CATHARINES.

Sunday School	$ 8 00

S. School for Indian Famine	18 00
" for Leper Mission.	4 00
Christian Endeavor	10 00
Total	$40 00

TILBURY.

EAST.

Church and C. E	$25 00

TORONTO.

ZION.

Church	$33 40
Sunday School, for boy	20 00
Friend, for Hospital	50 00
Total	$103 40

NORTHERN.

Church	$151 66
Bible Class, for Hospital	34 00
Total	$185 66

OLIVET.

Sunday School	$13 00
Indian Famine	5 00
Armenian Relief	5 00
Church, for Misses Melville	21 25
Miss Wetherald's class	4 00
Total	$48 25

BROADVIEW AVE.

C. E., for Indian Famine	$ 5 00
For Rev. Jas. Smith, India, S. S.	11 71
Miss Jennie Austin	18 00
H L. Barker	18 00
H. W. Barker	18 00
Total	$70 71

WARWICK.

EBENEZER

For Indian Fund, Church	$10 00
" " " C. E	2 50
Total	$12 50

WATFORD.

Y. P. M. B.	$ 6 50
" Home Missions	6 50
Church, for Indian Famine	54 50
Total	$67 50

WOODSTOCK.

S. S. and Bible Class, Armenian Fund	$13 00
Junior C. E., Canadian Alcove	1 00
Missionary Society	13 00
Rev. A. F. McGregor	2 00
C. E., for boy	15 00
Total	$44 00

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

AYER'S FLAT.

Rev. C. Moore	$ 3 00
Church.	2 00
T. D. Brainard, Chisamba Bdg.	10 00
Total	$15 00

BRIGHAM.

For Indian Famine Fund	$14 75

COWANSVILLE.

Church	$ 8 97
Mrs. Seale	5 00
Missionary Potatoes.	2 00
Total	$15 97

DANVILLE.

Christian Endeavor	$ 9 00

EATON.

Total	$ 5 50

FITCH BAY.

Total	$ 3 30

FRANKLIN CENTRE.

Total	$11 00

GRANBY.

Church	$43 87
Christian Endeavor	9 46
Total	$53 33

MELBOURNE.

Sunday School	$ 1 65
" " Home Missions	1 65
Christian Endeavor	5 00
Total	$ 8 30

MONTREAL

EMMANUEL.

Wm. Reid, for Gristmill	$25 00
C. E., Armenian Orphan Fund	10 00
Church	141 50
Total	$176 50

CALVARY.

Sunday School	$35 00
" " for Trevandrum teacher	60 00
Church	84 70
Total	$179 70

ZION.

Thomas Moodie	$10 00
S. P. Leet	5 00
Mrs. S. P. Leet	5 00
J. E. Cribb	3 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner	2 00
John Currie	2 00
Miss R. James	2 00
Thos. Costen	2 00
H. Swain	1 00
J. B. Owens	1 00
John Leslie	1 00
Mrs. Leslie	1 00
J. K. Lindsay	1 00
Miss MacMartin	1 00
A. E. Hanna	1 00
Four Anonymous	4 00
Twenty smaller sums	3 88
Prayer Meetings	24 32
S. S., for Chisamba Bdg. Fund	10 00
Total	$80 20

POINT ST. CHARLES.

Sunday School	$35 00
Christian Endeavor	15 00
C. E., for Indian Fund	10 00
" Junior, for "	2 00
Total	$62 00

WESTMOUNT.

Total	$ 4 00

SHERBROOKE.

A. S. Hurd	$10 00
S. F. Morey	10 00
Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Day	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard	5 00
Miss M. J. Mitchell	5 00
J. S. Mitchell	5 00
Mrs. H. J. Morey	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E	5 00
T. J. Tuck	4 00
Pastor's Bible Class	3 20
W. H. Abbott	2 00
W. Blue	2 00
Neil Dinning	2 00
G. A. Le Baron	2 00
Miss M. McKechnie	2 00
Mrs R. Mitchell	2 00
S. S. Class, M. J. M.	1 50
E. W. Abbott	1 00
Thos. Cowan	1 00
Miss Dickinson	1 00
Mrs. L. Farwell	1 00
Dr. W. A. Farwell	1 00
C. H. Foss	1 00
E. A. Lothrop	1 00
A. T. Monroe	1 00
Miss J. H. Rugg	1 00

J. R. Sangster	1 00
Anonymous and small	6 55
Miss S. A. Mitchell	3 00
" " " for boy	12 00
Total	$102 25

STANSTEAD.

C. E., for Building Fund	$10 00
Church	50 20
Total	$60 20

ST. ANDREWS.

Church	$99 13
Sunday School, for Kasulu	15 00
" "	7 75
Total	$121 88

WATERVILLE.

Missionary Boxes	$14 00
Indian Famine Fund	25 00
C. E., for boy	20 00
Church	18 14
Total	$77 14

MARITIME PROVINCES.

BROOKLYN.

W. M. S., for Wanga	$10 00

CHEBOGUE.

Busy Bees	$10 00
Women's Missionary Society	3 00
Total	$13 00

ECONOMY.

W. M. S., for gristmill	$ 5 00

LIVERPOOL.

Christian Endeavor	$ 7 00

MILTON.

W. M. S., for Hospital	$10 00
" " Armenian Fund	10 00
Church	5 80
Total	$25 80

SELMAH.

Total	$ 6 00

ST. JOHN.

Church	$25 50
" Indian Fund	11 45
Sunday School	11 37
Mrs. Dearborn's Class, for boy	10 00
W. M. S., Hospital	4 00
" Armenian Fund	3 00
" Indian Fund	6 05
Total	$71 37

SHEFFIELD.

For gristmill	$ 8 07
Church	30 64
Total	$38 71

TRURO.

Church	$ 8 71
Rev. John Wood	3 65
Total	$12 36

YARMOUTH.

W. M. S., for Madura preacher	$40 00
" Armenian W. and O.	20 00
Total	$60 00

MISCELLANEOUS AND PERSONAL.

Lancaster Blue Ribbon Society, for Mr. Currie	$31 00
Union N. S. and N. B., half collection	4 32
Estate Mrs. Rogers	2 86
Friend, St. John, N. B	20 00
American Presbyterian Chapel, Montreal, for Mr. Currie	10 00
H. Langlois, for Mr. Currie	25 00
B. W. Robertson, Kingston	50 00
"Alpha," for Canadian Alcove	2 00
" General Fund	10 00
Rev. A. W. Gerrie, West Torrington, Ct	10 00
Amherstburg, J. A. Auld and Mrs. K. L. Maxwell, for Canadian Alcove	2 00

Also received too late for insertion in this year's accounts :—

Paris	$45 95
Maxville	36 45
Danville	57 35
Victoria, B. C	6 00
Stratford	13 00

CONGREGATIONAL

PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY

FOUNDED - - - - - - -	1857.
ACT OF INCORPORATION - - -	1859.
AMENDING ACT OF INCORPORATION -	1873.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1897-98.

Chairman.

CHARLES ALEXANDER, ESQ.

Vice-Chairman.

CHAS. R. BLACK, ESQ.

Secretary-Treasurer.

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FRANCIS SCHOLES, ESQ.
H. H. LYMAN, ESQ.

GENERAL BY-LAWS.

I. MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Society shall be:—

1. *As Beneficiary Members.*—Ministers duly received by the Society through either of the branches hereinafter mentioned, and retaining their membership in connection with either fund in accordance with its by-laws.

2. *As Life Members.*—Any person not being Beneficiary Members, who shall have paid to the fund Twenty Dollars at one time.

3. *As Annual Members.*—Churches collecting for the fund, to be represented at the annual meeting, or at any special meeting held in the year following the payment of their collection, by one delegate, who shall not be a Beneficiary Member.

II.—ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Congregational Minister in British North America who is in good standing in the denomination, and the Pastor of a Congregational Church, or a Missionary, or a Professor in the Congregational College of Canada, may be admitted as a Beneficiary Member of either branch of the fund by a majority of four-fifths of the members present, and voting by ballot at an annual meeting of the Society, such receptions to be confirmed by the Board of Directors before taking effect; or by a majority of four-fifths of the Directors present, at any meeting of the Board, subject, however, to confirmation, on the same majority, by the Society at its next annual meeting.

2. Before confirming the admission of any applicants, the Board of Directors may, if they think it necessary, make enquiries concerning their general health; and if the result of their enquiries proves unsatisfactory, the Directors may, either decline to confirm the reception, or require such additional remuneration as, in their opinion, would be sufficient to cover the extra risk.

III.—TERMINATION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any Beneficiary Member, not an annuitant, ceasing to reside in British North America, shall thereby lose beneficiary claim on either fund, but the amount of his annual subscription to the Widows' and Orphans' fund shall be placed to the credit of his family, under condition of article No. 13, then to accumulate with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until his death, when it shall be paid to such person or persons as may be lawfully entitled to receive it. Beneficiary members of the Retiring Ministers Branch, ceasing to reside in British North America, shall cease to have beneficiary claim, but may, in special cases, receive relief from the fund to the amount of their subscriptions to the fund.

2. Any Beneficiary Member, leaving the Ministry or the denomination, or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim upon the fund, unless he has been a member for five years; but after having paid in five years' annual subscriptions he shall have the privilege of withdrawing from the Society, and receiving as surrender value of his claim on its fund, two-fifths of the amount of the premiums paid in by him.

3. Any Beneficiary Member who may have been connected with the Society, as such for a period of not less than ten years, and who has paid all his annual premiums may, if he so desires, withdraw his membership from the Society, and claim a refund of two-fiths of the amount of the premiums paid in by him.

IV.—RE-ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any member returing to British North America (if permitted to

resume his connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Branch) shall pay all arrears and an additional rate of 20 cents per annum for each year of his absence, and the amount accumulated to the credit of his family shall relapse to the fund.

2. Any member resuming his connection with the Retiring Ministers' Branch shall do so on conditions to be arranged by the Directors.

V.—MEETINGS.

1. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at which a report from the Directors, and the Treasurer's accounts shall be presented, Directors elected for the ensuing year, new members admitted and any other general business of the Society transacted.

2. Special meetings of the Society may be held at its pleasure, expressed at any meeting thereof, or at the call of the Directors.

3. Beneficiary members, in connection with either branch of the Fund, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Society.

4. In case of a division, a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to constitute a vote.

VI.—MANAGEMENT.

1. The funds of the Society shall be held and managed by a Board of ten Directors (five to form a quorum) residing in or near the City of Montreal, to be elected annually by the Society.

2. The Directors, when elected, shall, from their own number, choose a Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and may make such standing rules for their own guidance (not being inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation and its amendments or by-laws), as they may deem needful, subject to the approval of the Society at the next annual meeting.

3. They shall also have power to fill vacancies in their own number, shall be eligible for re-election, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and assume their duties.

VII.—INCOME AND INVESTMENTS.

1. The funds of the Society shall be derived from Annual Church Collections, Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies, the rates paid by Beneficiary Members, and the proceeds of investments.

2. The amount received for Church Collections, or otherwise contributed for the general purposes of the Society, shall be divided, half to the Widows and Orphans' Branch, and half to the Retiring Ministers' Branch; but money contributed from any source, and especially designated for either Branch, shall be so applied.

3. The Funds shall be invested only in undoubted securities to be held on the Society's behalf by the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman, and the Treasurer in the name of the incorporated Society.

4. Any investments or transfer from one investment to another shall be made only by vote of the Board.

5. The Treasurer shall give such security to the Board for the funds in his possession as they may from time to time require.

VIII.—DISPUTED CASES.

In the case of any dispute arising between Beneficiary Members or Annuitants, and the Directors of the Society, each party shall choose an arbitrator, and these, if necessary, an umpire, whose decision shall be final.

IX.—REVISAL OF RATES AND ANNUITIES.

The amount of the rates of premium and annuities shall be reconsidered at each fifth annual meeting, reckoning from that held in 1863, and should any re-adjustment be needed, such re-adjustment shall not be deemed to be a violation of good faith by any parties whatsoever.

X.—ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

The By-laws of the Society may be enacted, amended or repealed at any annual meeting, provided that notice to such effect has been given at the previous annual meeting. But this shall not apply to the case provided for in By-Law IX.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

XI.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

1. From the Fund heretofore belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars shall be set apart as an endowment for the Widows' and Orphans' Branch, the interest only of which shall be available toward the payment of annuities.

2. The balance of the funds of the Widows' and Orphans' Branch, together with subscriptions of Beneficiary Members and available proceeds of Church Collections, Subscriptions, Legacies, etc., with interest, and the interest on the endowment Fund, shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and shall be available for payment of all annuities as prescribed under By-Law No 13.

XII.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates, payable annually, by Beneficiary Members of the Widows' and Orphans' Branch :—

1. By those received under thirty years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of Canada, subscribing within twelve months from the date of their ordination, Ten Dollars.

2. By those received over thirty and under forty years of age, Twelve Dollars.

3. By those received over forty and under fifty years of age, Fourteen Dollars.

4. By those received over fifty and under sixty years of age, Sixteen Dollars.

5. By those received over sixty years of age, such a special rate as may be agreed to by the Society.

6. All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July, and if not paid within three months, to be subject to a fine of $1. If not paid within twelve months, due notice having been given by the trustees, the minister so in arrears shall be held to have withdrawn from connection with the fund.

7. Any Beneficiary Member who shall have paid thirty annual premiums, according to the above assessment, shall be exempt from further subscriptions, and shall maintain his status as a Beneficiary as before.

XIII.—ANNUITIES.

There shall be paid from the funds of the Society to the families of the Beneficiary Members the following Annuities :—

1. To their Widows for life, or until re-marriage, One Hundred Dollars per annum.

2. To their Widows for each Son under the age of sixteen years, and for each Daughter under eighteen years, Twenty Dollars, but Forty Dollars for the youngest child.

3. To Guardians on behalf of Orphans, Forty Dollars for the youngest and Thirty Dollars for each other child until they attain the ages mentioned in the preceding section, provided, nevertheless, that the Directors shall have power to delay such payments to Guardians until they are satisfied that they will be properly applied.

RETIRING MINISTERS' BRANCH.

XIV.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates, payable annually, by Beneficiary Members of the Retiring Ministers' Branch :—

1. By those received under thirty years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of Canada, subscribing within twelve months from the date of their ordination, Four Dollars per annum.

2. Those received over 30 and under 35 years of age, Five Dollars per annum.

3. Those received over 35 and under 40 years of age, Six Dollars per annum.

4. Those received over 40 and under 45 years of age, Seven Dollars per annum.

5. Those received over 45 and under 50 years of age, Eight Dollars per annum.

6. Ministers over 50 years of age shall be received only on such terms as the Directors may agree to.

7. Ministers who may pay at once, or for whom may be paid by their Churches or by others, a sum equal to the amount of fifteen years purchase, according to the age rate indicated above, may become Beneficiary Life Members.

XV.—EQUITABLE FUND.

The subscriptions of Beneficiary Members shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the "Equitable Fund," together with proportion of interest derived therefrom.

XVI.—EQUITABLE ANNUITY.

1. Beneficiary Members of this Branch having attained the age of 65 years, and having been compelled to resign the active duties of the ministry, shall be entitled to an annuity of $100 for life, payable quarterly, from the Equitable Fund; but should there be any good or sufficient reason why it should not be paid—of which reason the Society shall be the sole and sufficient judge—it shall not be paid, anything in those by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, to increase the annuity of any Beneficiary Member by a special or annual grant, not exceeding the sum of $100 per annum additional, and said grant may be made for life, by regular vote, after twelve months' notice given at any annual meeting of the Society.

3. Should the income of either the Equitable or Charitable Fund not be sufficient for the payment of annuities for which it is liable, it shall be right and proper for the Society to make such reduction, *pro rata*, on all annuities as will cover the deficiency, anything in these by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.—*See By-law xviii., Clause 2.*

XVII.—CHARITABLE FUND.

1. The proportion of Charitable Subscriptions, Donations, Legacies, and Church Collections available shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Charitable Fund, until the sum of One Thousand Dollars is secured, the interest of which only shall be available for grants or annuities.

2. After $1,000 is secured, one half of said Subscriptions, Collections, etc., shall be reserved to constitute an Endowment Fund, until the sum of $5,000 has been secured.

3. The other half with the proportion of interest due to this account, shall be available for grants or annuities; but should the income in any year exceed the disbursements of that year, the surplus, after allowing a small balance for contingencies, shall be added to the Endowment.

XVIII.—CHARITABLE ANNUITIES.

1. The Society may, from the Charitable Fund, make special or annual grants to an aged or infirm Congregational Minister, laboring in B. N. A., though not a Beneficiary Member.

2. Should the Equitable Fund be not sufficient for the claims of annuitants it shall be proper to supplement that Fund from the Charitable Fund.

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Provident Fund Society was held in the First Congregational church, in the city of Kingston, on Thursday, 10th June, 1897, at 4 p.m.

Rev. E. C. W. MacColl was appointed chairman of the meeting, Rev. W. W. Smith was appointed Minute Secretary.

Rev. B. W. Day offered prayer.

Mr. Thomas Moodie, Secretary-Treasurer, read the Annual Report, and the Financial Statement.

Rev. John McKillican moved, Rev. W. T. Gunn seconded,—That the report just read be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Rev. John McKillican, seconded by Rev. George Skinner,—That the following be the Board of Directors for the present year: — Messrs. Charles Alexander, R. C. Jamieson, Thomas Moodie, C. R. Black, R. S. Weir D.C.L., Charles Cushing, B.C.L., T. B. Macaulay, Francis Scholes, H. H. Lyman, Charles Gurd. Carried.

Rev. George Skinner gave notice, for next annual meeting, of amendment of paragraph 3 of Article III, in relation to refunds of premiums.

The Secretary presented application for membership in Retiring Ministers' Branch, from Rev. John Scholfield, Brantford. On motion made and seconded, the application was accepted, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

A motion to adjourn having been moved and carried, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Cox.

(Signed) W. W. SMITH, *Minute Secretary.*

(Signed) E. C. W. MCCOLL, *Chairman*

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

THE Directors in presenting the Fortieth Annual Report of the Society, have no special features to report. There is a steady, if slow, increase in the accumulated funds. The increase in the Widows' and Orphans' Branch is very satisfactory, but that of the Retiring Ministers' Branch is not so large as it might be; and I would like to draw your attention to the needs of this branch. For some years we only had one annuitant, but last year we had three, and the fourth has just been added to our number; and unless the subscriptions from the churches to this branch are increased, there will be very little surplus at the end of another year.

When subscriptions are received without stating any particular branch, the amount is equally divided between the two.

Mrs. Wheeler, who had been an annuitant since 1878, died on the 15th June last; her husband had paid into the Society $215, his widow received $1775.

The Rev. W. H. Allworth who had completed his thirty annual payments in 1887, departed this life the 29th October last at Lansing, Mich., of heart failure. He had just spoken at the prayer meeting of Plymouth Congregational church, when he was called away. His widow becoming an annuitant from 1st November last.

The Rev. John Wood has been accepted as an annuitant from 1st August next.

The Rev. Mr. Sykes has completed his thirty years payments in the W. and O. Branch.

The surplus in the W. and O. Branch is $729.58, somewhat smaller than last year; but there are arrears of Interest not yet received, which would have made it equal.

In the R. M. Branch the surplus is very small, only $52.68.

There are two causes for this: first, a reduced number of Beneficiaries, and arrears of interest and premiums.

The officers of the Society would once more urge the claims of this Society on the churches, even if your pastor does not see his need of becoming a member. Think of the number of ministers to whom such a means of providing something for their families in case of their death, would be a great comfort. And they would also urge the ministers to consider whether they should not join; it is the cheapest and safest insurance to be had.

Following the suggestion made at the annual meeting last year, the Secretary sent a circular to each church at the close of the year, asking for a collection on the first Sunday in the new year; an increased number complied with the request.

The following churches having remitted to the funds of the Society during the past year, are entitled to be represented by one delegate:

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

Fitch Bay	½	Coll.	$ 1 00	Lanark	½	Coll.	$ 8 38
Granby	½	"	5 00	St. Catharines	½	"	1 63
Montreal, Calvary	½	"	3 03	Toronto, Northern	½	"	6 11
" Bethlehem			1 00	" Zion	½	"	3 06
" Zion	½	Coll.	6 05	Woodstock	½	"	1 00
Barrie	½	"	1 37	Miss Horton, Port Perry			1 00
Brantford			15 32	Cong'l Union	½	Coll.	5 14
Hamilton, First			15 00				$75 09
Kincardine			1 00				

15 against 10 last year, a falling off in amount, owing to Emmanuel, Montreal, having failed to make their collection, through an oversight.

RETIRED MINISTERS' BRANCH.

Fitch Bay	½	Coll.	$ 1 00	Maxville and St. Elmo			$ 7 80
Granby	½	"	5 00	St. Catharines	½	Coll.	1 62
Montreal, Calvary	½	"	3 03	Toronto, Northern	½	"	6 10
" Zion	½	"	6 00	" Zion	½	"	3 06
Sherbrooke			5 00	Woodstock	½	"	1 00
Barrie	½	Coll.	1 37	Cong'l Union	½	"	5 13
Brantford			10 00				$64 49
Lanark	½	Coll.	8 38				

13 against 7 last year, an increase in amount of $29.34.

By the death of Rev. W. H. Allworth, the number of Beneficiaries in the W. and O. Branch is reduced to 15.

And in the R. M. Branch the number is reduced to 4 for the coming year, by Rev. John Wood becoming an annuitant.

BENEFICIARIES, W. AND O. BRANCH.—15.

Rev. R. K. Black,	Rev. D. Macallum,	Rev. Geo. Skinner,
" C. E. Bolton,	" J. McKillican,	" W. W. Smith,
" W. T. Gunn,	" E. C. W. MacColl,	" S. Sykes,
" Thos. Hall,	" A. Margrett,	" J. Unsworth,
" J. I. Hindley,	" E. D. Silcox,	" J. Wood.

RETIRED MINISTERS' BRANCH.—4.

Rev. Thos. Hall,	Rev. W. W. Smith,
" J. I. Hindley,	" S. Sykes.

ANNUITANTS, W. AND O. BRANCH.—6.

Mrs. Howell,	Mrs. Ebbs,	Mrs. Sanderson,
" Climie,	" Peacock and child,	" Allworth.

RETIRED MINISTERS' BRANCH.—4.

Rev. J. Unsworth,	Rev. D. Macallum,
" R. K. Black,	" J. Wood.

The Financial Statements for the year are herewith presented. The whole respectfully submitted.

THOS. MOODIE,
Sec.-Treas.

MONTREAL, 31st May, 1897.

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Statement for Year ending May 31st, 1897.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$	678 11
Interest and Dividends		1,235 25
Collections		75 09
Beneficiaries		113 00
	$	2,101 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Annuitants	$	615 00
Expenses		54 22
Loan to Congregational College of Canada		390 01
Paid Insurance and Taxes Precourt Property		24 54
Balance cash on hand		1,017 68
	$	2,101 45

ASSETS.

540 Shares Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. Stock, @ $25	$	13,500 00
14 " Real Estate Loan Co. of Canada, valued at		385 00
Mortgages		3,500 00
Loan to Congregational College of Canada		890 01
Cash on hand		1,017 68
	$	19,292 69
Assets, 1896		18,563 11
Increase	$	729 58

RETIRING MINISTERS' BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$	868 97
Collections		64 49
Interest and Dividends		310 40
Beneficiaries		32 00
	$	1,275 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Annuitants	$	300 00
" Expenses		54 21
Balance Cash on hand		921 65
	$	1,275 86

ASSETS.

56 Shares Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. Stock, @ $25	$	1,400 00
13 " Real Estate Loan Co. of Canada, valued at		357 50
Mortgages		4,400 00
Loan to Congregational College of Canada		952 11
Cash on hand		921 65
	$	8,031 26
Assets, 1896		7,978 58
Increase	$	52 68

THOS. MOODIE,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

C. T. WILLIAMS,
ARCH. WRIGHT, } *Auditors.*

MONTREAL, May 31st, 1897.

THE CANADA

Congregational Woman's Board of Missions.

Officers for 1897-98.

President.

MRS. (REV.) D. MACALLUM, 320 EARL ST., KINGSTON.

Vice-President at Large.

MISS DOUGALL, "WITNESS" OFFICE, MONTREAL.

Vice-Presidents, Ex-officio.

THE PRESIDENTS OF BRANCHES.

Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. ROBERT FREELAND, BOWMANVILLE.

Treasurer.

MRS. FRANCES A. SANDERS, 125 MACKAY ST., MONTREAL.

Auditors.

MRS. POWTER AND MRS. DR. GURD, MONTREAL.

Superintendents of Departments.

Organization.

MRS. MACALLUM, MRS. WATSON, MRS. SANDERS, MISS DOUGALL.

Home Mission Supplies.

MRS. MACALLUM.

Literature.

MRS. MOODIE, 185 MANCE ST., MONTREAL.

Missionary Reading.

MRS. C. E. BOLTON, BELWOOD, ONT.

Systematic Giving.

MRS. MACALLUM.

Editor of Leaflet.

MRS. F. A. SANDERS, 125 MACKAY ST. MONTREAL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board was held in Zion Church, Lanark, Ont., June 2nd and 3rd, 1897. The President, Mrs. Macallum, opened the meeting by reading the 103rd Psalm, and prayer. In her remarks she struck the key-note of the Convention—"Thanksgiving and Victory."

Miss James, of Montreal, was appointed Minute Secretary, and committees were appointed. The devotional hour on Wednesday was led by Miss Dougall; on Thursday by Mrs. (Rev.) J. H. Barnett. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Robert Freeland gave an illustrated talk on "Our African Mission"; and on Thursday afternoon Mrs. Currie, of Toronto, exhibited and explained a number of African curios. Mrs. Moodie and Miss Graham (returned missionary from Turkey) addressed a gathering of children; and on Thursday evening Miss Graham gave an excellent description of life in Turkey to a large audience.

Papers were read on "Home Missionary Work in the City," "Home Missionary Work in the Country," "What is the Relation of Temperance to Church and Missionary Work?" "Branch Meetings," and "Systematic Giving." The "Year Book Symposium," and "Home Missionary Map Exercise," were very instructive. Letters from Mr. Currie and the Misses Melville, of Chisamba, and Miss Barker, of Constantinople, gave the latest news from the field.

On Thursday morning the officers were elected for the coming year (see list of officers).

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. To retain the Misses Melville as our missionaries.
2. To pledge $600 to the C. C. Missionary Society.
3. To continue the $70 scholarship in Miss Macallum's school, Smyrna, Turkey.
4. To pay $15 to the *Congregationalist*.
5. To continue the *Monthly Leaflet*.
6. To assume our share of expenses of Chisamba station.

7. To provide Mrs. Ross' outfit for Africa.

8. Recommend that the hospital at Chisamba be begun this year.

9. Remind Auxiliaries that shares can still be taken in the Chisamba Building Fund.

10. Recommend General, Branch and Local "Superintendents of Departments."

11. A letter to be sent to Mission Bands.

12. Thank-offering envelopes and circular to be sent to the churches.

13. Urge treasurers to be prompt in forwarding moneys.

14. Advise auxiliary and branch officers to be elected before annual Board meeting.

15. To print 1,500 reports.

16. Ask for a new edition of Mr. Hill's Leaflet of 1894.

17. Sympathy with Rev. B. B. Williams in his bereavement.

18. Thankfulness to God for His blessing upon our work.

19 Thankfulness that Mrs. Macallum's son and daughters have been kept safe through perilous times in Turkey.

20. Thankfulness that our missionaries are still spared in Africa.

21. Sympathy with Mrs. Sanders in her bereavement.

22. Thanks to Mr. Hill for gift of map.

23. Recommend auxiliaries to send delegates to annual meeting.

24. Appreciation of Miss Graham's services.

25. Thanks to the Lanark friends.

26. To accept invitation to meet in Paris next year.

An invitation being received from the Congregational Union to occupy one morning's session at Kingston, eight ladies were appointed as delegates to represent the Board.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, C. C. W. B. M., 1896-97.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions for Home Missions		$ 246 92
" " Foreign Missions		602 38
" " Special Objects		1,109 88
Subscription to Monthly *Leaflet*		162 04
Fees and Undesignated		681 70
		$2,802 92
Balance from last year		837 18
Total		$3,640 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to C. C. M. S., for Home Missions		$ 600 00
Salary, Miss Helen J. Melville, Chisamba, West Africa		475 00
" Miss Margaret M. Melville, Chisamba, West Africa		475 00
Scholarship, Girls' School, Smyrna, Turkey		70 00
Monthly *Leaflet*, Printing and Postage		119 70
Special Objects		775 80
Expenses		166 22
		$2,681 72
Balance, May 20th, 1897—		
General Fund	$171 05	
Memorial Hospital (2 years)	599 90	
Monthly *Leaflet*	113 93	
Special Objects	73 50	
		958 38
Total		$3,640 10

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

OFFICERS:

President—Mrs. A. Jenkins, Yarmouth, N. S.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. N. Tupper, Milton, N. S.
2nd Vice-President—Miss A. Burpee, Sheffield, N. B.
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. A. N. Tupper, Truro, N. S.
Treasurer—Miss Dunlap, Liverpool, N. S.
Secretary—Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield Academy P.O., N .B.
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. S. W. Burns, Shelburne, N. S.

THE Twentieth Annual Meeting of this Society took place in Milton, Queen's County, N. S., opening July 8. The first business session opened at 10.30 a.m., with Mrs. N. Tupper, of Milton, First Vice-President in the chair. A short prayer-meeting, led by Miss Burpee, of Sheffield, preceded business discussion.

Officers present were, Mrs. Tupper, First Vice-President; Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, Treasurer; Mrs. S. W. Burns, Corresponding Secretary. Visitors and delegates were present from Sheffield and St John, N. B. and from Yarmouth, Truro, Lower Selmah and Noel, Brooklyn, Liverpool and Milton, N. S.

Officers were elected as follows: *(See list above.)*

Reports were received from the Secretary-Treasurer, and Committees appointed at the last annual meeting.

The Treasurer reported an increase in gifts compared with last year's receipts. Committees had taken action on instructions received on appointment.

On Friday, at 2.30 the public meeting took place. On motion of Mrs. N. Tupper, which was carried unanimously, Miss

Burpee took the chair, Mrs. F. H. Hutchinson, of Milton, acting as Secretary. A very interesting meeting followed. The address of welcome was given by Miss Florence Freeman, of Milton, and responded to by Mrs. Johnson, of Yarmouth, who also read the President's Address. Mrs. H. McLeod, of Brooklyn, read a paper on "Voices of Nature." Mrs Dearborn, of St. John, one on "Doing what we can for the Master." Mrs. N. McLeod, of Brooklyn, soothed our weary souls with sweet singing, and the Revs. Sykes and C. Duff, delegates from the Union, spoke encouraging words.

The principal business transacted at this annual meeting, was the formation of a Woman's Board of Missions. A copy of the New Constitution will be presented to the Auxiliaries later, for approval or rejection, as the Lord shall lead them.

ADELINE BURPEE,
Minute Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1896-'97.

RECEIPTS FOR C. C. H. M. S.—*(Home Missionary Society).*

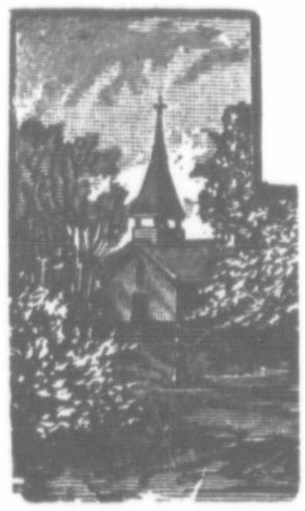
Brooklyn, N.S.	$ 13 86
Beach Meadows, N.S.	10 00
Chebogue (Busy Bees), N.S	12 00
Chebogue (W. M. S.), N.S	11 00
Economy, N.S.	10 00
Keswick Ridge, N.B	8 00
Liverpool, N.S.	24 00
Lower Selmah, N.S.	5 00
Milton, N.S.	17 00
Noel, N.S	6 00
Sheffield, N.B.	32 50
St. John, N.B	42 43
Truro, N.S.	11 40
Yarmouth, N.S.	69 00
	$ 272 19

Reported by the Treasurer last year, but too late for the C. C. M. S. accounts :—Yarmouth, $48.

RECEIPTS FOR C. C. F. M. S.—*(Foreign Missionary Society).*

Brooklyn, N.S., for Mr. Currie's boy, Wanga		$ 10 00
Chebogue (Busy Bees), N.S.		10 00
Economy, N.S., for Mr. Currie's grist-mill		5 00
Milton, N.S., for Memorial Hospital		10 00
St. John, N.B., Primary Class, for educating one of Mr. Currie's boys	$ 10 00	
S. School, for Mr. Currie's work	11 37	
W. M. S., for Hospital	4 00	
W. M. S., for Armenia	8 00	
W. M. S., for India	17 50	
		50 87
$5 of the Armenian fund was sent by the Montreal W. M. S.		
Yarmouth, N.S., for support of native preacher in Madura, India	$ 40 00	
For Armenian widows and orphans	20 00	
		60 00
		$ 145 87

LOUISA L. DEARBORN,
Treasurer.



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MR. J. C. COPP, TORONTO.

Vice-President.

MR. JAMES SMITH, TORONTO.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Congregational Publishing Company of Toronto was held on Friday, 11th June, 1897, at 4 p.m., in the First Congregational Church, in the City of Kingston.

The President, Mr. J. C. Copp, in the chair.

Rev. D. Macallum offered prayer.

The President made some remarks, and suggested a larger list of subscribers for the *Congregationalist*—a club of say 5 to

10, from every church, additional; a free copy of the YEAR BOOK to go to each subscriber.

The Secretary, Rev. W. W. Smith, read the Report and the Treasurer's Statement.

It was moved by Mr. R. W. McLachlan, seconded by Rev. J. R. Black :—

"That the Reports, as read, be received and adopted." Carried.

In response to the appeal of the President, Mr. S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, said he would take and pay for 50 copies of the *Congregationalist,* for Granby Church.

The following were also pledged :

Rev. John McKillican, Montreal . . .	10	copies.
Rev. J. W. Cox, Lower Selmah, N. S. .	10	"
Rev. A. F. McGregor, Woodstock . .	5	"
Rev. John Scholfield, Brantford . . .	5	"
Rev. D. C. McIntosh, Lanark	5	"
Rev. G. H. Craik, Waterville	10	"
Maxville Church	5	"
Ottawa, First Church	5	"
Embro Church	5	"
Rev. W. T. Gunn, Cowansville . . .	5	"
Edgar Church	5	"

And the following were afterwards added :—

R. W. McLachlan, Montreal	10	copies.
Hamilton, First Church	5	"
Kingston, Bethel Church	5	"
Rev. J. T. Daley, Burford	5	"
Rev. D. S. Hamilton, Montreal . . .	5	"
Rev. A. W. Main, Danville	5	"
Rev. J. L. Brown, Franklin Centre . .	5	"

In all, 160 copies.

The following Board of Directors was declared elected, viz.:—Mr. John C. Copp, Mr. James Smith, Rev. John Morton, Mr. Henry O'Hara, Rev. John P. Gerrie, Rev. W. Wye Smith, Mr. George Pim, Mr. Edmund Yeigh, Mr. Herbert W. Barker.

After agreeing to ask the Union for a few minutes to the President to make a further presentation of the matter of the *Congregationalist,* the meeting adjourned.

W. W. SMITH,
Secretary.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors congratulate the churches on the increasing value and acceptability of the *Congregationalist*, as the weekly organ of the churches and the denomination, under the editorship of Rev. J. P. Gerrie; and we consider this a proper opportunity to urge a larger circulation of our paper. Measures will be announced, during the present meetings of the Union, to obtain some practical results in this direction.

The YEAR BOOK, under the same editorial supervision as for some years past, occupies a useful field, and is considered by us all as indispensible to our proper church-work. We thereby are able, as it were, to take each other by the hand, and know of each other's welfare. The circulation has been larger than last year, and it has practically paid its own way. In a number of cases, where a few copies were sent to churches from whom no order had been received, the Directors hope they will not be charged with officiousness, but rather be credited with a desire to supply a little neglect on the part of the brethren. We would rather, however, receive a distinct order for copies from each individual church on the list.

The three years, for which Mr. C. Blackett Robinson took over the *Canadian Independent*, now "*The Congregationalist and Canadian Independent*," are nearly expired; and the Publisher makes certain offers for its continued issue. In the temporary absence of the Publisher from the Province, the matter cannot be brought to a definite conclusion; and the Directors suggest that the incoming Board be empowered to make the best arrangements available, for the publication of the *Congregationalist* from the First of July.

The Directors desire to express their exceedingly cordial and friendly estimate of the business courtesy, honorable dealing, and satisfactory work, on the part of the present Publisher. Also, their high appreciation of the talent, skill and industry of our much-esteemed Editor, Rev. John P. Gerrie.

The accounts, duly audited, are hereby presented. All which are respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Board,

W. W. SMITH,

St. Catharines, June 4th, 1897.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25TH MAY, 1897.

Rev. W. W. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, in Account with the Congregational Publishing Company, of Toronto.

RECEIPTS.

1897.	YEAR-BOOK ACCOUNT.		
May 25—To Cash, sale of YEAR-BOOKS		$108 80	
" Cash for inserting Reports of Societies		286 06	
" Cash for Advertisements		19 00	
" Cash for extra copies Reports		32 00	
			$ 445 86
1897.	SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.		
May 25—To Cash received for S. S. Supplies			101 34
1896.	GENERAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.		
June 22—To Cash from Woman's Board, for Editorial Expense Fund		$15 00	
Sept. 26—Miscellaneous		10 00	
			25 00
1897.			
May 25—Balance due Treasurer this date			74 81
			$647 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.	YEAR-BOOK ACCOUNT.		
May 25—By Printing YEAR-BOOK, 1896-7		$251 00	
" Engraving and Printing Portraits		18 00	
" Extra, on Statistics Printing		2 50	
" Printing Separate Reports		48 00	
" Drawing and Engraving "Target"		3 75	
" Express, Postage, Expenses of Editor		46 64	
" Editor's Salary		100 00	
			469 89
1897.	SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.		
May 25—By Paid for S. S. Supplies		$77 04	
" Postage, Fees for Money Orders, etc		4 34	
" Commission to Manager		9 89	
			91 27
1897.	GENERAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.		
May 25—By Balance due Treasurer, May 27, 1896		$67 05	
" Paid to Editorial Expense Fund		15 00	
" Paid *ad.* Notice Annual Meeting, 1896		2 25	
" Paid for new Minute-Book		90	
" Secretary's Expenses		65	
			85 85
			$647 01

W. W. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Audited, June 4th, 1897, and found correct,

G. W. HODGETTS, *Auditor.*

St. Catharines, June 4th, 1897.

APPENDIX.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

One worker is taken away in the midst of his labor, and another is called to his vacated place. Rev. Jas Shipperley can no longer give us statistical reports in his own characteristic manner, but a younger and less experienced man must for the present do the work of Statistical Secretary. However, confident in the kindly forbearance of Congregationalists, and persons interested in the work of Congregationalists, he ventures to give a little compendium of work, as gleaned from reports from churches connected with the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

One church, situated in Kingsport, by the renowned Minas Basin, has entered upon her 137th year. Next in age comes Liverpool church, which is in her 136th year; followed by the church at Sheffield, N.B., in her 134th year; and the church at Chebogue, in her 130th year. Others follow from early in the present century down to 1891, when a church was started in Truro.

Nine pastors are now in active service, serving in the gospel to fourteen churches, besides outlying stations. To account for the startling decrease in membership this year, as furnished by the reports from the churches, some notice will be taken of the lessening of membership in one church by thirty-seven. On good authority it is stated, that the church has not transferred

its allegiance, but still remains Congregational; and we hope that some, if not all, of the thirty-seven, will come back to the good old way. Another hard fact to be faced by nearly all the churches of this Union, is the removal to other places of so many of their members; the number for this year totalling for ten churches to 187. Something other than "alien labor laws" are needful for keeping even church members at their respective homes.

Sunday School work, and Christian Endeavor Societies, flourish in connection with the majority of the churches which have reported; and both features of church activity have now to be recognized at the Union Meetings annually; one or two meetings being devoted to each. An increase in the number of baptisms, especially of adults, is recorded this year, a fact which is significant, when seven churches report 35 baptisms as against 10 last year.

Church properties are valued at $70,950; (probably two or three thousand more); and seating capacity, without crowding, for over 5,000 persons: the greatest need apparently being an influx of people where Congregational churches are situated. Only four churches report any debts in connection with their church buildings; and each of these is either nearing the extinction, or bravely moving to extinquish their respective debts.

Church finances do not present as favorable a showing as they might; but as the amounts given for local church objects in some instances are so low, it is evident that some mistake in figures has been made in the supplying of these figures. [Church clerks take note, and endeavor to know and record the amounts spent for and by your respective churches].

Thirteen churches report contributions for the C. C. M. S.; eight churches for the C. C. F. M. S. (or other foreign missionary work); five churches for the C. C. College. Perhaps in this connection the writer might urge the matter he introduced at Keswick Ridge in 1896, and which was kindly reiterated by others at Milton in 1897; and that the formation of a Triennial Council, Conference, or Union, become an actuality at no distant date. *Wisdom* from the East and *Enterprise* from the West can surely be united!

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Rev. J. H. George, D.D., Principal College, Montreal.

Rev. H. S. Beavis, pastor First Church, Hamilton, Ont.

Rev. Chas. Duff, for *Liverpool*, read *Brooklyn*.

Rev. E. C. Wall, pastor at Kingsport, N.S.

Montreal Congregational Club: *President*, Rev. E. M. Hill, *Treasurer*, Thomas Moodie.

Rev. William Johnston resigned Toronto Western.

PREFACE.

IN this Twenty-fifth Annual Volume, we re-produce the portrait of Dr. Hindley Chairman of the Union — the one given last year being very unsatisfactory. Though several portraits are given, we hoped to have secured a larger number.

We are pleased to be able to say that every copy was taken up last year; the Editor had to buy back a copy for his fyle. We hope, as times get better, an increasingly large edition will be required every year. We thank the various Secretaries for their promptness, in furnishing the YRAR BOOK with their Reports; and we are glad to say, we had much less trouble than formerly, in deciphering penmanship. The "Schoolmaster is abroad," in Canada as elsewhere.

The only part, entirely unsatisfactory to ourselves, is the List of Congregational Ministers in British North America. There are so many changes, and pastorless churches often so careless in sending any word about new settlements, that even an official Committee of the Union for that purpose would not be able to have the list "up to date." We cannot leave everything to the last moment; but a number of corrections and omissions are noted on the page facing this Preface.

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No.	Name of Church.	Name of Minister.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Religious Services.					Church Membership.												S. Schools.			Y. P. S. C. E.			Baptisms.		
						Stations not Churches.	No. of Preaching Stations on Lord's Day.	Average Attendance at all Services.	Average Attendance at Principal Station.	Total under Pastoral Care, Children included.	Additions. By Profession.	Additions. By Letter.	Removals. By Death.	Removals. By Letter.	Removals. By Discipline.	Removals. Dropped on Revision.	Remaining. Males.	Remaining. Females.	Remaining. Total.	Relative Increase.	Relative Decrease.	Absentees.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1	Beach Meadows...	Chas. Duff.....	1862	1896	Toronto Theol. Inst.	..	1	....	150	100	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	1	6	20	11	15	26	..	..	..
2	Brooklyn.....	" "	1862	1896	" " "	..	1	208	....	103	7	1	1	..	....	..	43	60	103	3	..	6	1	16	115	75	48	3	51	7	..	7
3	Chebogue.....	D. W. Purdon.....	1859	1893	Cotton End, Eng....	..	1	....	50	160	5	....	2	1	..	..	18	43	61	2	..	27	1	3	26	12	....	....	....	5	..	5
4	Economy	Jas. Blesedell.....	1892	1896	Sackville.....	..	1	....	75	....	....	....	..	7	..	30	30	44	74	....	37	12	1	4	41	25	20	5	25	..	..	..
5	Hemford	No report	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
6	*Keswick Ridge ..	Simeon Sykes.	1864	1891	Private	5	7	300	150	400	5	....	5	..	..	..	39	75	114	....	..	....	1	6	40	30	35	37	72	5	5	10
7	Kingsport	E. C. Wall.....	1891	1897	"	..	1	....	60	....	....	....	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
8	Liverpool.....	Geo. W. Ball.....	1894	1894	Cong. Coll., Canada.	2	1	250	200	300	2	1	2	1	..	..	11	47	58	....	..	12	2	16	70	55	28	10	38	1	1	2
9	Maitland	.....	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
10	Manchester.....	.....	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
11	Margaree	J. Shipperley.....	1871	1896	Private.....	1	2	70	60	100	....	....	..	2	..	..	37	40	77	....	2	10	2	10	62	60	20	10	30	..	..	..
12	Milton.....	Abraham Braine....	1876	1895	Pres. Coll., Lond'n, E.	..	1	....	60	75	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	27	35	....	..	....	1	5	25	20	12	....	12	..	1	1
13	Noel.....	J. W. Cox, B.A.....	1877	1896	Cong. Coll., Canada.	1	1	....	100	75	2	....	..	..	..	..	11	22	33	2	..	2	1	2	25	18	....	....	....	..	..	..
14	Pleasant River....	No report.....	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
15	Selmah.....	J. W. Cox, B.A.....	1877	1896	Cong. Coll., Canada.	..	1	....	40	50	4	6	..	..	..	..	15	25	40	10	..	....	1	4	25	22	30	20	50	..	..	..
16	St. John, N.B.....	Wm J. Minchin....	1896	1896	Bangor Seminary...	..	1	....	115	240	2	6	1	2	..	..	53	104	157	5	..	45	1	14	90	65	....	....	....	..	1	6	7
17	Sheffield, N.B.....	Jas. M. Austin	1892	1891	Cong. Coll., Canada.	..	1	....	60	60	6	....	..	..	..	1	18	29	47	1	..	16	1	3	18	15	21	6	30	2	1	3
18	South Maitland...	J. W. Cox, B.A.....	1877	1896	" " "	1	2	90	90	101	3	....	1	..	..	..	19	37	56	2	..	13	2	11	54	45	19	10	29	..	..	..
19	Truro	No report	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
20	Yarmouth	E. E. Braithwaite...	....	1897	.....	..	1	....	140	420	....	....	3	3	..	..	51	102	155	....	3	34	1	16	65	65	37	1	38	..	..	..
	Total.....	.....	...	....	.....	10	23	1692	1558	2366	39	16	17	17	..	31	353	655	1008	32	45	187	18	109	661	527	281	117	398	21	14	35
	Other Churches.																															
	†Milltown, N.B...	Wm. Williams.....	1890	1894	.....	..	....	....	....	....	13	2	1	..	..	..	46	102	147	....	..	....	..	.....	184	137	....	....	63	7	..	7

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			Religious Services.	Church Membership.	Sunday Schools.	Y. P. S. C. E.

No.	Names of Churches.	Name of Minister.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Religious Services.				Church Membership.											Sunday Schools.				Y. P. S. C. E.			
						Average Attendance.	Stations (not churches).	Average Attendance at Stations.	Total under Pastoral care, Children included.	Additions. By Profession.	Additions. By Letter.	Removals. By Death.	Removals. By Letter.	Removals. By Discipline.	Removals. Dropped on Revision.	Remaining. Males.	Remaining. Females.	Remaining. Total.	Relative. Increase.	Relative. Decrease.	No. Teachers and Officers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Amount Raised.	Joined the Church.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Increase.	Joined the Church.	Amount Raised.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Ayer's Flat, Beulah	Churchill Moore	1890	1892	C. C. Canada	55	1	....	200	9	...	2	1	..	...	24	28	52	7	...	4	40	30	$25	5	30	34	8	4	..
	Boynton	" "	1890	1892		.....	...	30	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	4	35	25	12	..	...	...	..	..	..
2	Brigham	W. P. Jackson	1895	1895	C. C. C.	80	...	....	175	6	2	2	...	..	...	14	29	43	6	...	4	70	40	15	5	...	...	..	..	..
3	Cowansville	W. T. Gunn, M.A.	1893	1893	C. C. C.	150	1	....	400	2	6	2	1	..	4	36	48	84	1	...	5	40	30	7	..	19	8	..	3	$1
	East Farnham	" " "	1893	1893	C. C. C.	.....	...	50	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	..
4	Danville	A. W. Main	1882	1895	Bangor Theo. Semin'ry	200	...	....	400	6	1	1	1	..	...	54	76	130	...	...	9	150	75	...	..	45	15	12	3	2
5	Durham (Ulverton)	Thomas Hall	1866	1896	Dublin	50	...	....	180	1	....	..	...	..	...	15	25	40	...	5	3	35	20	3	..	...	...	..	..	..
6	Eaton	R. Hay	1859	1894	C. C. C.	70	1	....	156	...	...	..	...	..	....	15	43	58	...	...	6	45	35	20	..	30	6	8	..	...
	Birchton	" "	1859	1894	C. C. C.	.....	...	60	....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	..
7	Fitch Bay	Vacant	....	....	.....	.....	2	..	.....	...	1	2	1	..	...	15	32	47	...	2	6	75	40	22	..	...	...	..	..	..
	Brown's Hill	" "	....	....	.....	.....	...	25	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	..
	Tichurst	" "	....	....	.....	.....	...	30	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	..
8	Franklin Centre	J. L. Brown	1894	1894	C. C. C.	70	...	....	150	...	1	..	...	..	...	16	29	45	...	3	4	30	20	10	.	...	...	..	.	.
9	Granby	B. W. Day	1862	1896	C. C. C.	300	1	....	600	7	1	5	2	..	...	85	129	214	1	...	13	160	80	131	..	55	35	29	..	1
	South Ridge	" "	1862	1896	C. C. C.	.....	...	50	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	...
10	Melbourne	Thos. Hall	1866	1896	Dublin	100	1	....	400	2	3	..	3	..	3	28	45	73	...	2	5	71	42	31	..	19	10	5	..	1
	Danby	.....	....	....	.....	.....	...	30	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	..
11	Montreal, Zion	W. H. Warriner, B.D.	1878	1890	C. C. C.	300	...	....	550	9	8	1	6	..	...	66	101	167	10	...	36	269	234	152	..	32	2	4	2	3
12	" Emmanuel	E. C. Evans, D.D.	1878	1895	Middlebury, Oberlin, and Yale	650	...	....	1200	18	17	9	19	..	...	115	192	307	12	...	15	129	95	81	5	35	...	..	..	4
																					22	Chinese							
13	" Calvary	E. M. Hill, M.A.	1883	1883	Beloit and Andover	200	...	....	550	14	7	2	20	..	...	76	126	202	...	6	18	215	145	215	1	20	...	..	2	6
14	" Westmount	Robt. Hopkin	1895	1896	Private Tuition	85	...	....	150	33	33	1	...	..	...	27	39	66	66	...	7	70	56	99	3	...	...	..	..	..
15	" Pt. St. Charles	D. S. Hamilton, B.A.	1894	1896	C. C. C.	200	...	....	400	9	...	2	5	..	55	52	72	124	...	55	18	238	136	66	..	23	5	..	1	4
																										j15	25			1
16	Sherbrooke, Plymouth	F. J. Day, B.D.	1896	1896	C. C. C.	150	...	....	325	13	6	2	3	..	6	60	105	165	8	...	11	95	67	...	5	15	...	..	..	2
17	Stanstead, South	G. Ellery Read	1893	1865	C. C. C.	100	...	....	200	6	5	1	...	..	...	26	42	68	1	...	8	100	60	22	4	20	9	13	8	1
18	St. Andrews East	Student Supply.	....	....	C. C. C.	55	...	....	102	...	...	1	...	..	...	13	18	31	...	2	5	25	20	22	..	...	....	..	..	..
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19	Waterville	Galen H. Craik	1892	1892	C. C. C.	100	1	....	350	3	...	..	...	..	...	36	56	92	9	...	7	85	55	30	..	50	14	12	..	7
	Eustis	" "	1892	1892	C. C. C.	.....	...	50	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	..	..	.
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* St. Antoine St.

17	Shefford, N.B.																													
18	South Maitland	J. W. Cox, B.A.	1877	1896	" " "	1	2	90	90	101	3	...	1	..	..	..	19	37	56	2	..	13	2	11	31	....	....	....	....	..	..
19	Truro	No report	....	...	.....	..	..	....	....	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..
20	Yarmouth	E. E. Braithwaite	....	1897	.....	..	1	....	140	420	...	...	3	3	..	..	51	102	155	...	3	34	1	16	65	65	37	1	38	..	..	..
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NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—Table No. 1.

No.	Name of Church.	Name of Minister.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Religious Services.					Church Membership.												S. Schools			Y. P. S. C. E.			Baptisms.		
						Stations not Churches.	No. of Preaching Stations on Lord's Day.	Average Attendance at all Services.	Average Attendance at Principal Station.	Total under Pastoral Care, Children included.	Additions. By Profession.	Additions. By Letter.	Removals. By Death.	Removals. By Letter.	Removals. By Discipline.	Removals. Dropped on Revision.	Remaining. Males.	Remaining. Females.	Remaining. Total.	Relative. Increase.	Relative. Decrease.	Relative. Absentees.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1	Beach Meadows	Chas. Duff	1862	1896	Toronto Theol. Inst.	..	1	....	150	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	6	20	11	15	26	..	..	..
2	Brooklyn	" "	1862	1896	" " "	..	1	208	....	103	7	1	1	..	....	..	43	60	103	3	..	6	1	16	115	75	48	3	51	7	..	7
3	Chebogue	D. W. Purdon	1859	1893	Cotton End, Eng.	..	1	....	50	160	5	....	2	1	....	..	18	43	61	2	..	27	1	3	26	12	....	....	....	5	..	5
4	Economy	Jas. Blesedell	1892	1896	Sackville	..	1	....	75	....	....	....	....	7	..	30	30	44	74	....	37	12	1	4	41	25	20	5	25	..	..	..
5	Hemford	No report	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
6	*Keswick Ridge	Simeon Sykes	1864	1891	Private	5	7	300	150	400	5	....	5	..	..	..	39	75	114	....	..	....	1	6	40	30	35	37	72	5	5	10
7	Kingsport	E. C. Wall	1891	1897	"	..	1	....	60	....	....	....	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
8	Liverpool	Geo. W. Ball	1894	1894	Cong. Coll., Canada	2	1	250	200	300	2	1	2	1	..	..	11	47	58	....	..	12	2	16	70	55	28	10	38	1	1	2
9	Maitland	....	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
10	Manchester	.....	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
11	Margaree	J. Shipperley	1871	1896	Private	1	2	70	60	100	....	....	..	2	..	..	37	40	77	....	2	10	2	10	62	60	26	10	30	..	..	..
12	Milton	Abraham Braine	1876	1895	Pres. Coll., Lond'n, E.	..	1	....	60	75	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	27	35	....	..	....	1	5	25	20	12	....	12	..	1	1
13	Noel	J. W. Cox, B.A.	1877	1896	Cong. Coll., Canada	1	1	....	100	75	2	....	..	..	..	..	11	22	33	2	..	2	1	2	25	18	....	....	....	..	..	..
14	Pleasant River	No report	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
15	Selmah	J. W. Cox, B.A.	1877	1896	Cong. Coll., Canada	..	1	....	40	50	4	6	..	..	..	..	15	25	40	10	..	....	1	4	25	22	30	20	50	..	..	..
16	St. John, N.B.	Wm J. Minchin	1896	1896	Bangor Seminary	..	1	....	115	240	2	6	1	2	..	..	53	104	157	5	..	45	1	14	90	65	....	....	....	1	6	7
17	Sheffield, N.B.	Jas. M. Austin	1892	1891	Cong. Coll., Canada	..	1	....	60	60	6	....	..	..	..	1	18	29	47	1	..	16	1	3	18	15	21	6	30	2	1	3
18	South Maitland	J. W. Cox, B.A.	1877	1896	" " "	1	2	90	90	101	3	....	1	..	..	..	19	37	56	2	..	13	2	11	54	45	19	10	29	..	..	..
19	Truro	No report	....	....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..
20	Yarmouth	E. E. Braithwaite	....	1897	.....	..	1	....	140	420	....	....	3	3	..	..	51	102	155	....	3	34	1	16	65	65	37	1	38	..	..	..
	Total	.....	....	....	.....	10	23	1692	1558	2366	39	16	17	17	..	31	353	655	1008	32	45	187	18	109	661	527	281	117	398	21	14	35
	Other Churches.																															
	†Milltown, N.B.	Wm. Williams	1890	1894	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	13	2	1	..	..	..	45	102	147	....	..	....	..	.....	184	137	....	....	63	7	..	7

*Lake and Bear Island Church included with Keswick Ridge. †Milltown, N. B., included in the Maine General Conference.

STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 8, 1897.

QUEBEC.—Table No. 1.

Names of Churches.	Name of Minister.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Religious Services.				Church Membership.					Sunday Schools.			Y. P. S. C. E.			Baptisms.	Secretary.
									Additions.	Removals.			Remaining.	Relative.							
					Attendance.	Churches).	Attendance at	care, cluded.				vision.			Officers		Attendance.	rch.	ers.	rch.		Name of

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ONTARIO—Table No. 1.

No.	Name of Churches.	Names of Ministers.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	Where Trained.	Religious Services.				Church Membership.											Sunday Schools.				Y. P. S. C. E.				Baptisms.			Secretaries.
										Additions.		Removals.				Remaining.			Relative.														
						Average Attendance.	Stations not Churches.	Average Attendance at Stations.	Total under Pastoral Care Children Included.	By Profession.	By Letter.	By Death.	By Letters.	By Discipline.	Dropped on Revision.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. Teachers & Officers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Amount Raised.	Joined the Church.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Increase.	Joined the Church.	Amount Raised.	Adult.	Children.	Total.	Name of Church Secretary.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
1	Alton	Geo. Extence	1895	1897	C. C. C.	100	..	....	150	...	2	1	2	..	...	28	37	65	...	39	7	76	35	39	...	14	11	3	...	...	..	...	...	Herbert McClellan.
2	Barrie	A. Lennox	....	1897	Chicago Theo. Sem.	100	..	....	200	15	2	1	...	..	4	30	65	95	15	...	9	121	84	64	8	38	7	9	3	...	..	...	...	R. Addison
3	Belwood	C. E. Bolton	1882	1896	C. C. C.	170	..	....	200	8	...	1	...	..	...	29	31	60	...	4	9	80	40	31	4	No	rep	ort	...	...	1	2	3	Geo. Martin.
4	Bowmanville	J. H. Barnett	...	1897	Private Tuition	95	..	....	192	2	2	1	...	..	...	12	36	48	...	4	13	65	65	53	2	24	13	2	2	...	..	...	...	J. H. Alexander.
5	Brantford	Jno. Scholfield	1886	1896	" "	400	1	....	450	19	7	2	2	..	80	61	121	182	...	17	18	200	125	181	11	29	10	7	8	fm	2	2	4	J. W. Woodyatt.
	East End Chapel	" "	"	"	" "	...	..	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	115	80	31	...	15	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	Burford	J. T. Daley, B A	1891	1891	C. C. C. and Union NY	100	..	....	200	...	....	..	1	..	...	28	36	64	...	1	9	120	76	118	..	20	...	D1	...	12	..	2	2	Hy. Cox.
7	Churchill	T. K. Forbes	....	...	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
8	Cobourg	Vacant	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
9	Cold Springs	A. McCormack	1869	1891	Belfast	200	1	....	250	2	...	..	...	..	6	48	60	108	...	5	5	50	40	....	...	40	10	...	...	fm	..	4	4	R. McMann.
	Country Appt	" "	....	"	"	....	..	50	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
10	Dalston	Thos. Leggette	....	1896	Private	45	..	....	60	3	6	..	1	..	1	6	21	27	...	1	5	50	30	....	2	Uni	on	CE	...	...	..	...	...	J. M. Baldwin.
11	Edgar	" "	....	1896	"	175	..	....	175	23	...	2	3	..	...	26	63	89	15	...	7	65	45	23	18	41	2	16	15	...	1	1	2	D. Beath, Dalston.
12	Embro	W. J. Hindley	1893	1895	Oberlin Theo. Sem	300	..	....	500	9	2	2	1	..	...	67	126	193	8	...	12	90	63	59	5	51	3	9	2	38	1	1	2	Jno. Ross, (Ensign) Embro.
13	Forest, Central	J. I. Hindley, M.A., PhD	1869	1893	C. C. C.	200	..	....	500	...	....	1	3	1	...	...	...	90	...	33	12	65	51	25	...	33	...	3	...	...	..	1	1	Miss M. J. Gammon.
14	Forest, Lake Shore	E. C. W. MacColl, B.A.	1868	1897	Queen's Col. Kingston.	55	..	....	130	4	...	..	...	..	...	20	12	32	4	...	4	51	30	....	4	15	2	...	2	11	1	...	1	Ed. Lloyd, Forest, Ont.
15	Fergus	C. E. Bolton	1882	1897	C. C. C	70	..	....	100	2	...	..	...	..	2	5	18	23	3	...	3	22	17	6	...	No	CE	...	...	...	..	...	...	Mrs. Jesse Anderson.
16	Frome	Geo. Skinner	1882	1893	C. C. C	130	..	....	200	2	...	..	1	..	...	32	46	78	2	...	13	82	56	34	...	39	14	9	2	15	..	1	...	Geo. W. Firth.
17	Garafaxa	C. E. Bolton	1882	1896	C. C. C.	130	..	....	250	3	...	..	...	..	9	....	....	93	...	10	6	80	55	....	...	31	2	4	1	...	2	6	8	Jas. Aitken, Fergus.
18	Georgetown	Thos. H. Rogers, B.A.	1891	1897	Knox & Tor. Univ.	100	..	....	200	12	...	..	...	..	...	...	....	60	...	20	8	70	41	27	...	5	...	5	...	...	..	2	2	John Allen.
19	Guelph	Vacant	....	....	Vacant	175	..	....	460	4	5	3	...	...	...	...	....	170	...	13	15	95	74	103	...	25	3	...	1	40	..	...	...	T. R. Bailey, Box 459.
20	Hamilton, First	H. S. Beavis, D.D.	1874	1896	Various Institutions	250	..	....	575	14	16	5	15	..	3	85	133	218	7	...	28	200	144	175	...	21	7	8	1	2	..	...	...	A. Alexander, c/o H. M. Customs.
21	Hamilton, Immanuel	W. H. Watson	1883	1894	Private	110	..	....	252	10	7	..	3	..	...	22	39	61	7	...	20	145	110	122	10	22	5	...	7	9	1	10	11	H. J. Healey, 236 Herkimer St.
22	Hawksbury	...	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
23	Howick	J. W. Goffin	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
24	Humber Summit	William Collins	1890	1896	Harley Col. Lon. Eng.	100	..	....	200	...	3	1	...	..	...	41	53	94	2	...	5	60	35	42	...	....	...	....	...	...	..	...	...	J. T. W Wallis, Woodbridge.
25	Kelvin	Vacant	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
26	Kincardine	J. McGuire	...	1897	C. C. C.	150	..	....	150	1	...	..	...	..	...	12	22	34	...	15	5	45	35	8	...	20	5	4	...	...	..	...	...	Agnes McCallum, Tiverton.
	Country Appt	...	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
27	Kingston, First	A. W. Richardson	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
28	Kingston, Bethel	J. R. Black, B.A	1875	1892	C. C. C	160	..	....	.....	12	2	2	1	1	15	47	89	136	6	...	15	130	115	97	3	28	3	3	...	4	..	12	12	G. W. Gray, Patrick St.
29	" Calvary	Vacant	...	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
30	Lanark, Zion	D. C. McIntosh	1886	1895	Oberlin, Ohio	125	..	....	300	2	...	2	7	..	...	72	99	171	...	8	11	119	87	82	...	16	12	...	...	...	..	2	...	R. W. Robertson.
31	Listowel	Matthew Kelly	1896	1896	C. C. C.	70	..	....	150	5	4	2	3	..	...	25	42	67	4	....	6	60	48	28	2	....	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	S. Tatham.
32	London, First	Jas. W. Pedley, B.A.	1885	1895	C. C. C. and McGill	250	..	....	300	7	...	..	...	..	...	31	65	96	...	39	21	168	125	125	4	37	8	3	6	8	3	5	8	A. Richards, Queen's Ave.
33	" Southern	W. H. A. Claris	1872	1893	C. C. C.	100	..	....	250	7	4	2	...	..	...	28	56	84	17	...	17	190	130	240	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	9	11	W. H Hayes, 385 William St.
34	Martintown	Vacant	...	....	A. Ross Stu. Supply	40	..	....	60	...	...	..	...	..	...	17	12	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	Simon Christie.
	Glenfollock	"	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
	North Branch	"	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
35	Maxville & St. Elmo	Student Supply	....	....	C. C. C.	300	..	...	400	14	1	..	...	..	...	41	51	92	...	79	6	52	40	40	...	24	11	4	...	5	7	1	8	C. McEwen, St. Elmo.
	Bloomington	" "	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	57	40	....	...	20	15	..	7	...	..	...	...	
36	Middleville	J. L. Alexander	1897	1897	C. C. C.	125	2	....	300	...	...	..	...	..	...	59	79	129	10	...	5	35	30	....	...	12	16	8	..	2	..	...	...	
	Hopetown	"	"	"	"	.....	..	110	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	....	50	14	...	9	43	...	...	...	..	...	...	
	Rosetta	"	"	"	"	.....	..	100	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	55	....	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	
37	Newmarket	Vacant	....	....	...	....	..	....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	A. R. McIntyre.
38	New Durham	Jas. T. Daley, B.A	1891	1891	C. C. C. & Union, N.Y.	70	..	....	150	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	..	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
20	Hamilton, First	H. S. Beavis, D.D.	1874	1896	Various Institutions	250	..	....	575	14	10	5	15	..	3	85	133	218	7	...	28	200	144	175	...	21	7	8	1	2	..	...	...	A. Alexander, c/o H. M. Customs.
21	Hamilton, Immanuel	W. H. Watson	1883	1894	Private	110	..	....	252	10	7	..	3	..	...	22	39	61	7	...	20	145	110	122	10	22	5	...	7	9	1	10	11	H. J. Healey, 236 Herkimer St.
22	Hawksbury																																	
23	Howick	J. W. Goffin																																
24	Humber Summit	William Collins	1890	1896	Harley Col. Lon. Eng.	100	..	....	200	...	3	1	...	..	...	41	53	94	2	...	5	60	35	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. T. W Wallis, Woodbridge.
25	Kelvin	Vacant																																
26	Kincardine	J. McGuire	...	1897	C. C. C.	150	..	....	150	1	...	..	...	..	...	12	22	34	...	15	5	45	35	8	...	20	5	4	...	...	..	...	...	Agnes McCallum, Tiverton.
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31	Listowel	Matthew Kelly	1896	1896	C. C. C.	70	..	....	150	5	4	2	3	..	...	25	42	67	4	....	6	60	48	28	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	S. Tatham.
32	London, First	Jas. W. Pedley, B.A.	1885	1895	C. C. C. and McGill	250	..	....	300	7	...	..	..	..	...	31	65	96	...	39	21	168	125	125	4	37	8	3	6	8	3	5	8	A. Richards, Queen's Ave.
33	" Southern	W. H. A. Claris	1872	1893	C. C. C.	100	..	....	250	7	4	2	...	..	...	28	56	84	17	...	17	190	130	240	...	..	.	...	...	...	2	9	11	W. H Hayes, 385 William St.
34	Martintown	Vacant	...	....	A. Ross Stu. Supply	40	..	....	60	...	...	..	..	..	...	17	12	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Simon Christie.
	Glenfollock	"																																
	North Branch	"																																
35	Maxville & St. Elmo	Student Supply	....	....	C. C. C.	300	..	...	400	14	1	..	..	..	...	41	51	92	...	79	6	52	40	40	...	24	11	4	...	5	7	1	8	C. McEwen, St. Elmo.
	Bloomington	" "																			6	57	40	...	...	20	15	..	7	...	...	...	...	
36	Middleville	J. L. Alexander	1897	1897	C. C. C.	125	2	....	300	...	...	..	..	..	...	59	79	129	10	...	5	35	30	...	...	12	16	8	..	2	..	...	...	
	Hopetown	" "	"	"	"	...	..	110	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	....	50	14	...	9	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. R. McIntyre.
	Rosetta	" "	"	"	"	...	..	100	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
37	Newmarket	Vacant																																
38	New Durham	Jas. T. Daley, B.A	1891	1891	C. C. C. & Union, N.Y.	70	..	....	150	7	...	..	..	..	...	22	33	55	8	...	4	30	25	16	2	12	4	...	...	...	2	..	2	Philip Kelly.
39	North Erin	Geo. Extence	1896	1897	C. C. C.	40	..	....	60	...	...	..	..	..	...	14	18	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. Clarke, Orangeville.
40	Ottawa	Wm. McIntosh	1874	1894	C. C. C.	150	..	....	350	44	6	1	...	..	12	62	91	153	37	..	10	100	76	60	...	29	1	5	5	47	2	5	7	Thos. E. Chisnall.
41	" Welcome Zion	H. J. Horsey	1896	1896	C. C. C.	80	..	....	220	14	1	..	...	..	1	14	23	37	37	...	13	142	103	70	...	16	8	7	6	...	2	13	15	H. S. Marshall, Centre St.
42	Pine Grove	W Collins	1890	1896	HarleyCollege	60	..	....	140	4	2	2	4	..	1	17	28	45	...	...	5	45	30	50	...	18	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	J. Bennetts, Woodbridge.
43	Plympton, North	J.I. Hindley, M.A., PhD	....	1893	C. C. C.	60	..	....	90	1	2	..	...	..	1	9	18	27	7	...	5	27	16	12	...	11	15	1	...	15	..	...	...	J. K. Cairns, Camlachie.
44	Paris	E. D. Silcox	1873	1895	C. C. C.	175	..	....	250	...	3	1	2	..	...	...	...	132	...	...	17	115	75	69	...	23	7	3	...	23	..	3	3	J. Carnie.
45	Rugby	Thos. Leggette	....	1896	Private	150	..	....	112	5	...	1	...	..	...	24	29	53	...	9	4	30	20	....	...	21	2	6	2	6	..	...	...	Charles Harvie, Orillia.
46	Sarnia	W. H. Madill	1890	1896	Parkdale Coll. Inst	95	..	....	400	37	...	2	6	..	29	31	76	107	11	...	8	65	46	54	22	...	...	...	...	...	12	32	44	T. C. Sloane.
47	South Caledon	T. R. Forbes																																
48	Scotland	J. K. Unsworth	1887	1894	C. C. C.	125	..	....	350	15	6	2	1	..	...	52	74	126	18	...	9	160	88	75	...	38	61	1	10	18	12	1	13	Melvin Halliday.
49	Speedside	A. F. Pollock	1896	1897	C. C. C. & Oberlin	....	..	....	225	...	...	1	...	..	...	31	48	79	...	9	7	56	31	11	...	25	2	...	...	...	..	2	2	Mrs. J. L. Benham.
50	Stouffville	J. D. McEwen	1891	1896	Northfield, Mass	135	..	....	160	11	...	3	3	..	3	...	....	134	..	2	10	70	51	49	...	29	22	7	4	...	7	...	7	R. J. Daley.
51	St. Catharines	W. W. Smith	1865	1892	Private	45	..	....	150	...	...	1	1	..	4	19	36	55	...	6	13	120	80	127	...	14	2	...	...	10	..	1	1	Miss C. Tasker.
52	Stratford	G. Trotter Carr	1871	1896	Methodist	225	..	....	175	1	1	1	3	..	5	18	46	64	...	9	9	78	60	38	1	25	12	7	1	10	..	...	.	A. Bushfield.
53	Tilbury North	Vacant																																
54	" East	Vacant				37	..	....		...	...	1	..	..	...	11	9	20	...	1	4	36	27	10	...	25	2	4	...	42	..	...	...	Hy. Burgess.
55	Toronto, Zion	Horace Peckover	1876	1896	Private	200	..	...	300	12	4	1	2	..	47	37	80	117	...	34	20	120	85	110	...	25	7	4	5	26	..	...	....	Wm. Freeland, 72 Spadina Rd.
56	" Bond st	Morgan Wood	....	1897		450	..	...	600	12	9	3	6	...	2	213	272	485	5	...	23	230	182	325	15	30	4	1	5	58	..	...	...	Wm. McCartney, "City Hall."
57	" Northern	Thos. B. Hyde	1890	1893	Northfield & Chicago	400	..	....	....	15	22	3	15	..	3	....	...	271	17	...	29	187	154	263	7	53	1	14	...	25	1	4	5	E. J. Joselin, 45 Charles St.
58	" Western	Wm. Johnston	1885	1892	East London Inst	500	..	..	700	6	3	3	...	..	...	63	104	167	6	...	....	....	....	...	...	27	...	...	...	3	..	11	11	R P. Fairbairn, 127 Major St.
59	" Olivet	Wilberforce Lee	1889	1896	C. C. C.	....	..	....	....	3	2	2	...	..	10	61	99	160	...	11	30	264	200	234	...	40	2	.	...	...	..	10	10	D. L. Graham, 87 Hazelton Ave.
60	" Parkdale	J. A. C. McCuaig	1890	1896	Private	100	..	....	....	18	6	..	4	..	...	25	40	65	24	...	12	110	90	75	2	...	....	...	...	...	..	3	3	Miss L. Atkinson, 23 Brock Ave.
61	" Broadview A.	J. P. Gerrie	1888	1892	C. C. C.	250	..	....	400	11	...	..	2	..	...	48	76	124	...	4	18	233	183	119	4	47	2	5	1	...	..	...	...	Z. Hilton, 52 Smith St.
62	" Dovercourt	T. Webb	....	....		....	..	....	....	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
63	" Hope	J. C. Madill	1890	1896	Knox Coll	225	..	....	360	60	7	1	2	..	...	52	55	107	43	...	14	150	120	105	...	17	7	8	...	...	..	27	27	A. S. Gill, Shaw St.
64	" Concord Ave.	Disbanded	....	....		....	..	....	....	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
65	Turnberry	J. W. Goffin	....	1897	England	100	..	....	90	...	...	..	1	..	2	7	17	24	...	...	6	51	35	5	...	12	22	...	...	...	..	...	...	D. W. Gemmell, Wroxeter.
66	Vespra	Vacant	....	....		....	..	....	....	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
67	Warwick, Ebenezer	E. C. W. MacColl, B.A.	1868	1897	Queen's Coll. Kingston	80	..	....	150	3	...	..	..	..	...	16	33	49	3	...	6	45	40	42	3	42	2	7	...	3	..	...	...	H. McFarlane, Forest.
68	" Zion	A. Margrett	1891	1895	Private	75	..	....	100	8	4	..	...	..	...	24	29	53	12	...	7	70	50	20	6	25	10	4	4	...	..	2	2	Mrs. W. H. Luckham.
69	Watford	Albert Margrett	1891	1895	Private	125	1	....	177	11	3	..	...	..	...	35	52	87	17	...	8	90	60	61	3	31	43	9	10	25	1	4	5	S. B. Howden.
70	West Toronto Junction	...					..	70													11	110	90	112	...	18	43	...	2	...	...	...	...	
71	Wingham	Harry E. Mason	1895	1896	C. C. C.	100	..	....	200	...	5	..	2	..	...	21	42	63	...	7	6	45	40	....	...	....	...	...	...	...	..	3	3	Wm. Robertson.
72	Woodstock	A. F. McGregor, B.A.	1878	1893	C. C. C.	185	..	....	390	6	8	5	1	..	....	42	107	149	6	...	14	120	95	98	4	40	3	9	...	15	..	5	5	Geo. McPherson.
	Total					8562	5	410	13393	484	157	62	98	2	240	1831	2947	5728	351	380	639	5664	4204	4027	142	1329	539	202	112	472	60	188	245	

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.—TABLE No. 1.

No.	Names of Church.	Name of Ministers.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement	Where Trained.	Religious Services.				Church Membership.										Sunday Schools.				Y. P. S. C. E.					Baptism.			Secretary.
										Additions.		Removals.			Remaining.		Relative.															
						Average Attendance.	Stations not Churches.	Average Attendance at Stations.	Total under Pastoral Care Children included.	By Profession.	By Letter.	By Death.	By Letter.	By Discipline.	Dropped on Revision.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. Teachers and Officers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Amount Raised.	Joined the Church.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Increase.	Joined the Church.	Amount Raised.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.	Name of Church Secretary.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
1	Winnipeg, Central.....	Hugh Pedley.....	1877	1888	C. C. C.....	900	...	...	1000	4	8	1	3	..	2	77	145	222	...	2	22	280	200	330	30	30	25	24	12	22	..	...	...	Charles Smith, 18 Hargrave St.....
2	" Maple St.....	D. H. Jacobs.....	1880	1895	Spring Hill College Birmingham, Eng.	145	...	....	145	4	...	..	2	..	....	....	....	47	...	18	12	130	112	124	....	....	...	...	...	...	..	15	15	C. F. Rannard, Pacific Ave, Winnipeg....
3	Brandon	Vacant	....	....	.....	.....	...	....	.....	...	...	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....
4	Vancouver B C.....	H. E. C. Mason	....	....	....	.....	...	....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...		....	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....
	Total.....	.....	....	....	.....	1045			1145	8	8	1	5		2	77	145	269		20	34	410	312	454	20	30	25	24	12	22		15	15	

QUEBEC—TABLE No 2.

Churches.		Church Property.	Church Finances.

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ONTARIO—TABLE No. 2

No.	Name of Churches.	Date of Organization.	No. of Church Edifices.	Material of Church Edifices.	No. of Sittings.	Registered?	Insured?	Parsonage?	Registered?	Insured?	Value of Church Edifices.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt on Church Property.	Local Church Purposes.	Union.	Congregational College of Canada.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Board of Missions.	Other Denominational Objects.	General Benevolent Purposes.	Total Amount Raised for all Purposes.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount of Missionary Grant.
					Church Property.										Church Finances.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Alton	1839	1	Brick	200	Yes	Yes				2500		2500	1158				5					612			50
2	Barrie	1882	1	"	250		"				4000		4000	1200	503	5	8	14	9		3		542		144	50
3	Belwood	1868	1	"	200	Yes	"				1500		1500		290	5			22	35		15	367	117		
4	Bowmanville	1839	1	"	300		"	Brick		Yes	8000	1505	9500	2600	929	5	9	13	26	27			1009	267		75
5	Brantford	1834	2	"	700		"				17800		17800	3000	1621	12	67	74	77		662	203	2716	390		
6	Burford	1835	1	Frame	200	Yes	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	1500	1500	3000	600	670	5	10		20	6		19	729	45		
7	Churchill		1																							
8	Cobourg		1																							
9	Coldsprings	1840	1	Brick	225	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	2500	1200	3700	140	570	5				15		3	593	53		
10	Dalston	1884	1	"	200	"	"				1200		1200		121		2				21	6	157	17		
11	Edgar	1841	1	Frame	250	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	1200	1200	2400		300		4	20				22	345	61		
12	Embro	1872	1	Brick	500	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	6500	2000	8500		1600			15	40	86	105	12	1954	678		
13	Forest Central	1864	1	"	300	"	"				4000		4000	392	944	5	50	19	43	52			1112		146	
14	Forest, Lake Shore	1884	1	"	150	Yes	Yes				1600		1600		285			4				13	302	2		75
15	Fergus	1884	1	Frame	200	"	"							100	134		3		3	6			145		37	
16	Frome	1819	1	Brick	300	"	"	Frame	Yes	Yes	3500	750	4250	275	506		6			1			512		24	
17	Garafraxa		1	"	250	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	1500	1500	3000		432	5	6			26			469	54		
18	Georgetown	1842	1	Stone	275	"	"				7000		7000		722	5	21	5	8	1	130		891		186	
19	Guelph	1837	1	"	500	"	"				15000		15000	2500	1708		27	24	8	44		36	1317		714	
20	Hamilton, First	1835	1	Brick	500	"	"				17000		17000	4300	1785	15	20	85	20			83	2008		786	
21	Hamiltom, Immanuel	1893	1	Wood	300	"	"				2300		2300	1500	901	5	6	54	33	36		43	1218		106	300
22	Hawkesbury	1884	1	Frame	200						1000		1000													
23	Howick		1																							
24	Humber Summit	1859	1	Roughcast	200	Yes	Yes				800		800		187				10			5	201		22	
25	Kelvin		1	Brick	200						1000		1000													
26	Kincardine	1855	1	Wood	250	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	1000	800	1800		260	3							270		176	75
27	Kingston First		1																							
28	" Bethel	1874	1	Brick	450	Yes	Yes				8000		8000		1258	7	14	31	45	7	227	150	1739		111	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
15	Fergus	1884	1	Frame																						
16	Frome	1819	1	Brick	300	"	"	Frame	Yes	Yes	3500	750	4250	275												
17	Garafraxa		1	"	250	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	1500	1500	3000		432	5	6			26			469	54		
18	Georgetown	1842	1	Stone	275	"	"				7000		7000		722	5	21	5	8	1	130		891		186	
19	Guelph	1837	1	"	500	"	"				15000		15000	2500	1708		27	24	8	44		36	1317		714	
20	Hamilton, First	1835	1	Brick	500	"	"				17000		17000	4300	1785	15	20	85	20			83	2008		786	
21	Hamiltom, Immanuel	1893	1	Wood	300	"	"				2300		2300	1500	901	5	6	54	33	36		43	1118		106	300
22	Hawkesbury	1884	1	Frame	200						1000		1000													
23	Howick		1																							
24	Humber Summit	1859	1	Roughcast	200	Yes	Yes				800		800		187				10			5	201		22	
25	Kelvin		1	Brick	200						1000		1000													
26	Kincardine	1855	1	Wood	250	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	1000	800	1800		260	3							270		176	75
27	Kingston First		1																							
28	" Bethel	1874	1	Brick	450	Yes	Yes				8000		8000		1258	7	14	31	45	7	227	150	1739		111	
29	Kingston, Calvary		1																							
30	Lanark, Zion	1853	1	Wood	350	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	5000	1000	6000		925	10	39	34	8		17	25	1059	17		
31	Listowel	1856	1	Brick	350		"				4000		4000	1200	623			5		27		6	651	60		150
32	London, First	1837	1	"		Yes	"							11300	1587	8		16			866	26	2503		149	
33	" Southern	1891	1	"	375	"	"				6200		6200	4000	536		7				5	13	2317	1604		
34	Martintown	1839	1	"	250	"					600		600					15		20		2				
35	Maxville and St. Elmo	1835	2	Log and Brick				Frame			2000	1500	3500		435	9	22	61	4	64	8		574		51	
36	Middleville	1852	3	1 Stone 2 Frame	450	Yes	No	"	Yes	Yes	4600	1000	5600		500							31	531		213	
37	Newmarket		1		250						3000		3000													
38	New Durham	1853	1	Brick	200	Yes	Yes				3000		3000		347	6		1	5				359	65		
39	North Erin	1872	1	"	125	"	"				1500		1500		130								130			
40	Ottawa First	1860	1	"	500	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	14500	2500	17000	10000	2308	10	20	63	26	12			2439		49	200
41	" Welcome Zion	1896	1	Frame	120	"	"				2000		2000	875	627			5					815	815		250
42	Pine Grove	1840	1	Brick	350	"	"	Wood			2500	1000	3500		250				10				260			
43	Plympton	1891	1	Frame	200	"	"				700		700		237								237		123	
44	Paris	1840	1	Brick	500	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	15000	4000	19000	300	1498		23	49	27	43		20	1661		692	
45	Rugby	1844	1	Frame	200	"	"				1000		1000		300								400		56	
46	Sarnia	1845	1	Brick	400	"	"				5000		5000	2125	652			3				3	658		465	
47	South Caledon		1																							
48	Scotland	1835	1	Frame	250	Yes	Yes				3000		3000		566	3	20	36	34		1	15	666	14		
49	Speedside	1845	1	Stone	300	"	"	R'hcast	Yes	Yes	1200	500	1700	65	450	5	3			10			468		107	
50	Stouffville	1842	1	Brick	250	"	"	Brick	"	"	6000	1500	7500		700	2	11	19	15	39	3	40	828	211		
51	St. Catharines	1874	1	Frame	200		"				750		750		654	5	3	10	30		10	5	717	175		100
52	Stratford	1844	1	Brick	300	Yes	"	Wood	Yes	Yes	10000	1800	11800	5600	725			7					732		378	75
53	Tilbury, North	1867	1																							
54	" East	1861	1	Frame	150	Yes	Yes				900		900													
55	Toronto, Zion	1834	1	Brick	700	"	"				30000		30000	10000	1684		23		33	34		69	1843	225		
56	" Bond St		1	Stone		"	"				68000		68000	30000	3760	15		20	100				3895		2540	
57	" Northern	1867	1	Brick	600		"				30000		30000	10000	3363	10	55	89	82	200		15	3814	252		
58	" Western	1875	1	"	800	Yes	"				42000		42000	19300	2820	10		10					2840		212	
59	" Olivet	1876	1	"	700	"	"				40000		40000	27000	2743	10		14	17	52		36	2871	853		
60	" Parkdale	1883	1	"	300		"				6000		6000	3000	800			25					825	291		
61	" Broadview Ave	1877	1	"		Yes	"				10000		10000	3800	1506	3	3	15				10	1537		189	225
62	" Dovercourt		1																							
63	" Hope	1889	1	Roughcast	350		Yes				6000		6000	3425								18	1012	1012		
64	" Concord Ave																									
65	Turnberry	1855	1	Wood	200	Yes	Yes				500		500		184			2	1			18	236			
66	Vespra	1869	1	Frame	150						600		600													
67	Warwick, Ebenezer	1859	1	"	150	Yes	Yes				600		600		230			10				10	250			75
68	" Zion	1839	1	Brick	300	"	"				1000		1000		489							20	509	85		50
69	Watford	1839	1	"	300	"	"	Brick	Yes	Yes	2500	1500	4000	250	625			23	6			54	707		2 0	50
70	West Toronto Junction																									
71	Wingham	1881	1	Brick	400	Yes	Yes				3500		3500	500	437		5	18		29		10	500		44	200
72	Woodstock	1885	1	Stone	450	"	"				15000		15000	7000	1832	5	50	58	15		33	50	2043		373	
	Totals		73		18570						458550	26750	485300	167505	50249	193	538	971	777	872	2091	1106	60495	7363	8293	200

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—TABLE No. 2.

No.	Name of Church.	Date of Organization.	No. of Church Edifices.	Church Property. Material of Church Edifices.	No. of Sittings.	Registered?	Insured?	Parsonage.	Registered?	Insured?	Has Congregational Union any Reversionary Interest?	Value of Church Edifices.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt on Church Property.	Church Finances. Local Church Objects.	Union.	Canada Congregational Missionary Society.	College of B. N. A.	Foreign Missions.	Other Denominational Objects.	General Benevolent Purposes.	Total Amount Raised for all Purposes.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount of Missionary Grant.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19*	20*	21*	22	23	24	25	26	27*
1	Beach Meadows	1865	1	Wood ..	200	....	....	.....	....	....	....	$2000	.....	$2050	None.	$160	$4½	$5	$3	....	..	....	.....	....	.....	None.
2	Brooklyn	1809	1	Wood ..	300	....	Yes	Wood ..	....	....	No..	3000	$ 500	4000	None.	500	6½	9	11	$10	$5	....	$536½	.....	.....	None.
3	Chebogue	1767	1	Wood ..	250	Yes	No..	Wood ..	Yes	No..	Yes	1000	2000	3000	None.	334	5	23	2½	13	....	$13½	392	$ 10	$10	$125
4	Economy	1877	1	Wood ..	250	Yes	No..	Wood ..	Yes	No..	Yes	2900	750	3000	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Hemford	1877	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Keswick Ridge	1826	1½	Wood ..	300	Yes	Yes	Wood ..	Yes	Yes	No..	3000	1200	4200	None.	30	15	21	....	....	....	12	78	.....	....	75
7	Kingsport	1760	1	Wood ..	300	....	Yes	.....	....	...	Yes	.....	.....	.....	None.	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	163	.....	.....	None.
8	Liverpool	1761	1	Wood ..	300	No..	Yes	....	...	...	....	4000	.....	.....	$1500	750	3½	24	....	7	....	....	.....	.....	.....	75
9	Maitland	....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Manchester	....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Margaree	1822	1	Wood ..	140	Yes	No..	Wood ..	Yes	No..	No.	500	500	1000	None.	130	4	2	1¾	....	....	....	138½	..	.....	100
12	Milton	1854	1	Wood ..	400	Yes	....	Wood ..	Yes	Yes	....	4000	1000	5000	None.	300	....	23	....	15	....	55	999	.....	.....	100
13	Noel	1875	1	Wood ..	250	Yes	No..	.....	....	....	Yes	2000	.....	.....	.....	450	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Pleasant River	1846	...	.....	400	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Selma	1875	1	Wood ..	200	Yes	No..	.....	....	....	Yes	700	.....	700	None.	150	....	23	....	15	105	66	359	279	279	.....
16	St. John, N. B	1866	1	Brick...	400	Yes	Yes	.....	....	....	Yes	10000	.....	10 00	1850	1588	13	71	....	76	23	24	1798	.. ....	.....	.....
17	Sheffield, N. B	1763	1	Wood ..	200	....	Yes	Wood ..	.	Yes	No..	3000	1600	8000	None.	676	5	62	25	39	37	81	914	.....	.....	None.
18	South Maitland	1875	1	Wood ..	100	....	....	.....	....	....	Yes	900	.....	1000	55	45	2	7	....	....	2	3	127	.....	.....	200
19	Truro	1891	1	Wood ..	150	....	..	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Yarmouth Tabernacle	1848	1	Stone...	350	Yes	Yes	Wood ..	Yes	Yes	Yes	18000	3000	21000	590	1666		69	....	40	...	42	1850	.....	.....	None.
	Total	....	15½	.....	4450	....	....	.....	....	....	....	$55000	$10550	$70950	$3995	$6779	$61	$341	$43	$215	$172	$276	$7355	.....	.....	.....
	OTHER CHURCHES.																									
	Milltown	1846	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2005	....	....		$109	....	$5	$2119	.....	.....	.....

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MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.—TABLE No. 2.

No.	Names of Churches.	Date of Organization.	No. of Church Edifices.	Material of Church Edifices.	No. of Sittings.	Registered?	Insured?	Parsonage.	Registered?	Insured?	Value of Church Edifices.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt on Church Property.	Local Church Purposes.	Union.	College.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Board.	Other Denominational Objects.	General Benevolent Purposes.	Total Amount raised for all Purposes.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount of Missionary Grant.
											CHURCH PROPERTY.											CHURCH FINANCES.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Winnipeg, Central	1877	1	Br'kveneer	900	Yes	Yes	Br'kveneer	Yes	Yes	$35600	$4500	$40100	$15600	$8638	....	47	110	....	52	....	76	$8919	$1645	....	.....
2	Winnipeg, Maple St	1890	1	Frame.....	250	....	....	.....	....	....	4000	.....	4000	.....	1016	....	....	23	....	....	....	....	1039	78	...	$22500
3	Brandon	....	1	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....
4	Vancouver	-	1	.....	....	....	...	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....
	Total		4								$39600	$4500	$44100	$15600	$9638		$47	$133		$52		$76	$9958	$1723		$22500

OFFICIAL LIST, 1897-98.

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CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Chairman*, J. D. Dennis, Esq., Yarmouth, N. S.; *Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Cox, Lower Selmah, N.S.; *Assistant-Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Minchin, St. John, N.B.; *Treasurer*, C. E. Macmichael, Esq., St. John, N.B.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA, Montreal.—*Principal.* Rev. Joseph Henry George, D.D., Montreal; *Secretary of Board, and of the College*, Rev. W. Henry Warriner, B.D., 7 Shuter St., Montreal, Que.; *Librarian*, Rev. Edward M. Hill, Montreal, Que.; *Treasurer*, Thomas Moodie, 30 St. John Street, Montreal, Que.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, N. S. AND N. B.—*President*, Mrs. A. Jenkins, Yarmouth, N.S.; *Secretary*, Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield Academy P.O., N.B.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. S. W. Burns, Shelburne, N.S.; *Treasurer*, Miss Dunlap, Liverpool, N.S.

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CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.—*President*, John C. Copp, Toronto, Ont.; *Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor of* YEAR BOOK, Rev. W. Wye Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.; Office of *Congregationalist and Canadian Independent*, 5 Jordan Street, Toronto, Ont.

COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—*Secretary*, Rev. D. Burford Hooke, 22 Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, England.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—*Foreign Secretary*, Rev. R. Wardlaw Thompson; Office, 14 Blomfield Street, London Wall, London, England.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.—*Secretary*, Rev. William James Woods, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, England.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF SCOTLAND, comprising the Evangelical Union and Congregational Union, as existing in 1896.—*Secretary*, Rev. W. Hope Davison, 30 George Square, Edinburgh.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF IRELAND.—*Secretary*, Rev. James Cregan, Knock Croom, Belfast, Ireland.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—*Secretary*, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, Mass.

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CONGREGATIONAL UNIONS.

I. CANADA.

1. ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Organized in 1853, by the amalgamation of the Unions of Upper and Lower Canada. The last annual meeting was held at Kingston, Ontario, June 9-15, 1897. The next annual meeting will be held (place to be appointed by the Standing "Committee of the Union,") on Wednesday, 8th June, 1898. *Chairman* for 1897, Rev. John I. Hindley, Ph.D., Forest, Ont. *Chairman* for 1898, Rev. Wm. McIntosh, Ottawa, Ont. *Secretary-Treasurer*, Rev. John P. Gerrie, 90 Langley Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

2. NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—Organized in 1847. *Chairman*, J. D. Dennis, Esq., Yarmouth, N. S. *Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Cox, Lower Selmah, N. S. *Assistant Secretary*, Rev. W. J. Minchin, St. John, N. B. *Treasurer*, C. E. Macmichael, Esq., St. John, N. B.

The last annual meeting was held in Milton, Nova Scotia, July 8-12, 1897. The next annual meeting will be held at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, July, 1898.

3. MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.—Three churches in Manitoba, two in British Columbia, and one in Alberta. In connection with the Union of Ontario and Quebec.

II.—NEWFOUNDLAND.

Ministers.—Rev. J. Thackeray, St. Johns; John Squires, Pool's Cove., Fortune Bay; Mr. H. D. Whitmore, Little Bay; Mr. Beer, Random; Mr. Gillingham, Twillingate.

III.—GREAT BRITAIN.

1. ENGLAND AND WALES.—Formed in 1831. *Chairman* for 1897, Rev. Charles A. Berry, D.D., Wolverhampton; *Chairman* for 1898, Rev. Alfred Rowland, London; *Treasurer*, William Crossfield, Esq.; *Secretary*, Rev. W. J. Woods; Offices, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London.

2. THE UNION OF WELSH INDEPENDENTS.—Formed in 1872, embraces ministers, deacons, and delegates from churches and from the quarterly meetings. *Chairman*, Rev. R. S. Williams; Dowlais. *Secretaries*, Rev. H. I. Jones, Portmadoc; Rev. J. Williams, Pontypridd; Rev. J. G. Jones, Aberdare.

3. SCOTLAND.—"The Congregational Union of Scotland, comprising the Evangelical Union, and Congregational Union, as existing in 1896." The Congregational Union was instituted in 1812; the Evangelical Union was formed in 1843; and the two bodies united in one in 1896, under the official title quoted above. *Chairman*, Rev. Fergus Ferguson, D.D., Glasgow; *Secretary*, Rev. W. Hope Davison, 30 George Square, Edinburgh; *Treasurers*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, and Mr. J. R. Sanilands, Glasgow.

4. IRELAND.—*Chairman*, Rev. A. Mackinlay; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. L. Copeman, Patrick's Hill, Cork; *Secretary*, Rev. James Cregan, Knock Croom, Belfast.

5. CHANNEL ISLANDS.—*Chairman*, Rev. Edgar Mann; *Treasurer*, Mr. F. J. Hooper; *Secretary*, Rev. F. C. Skegg, St. Heliers, Jersey.

IV.—AUSTRALASIA.

1. VICTORIA.—*Chairman*, 1897, Rev. E. Taylor; *Treasurer*, Mr. C. Wilson; *Secretary*, Rev. J. Halley, Congregational Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne.

2. NEW SOUTH WALES.—Formed, 1866. *Chairman*, Rev. E. T. Dunstan, Sydney; *Treasurer*, Mr. C. H. Myles; *Secretaries*, Rev. James Buchan, M.A., Sydney; and Mr. James Brown.

3. QUEENSLAND.—Formed in 1861. *President*, 1897, Rev. J. W. Roberts, Rosalie, Brisbane; for 1898, Rev. Hugh Jones, M.A., New Farm, Brisbane. *Treasurer*, Mr. J. G. Cribb, Milton, Brisbane. *Secretary*, Rev. T. E. Peirce, Southport.

4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Formed in 1850. *Chairman*, Rev. James Jefferis, LL.D.; *Chairman-elect*, Rev. W. Penry Jones, Rose Park; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. M. Anderson; *Secretary*, Rev. Thomas Hope, Hindmarsh.

5. WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Formed in 1895. *Chairman*, Rev. W. T. Kench; *Treasurer*, Mr. D. J. C. Goodsir; *Secretary*, Rev. W. H. Peters, Perth.

6. TASMANIA.—*Chairman,* Rev. T. Taylor, Bellerive; for 1898, Rev. J. G. Wright, Lanceston; *Treasurer,* Mr. Theo. Cane; *Secretary,* J. W. Simmons, Hobart. Union formed 1837.

7. NEW ZEALAND.—Formed in 1884. *Chairman,* 1897-'98, Mr. H. W. Lyon, Auckland; *Treasurer,* Mr. Geo. Foulds, Auckland; *Secretary,* Mr. John Bowden Auckland.

V.—AFRICA.

1. NATAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN AFRICA.—Re-established, 1882. *Chairman,* 1897-'98, Rev. W. H. Mann; *Treasurer,* Mr. S. Adams; *Secretaries,* Rev. J. Fernie, Sydenham, and Rev. W. S. Searle, Maritzburg, Natal.

2. SOUTH AFRICA.—Formed in 1877. *Chairman,* Rev. W. Dower, Port Elizabeth; *Treasurer,* Mr. W. P. Pinn; *Secretary,* Rev. James Pritchard, Port Elizabeth.

VI.—WEST INDIES.

1. JAMAICA.—Formed in 1876. *Chairman,* Mr. J. J. Bowery; *Secretary,* Rev. J. Watson, Porus.

2. BRITISH GUIANA.—Formed in 1883. *Chairman,* Rev. L. Crookall, New Amsterdam, Berbice; *Treasurer,* Mr. J. E. Loudon; *Secretary,* Rev. T. J. Toddings, East Bank River, Demerara.

VII.—UNITED STATES.

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.—Organized 1871. Meets every third year. Next meeting in Portland, Oregon, in October, 1898. *Secretary,* Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, Mass.

2. EACH STATE has generally an Association or Conference, of the nature of a Congregational Union. We give the Associations of some of the States most frequented by Canadians, with the *Secretaries,* or other officers, to be addressed by correspondents.

CALIFORNIA, General Association.—*Registrar and Treasurer,* Rev. Henry E. Jewett, Vacaville.

CALIFORNIA, Southern General Association.—*Registrar and Treasurer,* Rev. Jas. T. Ford, Los Angeles.

SOUTH DAKOTA, Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer,* Rev. W. B. Hubbard, Armour. Meets May 17, 1898.

NORTH DAKOTA, General Conference.—*Secretary and Treasurer,* Rev. Chas. H. Phillips, Jamestown.

ILLINOIS, General Association.—*Registrar, Treasurer and Statistical Secretary,* Rev. John B. Fairbank, Waverley. Meets May 16, 1898.

INDIANA, General Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer,* Rev. Nathaniel A. Hyde, Indianapolis. Meets May 10, 1898.

MASSACHUSETTS General Association. — *Secretary,* Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale. Meets May 17, 1898, at Greenfield.

MICHIGAN Association. — *Secretary and Treasurer,* Rev. Jno. P. Sanderson, Detroit. Meets May 17, 1898.

MINNESOTA General Association. *Secretary and Treasurer,* Rev. Samuel W. Dickinson, 699 Ravine St., St. Paul.

NEW YORK General Association.—*Secretary,* Rev. James Deane, Crown Point. Meets May 17, 1898, at Norwich.

OHIO Association.— *Registrar and Statistical Secretary,* Rev. John G. Fraser, D.D., Cleveland. Meets May 17, 1898.

VERMONT General Convention.—*Corresponding Secretary,* John M. Comstock, Chelsea.

WISCONSIN Congregational Convention.—*Permanent Clerk,* Rev. Henry A. Miner, Madison.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

I. CANADA.

1. 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 those in the provinces that are weak. Administration by a General Committee and Executive Committee. Any person connected with a Congregational church, and subscribing two dollars annually to this Society, may be a member. Life-members are those who give twenty dollars or more, at one time. Annual meeting held in connection with the Congregational Union. Income for the year 1896-97 :

Contibutions from Churches	$2,726 57
Woman's Board of Missions	600 00
Shurtleff Mission Fund	1,950 66
Nova Scotia Invested Funds	520 89
Special Contributions, Collections, etc	138 41
Sale of disused properties	552 64
Colonial Missionary Society	121 24
Net Income	$6,610 41
The expenditure for the year has been	$6,579 83

The Society has also three special funds, amounting in all to about $75,000, the interest of which alone can be used ; and for the special purposes designated.

The officers for the year 1897-98 are : Charles Cushing, Esq., B.C.L., 67 McGill College Avenue, Montreal, *President ;* Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., Woodstock, Ont., *Secretary ;* C. R. Black, Bank of Toronto Chambers, Montreal, *Treasurer.*

2. CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting with the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. Present Mission field, West Central Africa. Receipts,

$2,910.30 ; expenditure, $2,957.46. Officers : Rev. T. B. Hyde, Toronto, *President;* Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A., 2367 St. Catherine, Street, Montreal, *Secretary*; Rev. W. T. Gunn, Cowansville, Que., *Treasurer.*

3. CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND. — Established in 1856, as a Widows' and Orphans' Society ; in 1873, the Pastors' Retiring Fund Branch was added, and the name given as above. Widows of deceased members receive an annuity of $100 ; and for children, sons under sixteen and daughters under eighteen, $20 ; but the youngest child, $40. Superannuated ministers receive $100 a year for life Capital :—Widows' and Orphans' Branch, $19,292.69. Retiring Ministers' Branch, $8,031.26, Churches and friends are asked to remember these benevolences. Churches are recommended to make their pastors members of this Society, on very easy terms, by paying a lump sum. Thos. Moodie, 30 St. John Street, Montreal, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

4. CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Incorporated in 1874 ; composed of stockholders of five dollar shares. Publications : *The Congreyationalist and Canadian Independent*, weekly, $1.00 a year, office 5 Jordan Street, Toronto ; and CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK, issued annually in September, 15c. per copy, office at St. Catharines, Ont. All pastors of Congregational churches are asked to see that collections and renewals of subscriptions are made every year, for these publications. J. C. Copp, Esq., Toronto, *President ;* Rev. W. W. Smith, St. Catharines, Ont., *Secretary-Treasurer.*

5. CANADA CONGREGATIONAL WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—Mrs. D. Macallum, Kingston, Ontario, *President ;* Mrs. Robert Freeland, Bowmanville, Ont., *Secretary ;* Mrs. Sanders, 125 Mackay Street, Montreal, *Treasurer.* Receipts for 1896-97, $2,802.92. Expenditure, $2,681.72. Publications : *The Monthly Leaflet*, 10c. per annum. Orders to Secretaries of Auxiliaries.

6. NEWFOUNDLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society. *President*, Rev. Joseph Thackeray, St. Johns ; *Treasurer*, Mr. John Cowan, St. Johns ; *Secretary*, Mr. James Caldwell, St. Johns. Collected in Newfoundland, $838.47 ; Colonial Missionary Society, $357.75 ; total, $1,196.22. Expenditure same.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK—Assists both in Home and Foreign Missionary work. Meets at same time and place as Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B. *President*, Miss A. Jenkins, Yarmouth, N. S.; *Treasurer*, Miss Dunlap, Liverpool, N. S.; *Secretary*, Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield, Academy P. O., N. B.; *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. S. W. Burns, Shelburne, N. S.

II. ENGLAND.

1. THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Formed in 1795, on a catholic basis, to spread the knowledge of Christ among the heathen and other unenlightened nations. It sustains missions in China, India, South Africa, Central Africa, Madagascar, the West Indies, Polynesia, and New Guinea. For facts, see General Congregational Statistics, section XVI. Rev. R. W. Thompson, *Foreign Secretary*; Rev. Arthur N. Johnson, M. A., *Home Secretary*; Albert Spicer, Esq., M.P., *Treasurer*. Office, Mission House, 14 Blomfield St., London-wall, London.

2. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AID AND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Organized in 1878 by the union of the Home Missionary Society, formed in 1819, and the several County Missionary Associations. Object, to aid weak churches and poorly paid pastors, and to provide for the preaching of the gospel and other evangelical work in destitute places throughout England, and with the English-speaking population of Wales. During the last year, 294 churches and 147 mission stations received financial aid. Expended in grants, £2,518. *Treasurer*, Mr. G. N. Ford, Manchester; *Secretary*, Rev. J. Edward Flower, M.A., 6 Ridge Road, Hornsey, London.

3. COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Established in 1836, to promote evangelical religion in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain. Income, £5,743. Aids the C. C. M. S. in pioneer work in Canadian North-West; and aids the work in Newfoundland. *Treasurer*, Mr. W. M. Hitchcock; *Secretary*, Rev. D. Burford Hooke, 22 Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, England.

3. LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION; with which is incorporated "The London Chapel Building Society." The limits

are what is sometimes called "Greater London"; containing 6,000,000 population. The Union has expended upwards of £50,000 in aiding weak churches. £117,000 has been raised for providing additional religious accommodation in London. Upwards of £30,000 has been expended during the last fourteen years, in relieving distress, in connection with the "Outcast London" special Fund. *Chairman* for 1897, Dr. R. F. Horton; Rev. Andrew Mearns, *Secretary*, Memorial Hall, Farringdon St., London, E.C.

4. PASTOR'S RETIRING FUND.—Established, 1860. £145,000 has been distributed to about 600 ministers. Annuitants, 165; annuities, £5,992. Rev. R. T. Verral, B.A., Memorial Hall, Farringdon St ,London,E.C., *Secertary.*

5. PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND.—Life-membership is secured by payment of £21, or not less than £2 2s annually. Annuitants, 73; annuities, £955. Rev. R. T. Verral, B.A., Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E.C., *Secretary.*

III. SCOTLAND.

1. CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF SCOTLAND.—Sustains to the churches and the work the relationship of a missionary society. Its affairs are managed by a general committee, and by district committees. *Chairman,* 1897, Rev. Fergus Ferguson, D.D., Glasgow; *Treasurers,* Messrs. Peter Ferguson and J. R. Sandilands; *Secretary,* Rev. W. Hope Davison, 30 George Square, Edinburgh.

2. CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Organized in 1869, to promote fraterna! intercourse, to elucidate the scriptural authority of Congregational principles and their application, to apply them in the relation of religion and the State, and to consider social questions. Meets annually at the date of the Congregational Union. Rev. J. Troup, Helensburgh, *Secretary.*

3. OTHER CONGREGATIONAL AND EVANGELICAL UNION SOCIETIES.—The principal of which were: C. U. Ministers' Widows' Fund; C. U. Ministers' Provident Fund; E. U. Home Mission; and E. U. Ministers' Provident Fund, are no doubt essentially re-cast in their constitutions and scope, in consequence

of the union of the two bodies in 1896. As the Congregational *Year Book* for Scotland, is, according to the *Scottish Congregationalist* for August, much delayed this year in issue, we omit, for want of information, the societies formerly included in this section.

IV. IRELAND.

1. THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF IRELAND. — Formed 1829; is the denominational Missionary Society of the country, and is organized to promote its evangelization. Rev. James Cregan, Knock Croom, Belfast, *Secretary.* The following Institutions are connected with the churches of the Congregational Union of Ireland:—The Irish Evangelical Society; The Ministers' Provident Fund; The Irish Congregational Orphan Society; The Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society; and the Irish Congregational Temperance Society.

V. AUSTRALASIA.

1. CONGREGATIONAL MISSION AND UNION OF VICTORIA.— Churches assisted to the extent of £862. Rev. E. Taylor, South Melbourne, *Chairman.* Rev. J. J. Halley, Congregational Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne, *Secretary.*

2. NEW SOUTH WALES CONGREGATIONAL UNION. — Has taken over the Home Mission work of the churches. Income, for this purpose, £1,050. Rev. James Buchan, M.A,, and Mr. James Brown, Sydney, *Secretaries.* Income for Home Missionary work, £789.

3. MINISTERS' RETIRING FUND FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.— Managed by Committee of Congregational Union of N. S. W. Total investments, £7,500. Income, £453. Mr. J. Mullens, *Treasurer*, Sydney.

4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA. — The Congregational Union and Home Mission assists the smaller churches. *Chairman,* Rev. W. Penry Jones; *Treasurer,* Mr. J. M. Anderson; *Cor.-Secretary,* Rev. Thomas Hope, Hindmarsh.

Other Societies are: The Chapel-Building Society; Min-

isters' Provident Fund, assets, £5,279; Parkin Trust, for training Ministerial Students, capital, £21,319; and the Parkin Congregational Mission, for Annuities to Widows, and for Bush Missions, income, £1,440 yearly.

5. PROVIDENT SOCIETY FOR VICTORIA.—To give a pension to all ministers being members, on attaining the age of sixty; to afford relief to members in case of need, and also to their widows and children. Established 1864. Capital, £11,932. A. M. Strongman, Melbourne, *Secretary;* Mr. G. T. Johnson, Melbourne, *Treasurer.*

6. PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA. — Capital, £5,794. R. M. Steele, Adelaide, *Secretary;* Mr. J. M. Anderson, Adelaide, *Treasurer.*

7. MISSION OF TASMANIA.—In Association with the Congregational Union for Home Mission purposes. Rev. J. W. Simmons, Hobart, *Secretary;* Mr. Theo. Cane, Hobart, *Treasurer.*

VI. UNITED STATES.

1. AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Organized in 1810, on a Catholic basis, for Foreign Mission work. For facts, see General Congregational Statistics, sec. xvi. Revs. Judson Smith, D.D., Charles H. Daniels, D.D., James L. Barton, D.D., *Secretaries,* Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Frank H. Wiggin, *Assistant-Treasurer.*

2. AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—Devoted specially to work among the white and colored people of the South, the Indians and Chinese on this continent. Churches in the South, 233; schools, 116; missionaries, 641. Receipts, $340,798. *Treasurer,* Mr. W. H. Hubbard, Bible House, New York. *Secretaries,* Rev. M. E. Strieby, D.D., Rev. A. F. Beard, D.D., Rev. E. P. Woodbury, D.D., Rev. C. J. Ryder, D.D., Bible House, New York.

3. THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.—Successor to "The American Congregational Union." Founded in 1853; it has for its object the erection of houses of worship and parsonages, through grants and loans. It has aided in the

erection of nearly 3,000 houses of worship, and over 500 parsonages. Income for the year, $132,967. Mr. C. E. Hope, *Treasurer;* Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D., *Secretary.* Office, 59 Bible House, New York.

4. CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY. — The recognized Congregational Home Mission Society of the United States. Organized in 1826. Publications: *The Home Missionary,* 80 pages, quarterly, 30c. a year; *Congregational Work,* monthly, 10c. a year. Receipts for the year, $843,756, in cash and supplies. Missionaries, 2,038. Churches organized during the year, 123. Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D.D., Rev. W. Choate, D.D., *Secretaries;* Alexander H. Clapp, *Treasurer.* Office, 34 Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

5. CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.—Organized in 1832, to print, publish and circulate Sunday school and other literature relating to a genuine Christian experience, and to the Congregational faith and polity; to support Sunday school missionaries, and aid needy Sunday schools. *The Pilgrim Teacher,* a monthly magazine, *Pilgrim Quarterlies* of different grades, the *Well-Spring,* and other periodicals for Sunday schools are issued. During the year 1896 they have aided in the establishment of 521 new Sunday Schools. Income for the year, $64,895. Rev. George M. Boynton, D.D., *Secretary;* M. C. Hazard, *Editor;* T. H. Tewksbury, *Agent.*

☞ The Canadian Congregational Publishing Co. (Rev. W. W. Smith, St. Catharines, Ont., Manager) are agents of the Boston Society for Canada.

6. CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY. — Formed in 1874, by the union of two previous societies formed in the years 1816 and 1843. The number of young men aided in their studies for the ministry since 1816 is about 9,000, and the number now receiving assistance is 350. Income for the year ending April 30, 1896, $184,526. Rev. John A. Hamilton, Congregational House, Boston, Secretary.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

I. BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

In the Dominion of Canada and the Island of Newfoundland there are two Congregational Unions (that of "Ontario and Quebec," and the "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick" Union); 5 Associations; 123 Churches; 110 Ministers, 18 of whom are not in pastoral work, and 6 are on Foreign Missions; and 10,470 members, as follows:

Provinces.	*Churches.*	*Stations.*	*Ministers.*	*Members.*
Ontario	72	10	61	6322
Quebec	19	9	19	2008
Nova Scotia	17	5	10	843
New Brunswick	4	5	5	470
Newfoundland	5	0	3	250
North-West	6	2	6	577
On Foreign Missions	0	0	6	000
	123	31	110	10470

We have taken much pains in making the above summary full and correct, supplementing the carelessness of a number of churches in Ontario, Quebec and the North-West (some of them large and important), in not sending in returns, by adding the figures of last year.

II. ENGLAND AND WALES.

England and Wales have one Congregational Union, meeting in London in May, and in some place in the provinces in Autumn. London has a Metropolitan Congregational Union, 373 churches, mission rooms and stations, with 220,572 sittings.

There are 47 County Associations, 2,867 ministers (including London as above); seating accommodation for 1,621,764 persons; 4,607 churches and mission stations.

III. SCOTLAND.

Scotland has one Congregational Union, 190 churches, of which 13 were without pastors. There are 5 ministers' associations, 206 ministers, of whom 32 are without pastoral charge.

IV. IRELAND.

Ireland has one Congregational Union; 29 churches; 28 ministers, of whom three are without charge; 96 preaching stations, at which the various ministers preach, assisted by 46 lay preachers. Church members 2,000.

V. CHANNEL ISLANDS.

One Congregational Union; 11 churches, in four of which the services are in English, the others in French; 8 ministers, 3 without charges.

TOTAL.—The English Congregational *Year Book* for 1897 says: "The number of churches and mission stations reported in the several county returns for England and Wales is 4,441. Adding to this, as was done for the last ten years, 166 stations known to be supported by individual churches, a total is reached of 4,607." From the respective *Year Books* of the Scottish "Congregational Union" and "Evangelical Union" (now united in one body), we have 190 churches. Ireland, 123 churches and preaching stations. Following these authorities, we have a total for the British Isles of 4,920 churches and mission stations.

VI. UNITED STATES.

The number of Congregational churches in the United States, as given in the U. S. Congregational *Year Book* for 1897, is 5,546. Ministers, 5,405, of whom 1,715 are not in pastoral work. Number of church members, 615,195; in Sunday schools, 758,942. Number in Christian Endeavor Societies, 242,346.

VII. AUSTRALASIA.

In Australasia and New Zealand there are 7 Congregational Unions, 348 branch churches, 225 ministers, including a number without pastoral charge.

VIII. EUROPE.

In Bohemia are 12 free churches, under the auspices of the "American Board," Boston: 2 Congregational churches in Paris, France; the McAll Mission," founded by the late Dr. McAll, has 119 Mission Stations; 24 small Congregational churches in the Netherlands; 6 free churches in Spain, under the auspices of "The American Board."

IX. SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

About 400 churches in these countries are formed on the Congregational model. Membership over 100,000. The largest Independent meeting-house in the world is in Gothenburg, and seats 5,000. There has also been a marvelous extension of free churches, on the Congregational model, in Denmark, within the last few years; set in motion by a Scandinavian who had been deeply interested in Moody's work in Chicago.

X. AFRICA.

The Congregational churches in South Africa are grouped under the Unions of Natal and South Africa. In Natal there are 17 pastors and ordained missionaries, and (exclusive of stations among the heathen) 33 churches and preaching places. In South Africa there are 176 churches and stations, and 60 ministers, 4 of them without pastoral charge.

XI. WEST INDIES.

The Jamaica Congregational Union includes 40 churches and preaching stations, with 8 ministers. In British Guiana, the Congregational Union there comprises 48 churches and preaching stations, and 10 ministers.

XII. INDIA.

There are 14 self-sustaining churches, and 9 sustained by the London Missionary Society, with 15 native churches, presided over by ordained native pastors, and 3 English "Union" churches.

XIII. CHINA AND JAPAN.

There are a number of native churches in China, under the care of British and American Societies, formed on the Congrega-

tional model; and a large number of self-governing churches in Japan. See the reports of the London Missionary Society, and of the A. B. C. F. M., of Boston.

XIV. MADAGASCAR.

Three years ago the London Missionary Society had under the charge of its 39 missionaries, assisted by 10 members of the Society of Friends, 909 churches, and 400 other Congregational churches were self-supporting. Day-schools, 4,600. These churches raised and expended for their own work, £94,237. Since then, the French occupation has had a bad effect on the Protestant missions. Many arrests have been made, and much mission property seized. During the present year, 90 buildings, which had been seized by the Jesuits (nominally for Government use), have been restored by order of the authorities; and while Popery is being widely introduced, it is hoped Evangelical Christianity has such a foothold in the country as to flourish, even under the adverse circumstances into which it has fallen.

XV. HAWAII.

These islands contain about 60 Congregational churches, with a membership of 7,000. The Theological Institute at Honolula educates ministers both for the home and foreign field. These islands have, within sixty years, been so entirely Christianized, under the efforts of the American missionaries, that now the Hawaiian Evangelical Association sustains missionaries on the Marquesas and Gilbert Islands.

XVI. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The London Missionary Society's income, 1896, including "Centenary Fund," £190,906; British missions, 258; Native ordained missionaries and pastors, 377; Native agents and workers, 1,269; Day-schools and Sunday-schools, 1,726; Raised by the Missions, £20,682. [The figures are exclusive of Madagascar.]

2. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has 1,292 stations and out-stations, with 555 white missionaries; Native helpers, 2,951; Mission churches, 471; Schools, 1,060, with many Sunday-schools. Under tuition, from college down to kindergarten, 52,000 pupils. Income last year, $743,104. Lands occupied: Turkey, India, China, Japan; three Roman Catholic countries, Micronesia, Hawaii.

POSTAL INFORMATION.

A letter once posted becomes the property of the person to whom it is addressed, and must be forwarded according to its direction. On no application, however urgent, can it be delivered back to the writer, or to any other person.

Letters bearing mutilated stamps, or stamps so soiled and defaced as to make it impossible for the sorting clerks to decide whether they have been used before or not, will be sent to the Postmaster General for his adjudication.

Register all valuable letters.

Address all complaints and inquiries respecting late or incorrect delivery to the Postmaster. With a view to facilitate investigation always transmit the envelope of a letter which is the subject matter of inquiry.

Letters for the United States should bear the name of the State as well as that of the Post Office.

Letters containing Gold or Silver Money, Jewels, or anything liable to Customs duties, cannot be forwarded by post beyond the Dominion, except to the United States.

Letters addressed to mere initials, or fictitious names, will not be delivered unless addressed in care of a resident or to some box in the Post Office.

The public are cautioned against doing up book packets in envelopes notched at the ends or corners; nor must the postage stamp be attached to both wrapper and contents. The contents of a book packet must be so tied or fastened up as to permit of being withdrawn for inspection.

FIRST CLASS MATTER.

LETTERS.

Letters addressed to places in Canada, Newfoundland and United States, 3 cents per oz., or fraction thereof.

Great Britain (by Canadian or New York Mail Steamers), 5 cents per ½ oz. or fraction thereof.

Drop letters, where there is free delivery by carriers, 2 cents per oz. Where no delivery by carriers, 1 cent per oz.

Letters addressed to places in Canada must be at least partially prepaid, and those addressed to the United States must be prepaid at least a full rate (3 cents), *otherwise they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.*

Letters addressed to places in Canada and partly prepaid, will be forwarded, subject on delivery to double the amount of unpaid postage.

RE-DIRECTED LETTERS.

Re-directed letters are not liable to any additional postage if handed back to the Post Office with a changed address at the moment of delivery,

or as soon as possible thereafter, provided always the change in the address does not require the letter to be sent to any place to which the postage rate is higher than was at first payable. Re-directed letters should not be dropped into a Post Office Box or receiver unless additional postage has been put on to carry them to their second destination.

REQUEST LETTERS.

Letters from places in Canada and the United States covered by enve opes having either printed or written thereon a REQUEST that the letters be returned to the sender if not delivered with a certain specified time, will be returned as requested if not delivered in the time stated.

POST CARDS.

For Canada and the United States, one cent each. For Great Britain, Newfoundland, and all Postal Union countries, two cents each. Reply Cards, for Canada only, two cents each. Nothing must be attached to a Post Card.

Private Post Cards, under certain regulations as to size and material, may be prepaid by affixing on each a one-cent stamp, for Canada and the United States ; and by a prepayment of two cents may be sent to a certain number of countries.

SECOND CLASS MATTER.

Newspapers and Periodicals posted from the office of publication, are authorized to pass free of postage to regular subscribers in Canada, the United States, and Newfoundland.

Specimen numbers may be sent at one cent per lb.

British periodical publications, and other foreign publications, can be remailed by newsdealers to subscribers in Canada, at the bulk rate of 1 cent per lb.

THIRD CLASS MATTER.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Transient newspapers for any place in Canada or United States, 1c. per 4 oz.; but a paper not more than 1 oz., will go for ½c. For Great Britain and other countries in the Postal Union, one cent per two ounces.

BOOKS, ETC., AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.

The postage on Books, Pamphlets, Circulars, (wholly in print) occasional publications, etc., addressed to Canada, is 1c. per 4 oz. To the United States, Newfoundland, Great Britain and all other countries, 1c. per 2 oz.

Circulars, typewritten, or in such a form as to resemble typewriting, are liable to letter rate.

The Postage on Printers' Proof Sheets, Maps, Prints, Drawings, Engravings, Lithographs, Photographs, Sheet Music (whether printed or written, including Music Books, whether stitched or bound), etc., addressed to Canada, the United States, Newfoundland, Great Britain, or any European country is 1c. per 2 oz. No package must exceed 2 feet in length by 1 foot in width or depth. The limit of weight for Canada and United States is 5 lbs., for other Postal Union Countries 4 lbs.

Seeds, Cuttings, Bulbs, Roots and Scions or Grafts, can only be sent to the United States as 5th Class Matter ; when posted for delivery in Canada, the postage is 1c. per 4 oz., and the limit of weight 5 lbs.

PATTERNS AND SAMPLES.

Bona fide Patterns and Samples of Merchandise, not exceding 24 ounces in weight, may be sent to any place in Canada at 1 cent per 4 oz. Must be put up so as to admit of inspection. Goods sent in execution of an order, however small the quantity may be, or articles sent by one private individual to another, *not being actually Trade Patterns or Samples*, are not admissible.

Packages of tea, etc., posted as samples must not exceed ½ lb. in weight.

The limit of weight to United Kingdom is 5 lbs.; limit of size, 2 ft. in length by one foot in width or depth. Limit of weight to United States, 8 oz.

FOURTH CLASS MATTER.

CLOSED PARCELS.

Parcels for Canada must be prepaid 6c. for 4 oz., and must not exceed 5 lbs. in weight, nor 2 feet in length, by 1 foot in width or depth. No correspondence must be enclosed. Invoices, accounts, or receipts may be enclosed in parcels.

FIFTH CLASS MATTER.

Comprises such articles of general merchandise as are not entitled to any lower rate of postage. Postage 1c. per oz., or fraction thereof. Limit of weight 5 lbs.; of size, 2 feet in length by 1 foot in width or depth. Matter claiming to be 5th class *must be open to inspection*, and there must be no correspondence enclosed, (except invoices and accounts.) Packages of 5th Class Matter may be sent to the United States for the same prepayment as is required within the Dominion, but the contents will be liable to customs inspection and collection of duty in the United States.

PARCEL POST.

WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, NEWFOUNDLAND, JAPAN, AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Closed parcels may be sent to places in Newfoundland, Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Japan and all other countries and colonies with which

the United Kingdom maintains a parcel post. No correspondence must be enclosed. A Customs' Declaration of the contents and value of each parcel must be filled up at the Post Office by the sender.

Parcels for Newfoundland must be prepaid 15c. per lb. or fraction of a lb., limit of weight, 7 lbs. For Great Britain, 16c. for the first lb., and 12c. for each additional lb. Limit of weight, 11 lbs.

REGISTRATION.

The fee on letters, and on all classes of articles addressed to places in Canada and all countries to which matter may be registered, is 5 cents. Receipts may be obtained for all registered matter.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS

are established at the General Office and at most of the branches. Any sum over $1.00 can be deposited. Interest three and one-half per cent.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

In sending money by mail it is always best to transmit by Money Order if possible. If sent by letter, it should always be registered.

COMMISSION ON MONEY ORDERS.

On Money Orders drawn by any Money Order Office in Canada on any other Money Order Office in the Dominion, is as follows :—

If not exceeding	$2.50	3c.	Over $40 and up to $	50	20c.
Over $ 2.50 and up to $	5	4c.	" 50 "	60	24c.
" 5 "	10	6c.	" 60 "	70	28c.
" 10 "	20	10c.	" 70 "	80	32c.
" 20 "	30	12c.	" 80 "	90	36c.
" 30 "	40	15c.	" 90 "	100	40c.

No single Money Order, payable in the Dominion of Canada, can be issued for more than $100 ; but as many of $100 each may be given as the remitter requires. Limit on American Orders, $50 ; on British and Foreign orders, $50. The rates of commission on British and Foreign orders, as follows :—

If not exceeding	$10	10c.	Over $30 not exceeding	$40	40c.
Over $10 " "	20	20c.	" 40 " "	50	50c.
" 20 " "	30	30c.			

FOREIGN MAILS.

The postage to all countries included in the Universal Postal Union is as follows :—

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Barrie, Ont.
Belwood, Ont.
Beach Meadows, N.S.
Bowmanville, Ont.
Brandon, Man.
Brantford, Ont.
Brigham, Que.
Brooklyn, N.S.
Burford, Ont.
Caledon, South, Ont.
Canifton, Ont.
Chebogue, N.S.
Churchill, Ont.
Cobourg, Ont.
Cold Springs, Ont.
Cowansville, Que.
Dalston, Ont.
Danville, Que.
Eaton, Que.
Edgar, Ont.
Economy, N.S.
Edgeworth, Ont.
Embro, Ont.
Erin, North, Ont.
Fitch Bay, Que.
Forest, Ont.
Forest, Lake Shore, Ont.
Fortune Bay, Nfld.
Franklin Centre, Que.
Frome, Ont.
Garafraxa, Ont.
Georgetown, Ont.
Granby, Que.
Guelph, Ont.
Hamilton, First, Ont.
" Immanuel.
Hawkesbury, Ont.
Hemford, N.S.
Howick, Ont.
Humber Summit, Ont.
Kelvin, Ont.
Keswick Ridge, N.B.
Kincardine, Ont.
Kingsport, N.S.
Kingston, First, Ont.
" Bethel, Ont.
" Calvary, Ont.
Lanark, Ont.
Lennoxville, Que.
Listowel, Ont.
Liverpool, N.S.
London, First, Ont.
" Southern, Ont.
Maitland, N.S.
" South, N.S.
Manchester, N.S.
Manilla, Ont.
Margaree, N.S.
Martintown, Ont.
Maxville, Ont.
Melbourne, Que.
Middleville, Ont.
Milltown, N.B.
Milton, N.S.
Montreal, Calvary, Que.
" Emmanuel, Q.
" Pt. St. Charles.
" Westmount, Q.
" Zion, Que.
New Durham, Ont.
Noel, N.S.
Ottawa, First, Ont.
" Welcome Zion, O.
Paris, Ont.
Pine Grove, Ont.
Pleasant River, N.S.
Random, Nfld.
Rugby, Ont.
Sarnia, Ont.
Scotland, Ont.
Selmah, Lower, N.S.
Sheffield, N.B.
Sherbrooke, Que.
Speedside, Ont.
Stanstead, South, Que.
Stouffville, Ont.
Stratford, Ont.
St. Andrews, Que.
St. Catharines, Ont.
St. John, N.B.
St. Johns, Nfld.
Toronto, Bond St., Ont.
" Broadview Ave.
" Concord Ave.
" Dovercourt, Ont.
" Hope, Ont.
" Junction, Ont.
" Northern, Ont.
" Olivet, Ont.
" Parkdale, Ont.
" Western, Ont.
" Zion, Ont.
Truro, N.S.
Turnberry, Ont.
Twillingate, Nfld.
Ulverton, Que.
Vancouver, B.C.
Victoria, B.C.
Vankleek Hill, Ont.
Warwick, Ebenezer, Ont.
" Zion, Ont.
Watford, Ont.
Waterville, Que.
Wingham, Ont.
Winnipeg, Man.
Witaskiwin, Alb.
Woodstock, Ont.
Yarmouth, N.S.

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Blesedell. James.
*Black, Robert K., Granby, Que.
Black, James R., Kingston, Ont.
Bolton, Charles E., Belwood, Ont.
Braithwaite, E. E., Yarmouth, N.S.
Brown, J. L., Franklin Centre, Que.
Bushel, Jonas, Victoria, B.C.
Carr, G. Trotter, Stratford, Ont.
*Clarke, William F., Guelph, Ont.
Claris, William H. A., London, Ont.
Collins, Wm., Pine Grove, Ont.
Cox, Jacob W., Lower Selmah, N.S.
Currie, Walter T., African Mission.
Craik, Galen H., Waterville, Que.
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Lennox, A., Barrie, Ont.
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Smith, William W., St. Catharines, Ont.
Squires, John, Random, Nfld.
Sykes, Simeon, Keswick Ridge, N.B.
Thackeray, Joseph, St. Johns, Nfld.
*Unsworth, Joseph, 80 First Ave., Toronto.
Unsworth, Joseph K., Scotland, Ont.
Wall, E. C.
Warriner W. Henry, B.D., 7 Shuter St., Montreal.
Watt, J. Craig, Brandon, Man.
Watt, William J.
Watson, W. H., 231 Herkimer St., Hamilton, Ont.
Webb, Thomas, 10 Westmoreland Ave., Toronto.
*Whitman, Jacob, Yarmouth, N.S.
*Wild, Joseph, D.D., Bronté, Ont.
Williams, William, Milltown, N.B.
*Wood, John, Ottawa, Ont.
Wood, Morgan, Toronto, Ont.

*Not in pastoral work.

LIST OF CHAIRMEN.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

*Rev. William Clarke, 1854.
" William F. Clarke, 1855.
* " E. J. Sherrill, 1856.
* " Edward Ebbs, 1857.
" Francis H. Marling, 1858.
* " Henry Wilkes, D.D., 1859.
* " Adam Lillie, D.D., 1860.
* " Joseph Elliot, 1861.
* " A. J. Parker, 1862.
* " William Hay, 1863.
" Thomas M. Reekie, 1864.
" Archibald Duff, D.D., 1865.
* " William H. Allworth, 1866.
* " John Climie, 1867.
" Robert Robinson, 1868.
" Henry Powis, 1869.
" John Wood, 1870.
* " George Cornish, LL.D., 1871.
" Kenneth M. Fenwick, 1872.
" Enoch Barker, 1873.
" John Unsworth, 1874.
" Charles Chapman, M.A., 1875.
Rev. Daniel Macallum, 1876.
" J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., 1877.
" Robert K. Black, 1878.
* " John F. Stevenson, D.D., 1879.
" " " " 1880.
" Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., 1881.
George Hague, Esq., 1882.
Rev. Charles Duff, M.A., 1883.
* " John G. Sanderson, 1884.
* " John Burton, B.D., 1885.
" D. McGregor, M.A., 1886.
" H. D. Hunter, M.A., 1887.
" John Morton, 1888.
" Joseph Wild, D.D., 1889.
" Wm. Cuthbertson, B.A., 1890.
" Hugh Pedley, B.A., 1891.
" A. F. McGregor, B.A., 1892.
" Edward Hill, M.A., 1893.
" W. Henry Warriner, B.D., 1894.
" James R. Black, 1895.
Seth P. Leet, Esq., 1896.
Rev. John I. Hindley, Ph.D., 1897.
Rev. William McIntosh, 1898.

* Deceased.

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" W. W. Smith.
" J. K. Unsworth, B.A.
" H. S. Beavis, D.D.
" W. H. Watson.
Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A.
" C. E. Bolton.
" J. I. Hindley, Ph D.
" E. D. Silcox.
" W. F. Clarke.
" F. Gunner, M.D.
" B. B. Williams.
Rev. G. Skinner.
" W. J. Hindley.
" J. W. Pedley.
" H. E. Mason.
" J. Scholfield.
" M. Kelly.
" G. T. Carr.

ASSOCIATE CHURCHES

Brantford,
Burford,
Belwood,
Embro,
Forest,
Frome,
Fergus,
Garafraxa,
Guelph,
Hamilton, 1st,
Hamilton, Immanuel,
Kincardine,
Listowel,
London, 1st,
London, Southern,
New Durham,
Paris,
Scotland,
Speedside,
Sarnia,
Stratford,
St. Catharines,
Turnberry,
Wingham,
Woodstock,
Watford.

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Tilbury,
London, 1st,
London, Southern,
Frome,
Woodstock,
Embro.

Secretary.—Rev. W. J. Hindley, Embro.

BRANTFORD DISTRICT; 9 churches.

Brantford,
Paris,
Burford,
New Durham,
Kelvin,
Scotland,
Hamilton, 1st,
Hamilton, Immanuel,
St. Catharines.

Secretary.—Rev. J. K. Unsworth, Scotland.

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Stratford,
Listowel,
Wingham,
Turnberry,
Kincardine,
Howick.

Secretary.—Rev. H. E. Mason, Wingham.

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Guelph,
Speedside,
Fergus,
Garafraxa,
Belwood.

Secretary.—Rev. C. E. Bolton, Belwood.

LAMBTON DISTRICT; 7 churches.

Sarnia,
Forest,
Watford,
Lake Shore,
Plympton,
Ebenezer,
Warwick.

Secretary.—Rev. J. I. Hindley, Ph.D., Forest.

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ASSOCIATE CHURCHES.

Alton,
Barrie,
Bowmanville,
Churchill,
Edgar,
Georgetown,
Humber Summit,
Pine Grove,
Rugby,
South Caledon,
Stouffville,
Toronto, Zion,
" Bond St.
Toronto, Northern,
" Western,
" Olivet,
" Parkdale,
" Hope,
" Broadview Ave.

President—Edmund Yeigh.
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Registrar—Rev. J. P. Gerrie.

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" H. J. Horsey,
" —. Mowle,
" W. McIntosh,
Rev. D. C. McIntosh,
" A. McCormack,
" A. W. Richardson.
" D. Macallum.

CHURCHES.

Maxville,
Martintown,
Cobourg,
Lanark,
Middleville and Rosetta,
Cold Springs,
Kingston, First,
" Bethel,
Kingston, Calvary,
Ottawa, First,
" Welcome Zion,
Vankleek Hill.

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MINISTERS.

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" John McKillican,
" Thomas Hall,
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" G. H. Dunlap,
" A. W. Main,
" W. J. Watt,
" C. Moore,
" G. H. Craik, B.A.,
Rev. G. E. Read.
" E. C. Evans, D.D.
" B. W. Day,
" F. J. Day,
" R. Hay,
" R. Hopkin,
" R. K. Black,
" J. L. Brown,
" W. T. Gunn,
Rev. W. P. Jackson.

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Brigham,	Franklin Centre,	Melbourne,
Cowansville,	Granby,	St. Andrews,
Danville,	Montreal, Emmanuel,	Stanstead, South,
Eaton,	" Calvary,	Sherbrooke,
Fitch Bay,	" Zion,	Waterville.

V. MONTREAL CONGREGATIONAL CLUB.

President—Charles Cushing, B.C.L.

Secretary—Charles T. Williams.

Treasurer—Thomas Moodie.

Executive Committee—The officers, and Revs. W. H. Warriner, and E. M. Hill; Messrs. R. S. Weir, A. Wright, and Chas. Gurd.

Objects—Better acquaintance; concert of action, and to promote the interests of Congregationalism.

Meetings—Four times a year.

Membership—Limited to seventy-five.

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ASSOCIATE CHURCHES.

Kingsport,	Maitland, South,	Margaree, C. B.
Economy,	Lower Selmah,	Manchester.
Maitland,	Noel,	

ROBERT MORRISON, Economy, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

CONGREGATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

I. BRITISH.

	Name.	*Place.*	*Founded.*	*Course.*	*Profs.*	*Stud's*
1.	Congregational College of Canada	Montreal, Quebec	1839	5 years	2	15
2.	New College	London, England	1696	5 "	4	44
3.	Western College	Plymouth, "	1752	6 "	3	17
4.	Cheshunt College	Cheshunt, "	1768	4 "	6	32
5.	Yorkshire United Independent College	Bradford, "	1756	6 "	5	30
6.	Hackney College	Hackney, "	1803	5 "	8	29
7.	Lancashire College	Manchester, "	1816	6 "	8	48
8.	Mansfield College	Oxford, "	1886	3 "	6	32
9.	Congregational Institute	Nottingham, "	1861	4 "	3	45
10.	Presby. and Cong. College	Carmarthen, Wales	1719	4 "	3	23
11.	Memorial College	Brecon, "	1755	4 "	2	25
12.	Independent College	Bala-Bangor, "	1842	4 "	4	35
13.	Theological Hall	Edinburgh, Scotland	1811	5 "	2	27
14.	Victoria College	Melbourne, Australia	1861	5 "	2	.
15.	Camden College	Sydney, "	1863	4 "	2	8
16.	Cong. Coll. of S. Australia	Adelaide, "	1890	4 "	1	2

There are also collegiate institutes in India, Madagascar, South Sea Islands and South Africa, for the training of about 300 native pastors and evangelists, conducted by agents of the London Missionary Society, which are not given above.

II. UNITED STATES.

In the United States there are twenty-six Congregational universities and colleges. There are eleven theological seminaries, seven of which are independent, and four are auxiliary to other institutions. There are, besides, forty-three theological schools in foreign countries connected with the American Board; nine Congregational colleges in the South and West, aided by the Congregational Education Society; and in the South, eight chartered institutions, conducted by the American Missionary Association, which are not given below.

	Name.	*Place.*	*Founded.*	*Course.*	*Profs.*	*Stud's*
1.	Andover Seminary	Andover, Mass.	1808	3 years	8	48
2.	Bangor Seminary	Bangor, Me.	1816	3 "	6	49
3.	Chicago Seminary	Chicago, Ill	1858	3 "	13	139
4.	Hartford Seminary	Hartford, Conn	1834	3 "	12	53
5.	Oberlin Seminary	Oberlin, Ohio	1835	3 "	9	69
6.	Pacific Seminary	Oakland, Cal	1869	3 "	7	38
7.	Divinity School (Yale)	New Haven, Conn	1822	3 "	9	90

CONGREGATIONAL RECORD FOR CANADA.

JULY 1, 1896, TO JULY 1, 1897.

I. ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

Rev. H. J. Horsey, ordained pastor of "Welcome Zion" Church, Ottawa, June 18, 1896.
Rev. G. T. Carr began work at Stratford, Ont., June, 1896.
Rev. D. S. Hamilton began work at Point St. Charles, Montreal, June, 1896.
Rev. T. Legette began work at Edgar, Ont., June, 1896.
Rev. J. Craig Watt began work at Brandon, Man., July 5, 1896.
Rev. H. C. Mason began work at Vancouver, B.C., July, 1896.
Rev. A. F. Pollock, ordained at Speedside, Ont., September 15, 1896.
Rev. W. J. Cox began work at Noel and Maitland, N.S., October, 1896.
Rev. C. E. Bolton, Belwood and Garafraxa, Ont., Recognition Service, October, 1896.
Rev. H. S. Beavis, D.D., called to First Church, Hamilton, Nov. 2, 1896.
Rev. Horace Peckover began work in Zion Church, Toronto, Oct. 18, 1896.
Rev. J. W. Goffin accepted call to Howick and Turnberry, Ont., Dec. 1896.
Rev. George Extence called to Alton, Ont., December, 1896.
Rev. T. R. Forbes began work at South Caledon and Churchill, Ont., December, 1896.
Rev. Thomas Hall, installed at Melbourne, Que., December 8, 1896.
Rev. J. H. Barnett, installed at Bowmanville, Ont., March 2, 1897.
Rev. E. C. W. MacColl, installed at Forest Lake Shore, Ont., April, 1897.
Rev. T. H. Rogers began work at Georgetown, Ont., January, 1897.
Rev. A. Lennox began work at Barrie, Ont., January, 1897.
Rev. C. R. Ashdown, ordained as a Missionary in Emmanuel Church, Montreal, May 5, 1897.
Rev. A. F. Pollock began work at Speedside, Ont., May, 1897.
Rev. Morgan Wood accepted call to Bond St. Church, Toronto, June, 1897.
Rev. E. E. Braithwaite accepted call to Yarmouth, N.S., June, 1897.

II. RESIGNATIONS, ETC.

Rev. R. J. Duff, resigned Georgetown, Ont., Sept., 1896.
Rev. Charles Duff, resigned Parkdale Church, Toronto, Sept., 1896.
Rev. Sampson Nicholls, resigned Melbourue, Que., Sept., 1896.
Rev. Dr. Forbush, resigned Yarmouth, N.S., Sept., 1896.
Rev. Hugh Bentley, resigned Pine Grove, Ont., Oct. 1, 1896.
Rev. John Morton, resigned First Church, Hamilton, Sept., 1896.
Rev. Thomas Sims, D.D., resigned Bond St. Church, Toronto, Dec. 28, 1896.
Rev. B. B. Williams, resigned Guelph, Ont., Feb., 1897.
Rev. W. M. Barbour, D.D., retired from office as Principal C. C. College, Montreal, June 30, 1897.

III. CHURCH EDIFICES, ETC.

New church edifice opened at Liverpool, N.S., Sept. 20, 1896.
Bethlehem Church, Westmount, Montreal, opened new edifice, Oct., 1896.
Re-opening services, Embro, Ont., Oct. 25, 1896.
Re-opening Sunday, St. Catharines, Ont., April 25, 1897.
Southern Church, London, Ont., opened new edifice for worship, May 2, 1897.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. Charles Duff, resigned Editorship of the *Congregationalist*, July, 1896.
Congregational Union, N.S. and N.B., met at Keswick Ridge, N.B., July 2, 1896.
Women's Missionary Society, N.S. and N.B., Annual Meeting, Keswick Ridge, N.B., July 2, 1896.
Rev. J. P. Gerrie assumed Editorship of the *Congregationalist*, Sept. 1, 1896.
C. C. College, Montreal, opening exercises, Oct. 1, 1896.
Western Association, Ontario, met in First Church, Hamilton, Nov. 10, 1896.
Congregational Club, Montreal, annual dinner, Nov. 19, 1896.
Thanksgiving Day for the Dominion, Nov. 26, 1896.
Quebec Association met in Sherbrooke, Nov. 30, 1896.
Toronto District Association met in Zion Church, Toronto, Feb. 9, 1897.
C. C. College, Montreal, closing exercises, April 8, 1897.
"Diamond Jubilee," Queen Victoria, observed as a Public Holiday, Tuesday, June 22, 1897.
Quebec Association, met in Calvary Church, Montreal, April 19, 1897.
Western Association, met in Forest, Ont., April 12, 1897.
Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, met in First Church, Kingston, June 9, 1897.

C. C. College, Montreal ; Rev. J. Henry George, D.D., accepted Principalship, June, 1897.

Woman's Board of Missions, held Annual Meeting, Lanark, Ont., June 2, 1897.

V. DEATHS.

Rev. Alex. S. McLeod, at New York, March 25, 1896.

Mrs. Ellis Lloyd, Lake Shore, Forest, Ont., died May 28, 1896.

Augustus Malcolm, Scotland, Ont., died Sept. 9, 1896.

Joseph Rowell, formerly of Toronto, died at Clinton, Ont., Oct. 24, 1896, aged 86.

Rev. W. H. Allworth, Lansing, Mich., died Oct. 29, 1896.

Alexander Scott, Barrie, Ont., died Dec. 2, 1896.

Thomas S. Armstrong, Speedside, Ont., died Dec. 9, 1896.

Richard Barnes, Stouffville, Ont., died Jan. 1, 1897.

Rev. William Hay, Scotland, Ont., died Jan. 16, 1897.

John Hay (brother of the above), Warwick, Ont., died Feb. 2, 1897,

John Villiers, Barrie, Ont., died Jan. 31, 1897.

Rev. Joseph Griffith, formerly pastor at Hamilton, Ont., died in the United States, Jan., 1897.

Mrs. William Cameron, London, Ont., died Jan. 20, 1897.

Norman Duncan, Bluevale, Ont., died March 14, 1897.

David Aitchison, Hamilton, died March 17, 1897.

Mrs. B. B. Williams, Guelph, died March 29, 1897.

Rev. John Campbell, Port Elgin, Ont., died 1897.

Mrs. Robert Robertson, formerly of Rosetta and Middleville Church, died at Crowland, Ont., April 13, 1897.

Thomas Maris, Tilbury, Ont., died April 17, 1897.

Mrs. W. B. Saunders, Stouffville, Ont., died May, 1897.

Mrs. Willett, wife of Rev. George Willett, died at Whittier, California, June 1, 1897.

Obituary.

THE Obituary of the year includes six ministers and three ministers' wives. Three of the six ministers died in the United States; and one of the ministers' wives. We have indeed a close connection with the nation to the south of us. While welcoming the very considerable number of most excellent brethren in the ministry we have among us, from the United States, tbere are no fewer than twenty-seven out of our 140 college graduates at present laboring in that country.

REV. ALEXANDER S. McLEOD.

The only pastoral charge, so far as we are aware, which Mr. McLeod had among us, was one year at Listowel, where he was ordained in 1888; having graduated from the C. C. College, Montreal, the year before. For two years he had charge of the Camp Memorial Church, New York; relinquishing that in 1894, and thereafter living there without charge; and sunk away under the malady of cancer in the stomach, on 25th March, 1896, aged 38. A kindly man; and kindly remembered.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY ALLWORTH.

Mr. Allworth was born in Westbury, England, March 18th, 1818; and was consequently 78 years old at the time of his death. Of the circumstances of his early life, or his conversion, the Editor has never been informed. Coming to this country early in life, he went through the four-years course in theological study in the "Congregational Institute," Toronto, afterwards the "Congregational College," Montreal, under the late Dr. Lillie, and graduated therefrom in 1845; his name standing "13" in the now somewhat long list of graduates. He was

seven years at Port Stanley; five years at Barton, near Hamilton; five years in Markham; and then his most important pastorate of 18 years at Paris, Ontario. Here he might have continued to labor, had his son not started a weekly paper in the town, and the father become mixed up with some strong political articles which probably he had nothing to do with. However, he thought it best to resign; and after a couple of short pastorates, he went to Michigan, where his eldest son, Rev. John Allworth, and his son-in-law, Rev. William Ewing, were already laboring. Two short pastorates in Michigan; and then he quietly made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Ewing.

Mr. Allworth was, from the first, very Arminian in the cast of his theology. Had he been in Scotland, he would have been in perfect accord with the Evangelical Union people. To the surprise of most of us, he resigned his membership in the Congregational Union in 1868, after the unfortunate "Synod of Dort" held in Hamilton that year—because he judged that the Union was Calvinistic, and merely tolerated those of the other school; and it was not till some years afterward, when he was satisfied that the *riyht* of the one school to membership was as clearly defined as the other, that he came back into membership. He was a man of commanding presence, with florid complexion and beard; free of utterance; more anxious to convince you than to polish the sentences by which the convincing was done; much devoted to his family, with one of the "wise women" of the world for his wife; generous and hearty; with an open hand, and a spare corner at his table, at all times. His memory is fragrant wherever he labored; and his translation was like that of some of those Old Testament prophets he so much resembled. He had been speaking at a prayer-meeting; and giving some earnest warnings about what he believed to be dishonest treatment of the Scriptures at the hands of some of its professed friends, when, having closed his remarks, he seemed to be looking for a chair, when two friends sprang forward to assist him. They placed him in a seat, but the spirit, even already, had fled. He had looked upon God's face, and the reflection was left in his own, but he "was not" for God took him. This was on the 29th of October last, 1896, at Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Allworth in 1866, was honored by his brethren in being placed in the chair of the Union for that year.

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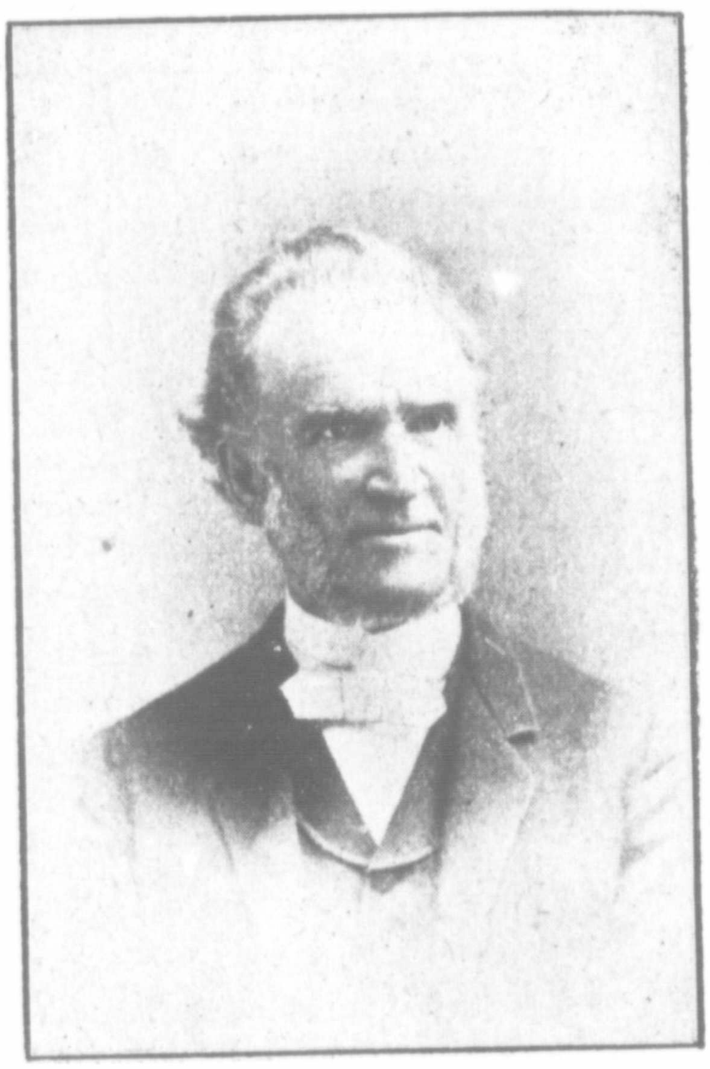


Mr. Hay was born in the town of Perth, in the Province of Ontario, on 16th of January, 1822. His parents were Scotch, having emigrated in 1820. In 1837 the family looked out for "better land," and settled in Warwick Township near Lake Huron. Under the preaching of Rev. Leonard McGlashan, one of the earliest graduates of the "College," our subject, still but a boy, was converted, and began to turn his thoughts toward preaching the Word. The church at Warwick—wiser than many churches since—would not recommend him to the College without first seeing some aptitude for soul-saving in the candidate; and their way of coming at it, was for him to preach a sermon before the church. With a good deal of trepidation, he went through the ordeal, and succeeded in gaining the recommendation. Another ordeal awaited him: a committee of examiners, fortified by Rev. Samuel Martin of England, then on a visit to this country. One of the five examiners said, "The Candidate's statement of theological belief was rather loose-

jointed!" a remark which Mr. Hay, many years after, told the present Editor, "he fully agreed with." Yet in after days, no one was clearer or more outspoken than Mr. Hay, on

> The wideness of God's mercy,
> Like the wideness of the sea,

in giving his Son to die for the whole race. He studied with Allworth, and Fenwick, and Cunningham Geikie, and Clarke, and Wickson, and Marling, and graduated in 1847. In the Autumn of the same year, he began his life-work in the village of Scotland, ten miles west of Brantford. Here, with the short interval of nine or ten months in Belleville, he wrought on for well-nigh half a century; a father and patriarch among his people. Said the *Canadian Independent*, in 1889, "Children out of his Sunday School are filling important positions all over the Dominion and the United States. In other cases he has baptised the grand-children of those he dandled on his knees more than forty years ago." Mr. Hay was elected Chairman of the Congregational Union for 1863.

He believed in revival work, and had some wonderful successes on his field. Sixty new members in 1852, nearly all new converts, in Scotland; and sixty converts at Burford in 1858. In the Union, he was always on some of the hard-working standing committees.

In 1894, after 47 years service, he resigned; having the pleasure of seeing an active young brother, Rev. J. K. Unsworth, on the ground and ready to go on with the Lord's work. The relationship was like as of a father and son; like Paul and Timothy.

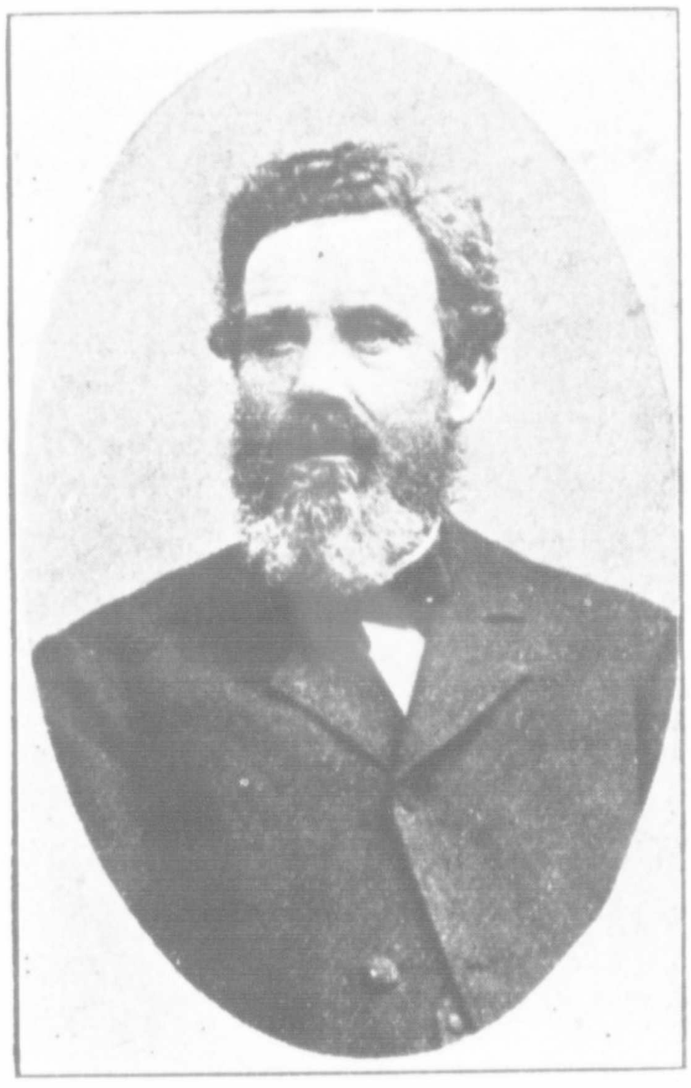
He still continued to reside among the people he had loved so long. He grew gradually weak and frail; and passed away on his 75th birthday, 16th January, 1897.

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL.

Rev. John Campbell came to the Congregational College from the County of Glengarry, Ontario, being, like nearly all in that region, Highland Scotch. He graduated in 1855, and, when not at home on his farm in Arran Township, County Bruce, was travelling as a Colporteur for the Bible Socicty. We remember meeting him thus in Lower Canada, many years

ago. Of the particulars of his death, which took place at Port Elgin, on Lake Huron, during the present year, 1897, we have not, up to the time of writing, learned.

REV. JAMES SHIPPERLEY.



Rev. James Shipperley was one of the Nova Scotia pastors who gave his whole heart to the work of God in those provinces. His careful digests of the "State of the Churches" in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, have been a feature in the *Year Book* for some years past. He will be greatly missed and lamented, down by the sea! He died at N. E. Margaree, in the Island of Cape Breton, on 23rd June, 1897. We greatly regret that at the time of going to press we have no further information.

REV. JOSEPH GRIFFITH.

The announcement of the death of Rev. Joseph Griffith, of Copenhagen, N. Y., on Feb. 8th, will come with a pang of

deepest sorrow to his many friends in Canada by whom his memory is cherished with kindliest feelings. Born in Wales 53 years ago, Mr. Griffith graduated from our College in Montreal in 1873, and if we mistake not, Cobourg was his first pastorate. Garafraxa and Belwood next united in extending him a call, and there he ministered for three years, and then to the great regret of all, resigned, that he might accept an invitation to the pastorate of the First Church, Hamilton. After laboring in this field for some time, a call from Sandy Creek, N.Y., took him from our Canadian work. In giving the intimation of his death, the *Boston Congregationalist* states that his pastorate of six years at Copenhagen was "specially successful," and further adds that "He was a quiet man, but of unusually acute intellect and large information."—*Congregationalist and Canadian Independent.*

MRS. JOHN MORTON.

Mrs. Agnes Morton, (*nee* Pettigrew,) was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1844. In 1849 the family came to Oxford County, Ontario. She was well trained in a Christian family, and well educated; and in 1871 married Rev. John Morton, and went with him to Scotland, where for twelve years he labored in connection with the Evangelical Union. In 1882 they came to Canada with their young family of three boys, and Mr. Morton became the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Hamilton. Here for fourteen years Mrs. Morton lived the life of a humble useful Christian, diligent in all that pertained to the Kingdom of God, and exemplary in every home duty. Never robust in constitution, she gradually weakened; and after many months of suffering as an invalid, was released on Sabbath morning, 25th October, 1896, surrounded by her family, and calmly trusting in Christ.

MRS. B. B. WILLIAMS.

On 29th March, 1897, Mrs. Williams, wife of the pastor of the Congregational Church in Guelph, Ontario, passed away from this life. She was one of those motherly Christian women whom every young man revered, and to whom the

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MRS. GEORGE WILLETT.

Rev. George Willett is one of Rev. William Hay's "boys," from Scotland, Ontario. During his college days, he supplied for (we think) two summers, the Church at Eaton, Quebec, so long ministered to by Rev. Mr. Sherrill. Here he met Miss Hannah Hill, who afterwards became his wife. After trying the work in Canada for a few years, and becoming more and more unfit for it, Mr. Willett went to California, in hopes that his life might be prolonged in that more equable climate. To the surprise of us all, he has been divinely supported to go on with his work there for nearly two decades, and now comes the startling news of his wife's death. She died from *appendicitis*, after only two days' illness, on June 1st, 1897, at Whittier, California.

There had been quite a gathering of Canadians at the Memorial Service. Our brother, Rev. George Robertson, says, in the *Congregationalist*, "The Rev. E. R. Brainerd addressed the people on *Mrs. Willett's influence in her home*; Mrs. Dr. Thomas, a member of the Church, spoke with deep feeling of her *Influence in the Church*; Mrs. Esther Hiatt, a Quakeress, bore affectionate testimony to her *Influence in the Community*. Mr. Robertson addressed the people on *Canadian Memories of the Deceased*, and preached in the evening on *God's Peculiar Treasure*. Her's was a beautiful life, as those of us who knew her in her father's house, and in her Canadian home, can well testify. She leaves three boys behind her, the eldest now of age."

THE UNION OF 1897.

[EDITORIAL.]

THE Union for 1897 was held in the First Church, Kingston, at the foot of Lake Ontario; "The Limestone City." Our cities are dropping into the United States fashion of attaching a fancy name to themselves: Toronto, the "Queen City"; Hamilton, the "Ambitious City"; London, the "Forest City"; Guelph, the "Royal City"; Stratford, the "Classical City"; St. Catharines, the "Garden City"; Chatham, the "Maple City"; and many more only yet choosing their fancy title.

The attendance was fair; some churches unaccountably unrepresented. This is a mistake which churches should guard against.

THE DEVOTIONAL HOUR.

At nine every morning, the devotional hour began. The brother to conduct it was named the day before; except that on the first day, Prof. Warriner, at the instance of the Standing Committee of the Union, took the chair. And every morning the thoughts of the members were led in some special direction of spiritual truth from the chair. This has been more noticeable for one or two years past, than formerly. It is good: though a leader should never under any circumstances, take up more than fifteen minutes of the hour in his "address." Quite a number of vital spiritual points were thus brought up, and talked and prayed over, in these meetings.

TWO BROKEN AFTERNOONS.

Wednesday, 9th June, was vacant in the afternoon, as far as regarded any meeting of the Union as such. It was a complaint, in former days, that the chief committees—notably the Home Missionary Committee—would be in session in some other room, while the "Union" was going on; thus weakening the attendance and interest of the larger meeting. To obviate this

as far as possible, the afternoon of the first-day has been given up to Committee-work.

And on Saturday, after a pretty faithful attendance three days and three nights of work, we all felt like taking a "half-day off!" So an excursion on the fine paddle-wheel steamer "America" had been arranged for; and complimentary tickets were issued to all the members and delegates of the Union; which also—through the kindness of Alderman McKelvey—included "tea" on board. We called at Gananoque, [it is an Indian name, and the *ue* is vocal; the accent on the third syllable;] both going and returning, and headed up the blue St. Lawrence again, away among the islets and summer-residences of Alexandria Bay. An invigorating and delightful trip among the "Thousand Islands"!

THE SOCIETIES.

The Home Missionary Society had made grants to weak churches $704 in advance of the year before. The income from the contributions of the churches was unsatisfactory; and $140 less than the previous year. Help was asked to plant two churches in the mining district of British Columbia.

Both the Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Board said much of the Canadian Mission at Cisamba, West Central Africa. Mr Currie and his three lady-coadjutors were carrying on a grand work there. And a much-needed and long-prayed-for Medical Missionary is expected to be sent next year. The Woman's Board did a noble thing—and one that removes every possible ground of criticism—in giving $600 to the Home Missionary Society. And besides, they are taking the Swedish and Norwegian Mission at Witaskiwin, in Alberta, under their care.

The College was rejoiced with the presence among us of Rev. Dr. George, of St. Louis, U.S.; who during the meetings, intimated his acceptance of the post of Principal, vacant by the retirement of Dr. Barbour. A vigorous effort to increase the Endowment Fund by $60,000 more was made; Mr. H. S. C. Miner, of Granby, Que., intimating that he would be good for the last $15,000 of the amount.

The Provident Fund—too much neglected by the churches: let the hint suffice—had one fewer widow on the list, and one more retired pastor: a Society needing steady annual contributions, to enable it to do its beneficent work.

The Publishing Company appealed for more subscriptions to the weekly organ of the churches, *The Congregationalist and Canadian Independent.* The present list of about 1000 ought to be at once doubled. About 160 new subscriptions were guaranteed.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

To the deep regret of every member, Rev. Dr. Hindley, Chairman for 1897, was unable to attend. A wasting disease has been hanging round him for some years, and has lately assumed a more threatening attitude; and he was seeking rest and recuperation at a farm near Fergus. He had however, forwarded a type-written "Address from the Chair," entitled "A Word of Cheer," by his son, the Rev. W. J. Hindley: who was requested by the Union to read the same. It was well read; and (with some little dissent, as all outspoken utterances will have,) well received.

Prof. Warriner, of Montreal, himself a former Chairman of the Union, was nominated by the "Union Committee" as temporary Chairman; and the Union so voted: and then on Thursday, 10th June, the election of a Chairman for 1898 took place. Vote by ballot, without nomination. Our brethren are too squeamish in these matters. They do differently in England. We act as if we thought it was highly improper to suggest or canvass names or claims for the Chairmanship of the Union. No whisper is ever made in our periodical of any "coming man"; and young members, and many delegates who are not young, vote at a mere random. Yet a system which is open to criticism, left no room for criticism in its results this year. Rev. William McIntosh of Ottawa received a plurality on the first ballot, and a majority of the whole votes cast on the second ballot; and was declared the choice of the Union as Chairman for 1898.

AMALGAMATION.

There seems to be something of weariness over this question; and not much time was occupied with it. The recommendation of the Joint Committee was adopted; which provided for—not amalgamation—but a closer representation of the various Societies; and to make delegates to the Union *de facto* delegates to the various Societies. Ardent friends of the "amalga-

mation" scheme look upon this as a step toward that result; others as a final deliverance on the subject.

UNITED STATES VISITORS.

We were favored with several visitors from the United States: Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, of Michigan; Rev. Dr. Daniels of the "American Board," Boston; Rev. A. K. Wray, of Missouri; Rev. John Allworth, of Michigan; and Rev. Dr. George, of St. Louis. Mr. Puddefoot inspired us; Dr. Daniels gave us facts: Mr. Wray was an international sunshine; Mr. Allworth made us exactly feel twenty years younger; Dr. George claimed and proved he was a brother to us. The Union of 1897, like many a previous Union, was brightened and cheered by these "beams from the south."

THE WOMAN.

Since that memorable Union in Montreal, where the "Union Report" (which pronounced against the admission of women as delegates,) was amended in open meeting—the present writer wrote and read the Report, though he voted against it in Committee—down to the present, women have been coming more and more to the front with us. This year, we asked them to conduct one whole forenoon meeting—Friday, June 11th. Mrs Macallum, President of the Woman's Board, presided. Some brethren, who add an "eleventh" commandment to the code—"Be polite," were troubled how to address the chair. Most said "Madam President"; but as we have no "President" in the Union, the English way of calling the presiding officer "Chairman," whether man or woman, will probably come into vogue. Have we not already "Bachelors of Arts" among our women? Six of the women gave clear and strong expositions of different phases of Christian work. The forenoon was a profitable one: and the Union, which can be depended on to "know a good thing when it sees it," will make use of the light gained this year.

THE LUNCHEONS.

Thursday and Friday found us, at the noon-hour, in the Committee rooms of the First Church, tastefully entertained at luncheon. With a kindly care for each others' feelings, the ladies wished us to understand, that though in the premises of

the First Church, (the Union meeting there,) the luncheon was an offering of friendship from the Three Churches of the city; First Church, Bethel and Calvary. It gave us each day two more hours of fellowship with one another, without fatigue or weariness.

ONE DAY MORE.

We remained in session one day longer than in former years. Tuesday and Tuesday evening, gave us time to take up some loose ends of business and discussion; as well as to throw the concluding meeting into a patriotic shape, as befitted the year and month of the "Diamond Jubilee."

In 1892, at Montreal, some of the papers undertook to embellish their reports of the Union with portraits of a dozen or so of us—awful "charcoal sketches"—and Mr. Hill was so hilarious over the illustrations, that in his concluding string of "thanks" to be voted on, he made the former long dreary "whereasses" so short, sharp, witty and conclusive—that the good example has become an heirloom of the Union; and the chairman of the Business Committee this year, Rev. J. T. Daley, fully maintained our traditions in a broadside of votes of thanks, every shot of which went straight to the mark! Some were cheered and cheered again—as the ladies, and the luncheons, and the organist, who had so delighted us.

IN THE HOME.

The Billetting Committee were courteous and successful. And in the homes where the Ministers and Delegates were entertained, there was much opportunity of not only showing Christian character and bearing, but of talking of the things of the kingdom. The two sermons at the place of meeting, that of Rev. William McIntosh in the morning, on being *Witnesses for Christ*, and that of Dr. Evans in the evening, on "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," were well fitted to encourage Christians in well-doing. There are many disciples in Kingston; and we all hope our visit at the Union was as inspiring and helpful to them as it was to us.

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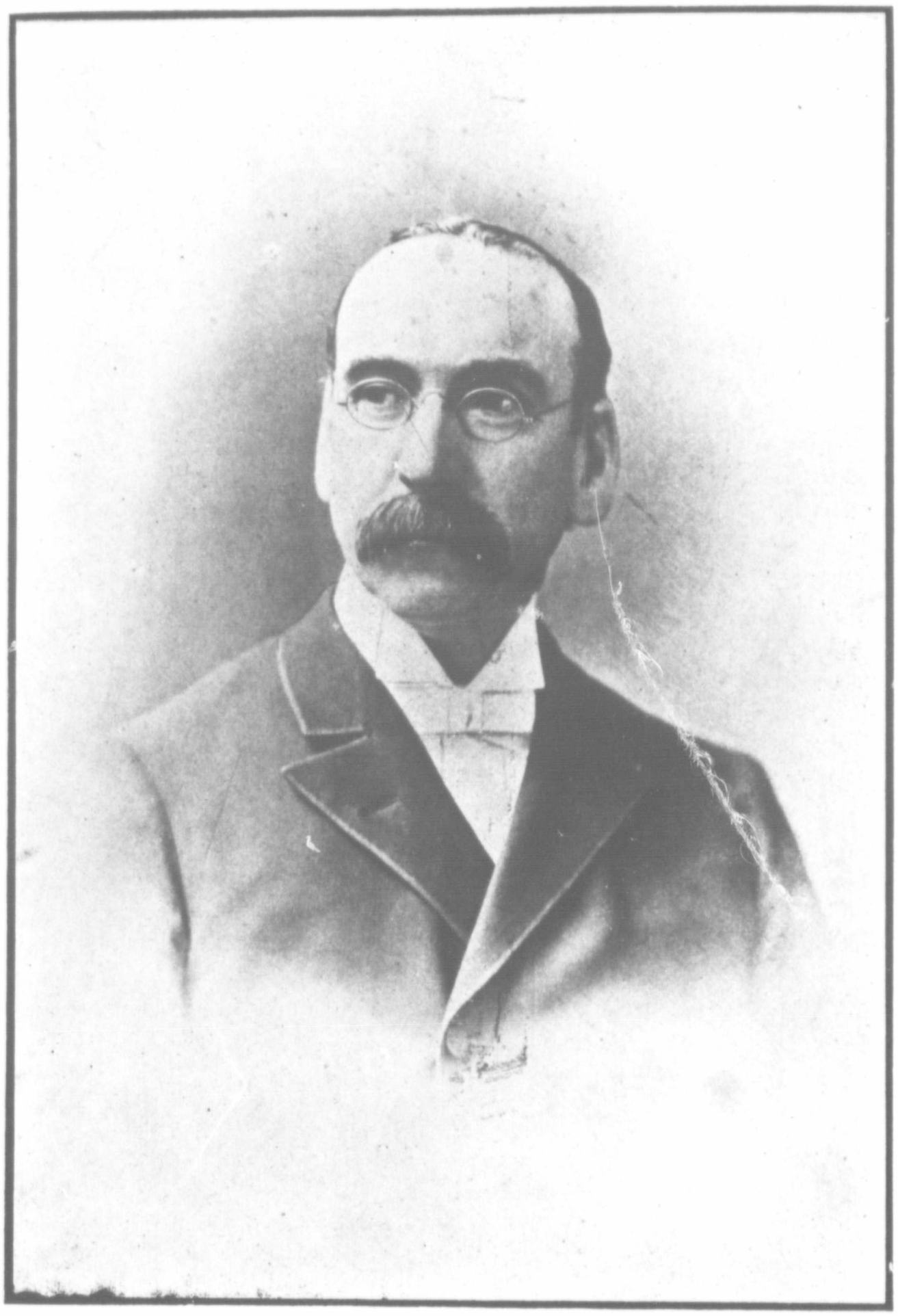

REV. WILLIAM McINTOSH, OTTAWA.

CHAIRMAN-ELECT OF THE CONREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF Ontario and Quebec.

OFFICERS FOR 1897-'98.

Chairmen.

FOR 1897—REV. JOHN INGHAM HINDLEY, PH.D, . FOREST, ONT.
" 1898—REV. WILLIAM McINTOSH, . . . OTTAWA, ONT.

Secretary-Treasurer.

REV. JOHN P. GERRIE, B.A. . . 90 LANGLEY AVE., TORONTO, ONT.

Statistical Secretary.

REV. DANIEL S. HAMILTON, B.A. . . POINT ST. CHARLES, MONTREAL.

Minute Secretaries

REV. JOHN SCHOLFIELD AND MR. R. B. BLYTH.

Union Committee.

REV. J. P. GERRIE.
" A. F. McGREGOR, B.A.
" E. M. HILL, M.A.
" W. H. WARRINER, B.D.
" E. C. EVANS, D.D.
" H. S. BEAVIS, D.D.
" J. SCHOLFIELD.
" J. W. PEDLEY, B.A.
" T. B. HYDE
" E. D. SILCOX.
" A. W. RICHARDSON, B.A.

REV. C. E. BOLTON.
" W. W. SMITH.
MR. THOS. MOODIE.
" J. M. M. DUFF.
" JAMES GOLDIE.
" J. C. COPP.
" EDMUND YEIGH.
" W. W. BUCHANAN.
" GEORGE PIM.
" C. W. FINLAYSON.
MRS. R. FREELAND.

Preachers.

ANNUAL SERMON, SUNDAY MORNING.

REV. E. C. EVANS, D.D.

ALTERNATE.

REV. W. T. GUNN, M.A.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—That the name of this Association be "THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO and QUEBEC.

II.—That it shall consist of Congregational or Independent Churches, and of ministers of the same church order who are either in the pastoral office, or (being members of Congregational churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved or received at a general meeting, and those laymen who have been Chairmen of the Union and are members in any of their churches.

III.—That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principles of Congregational churches, namely, the Scriptural right of every separate church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration, and therefore, that the Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a court of appeal.

IV.—That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation :—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated churches. 3. To establish a fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated churches accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational churches throughout the British American Provinces. 6. To hold consultation on questions of interest connected with the cause of Christ in general.

V.—To promote the accomplishment of these objects, and the general interests of the Union, an annual meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated churches being represented by two lay delegates; the meetings to be held at snch time and place as may be appointed at each annual meeting.

VI.—That the Officers of this Union be a chairman, secretary-treasurer, statistical secretary, minute secretary and committee, all to be chosen annually from its members, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the annual meeting.

VII.—That alterations may be made in this constitution at any annual meeting, providing that notice of such alterations has been given at the meeting next preceding.

STANDING RULES.

1.—Applications for admission to the Union, whether by churches or ministers, should be made in writing; and after having been read to the Union, shall be referred to a standing committee on membership. Churches so applying shall present the written recommendation of three members of the Union. Ministers bearing regular letters of dismissal from a kindred Congregational organization, and those who furnish evidence of having completed a course of study in the Congregational College of Canada, and having been ordained to the ministry, may be received at once on these grounds. Other ministers shall be required to bring proof of (1) their membership in a Congregational church; (2) their ordination to the minis[illegible]; (3) if they have come from any other denomination, their good standing therein; and they shall satisfy the membership committee in relation to their literary acquirements, and their doctrinal and ecclesiastical views. (4) Should the membership committee be satisfied on these points and recommend the applicant for membership, the recommendation shall be filed with the secretary, and the application and recommendation shall then lie over until the next annual meeting, when a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be requisite for admission into membership.

2.—The Union shall meet annually on the Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June, at 9 a.m., when, if the elected chairman be absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be chosen. After a devotional service, minute secretaries and reporters shall be appointed, the Report of the Committee presented, and the Standing Committee on Business, Membership, Nomination and Finance, chosen on nomination by the Committee of the Union. At 11 a.m., the Union will rise, to give place to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

3.—On Wednesday afternoon the Union will hold no public session in order that time may be given to the work of several committees.

4.—The Chairman's address shall be delivered on Wednesday evening.

5.—On Thursday morning the Chairman for the next year shall be elected by ballot without nomination. Ballot papers shall be furnished to all members of the Union present, if required; and the votes shall be counted by scrutineers appointed by the chairman. If no candidate have a majority of the votes cast, the names of two persons having the highest number shall be reported, and another vote taken. The Union will adjourn at 11 a.m. on Thursday, in favor of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

6.—The meetings shall be daily opened and closed with prayer; the morning devotional exercises to extend to an hour.

7.—No motion shall be discussed unless seconded; no member shall speak twice to the same motion without permission from the chair, and every motion shall be presented in writing by the mover, if required by the chair.

8.—The members of the Union shall register their attendanee with the Secretary in a book kept for this purpose. The minutes of the preceding day shall be read at the opening of each day's session, and the minutes of the last day at the close of the sesssion.

9 —The church in whose locality the annual meeting shall be held, shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with such meeting.

10.—On Monday evening, during the sitting of the Union, a public meeting of the Union shall be held, the programme of which shall be arranged by the Union Committee,

11.—Application shall be made by the Statistical Secretary, one month at least before the annual meeting, for statistics of the several churches, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a condensed narrative of the whole for the annual meeting, and for publication, if so ordered.

12.—A collection for the funds of the Union shall be made annually in each church, on or near the Lord's Day prior to the meeting From this source, the Finance Committee, after providing for other necessary expenses, shall pay in full, if possible, the travelling fares of its ministerial members (provided always that no member of the Union whether ministerial or lay, attending the meetings, shall receive anything for travelling expenses, unless such ministerial member shall have contributed not less than one dollar, and the church represented by the delegate not less than five dollars to its funds); or if unable to pay in full, shall deduct from the claim of each, such equal amount as may be found necessary; such payment shall not be made until after the final adjournment, except with leave of the Union.

13.—The delegates from the Union to corresponding bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointment by personal attendance, shall address these bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if they were present at their annual convocations.

14.—All supplies of pulpits required during the Sunday in which the Union is in session, which are not otherwise provided for, shall be filled by the Nomination Committee in connection with the pastor of the church where the Union is held, and a copy of such appointment shall be posted on the door of the church where the Union is assembled.

15.—In order to facilitate the introduction of properiy acrredited preachers to churches connected with this Union which may require pulpit supply, the secretary is authorized to send to secretaries or pastors of churches a list of preachers; but on the understanding that only the names on the list shall be of those. 1. Who are pastors of churches in connection with the Union. 2. Who have been students of the Canada Congregational College, and who have left that institution with the confidence of the College authorities. 3. Who are carrying on their studies at the College, but who are certified by the Principal or Secretary as qualified to undertake preaching engagements. 4. Who have been pastors connected with the Union, and who are still members of the churches of the Union. 5. Who are recommended by a District Committee. 6. Who are accredited by the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the British Colonies, or by any Local Association, or National organization in the United States of America. 7. Lay preachers and evangelists accredited by any District Association.

CHURCHES CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Alton, Ont.
Barrie, Ont.
Belleville, Ont.
Belwood, Ont.
Bowmanville, Ont.
Brantford, Ont.
Brigham, Que.
Burford, Ont.
Caledon South, Ont. (*a*)
Canifton, Ont.
Cobourg, Ont
Coldsprings, Ont.
Cowansville, Que.
Danville, Que.
Durham, Que. (*b*)
Eaton, Que.
Edgar, Ont.
Embro, Ont.
Erin, North, Ont. (*c*)
Fergus, Ont.
Fitch Bay, Que.
Forest, Ont.
Franklin Centre, Que.
Frome, Ont.
Garafraxa, First, Ont. (*d*)
Georgetown, Ont.
Granby, Que.
Guelph, Ont.
Hamilton, First, Ont.
Hamilton, Immanuel, O.
Hawkesbury, Ont.
Howick, First, Ont. (*e*)
Humber Summit, Ont. (*f*)
Kelvin, Ont.
Kincardine, Ont. (*g*)
Kingston, First, Ont.
" Bethel, Ont.
" Calvary, Ont.
Lanark Village, Ont.
Listowel, Ont.
London, Ont.
" Sonthern. Ont.
Manilla, Ont.
Martintown, Ont.
Maxville, Ont.
Melbourne, Que.
Middleville and Rosseta, Ont.
Montreal, Zion, Que.
" Emmanuel, Q.
" Calvary, Que.
" Pt. St. Charles.
" Bethlehem, Q.
Newmarket, Ont.
New Durham, Ont.
Ottawa, First, Ont.
" Welcome Zion, O.
Paris, Ont.
Pine Grove, Ont.
Rugby, Ont.
Sarnia. Ont.
Scotland, Ont
Sherbrooke, Que.
Speedside, Ont.
Stanstead, South, Que.
St. Andrews, Que.
St. Catharines, Ont.
Stouffville, Ont.
Stratford, Ont.
Tilbury, Ont.
Toronto, Bond St., Ont.
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" Northern, Ont.
" Western, Ont.
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" Parkdale, Ont.
" Broadview Ave.
" Hope, Ont.
" Doverconrt, Ont.
" Concord Av., O.
Turnberry, Ont., (*h*)
Unionville, Ont.
Vankleek Hill, Ont.
Vespra, Ont. (*i*)
Warwick, Ont.
Waterville, Que.
Watford, Ont.
Wingham, Ont.
Winnipeg, Man.
Woodstock, Ont.

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MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION

Barker, Enoch, Toronto, Ont,
Barnett, J. H., Bowmanville, Ont.
Beavis, H. S., D.D., Hamilton, Ont.
Bentley, Hugh, Toronto, Ont.
Black, Robert K., Granby, Que.
Black, J. R., B.A., Kingston, Ont.
Bolton, Chas. E., Craigsholm P.O., Ont.
Brown, J. L., Franklin Centre, Que.
Carr, G. Trotter, Stratford, Ont.
Clarke, W. F., Guelph, Ont.
Claris, William H. A., London, Ont.
Craik, Galen H., Waterville, Que.
Currie, W. T., Cisamba, W. C. Africa.
Daley, J. T., B.A., Burford, Ont.
Day, F. J., B.A., Sherbrooke, Que.
Day, B. W., Granby, Que.
Duff, Charles, M.A., Brooklyn, N.S.
Evans, Einion C., D D , Montreal.
Gerrie, A. W., B.A., West Torrington, Conn.
Gerrie, John P., B.A., Toronto, Ont
Goffin, J. W., Howick, Ont.
Gray, M. S., Laurel, Ont.
Gunn, W. T., M.A , Cowansville, Que.
Gunner, F., M.D., Listowel, Ont.
Hall, Thomas, Melbourne, Que.
Hamilton, D. S., B.A., Montreal, Que.
Hay, Robert, Eaton, Que.
Hill, E. M., M.A., Montreal, Que.
Hindley, John I., Ph.D., Forest, Ont.
Hindley, W. J., Embro, Ont.
Hodgkinson, T.
Hopkin, Robert, Montreal, Que.
Horsey, H. J., Ottawa, Ont.
Hyde, T. B., Toronto, Ont.
Jackson, W. P., Brigham, Que.
Johnston, William, Toronto, Ont.
Kelly, Matthew, Listowel, Ont.
Macallum, D., Kingston, Ont.
Macaulay, Alex., Scotland.
Madill, W. H., Sarnia, Ont
Main, A. W., Danville, Que.
Margrett, Albert, Watford, Ont.
Mason, H. C , B.A., Vancouver, B.C.
Mason, H. E., Wingham, Ont
MacColl, Evan C. W., Forest, Ont.
McAdie, James, St. Andrews, Que.
McCormack, A., Coldsprings, Ont.
McCuaig, J. A. C., Toronto, Ont.
McEwen, J. D., Stouffville, Ont.
McGregor, A. F., B.A., Woodstock, Ont.
McIntosh, William, Ottawa, Ont.
McKillican, John, Montreal, Que.
McKinnon, J., Pilot Mound, Man.
Moore, Churchill, Ayer's Flat, Que.
Mote, W. H., D.D., Pacific Grove, Cal.
Morton, J., Hamilton, Ont.
Peckover, Horace, Toronto, Ont.
Pedley, H., B.A., Winnipeg, Man.
Pedley, J. W., B.A., London, Ont.
Pritchard, W. S., Illinois.
Read, G. E., Rock Island, Que.
Richardson, A. W., B.A., Kingston, Ont.
Salmon, John, B.A., Toronto, Ont.
Scholfield, John, Brantford, Ont.
Sandwell, G. H., New Bedford, U.S.
Silcox, E. D., Paris, Ont.
Skinner, George, Frome, Ont.
Smith, William W., St. Catharines, Ont.
Swanson, I. J., Lima, Ohio.
Unsworth, Joseph, Toronto, Ont
Unsworth, J. K., B.A., Scotland, Ont.
Warriner, W. H., B.D., Montreal, Que.
Watson, W. H., Hamilton, Ont.
Webb, Thomas, Toronto, Ont.
Wild, Joseph, D.D., Bronté, Ont.
Williams, B. B., Guelph, Ont.
Wood, John, Ottawa, Ont.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec met with the First Church, Kingston, on Wednesday, June 9th, at 9 a.m. In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. J. I. Hindley, Rev. W. H. Warriner led the devotional services.

At the business session, Rev. W. H. Warriner was appointed Acting Chairman, and Rev. J. Scholfield and R. B. Blyth, Minute Secretaries.

The Roll as taken from the register was as follows:

MINISTERS.

Beavis, H. S., D.D., Hamilton, O.
Black, J. R., B.A., Kingston, O.
Brown, J. L, Franklin Centre, Q.
Barnett, J. H. Bowmanville, O.
Craik, G. H., B.A., Waterville, Q.
Clarke, W. F., Guelph, O.
Day, F. J., B.A., Sherbrooke, Q.
Daley, J. T., B.A., Burford, O.
Day, B. W., Granby, Q.
Evans, E. C., D.D., Montreal.
Gunn, W. T., M.A., Cowansville, Q.
Gerrie, J. P., B.A., Toronto.
Hamilton, D. S., B.A., Montreal, Q.
Hyde, T. B., Toronto, O.
Hindley, W. J., Embro, O.
Horsey, H. Q., Ottawa, O.
Hay, Robert, Eaton, Q.
Hill, E. M., M.A., Montreal.
Hopkin, Raleh, Montreal, Q.
Jackson, W. P., Brigham, Q.
Johnston, Wm., Toronto, O.
Macallum, D., Kingston, O.
Moore, Churchill, Ayer's Flats, Q.
Madill, W. H., Sarnia, O.
Main, A. W., Danville, Q.
McKilican, John, Montreal, Q.
McIntosh, Wm., Ottawa, O.
McGregor, A. F., B.A., Woodstock, O.
Mason, H. E., Wingham, O.
MacColl, E. C. W., Forest, O.
Morton, John, Hamilton, O.
Peckover, Horace, Toronto, O.
Pedley, Hugh, Winnipeg, Man.
Pedley, J. W., B.A., London, O.
Read, G. E., Rock Island, Q.
Richardson, A. W., B.A., Kingston, O.
Scholfield, J., Brantford, O.
Silcox, E. D., Paris, O.
Skinner, Geo., Frome, O.
Smith, W. W., St. Catharines, O.
Wood, John, Ottawa, O.
Warriner, W. H., B.D., Montreal.
Watson, W. H., Hamilton, O.

DELEGATES.

Alton, Miss A. McClellan.
Brantford, Henry Yeigh, Mrs. Scholfield.
Belwood, R. Y. Blyth.
Bowmanville, Mrs. R. Freeland.
Cobourg, C. Field, Mrs. Baker.
Cold Springs, Miss Bella Eagleson.
Edgar, Thos. Leggette.
Embro, D. J. Mathieson.
Forest, Lakeshore, D. S. Hamilton.
Georgetown, H. T. Bell.
Garafraxa, Mrs. M. B. Bolton.

Guelph, G. H. Skinner, C. Grundy.
Hamilton, First, A. Alexander,
" Immanuel, J. Smith.
London, Joseph Hawthorne.
Kingston, First, J. A. Hendry.
" Bethel, George Mills.
" Calvary, W. W. Moule.
Kincardine, John McGuire.
Montreal, Zion, J. Richards, T. Moodie.
Montreal, Emmanuel, W. R. Ross, C. R Black, Chas. Gurd.
Montreal, Calvary, R. W. McLachlan, J. R. Dougall,
Martintown, Finlay McIntyre, A. May Macallum, A. B. Ross.
Maxville, R. R. Blyth, Mrs. Macallum, P. McDougall.
Middleville, J. L. Alexander.
New Durham, J. Yates.
Ottawa, H. E. Hume.
Paris, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Capron.
Scotland, E. H. Malcolm.
Speedside, R. S Armstrong.
St. Andrews, W. R. Hibbard.
Tilbury, R. O. Ross.
Toronto, Bond St., E. Potts, S. Thompson.
" Zion, George Pim.
" Northern, J. C. Copp, J. D. Nasmith.
" Western, E. H. Arms, Miss Cummings.
" Mt. Zion, Mrs. Barker.
" Hope, E. H. Duncan, W. Tooley
" Olivet, C. G. M. Scott.
Turnbury, A. Longley.
Wingham, M. Robertson.
Woodstock, Mrs. Swanson.

PERSONAL MEMBER.

Mr. S. P. Leet, Montreal.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Allworth, J., M.A., Michigan.
Bolton, Mr. S., Garafraxa, O.
Braithwaite, E. E., B.D., Yarmouth, N. S.
Cochrane, Miss. E., Montreal, Q.
Cox, J. W., B.A., Lower Selmah, N. S.
Dougall, Miss J. E., Montreal, Q.
Daniels, C. H., D.D., Boston, U.S.
Extence, Geo., Alton, Ont.
Freeland, Mrs. R., Bowmanville, O.
George, J. H., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
James, Miss Rolinde, Montreal.
Moodie, Mrs. T., Montreal, Q.
McIntosh, D C., Lanark, O.
Macallum, Mrs. D., Kingston, O.
Puddefoot, W. G., United States.
Watson, Mrs. W. H., Hamilton, O.
Wray, A K., Missouri.

The following applications for membership were referred to the Membership Committee: Revs. Matthew Kelly, Listowel; Harold J. Horsey, Ottawa; T. K. Forbes, Churchill and Caledon; H. S. Beavis, Hamilton; D. H. Jacobs, Winnipeg; J. D. McEwen, Stouffville; G. Trotter Carr, Stratford. Rev. John Allworth, of Genesee, Mich; and the members of the Woman's Board were also referred to this Committee for corresponding membership: as were applications for transfer from Rev. Thos. Sims, to Woburn Association, Mass, and Rev. Geo. Fuller, to London Congregational Union.

The Secretary on behalf of the Union Committee, presented the following nominations, which were adopted:

Minute Secretaries.—Rev. John Scholfield and Mr. R. B. Blyth.

Business Committee.—Revs. J. T. Daley (Convenor), W. H. Watson, C. E. Bolton, F. J. Day, A. W. Main, and Messrs. Henry Yeigh, R. W. McLachlan and C. C. Field.

Membership Committee.—Revs. E. C. Evans (Convenor), J. W. Pedley, John Morton, B. W. Day, J. L. Brown and Messrs. J. C. Copp, R. Y. Blyth, and S. P. Leet.

Nomination Committee.—Revs. John Wood (Convenor), J. R. Black, A. W. Richardson, R. Hopkin, H. E. Mason, W. T. Gunn and Messrs. E. H. Malcolm, R. J. McKelvey and A. Alexander.

Finance Committee.—Thomas Moodie (Convenor), Geo. Mills, W. R. Ross, and John McNicol.

Reporters: Kingston Whig.—Rev. F. J. Day; *Kingston News*, Rev. W. J. Hindley.

Rev. J. P. Gerrie then read the report of the Union Committee, as follows:—

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

SALUTATIONS.

Your Committee would express the pleasure of the Union in again meeting at Kingston after an absence of seven years. We are impressed with the fact that the pastors of the three churches of this city at the time of our former gatherings, are now in other fields of labor. Especially would we mention the removal of Rev. S. N. Jackson, who was for seventeen years the honored pastor of the church with which we meet. We have already wished him God-speed in his new pastorate, and would pray for his successor, Rev. A. W. Richardson, and his fellow pastors in this city, the continued blessing of God. Under their leadership, we trust that Congregationalism may become a greater power than ever in doing the work of our Master in the City of Kingston.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

Your Committee believes that the year has been marked with more than usual prosperity among the churches. Gratify-

ing additions to the membership have been announced from time to time, and these, as a rule, have been from the regular work of the churches. The financial reports, as submitted at the annual meetings, were on the whole encouraging, considering the commercial depression of the times. The Associations of the year were also more than usually successful, as the records of the two in the west, the three in the centre, and the two in Quebec have shown. Reviewing the work of the year, your Committee believes that the Union can joyfully raise its Ebenezer at the present gatherings.

THE AMALGAMATION OF OUR SOCIETIES.

The "Amalgamation Scheme," which has been before the Union for several years, will be again presented by the Committee which has been considering the matter. We would recommend that the Union consider the question on Saturday morning, and would express the hope that something practical may be the outcome.

CHURCH UNION.

It is gratifying to state that the Union of the Congregationalists and the Evangelical Union of Scotland is now an accomplished fact. On the first Sunday of the present year these two denominations united for the service of Christ beneath the banner of Congregationalism, and already the fruits are apparent in the strong united front that is presented for the spread of Christianity. The first annual meeting of the united denominations was held a few weeks ago at Edinburgh, and demonstrated the fact that Congregationalism is the common meeting ground of the servants of Jesus Christ, and that on this ground the yet wider Church Union of the denominations will take place. Upon this question, as well as upon a memorial from the Quebec Association, the Committee on Church Union no doubt will be prepared to report.

TEMPERANCE.

The year has been a memorable one in the temperance cause. The Manitoba Legislature has re-affirmed its allegiance to the principles of Prohibition. The Ontario Legislature,

though not giving all that ardent temperance advocates were led to expect, has yet added a number of very restrictive clauses to the Provincial License Act. Other Provinces, too, have taken steps in the same direction. And now it is to the Dominion government that the advocates of prohibition are directing their attention. It is fitting that the Union should make some declaration in connection with the coming plebiscite. The report of the Temperance Committee will doubtless deal with this, as well as with other movements of the year.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The question of Sunday observance has also been one of the interesting topics of the past twelve months. In Quebec a Provincial Alliance has been formed, similar to the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario. In the latter Province, the Alliance carried on an unsuccessful suit against the Hamilton Street Car Company for violation of the Ontario Lord's Day Act. This was followed by an appeal to the Provincial Premier for more stringent legislation in connection with Sunday cars, the outcome of which is their prohibition in municipalities where not already in operation. In view of the arranged-for submission of the question to the popular vote of the citizens, Toronto was, of course, excepted. The result of that vote was by a small majority in favor of Sunday cars, and Toronto can no longer be quoted as a city where they do not run. Mr. John Charlton, M. P., has been again before the Parliament at Ottawa with a Dominion measure for the better observance of the day. These and other events of the year will give more than usual interest to the report of the Committee on Sunday Observance.

MANITOBA SCHOOL SETTLEMENT.

The Union at its two former gatherings passed resolutions in connection with this dividing and perplexing question. It is gratifying to know that a settlement has been reached, which we believe is satisfactory to the great majority of our fellow-citizens, and is in accord with the twice expressed opinion of this Union. We would congratulate our government on the removal of a disturbing question from federal politics, and trust that with its solution a brighter and more harmonious day has

dawned for Protestant and Catholic, English and French, and all other citizens of our fair Dominion.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

A communication has been received from Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary of the National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States, which announces that the second International Congregational Council will probably be held in Boston during the summer of 1899. The co-operation of our churches is desired, and we are sure that this Union will respond, not only for the privilege of having a part in an event which will be an epoch in the common cause of Christianity, but also for the reflex blessing that must come from so great a gathering to our much valued Congregationalism in the land of the Maple Leaf.

DIAMOND JUBILEE.

In common with the general public, your committee have thought well that some special recognition should be made of this historic event. With this end in view an evening has been assigned to the topic, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph, on "Nonconformity in the reign of Queen Victoria," and by Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Toronto, on "Christian Civilization and Standing Armies." We would recommend, too, that an effort be made to secure some permanent monument of the year. This might be done by the further endowment of the College, the placing of our missionary societies on a better financial basis, or perhaps better, the thorough and lasting equipment of the *Congregationalist* in the service of the denomination.

ESSAYS.

Your Committee have carried out the suggestion of the Union of last year, and are pleased to announce that papers will be read on the following topics: Child-saving, Rev. J. R. Black, Kingston; Christ in Business, Mr. J. C. Copp, Toronto; The Institutional Church, Rev. E. M. Hill, Montreal; and the Newer Religious Thinking and its Influence on Individual and Church Life, Rev. John Scholfield, Brantford. The topic,

"Christ in the State," has been transferred to one of the evening meetings, when Rev. John Morton of Hamilton will deliver an address on this important subject. We believe that the consideration of these topics will supply a long felt need of the Union, and prepare the way for the discussion of living practical questions aside from the regular routine of business.

EVENING MEETINGS.

On account of the extended time of the Union, your committee have thought well to place Friday evening entirely in the hands of the Foreign Missionary Society, when we are pleased to say, Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D., of Boston, will deliver an address on "Christian Victories an Inspiration for Future Conquest." This will leave Thursday evening wholly at the disposal of the Home Missionary Society, when in addition to representatives from our different provinces, it will be the great delight of all to hear Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, Eastern Field Secretary of the churches of the United States. The programme for the other evening meetings deals with questions of great interest to ministers, delegates and the general public.

WOMAN'S SESSION.

In response to a memorial from tho Quebec Association, your committee has placed the session for Friday morning in the hands of the Woman's Board. Arrangements have been made by our sisters for that morning, which will be of interest and profit to themselves and to all members of the Union. We assure the Woman's Board of our hearty sympathy, and will esteem it a privilege to listen to representatives, who have had a part in most successfully conducting the mission work which has been entrusted to their hands.

DEEPENING OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The Quebec Association has also honored your committee with a resolution asking that a session be set apart for the deepening of spiritual life; when no matters of business will be allowed to obtrude. Like suggestions have come from other sources, and it has been a pleasure to respond to these requests. Monday morning is therefore named for this purpose,

when the session will be conducted in turn by Revs. B. W. Day, of Granby, and T. B. Hyde, of Toronto. We believe that it will be a time of great nearness to God, and that from it the brethren will come greatly strengthened and encouraged for the more faithful and efficient prosecution of the work of our Lord and Master.

THE CLOSING DAY.

No special arrangements have been made for the closing day. It often happens that distinguished brethren from a distance are with us, whose presence was unexpected. Matters of business may also be crowded over, and the holding of the day clear will leave it to the best disposition of the Union. Should there be no occasion for remaining in session, adjournment can be made; but should the needs of the Union require the day it can be one of the best of our gatherings, closing in the evening with an inspiring rally which will represent the best forces of our churches in the extension of our Saviour's kingdom.

THE UNION OF 1897.

And now we have entered upon the Union of 1897. In doing this we are not forgetful of the fact that our ranks have been broken since last we met. The name of an honored and beloved comrade comes specially to mind. For nearly half a century Rev. Wm. Hay, of Scotland, was one of our faithful and devoted ministers, and a true and loyal supporter of Congregationalism in the service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. On the anniversary of his birth, and at the ripe age of seventy-five, this veteran of Canadian Congregationalism was translated to his higher sphere of service. We trust that some fitting recognition of his long and valued ministry will be placed on our minutes, and also forwarded to the surviving members of his family. We would enter upon the service of this Union with true consecration of heart and life, so that if before another meeting of the Union the call for us should be heard bidding us "Come up higher," there will be the record of useful uplifting service for Christ and our churches at the Union of 1897. On behalf of the Commmittee,

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GERRIE. *Sec.*

The report was received and referred to the Business Committee.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. Edward Hawes, Burlington, Vt., thanking the Union for the kind reception last year. A letter from Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Boston, in reference to the International Council to be held in Boston in 1899, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

A letter from Rev. Wm. Ewing, State Superintendent of Michigan S. S. Association, in reference to a new publication, was referred to S. S. Committee.

It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the Chairman, Rev. J. I. Hindley, in his illness. The Secretary and Chairman *pro tem.* were authorized to forward it.

It was agreed to suspend the Constitution in view of extended time of the Union, and thus allow the programme as printed to be carried out.

The Union then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY Evening.

Rev. Prof. Warriner occupied the chair. After singing, Rev. John Morton led in prayer.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. A. W. Richardson, B.A., pastor of the church, and the response by Mr. S. P. Leet, B.C.L.

In the absence of the Chairman, his address on "A Word of Cheer" was read by his son Rev. W. J. Hindley, of Embro.

Rev. A. K. Wray, of Missouri, addressed the meeting, after which the Union adjourned.

THURSDAY Morning.

The devotional hour was conducted by Rev. J. L. Brown, after which, Rev. Prof. Warriner called for the minutes, which were read and confirmed.

The students of the College, not representing churches, were referred to the Membership Committee, for corresponding membership.

The rule concerning corresponding members was suspended, to allow Rev. A. K. Wray, of Missouri, and Rev. W. G. Puddefoot to sit at the present time as corresponding members. Rev. Mr. Puddefoot delivered a short address.

The Business Committee reported the order of the day.

The election of Chairman was first taken up. Revs. John Wood, E. C. W. McColl and Mr. T. Moodie were appointed scrutineers, and, on the second ballot, Rev. William McIntosh was declared elected. Mr. McIntosh briefly acknowledged the honor.

The Membership Committee recommended that:

(1) Revs. Harold I. Horsey, Matthew Kelly, G. Trotter Carr and J. D. McEwen be received into membership.

(2) Standing Rule No. 1, secs. 3 and 4, be suspended, and that Rev. H. S. Beavis, D.D. be admitted as a member of the Union.

(3) Revs. George Fuller and Thomas Sims, D.D., be granted letters of transfer.

(4) The applications of D. H. Jacobs and T. K. Forbes be laid on the table, and that the Secretary be requested to communicate to them the terms of admission into the Union.

(5) The following ladies, appointed by the C. C. W. B. M. meeting at Lanark, as delegates to the Union, be received as corresponding members:—Mrs. D. Macallum, Miss Dougall, Mrs. R. Freeland, Mrs. Thomas Moodie, Mrs. W. H. Watson, Mrs. C. E. Bolton, Miss R. James, Miss Cochrane.

A telegram was received from Mr. C. Cushing, and it was decided to forward to Mr. Cushing a message of greeting.

The applications of Revs. Horace Peckover, of Toronto, and J. H. Barnett, of Bowmanville, for membership, were referred to the Membership Committee.

Union then adjourned.

FRIDAY Morning.

The devotional hour was under the leadership of Miss Dougall.

At 10 a.m. Rev. Prof. Warriner took the chair, and after the reading and confirming of the minutes, the Secretary sub-

mitted the names of Rev. J. H. George, Ph., D., and Rev. J. W. Cox for corresponding membership.

Referred to Membership Committee.

The Nominating Committee submitted a list of pulpit appointments for Sunday.

Rev. Robert Hay asked, and was granted, permission to leave on Saturday.

Mrs. Macallum, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, then took the chair. Mrs. Freeland gave a report of the W. B. meeting at Lanark. Miss Dougall spoke on the "Work of the Business Committee," after which, Mrs. Watson dealt with "Work among Children." Miss James read a paper written by Mrs. Sanderson, of Danville, on the "Relation of Temperance to Church and Missionary Work." Mrs. Macallum spoke on "Systematic Giving" Mrs. Sparks, of the Methodist Woman's Board, also spoke; after which Miss Dougall gave a report of the Witaskiwin church. Mrs. Moodie spoke on the New Dorcas Work, and Miss James on the Benefits received in the Bible Training school. Mrs. C. E. Bolton followed with an address on the "Country Church."

Prof. Warriner again took the chair, after which some of the members expressed gratification at the success of the work conducted by the women.

Union then adjourned.

SATURDAY Morning,

The devotional service was under the leadership of Mr. Henry Yeigh, of Brantford.

The Chairman then took the chair, and the minutes were read and confirmed.

The Business Committee presented the order of the day which was adopted.

The following committees and officers were recommended by the Nomination Committee:—

1. *International Council*—Revs. E. M. Hill, M.A.; Prof. Warriner, B.D.; J. P. Gerrie, B.A.

2. *Lord's Day Observance*—Revs. Wm. McIntosh, and H. I. Horsey, and Mr. Seth P. Leet, B.C.L.

3. *Church Union*—Revs. John Morton, J. K. Unsworth, B.A., John Wood and Messrs. J. C. Copp and W. R. Ross.

4. *Christian Endeavor*—Revs. A. F. McGregor, B.A., D. S. Hamilton, B.A., and Mr. H. W. Barker.

5. *Sunday Schools*—Messrs. Seth P. Leet, Geo. Mills and Rev. W. H. Watson.

6. *Secretary-Treasurer of Union*—Rev. J. P. Gerrie, B.A.

7. *Statistical Secretary*—Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B.A.

8. *Prison Reform*—Rev. J. R Black, B.A., Mrs D. Macullum, Rev. A. W. Richardson, B. A , Mr. J. C. Copp.

9. *Temperance and Delegates to Dominion Alliance*—Revs. John Wood, Wm. McIntosh, H. I. Horsey, J. McKillican, and Messrs. Henry O'Hara, W. H. Hibbard, Robert Robertson and R. W. McLachlan.

10. *Closer Fellowship with Churches of the United States*—Revs. H. Pedley, B.A., John Morton, E. C. Evans, D.D., A. F. McGregor, B.A., Mr. W. W. Buchanan and Mr. J. R. Dougall.

11. *Annual Preacher*—Rev. E. C. Evans, D.D. Alternate —Rev. W. T. Gunn, M.A.

The report was adopted.

The Membership Committee recommended as follows:

(1) That Rev. Horace Peckover and John H. Barnett be admitted as members.

(2) That Revs. J. H. George, Ph. D, J. W. Cox, E. E. Braithwaite and Geo. Extence and the students of the College College be received as corresponding members.

The recommendation was adopted.

The committee to consider the charges against the Revs. W. H. Madill, and J. C. Madill reported through Rev. T. B. Hyde.

The one concerning Rev. W. H. Madill was presented, and on motion was referred back with instructions to eliminate all reference to the Watford Council and to Dr. Hindley.

Rev. T. B. Hyde then read the report of the committee in connection with Rev. J. C. Madill, and their finding as follows:—

Looking at the whole matter as we have done we have to find that.

1. We do not think Mr. Madill's conduct when pastor of Sarnia Church, or in relation to the proceedings before the Ex-parte Council, or

the Western Association, was such as we have a right to expect from a Christian minister.

2. We are sorry to say that we find him inclined to use extravagant language, so extravagant that it is at times difficult to distinguish it from untruths.

3. We find him too prone to stand upon technicalities and resort to legal proceedings, and he seems often to be imbued with a spirit the reverse of that contained in the admonition "do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," but rather seems inclined to apply the rule, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and to be inclined whenever he and his friends are in the majority to ignore and overbear the minority.

We therefore have to recommend that his membership with this Union be suspended for, at least, one year, when such further action may be taken as circumstances at that time warrant.

We further recommend that the expenses incurred by those called to Toronto by the committee in connection with this investigation, and that of Rev. W. H. Madill's, be met out of the Union funds.

Moved by Rev. E. D. Silcox, seconded by Rev. E. M. Hill, —That this report be received and adopted. Carried.

It was then moved by Rev. E. D. Silcox, seconded by Rev. R. Hopkin,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee for their services. Carried.

Rev. J. W. Cox tendered the greetings of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Mr. C. R. Black and Rev. H. E. Mason asked, and were granted, permission to be absent from the Union.

Session adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

SUNDAY.

The Annual Union services were held in the First Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Richardson, assisted by the Revs. J. W. Pedley and J. W. Cox, conducted the devotional services. In the absence of the Union preacher, Rev. Dr. Sims, Rev. William McIntosh, of Ottawa preached the Annual Sermon, from "And ye shall be witnesses unto me."—Acts i. 8.

In the afternoon, a mass meeting of the S. S. children was held, when addresses were delivered by Mr. Henry Yeigh, and Revs. J. W. Cox and W. T. Gunn.

In the evening, the pastor, assisted by Revs. E. M. Hill and W. T. Gunn, led the devotional services. Rev. E. C. Evans, D.D., was the preacher. At the close of this service, the Lord's Supper was observed. Rev. A. W. Richardson presided, and was

assisted by Rev. T. B. Hyde, of Toronto, Rev. J. W. Pedley, of London, and Messrs. J. L. Henderson and J. A. Hendry, of Kingston.

MONDAY Morning.

A "Conference for Deepening of Spiritual Life," was held. Rev. B. W. Day presided from 9 to 10.30, and after addressing the meeting, was followed by Revs. A. W. Main and E. C. Evans, D.D.

Rev. T. B. Hyde then led the meeting, and a number took part in prayer and testimony.

The Committee on Rev. W. H. Madill's case again reported.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Hindley, seconded by Rev. W. F. Clarke,—That the following be added to the report as presented:

"While expressing perfect confidence in the special committee appointed to consider the case of Rev. W. H. Madill, yet inasmuch as their investigations have been prosecuted under such evident difficulties, the serious illness of Rev. E. Barker, and the failure of Rev. Mr. Madill to appear before the committee in presence of those making the charges; and whereas we deplore the fact that serious cause of reflection both upon himself and upon the Union to which he belongs has been given by Mr. Madill, we would caution our brother, and admonish him that, in the future, he be more careful of his statements and more conscious of his responsibilities as a Christian Minister."

Moved by Dr. E. C. Evans, seconded by Rev. W. T. Gunn,—That the report of Committee, and the amendment of Rev. W. J. Hindley be referred to a committee of three, to report. Carried.

The Chairman named Mr. G. Pim, Revs. William McIntosh and J. L. Brown as the committee.

The Statistical report was presented by Rev. D. S. Hamilton. The report was accepted and the hearty thanks of the Union were tendered the Secretary. It was also directed that the report be printed in the YEAR BOOK.

Rev. W. H. Madill was granted leave of absence.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted, and the Committee was instructed to pay the expenses of ministers and delegates, so far as the amount on hand would allow.

The next order of business being "Welfare of Youth," led

by Mr. S. P. Leet, it was decided to dispense with this topic, in order to allow the Conference on the Y. P. S. C. E., under the leadership of Rev. A. F. McGregor, to be held. This was introduced by Rev. W. J. Hindley, who spoke on "The Educational Work in the Endeavor Societies, as it deals with Congregational History and Congregational Principle." Many others took part in the conference.

Mr. S. Thompson, of Toronto, spoke on the "Better use of the Bible in our meetings."

Meeting adjourned.

MONDAY Afternoon.

Prof. Warriner again occupied the chair. The minutes of the past two days were read and adopted.

The Business Committee then presented the following report. We recommend,—

1. That more time be apportioned for Business at our meetings in future years. Adopted.

2. That the Chairman be thanked for his address. Adopted.

3. That the custom of printing in the YEAR BOOK be departed from, and that in future it be the rule that the address be not printed in the YEAR BOOK. After some discussion this was lost, and the address ordered to be printed in the YEAR BOOK.

MONDAY Evening.

The Union re-assembled, with Rev. Prof. Warriner in the chair. Rev. J. Allworth, of Michigan, led in prayer. Revs. John Morton and J. W. Pedley gave addresses on "Christian Citizenship." Rev. A. W. Richardson sang a solo, entitled "The Holy City."

After the collection, the meeting was closed by the benediction.

TUESDAY Morning.

The devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. E. C. W. MacColl.

Rev. Prof. Warriner then asked the Rev. Wm. McIntosh to preside during the day, to which the Union agreed.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Nomination Committee presented the following recommendations:

(1) That the Union Committee for next year be composed of the following: Revs. J. P. Gerrie, A. F. McGregor, E. M. Hill, Prof. Warriner, E. C. Evans, D.D., H. S. Beavis, D.D., J. Scholfield, J. W. Pedley, T. B. Hyde, E. D. Silcox, A. W. Richardson, C. E. Bolton, W. W. Smith and Messrs. Thos. Moodie, J. M. M. Duff, Jas. Goldie, J. C. Copp, Edmund Yeigh, W. W. Buchanan, Geo. Pim, C. W. Finlayson and Mrs. R. Freeland.

(2) That the delegates to Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B. be Revs. A. W. Main, J. T. Daley, and Messrs. J. M. M. Duff, C. R. Black, and R. W. McLachlan.

(3) That the paper of Mr. Scholfield take the place of the address by Rev. Wm. Johnston, this evening.

(4) That the place of the next meeting be left with the Union Committee.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Business Committee presented the following resolutions:

That this Union desires to put on record a few words of respectful and loving remembrance of the late Rev. Wm. Hay, whom it has pleased God to take to his rest and his reward since our last meeting. One of the earlier alumni of our College, a former chairman of this Union, he spent nearly the whole of a long and active life in the service of our churches, and endeared himself to a large community as its devoted pastor. He was a public-spirited man and threw his best energies into all forms of beneficence and usefulness. His last days, though laden with infirmity, were spent in exemplary patience and in the exemplification and inculcation of a loving and gentle spirit. His memory will long be fragrant in the recollection of those who knew him best.

That in the death of Rev. W. H. Allworth, at Lansing, Michigan, in October last, Congregationalism has lost one of its stalwart supporters. One of the earliest alumni of our College, for many years he lived and labored in Canada at Port Stanley, Barton, Markham, Stouffville and Paris with large success. We thank God for the large-heartedness and Christian charity that characterized him; for the long years to which he was spared, and for the beautiful ending of a life spent in the service of the blessed Redeemer; and we tender so his widow and family our warmest sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained in his removal.

That the members of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec desire to express their deep sympathy with our brother, Rev. John Morton, for the loss he has sustained in the death of Mrs. Morton.

The resolutions were adopted, and the Secretary was authorized to forward copies to the proper parties.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Hill, and seconded by Rev. J. McKillican, that the Business Committee take note of the death of Mrs. Willett, of California.

The Business Committee reported as follows:

(1) That the papers arranged for this morning be laid over until after the business is concluded.

(2) That Standing Rule No. 6 be dropped.

(3) That this evening session be the closing session of the Union.

(4) That the report of the Union Committee be adopted Carried.

Rev. John Morton presented the report of the Committee on Church Union, which was adopted as follows:

CHURCH UNION REPORT.

Your Committee has to report that while there has been no new movement during the year, there has been general progress in the consciousness of Christian unity, and the desire to give it visible expression.

The signs of unity in the living as distinguished from the written creed are many. In Christian conventions, *e.g.*, men and women do not group themselves according to denominations, but according to their theological affinities. So in Biblical studies, the more advanced men are drawn from all the churches, and the more conservative likewise. It is found, too, that as great differences exist between ministers of the same denomination as between ministers of other denominations. All these things show that in living faith the denominations are one both as to agreement and difference.

It is to be noted with pleasure that the Union of the Evangelical and the Congregational Unions of Scotland is now consummated. The first meetings of the united bodies were held at the beginning of the present year, and the testimony given is that the points of agreement have been found to be more numerous than had been supposed. Dr. A. M. Fairbairn, who originally belonged to the Evangelical Union, was present and expressed the hope that the Union which had been so graciously begun would be benignantly completed.

It is also to be noted with satisfaction, that the Congress of Free Churches in England, and movements looking in the same direction in the United States and Canada, indicate a trend toward some kind of federation.

The desire for such a federation is expressed in the following communication, addressed by the Quebec Association of Congregationalists to this Union.

Resolved—"That the Association memoralize the Union of Ontario and Quebec to consider the desirability of inaugurating a movement for an Organization similar to that of the Free Churches in England, for the pur-

pose of united action in regard to matters affecting inter-denominational relations."

Your Committee recommends as follows :—While this Union does not consider it fitting for it to be an inaugurator of a movement for a federation such as that suggested by the Quebec Association, it, nevertheless, believes that such a union would be a step in the right direction, and holds itself ready to join with any other denomination in bringing it about.

The following resolution was then moved by Rev. John Morton, and seconded by Rev. H. S. Beavis, D.D.

That the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec do hereby congratulate our brethren of the Congregational Union and the Evangelical Union of Scotland upon their recent union so happily consummated, that we rejoice with them in their joy, and pray for them the blessing of our Father upon the larger work and greater opportunities now before them.—*Carried.*

The Special Committee, through Mr. George Pim, read the amended finding of the Committee of Investigation, in connection with the Rev. W. H. Madill, to which is appended another finding as follows :

(1) The churches at Belwood and Garafraxa being without pastors, Mr. Madill supplied with a view to a call. Meetings were held, and, although not unanimous, there was then a majority in his favor.

(2) The question having been raised by some parties as to his former history in connection with the church at Watford, he was asked about it, and he told them that he would clear the matter up.

(3) He went and consulted Rev. Dr. Hindley, from whom he expected to be able to get a letter that would satisfactorily explain things. It is evident, however, from his explanation that Dr. Hindley was not willing to give him such a letter as he, Mr. Madill, thought he ought to give.

(4) Under these circumstances it would appear that Mr. Madill decided to do nothing further in reference to his candidature for these two churches, and did not do anything further, but declined the call.

In the judgment of your Committee, the relation of Mr. Madill to the church at Watford came up only incidentally, and was not investigated by them. We, therefore, make no finding in that connection.

Concerning Mr. Madill's conduct at Belwood and Garafraxa, we do not find that he did anything worthy of discipline. We, therefore, beg to report that we do not find the charges made against Rev. W. H. Madill in his relation to these two churches sustained. As it would appear that when he saw there was opposition, and that Dr. Hindley did not seem inclined to assist him, he decided to drop the matter and not press his candidature any further.

Your Special Committee beg to report that the following be added to the report already presented to the Union :

In view of all the facts of the case, while we do not find Mr. Madill pe n to discipline so far as our information goes, yet, we believe that there

is ground to admonish him, that in future he be more careful in his statements, and also in his conduct, that he remember the responsibility resting upon him as a Christian minister, "To be an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."—1 Tim. iv : 12.

It was moved by Rev. J. W. Pedley, and seconded by Mr. R. Hopkin, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Rev. John Allworth presented the greetings of the Michigan Association.

Moved by Rev. J. Wood, and seconded by Rev. J. W. Pedley, that the cordial greetings of this Union be sent by Rev. J. Allworth to the Association in Michigan. Carried.

Rev. Prof. Warriner presented the report of Committee on Ordinations.

The matter of Credential Committee was referred to the Union Committee, to define the functions of this Committee.

It was agreed to allow Rev. Wm. McIntosh a few minutes at the evening meeting to present the matter of "Victorian Order of Nurses."

Mr. Copp spoke for the Publishing Society.

Rev. J. R. Black reported on the Prison Reform Committee, which was adopted as follows:—

The Committee of Prison Reform have to report that your deliverance on Prison Reform last year was transmitted to Dr. Rosebrugh, secretary of the Dominion Prisoners' Aid Association, and by him sent to the Minister of Justice. In that report were the following recommendations :

1. That the Boys' Reformatory at Penetanguishene be reformed.

2. That the Industrial School at Mimico be made free to all municipalities of the province.

3. That a female inspector be appointed for all institutions where women are imprisoned.

4. That the Dominion Government be requested to establish a second reformatory for Protestant boys between the ages of 17 and 30, committed or a first offence, and contiguous to a large town or city.

5. That permission be given to all magistrates to apply the lash at their discretion.

6. That the Ontario Act for the better protection of children be more vigorously enforced.

7. That the Federal Government be requested to give increased facilities for voluntary religious ministrations by accredited clergymen and others in the Dominion prisons.

8. That in the case of every tramp and vagrant committed to the common gaol, hard labor shall form part of the sentence.

9. That in order to abolish the inhuman system of committing homeless men, women and children, to common gaols, the establishment of poor houses be made compulsory.

10. That the sentences passed upon all juvenile offenders be indeterminable.

11. That the isolation system be adopted in all gaols.

12. That all prisoners be made to work and earn their own living.

13. That the young may be inculcated in industrial habits.

Of these none have been acted on, and your present committee recommend that they be re-affirmed.

We are, however, pleased to be able to state that some progress has been made in dealing with crime and prisoners.

By parliament the age of consent has been raised to 18 years of age.

The Commission appointed in 1896 to investigate and report upon the admistration of the penitentiaries of Canada made its first report covering its work in connection with the Kingston Penitentiary. In this report grave fault is found with the discipline and economical administration of this institution. And the Government is requested to retire four and summarily dismiss two of its high officials. A long list of recommendations are made in the interest of a better government of the prison. This advice will, doubtless, be acted on, and we may expect to find in the near future a better condition of affairs in this large and extensive reception room for our criminal class.

The Ontario Legislature has also passed certain measures of a salutary character from the standpoint of the prevention, restraint, or cure of crime.

By a recent Act of this body child immigration is confined to juveniles free from disease and vice.

A second Act empowers any municipality to license and regulate maternity boarding houses, and houses in which children are boarded.

The old Victoria College building in the town of Cobourg has been purchased by the Government, to be devoted to a reformatory for girls, and a home for epileptics.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows :

The attention of the advocates of temperance has centralized during the year on the impending plebiscite. The expectation was general that the Government would redeem its pledge at the present session of Parliament, and this turned all effort in the direction of preparing for the campaign that would follow. The Government has, however, expressed its purpose to take no further steps, until next session, towards bringing the matter to a popular vote. The reasons given are that the tariff has monopolized much time and is still incomplete ; that the time of the year makes Parliament intolerant of anything which will cause delay ; the absence of the Premier in England, the approach of the Jubilee celebrations, and the incompleteness of the Franchise Act, by which the results of the plebiscite will be seriously affected.

It has been rumored that the question of direct taxation to meet the revenue deficit in case prohibition became law, will be appended and the

people asked for their opinion on it. This has drawn forth universal disapprobation from the temperance people. And in this feeling your Committee fully share, for it is hardly fair to tack to the question of prohibition the question of supplementary taxation. That there would be a loss of revenue is conceded, but we cannot tell beforehand with anything approaching exactness what this loss would actually be. The money saved from liquor would be expended on other dutiable articles, and the revenue deficiency would thus in great part be made good. Yet the question of finance is so entirely foreign to the question on which it is proposed to ascertain the people's will, that it is difficult to account for the action of a Government in combining the two.

We are pleased to be able to state that the sale of intoxicating liquors has been banished, by an almost unanimous vote, from the refectory of the House of Commons. That the venerable Senate follow this good example, is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

In the Province of Quebec there has been no new legislation. The late Government was, under pressure from the Citizens' League, reasonably effective in law enforcement, and as much may be hoped for from the Government that has just come to power.

In Ontario the licence law has been amended so as to make it more stringent. The age at which liquor can be legally sold to persons has been raised, the sale of liquor in club houses has been prohibited, the hours of sale have been reduced, the number of licences decreased, and provision has been made for a gradual extinction of saloons, by which they shall cease to exist in three years.

Your committee submits the following recommendations :—

1. That the traffic in intoxicating liquors is productive of so great evils in the country, that it cannot be legalized without disastrous results ; and that its total prohibition is the obvious duty of the Government.

2. That it is the duty of Christian electors to make prohibition a direct issue in the choice of representatives to Parliament, to the legislatures, and to municipal bodies ; exerting their utmost personal and political influence to secure the nomination of suitable candidates who are consistent prohibitionists, ready to make the question an issue in their campaign.

3. That we protest against the attachment of a rider to the prohibition plebiscite as to the form of taxation.

4. That as a denomination favoring a prohibitory liquor law, we earnestly urge upon the people of our churches in Ontario and Quebec, the importance of voting for prohibition, regardless of the conditions that may be attached to the form of its submission.

The Union recommends, as requested by W.C.T.U., that the last Sunday in November be set apart as Temperance Sunday. Carried.

The Joint Committee of the Union and various Societies on Co-operation or Amalgamation Scheme presented their report as follows :—

1. That the Union be requested to make a place upon the Union Committee for a member to be elected by each Association. Also, that the secre-

taries of the various denominational societies be made *ex-officio* members of the Union Committee.

2. That the various denominational societies meeting with the Union, be requested to change their constitutions so as to make delegates to the Union from contributing churches *ex-officio* members of the societies to which their churches have contributed.

The debate on this question was adjourned until afternoon.

Moved by Rev. Galen H. Craik, seconded by Rev. J. L. Brown, that the following be substituted for standing rule No. 13:

"That a collection for the funds of the Union be made annually in each church, on or near the Lord's Day, prior to the meeting. From this source the Finance Committee, after providing for other necessary expenses, shall pay in full, if possible, the travelling fares of its members; or if unable to pay in full, shall deduct from the claim of each, such equal amount as may be found necessary.

The following shall share in the above privilege:—

Ministers without pastoral charge who shall have contributed not less than one dollar.

Ministers in charge of a congregation, who shall have contributed not less than one dollar, and whose church shall have contributed not less than five dollars.

Delegates from churches which have contributed not less than five dollars. In case, however, a church should be represented by both pastor and delegate, a collection of at least five dollars from the church with not less than one dollar from the pastor, will enable both to share in the fund.

The Finance Committee shall not make payment until after the final adjournment except with leave of the Union.

Moved by Rev. J. L. Daley, seconded by Rev. W. J. Hindley, "That this be referred to the Union Committee." Carried.

Union then adjourned.

TUESDAY Afternoon.

The Union re-assembled at 2 o'clock; Rev. Wm. McIntosh in the chair.

After prayer by Rev. E. M. Hill, the minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Rev. W. T. Gunn, seconded by W. H. Watson, "That the secretary be instructed to use his discretion in condensing the reports, but that resolutions be printed in full." Carried.

Rev. W. H. Watson suggested that reference should be

made to the loss of Rev. B. B. Williams. Referred to Business Committee.

The report of the Committee on Amalgamation Scheme was then brought forward, and it was moved by Rev. J. T. Daley, seconded by Rev. A. F. McGregor, "That the report as read at the morning session be adopted."

After discussion in which many took part the motion was carried.

Rev. W. H. Warriner again took the chair. The following papers were then read:

"Child Saving," Rev. J. R. Black; "Christ in Business," Mr. J. C. Copp; "The Institutional Church," Rev. E. M. Hill.

The Union then adjourned.

TUESDAY Evening.

The meeting opened by singing, after which Rev. W. H. Watson led in prayer.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke spoke on "Non-conformity," in the reign of Queen Victoria. Rev. J. Scholfield next addressed the meeting on "The Newer Religious Thinking and its Influence on Individual and Church Life." Rev. Wm. McIntosh presented the scheme of the Victorian Order of Nurses and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. J. McKillican and carried.

It being in accord with the well-known kindness of heart and in agreement to the expressed wish of her Majesty the Queen, that any Memorial erected in commemoration of her Diamond Jubilee be of the nature of the alleviation of suffering, we recommend the Victorian Order of Nurses as inaugurated by her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, to the sympathy and financial support of our churches.

Rev. J. T. Daley on behalf of the Business Committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved:

1. That Prof. W. H. Warriner has conducted the sessions of the Union to our entire satisfaction.

2. That the friends in Kingston have been very generous in their hospitality, and that we shall gladly come back again when they give us the opportunity.

3. That we thoroughly enjoyed the excursion among the Thousand Islands, and the very palatable repast arranged by the kindness of Alderman McKelvey.

4. That Rev. W. J. Hindley was very kind in reading the address in the absence of the chairman.

5. That Rev. Mr. McIntosh preached an excellent sermon on Sunday morning.

6. That the Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Minute Secretaries have worked hard and done well.

7. That the Press have given us good notices, and that the *Witness* has been very kind in its distribution of free copies.

8. That we are glad to welcome Rev. Dr. Daniels, A. K. Wray, W. G. Puddefoot, J. W. Cox and John Allworth to our meetings, and to hear their helpful words.

9. That the musical part of our meetings has been of a high order, and that Miss Tandy has added much to our enjoyment by the feasts of melody she has provided.

10. To the Rev. A. W. Richardson for his able management of the temporal arrangements of our Union meetings.

11. To the Curator of the Church for his ministry to our comfort.

12. And that our cordial thanks be tendered these and all others who have contributed to the success of the meetings.

The Secretary then moved that the minutes be taken as read and adopted, and that after the benediction the Union stand adjourned to meet at the place selected by the Committee for the annual meeting next June.

J. P. GERRIE,
Secretary.

JOHN SCHOLFIELD,
R. B. BLYTH,
Minute-Secretaries.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Financial Statement, June, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1896	$67 01
" " Local Committee, Montreal	5 00
Contributions from the churches	357 84
Collection, Monday evening, June 14th	9 32
" Tuesday evening, June 15th	6 20
Total	$445 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Book, Printing	$98 50
Letter to Churches, $16 ; Postage, $4.06, per W. W. Smith	20 06
Secretary's Honorarium	50 00
Minute Book	1 25
Union Programme, Printing	3 00
Statistical Secretary, Printing, etc., 1896	8 25
" " " 1897	11 50
Telegrams and Postage	3 74
Madill Investigation Expenses	88 65
Ministers and Delegates Expenses	122 00
Balance	38 42
Total	$445 37

Thomas Moodie,
Chairman Finance Com.

J. P. Gerrie.
Sec.-Treas.

Kingston, June 15th, 1897.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Belwood	$ 5 00	Maxville and St. Elmo	14 65
Bowmanville	8 00	Montreal, Calvary	12 00
Brantford	13 00	Montreal, Emmanuel	38 00
Brigham	2 00	Montreal, Pt. St. Charles	6 00
Burford and New Durham	6 00	Montreal, Zion	16 00
Cobourg	6 00	Montreal, Bethlehem	2 00
Cowansville	6 43	Ottawa, First	11 00
Eaton	4 28	Ottawa, Welcome Zion	1 00
Edgar	4 00	Paris	8 50
Embro	11 00	Sarnia	1 00
Franklin Centre	5 00	Scotland	6 90
Frome	1 72	Sherbrooke	16 00
Forest	5 00	Stouffville	4 86
Georgetown	5 00	St. Catharines	6 00
Guelph	5 00	Toronto, Broadview Ave	4 05
Granby	7 65	" Western	10 00
Garafraxa, First	6 00	" Zion	6 00
Hamilton, First	19 00	" Northern	13 45
Hamilton, Immanuel	6 00	Waterville	9 00
Howick	1 50	Woodstock	6 00
Kingston, Bethel	7 80	Rev. John Wood	1 00
Lanark	6 40	Rev. John McKillican	1 50
Lake Shore, Forest	1 00		
London, First	9 65	Total	$357 84
Middleville	10 50		

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, for the year ending May 8th, 1897.

In presenting the Statistical Report, I am pleased to state at the outset that the returns, although incomplete, show a much more hopeful condition of affairs than existed in our churches one year ago.

I shall not attempt to give a detailed comparison between the figures of last year and this; but shall seek to bring before you a few points of interest, which will give a general idea of our work, and you can peruse the returns at your leisure when the YEAR BOOK is published.

Beginning with the *Province of Quebec*, nineteen churches, being all in the Province, have sent returns. Twenty Sabbath Schools have responded, and fourteen Y. P. S. C. E. The returns are, therefore, pretty complete for Quebec; and the showing very satisfactory all through.

Although the average attendance at church services is ninety less than last year, the total under pastoral care has increased 288; being now 6,488; while there has been a net gain in church membership of over 100; making the present church membership for the Province 2,008.

It is worthy of special note that Bethlehem Church, Westmount, the corner-stone of which was laid at the time of the last Union, is now a complete and beautiful structure, with a people thoroughly organized, and everything in a prosperous condition, under an efficient and energetic pastor.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There has been a marked improvement in Sabbath School returns; as twenty have reported, against twelve last year. This does not mean that there has been an increase of eight schools: and there is nothing to be gained by a comparison

with last year's figures, except to note with satisfaction the practically complete Sabbath School returns, which show:—

Number of Schools	20
Teachers and Officers	210
Scholars on Roll	2,002
Average Attendance	1,305
Amount Raised	$963
Joined Church from S. S.	28

The totals include a Chinese class in connection with Emmanuel Church, Montreal, which has 25 scholars and 22 teachers.

Zion S. S, Montreal, is the largest in the Province and in the whole Union, numbering 305, with average attendance of 234.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Coming to the Christian Endeavor Societies, thirteen Senior and one Junior have sent reports, giving:—

Active Members	408
Associate Members	148
Total	556
Increase for the year	79
Joined Church from C. E.	20
Amount raised	$321

Seven societies show increases varying from 4 to 29, seven appear to have held their own, while two have suspended or disbanded with the intention of re-organizing shortly.

Ontario.

The returns from the Province of Ontario, unfortunately, are not nearly so complete as those from Quebec. Instead of trying, therefore, to fill in the blanks from former YEAR BOOKS, as is sometimes done for the sake of getting the statistical tables in shape for comparison with the previous year, the non-reporting churches, this year, are left blank in the tables, the names of such churches and their pastors only being given. This report, therefore, will be of the work and condition of the

churches actually reporting. Of the 73 churches on the roll last year, eight are virtually dead, and seven failed to report; leaving 58 from which returns came. These 58 show an average attendance of about 9,000, with 13,400 under pastoral care; while there has been a net gain in membership of 239, making the present membership of the 58 churches, 5,728.

"Welcome-Zion," Ottawa, is to be congratulated on the advance she has made from being a preaching station, to a regularly organized church with an earnest pastor and people, accomplishing excellent work.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Ontario Sabbath Schools have responded much better than a year ago, sixty returns having been made; as against forty-five last year. These schools show:—

No. of Teachers and Officers to be....	639
Scholars on Roll.....	5,664
Average Attendance.....	4,204
Joined the Church from S. S.....	142
Amount Raised.....	$4,027

The largest school in the Province is Olivet, Toronto, with a roll of 301, while Broadview Ave. comes second.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Fifty-two Christian Endeavor Societies, fifty-one Senior and one Junior, report, as against thirty-seven last year; which is a gratifying increase. They have:—

An Active Membership of.....	1,329
Associate Membership of.....	539
Total.....	1868
Increase during the year.....	202
Joined Church from Society.....	112
Amount Raised.....	$472

It is exceedingly gratifying to note that Churches, Sabbath Schools and Endeavor Societies are, generally speaking, manifesting spiritual life and the fruits thereof, as seen in the substantial increase in church membership, the efficient state of

the schools, and the earnest aggressive work being done by many of the Endeavor Societies. The financial aspect is not all that could be desired in Ontario; but taking the two Provinces together, a fairly good showing is presented; and your Secretary would venture the opinion that the less satisfactory state of the finances of Ontario churches, as compared with Quebec, is largely due to the numerous changes in the pastorates of the churches in the former Province.

Over ninety thousand dollars were raised for all purposes, by seventy-seven churches in Ontario and Quebec; to which, if we add the contributions of the two Winnipeg churches, we have a total of one hundred thousand, five hundred dollars, from seventy-nine churches. The same number of churches represent a net capital of five hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars. The debts have been reduced in several instances; and the good news comes from Woodstock church, that a debt of seven thousand dollars is to be wiped out by a legacy.

There has been an unusual number of changes in the pastorates of the churches during the year; and twenty-seven churches in Ontario alone have undergone this experience, while seven are still vacant; making thirty-four in which changes have taken place or vacancies exist. This is to be greatly regretted; and it is pleasing to be able to state, that only two or three changes have occurred in the Quebec pastorates. It is only fair to state that fewer vacancies exist than was the case a year ago; and we welcome as fellow-laborers the following brethren:—

Revs. Geo. Extence, A. Lennox, J. H. Barnett, E. C. W. MacColl, Thos. H. Rogers, Dr. H S. Beavis, Wm. Collins, T. R. Forbes, G. Trotter Carr, H. Peckover, and A. F. Pollock, who has returned after a post-graduate course in Oberlin. Besides, two of the recent graduates of our College have assumed charge of churches since College closing; namely, J. L. Alexander, of Middleville, and John McGuire, of Kincardine. We have, therefore, reason to feel grateful and hopeful; and with this accession to our ranks, let us go forward to another year's work, determined that it shall be, under the blessing of God, still more fruitful in results than the past year has been, and to this end let pastors and churches consecrate themselves afresh to the Master's service.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HAMILTON.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

BY REV. JOHN I. HINDLEY, PH.D., FOREST, ONT.

"A WORD OF CHEER."

June 9th, 1897.

Fathers, Brethren, and Sisters in Christ Jesus :

PERMIT me first to express my high appreciation of the honor you have conferred on me in giving me the highest position in the Union. It has been a source of sincere pleasure to me, for over thirty years, to serve both the Union and Denomination in any capacity, and I only regret that I find myself unable to serve you more efficiently and fully.—Thanking you all for many kindnesses in the past, I now throw myself upon your charity and generosity, as I bring a few very imperfect thoughts before you, which have been thrown together amidst much physical weakness. It is with feelings of deep disappointment that I find myself debarred from once more looking into your faces, but my Master knows what is best and I bow in submission to His will. May His presence be with you all and His wisdom guide you unto the end. I feel, brethren, we live in a crucial age, one of tremendous possibilities ; let us devote all our powers to the Master, and support and develop our various schemes to the fullest extent. Our Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, our College, require a better support. Our denomina-

tional paper, which I have laid under tribute in the preparation of my address, should be much better patronized. Our weaker churches should have more sympathy and assistance, and many of our over-worked and under-paid ministers would often be stimulated and helped by a word of encouragement. It is to them, in particular, I would address a Word of Cheer, with a most hearty "God Speed" to Christian workers in every denomination.

DO NOT BE ALARMED AT THE TREND OF MODERN THOUGHT.

Some tremble as if the foundations of Christianity were being shaken, but its principles were never so firmly intrenched in the minds of thinking men as they are to-day, nor were they ever achieving a grander work for God and humanity, than in the present. An overwhelming majority of men of mind are more and more convinced of this, while they are just as firmly impressed that the theories of science and theology, which are un-Biblical, are erroneous. We find this sentence in an address of the President of the British Association:—"While modern science can boast of certainty, truth, and sound good sense, there are mixed up inextricably with all this, uncertainty, falsehood and specious nonsense." One calls the theory of evolution "A puerility of science," and the giant mind of Thomas Carlyle speaks thus of Darwin:—"A good sort of man is this Darwin and well meaning, but with very little intellect." And then he arraigns his followers in the following sarcastic language:—"It is a sad and terrible thing to see well-nigh a whole generation of men and women, professing to be cultivated, looking around in a purblind fashion and finding no God in this universe. And this is what we have got to: all things from frog spawn, the gospel of dirt the order of the day. The older I grow—and I now stand upon the brink of eternity—the more comes back to me the sentence I learned as a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes; 'What is the chief end of man? . . . To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.' No gospel of dirt, teaching that men have descended from frogs through monkeys, can ever set aside that." Even Tyndall says:—"Spontaneous generation has never been known to occur." Without life no life is generated. How frequently we hear men quote from Tennyson, that

"There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds."

Did he not mean honest doubt bent on enquiry, actively seeking the light, not resting, much less glorying in doubt and darkness? Is not this plain by the following lines:

"He fought his doubts and gathered strength;
He would not make his judgment blind;
He faced the spectres of his mind
AND LAID THEM; thus he came at length
To find a stronger faith his own,
And power was with him in the night,
Which makes the darkness and the light
And dwells not in the light alone.—IN MEMORIAM.

Some vainly imagine that doubt means strength of mind, originality of thought, freedom from tramelling creeds, and liberty of expression. And so they often fling insults in the faces of all who dare to differ from them, and with bold affrontery declare, no thinking, intelligent mind, can possibly hold an opposite opinion. Thus they insinuate that only such as get outside common orthodoxy, are intelligent, only such read and think. We ask in the face of existing facts, is this fair? Is it courteous? Does it not require, to say the least, as much thought, as much originality, to comprehend the old theology, as the newer theories? Yea, is doubt not rather a source of weakness, than of strength? Is it not true that ten thousand young men in England, and twenty thousand young men on this continent are smitten with the paralysis of moral power, because of their doubts? Shakespeare says:—"Wisdom and goodness to the vile seem vile." Genuine Christian faith, carries with it candor, ingenuousness, humility, teachableness and intelligence. It is not merely assent to doctrine, dogma and ism; but true manhood and womanhood as evolved by the genius of Jesus Christ. Many won't believe in the grandly noble and unselfishly generous; but they can believe in selfishness, hypocrisy and general evil. Is there any lack of general intelligence, or grasp of mind in such men as Newton, Linnaeus, Kepler, Charles Bell, Drs. Dana and Dawson? or in Hugh Miller, another mighty student of God and nature? Dalton, Davy, Herschell, Faraday and Lyell, who laid the very foundation of modern science, all these worked according to the genius of Christianity. Huxley said he would not revile those Christians, whose faith was more robust and whose hopes were richer and fuller than his own. Many might learn much in the line of modesty from such noble minds and curb their tendency to heap obloquy on such as keep to the old landmarks. One able writer declares:—"Not a single

Professor in Oxford or Cambridge teaches science as antagonistic to the Christian faith." The great Dr. Dana says, as he examines the first chapter of Genesis, he finds it in strict accord with known science, hence, as a scientist, he declares it to be inspired. Babylonian, Chaldean, Egyptian and Syrian mounds are silent witnesses to the truth of the Bible. All modern research confirms the Bible, so does the widest Christian experience. Some may talk glibly of the Mosaic account of Creation as "an oriental poem," yet the best scientists find it is more than abreast of known science. We are therefore in noble company, brethren, when we stand with such men. Be of good courage, we have no need to tremble before the blatant infidel, or the sneering theorist, or the so-called "Higher Criticism." These "Higher Critics" are, evidently, endeavoring to prove that the Old Testament Scriptures are unreliable and largely composed of legend and myth; that the historical, poetical, prophetical and other portions of the book, abound in mistakes and errors; and that in many instances the reputed authors of these books are not the real authors. They further allege that it is only by superior scholarship, by intimate acquaintance with ancient literature and especially by certain scientific methods, which belong exclusively to these "Higher Critics," that the real truth of what is contained in the Bible can be ascertained. Many of them do not attempt to deny that these Scriptures are acknowledged to be the same now, as in the time of our Lord, and from which he quoted largely, but they claim to have a new and superior knowledge of them. They claim also originality and profundity of thought above all others, and seem utterly to ignore the key, which Christ puts into our hands in John 7: 17, "*If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*" Learning is greatly to be desired, but can never supplant this key of *obedience* when coupled with *faith.* Nor must we ignore the Holy Spirit's intervention in giving light—

"The Spirit shines upon the word,
And brings the truth to sight."

All need this in order to grasp and expound the profound truth of God. We naturally ask, Are the thoughts, experiences and object of these "Higher Critics" so original and modern? Are they not really re-echoes of the enemies of the Bible, yea, many of them infidels of upwards of one hundred years ago?

We find the following in the writings of Bolingbroke, Voltaire and Paine:—

Bolingbroke—*Chapter on Sacred History, 1735:* "These histories are nothing more than compilations of old traditions and abridgment of old records, made at later times. These Scriptures . . are . . full of additions, interpolations and transpositions, made, we know not when, nor by whom."

Voltaire—*On the History between Kings and Chronicles, 1761:* "See on what pretexts, on what facts, on what miracles, on what predictions, on what basis, this disgusting and abominable history is built." *Important Examination, 1767, Chapter IX.* "The most probable opinion is that the books attributed to Solomon, to Daniel and to others were made in Alexandria."

Paine—*Theological Works, 1795,* Page 107: "I do not suppose that the compilers of the Bible made these books (Isaiah, etc.), but rather that they picked up some loose, anonymous essays and put them together under the names of such authors as best suited their purpose." Page 108: "A very glaring instance occurs in the book ascribed to Isaiah, the latter part of the forty-fourth chapter and the beginning of the forty-fifth, so far from having been written by Isaiah, could only have been written by some person who lived, at least, one hundred and fifty years after Isaiah was dead."

The above quotations virtually summarize what these modern and very original, and most respectable "Higher Critics" are saying and doing. Should any one doubt this statement, let him compare Prof. G. A. Smith's work on Isaiah with these sentences from these infidel writers, and they will have ceased to be charmed with his great originality and modern research and erudition. Let these "Higher Critics" also consider *what company* they are in, *whose* arguments they quote, and to *what age* they belong. In fact, many of these infidels appear to us more honest and consistent, than their more modern imitators, for they stood outside the walls of the church while they hurled their shafts against her, but many modern critics remain inside, and, like Ephialtes, betray her to her enemies. while they live on her revenues. Their methods of criticism, if applied to almost any author, would inevitably lead to the same conclusions they have arrived at, concerning the Bible. Still the Bible stands and Christianity marches on like a mighty Express train, quite ignoring the prairie dogs of infidelity and criticism, which keep up their constant barking. The Bible and

Christianity are not now on their trial; by their record of many centuries, they have proved themselves of Divine origin. Their influence on individuals and nations, the mighty work they are to-day achieving, amply demonstrate they are of God. A large majority of our best and most modern thinkers, stand by the old landmarks in theology, while many who generate but little thought and can claim less originality, are only the re-echoes of erratic men. Some can only obtain a little cheap notoriety by following some other, who has been able to wrest Scripture and compel it to shriek out a new theory ventriloquistically. We add again, there is nothing specially smart or original in such minds, and let none of us be moved by them; these are not the men most needed and most blest by the Master. He needs men in this selfish, showy, pleasure-seeking, place-hunting, money-getting, do-as-you-please age; educated men, it is true, but who will exhibit the true genius of Christian living as the only best thing in the world. Men to whom the internal is more than the external. The true minister of Christ should stand unmoved and impregnable in truth, although others should be discontented and variable and wander after diluted truth or popular error. He must represent what the public really needs, not what it clamors for. Men of true education should have learned the difference between the permanent and the transient. The latter is the aimless, pleasure-seeking, frivolous, wasted life of a human being; the former is represented by faith, love, self-denial, benevolence; in short, by all that appertains to the true genius of Christianity.

Do not be discouraged because we are few. Where God is there is the majority. Let us not so frequently and pessimistically quote that we are the "least among the tribes"; let us listen to the old prophet Micah 5: 2: "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Are we not following this order, and does he not lead the *one* to victory against the *thousand?* Do we wish to stand with numbers, let us look across to our neighbors, and we see 5,600 churches, 5,475 ministers, and 622,557 members. If we look into England and Wales, we behold 4,607 churches, and many others among the nations. Have we not just reason to be proud of our work, even in the van. See what our missionary societies, the American Board and the London Society, have

accomplished and still are doing. These two societies employ some 6,000 English and native missionaries at an outlay of *one and one-half million* dollars every year. One of these lately reported in all £5,618,123 raised and expended, to which might be added £981,752 contributed by churches, which have been founded by missionary effort. Our American churches during the last twenty-five years have contributed the enormous sum of about *fifty million* dollars for mission work. And what noble souls have gone into this work! Robert Morrison, Pioneer Protestant Missionary to China; John Williams, of Polynesia; Robert Moffat and David Livingstone, of Africa; Henry Lyman, of Summatra; Samuel Newell, of India; John Eliot and David Brainard among the American Indians. Time and space forbids us to mention what we have done amidst the islands of the ocean. In the line of *education and literature*, we have also played a noble part. Joseph Cook says we have founded more colleges than any other denomination. We refer with pride to Yale, Andover, Harvard, Oberlin, which together with Chicago Seminary, are in the very van of the educational institutes in America. Nor is England behind in Congregational colleges, which for number and efficiency are second to none. In the *literature* of the world we have left a grand impress, both as to number and excellency. Dr. Dexter, in his History of Congregationalism, gives a *one hundred page* list of works, not books, by Congregationalists. It is a grand stimulus to find our names coupled in Christian work with men like these: Milton, Locke, Bunyan, Owen, Charnock, Goodwin, Watts, Matthew Henry, Wardlaw, Jay, John Angel James, Edward and Lyman Beecher, Bushnell, Morison, Dexter, Taylor, Dale, and a host of other men of whom their very nations are justly proud. Some of the best papers, in their special lines, which the world produces, are edited by our men, such as the *Sunday School Times, Golden Rule, Christian Work, The Kingdom, Outlook, Chicago Advance, The Montreal Witness* and the *New York Independent. In all Social Reforms* we have been in the lead; we have fought the drink traffic and slavery wisely and uncompromisingly, having struck them some of the most deadly blows. So to-day our men are in the first ranks, fighting slavery in another form, as seen in the grinding monopolies of capital. Washington Gladden, Prof. Herron, B. Fay Mills and others are doing a noble work, while we all, as followers of Jesus Christ, who was the world's greatest Socialist, are standing up for the rights of the many

against the few who oppress. The *Christian Endeavor* movement was inaugurated by Dr. F. E. Clarke over sixteen years ago, and which now embraces about *three million members* of the very elite of Christian workers, we may justly claim as our work under the Great Master. Among those engaged in evangelistic work, our men in the past and present, rank among the most excellent. We may point to the Haldanes, Jonathan Edwards and Charles Finney, B. Fay Mills, E. P. Hammond, and lastly but by no means least, Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist of the day. Let us "Put a cheerful courage on," brethren; our fields may be hard, our position obscure, yet our work is important. Our stronger churches may generally call men from other lands, yea, from other sects, not even giving a hearing to our own alumni in many instances, thus adding to their other discouragements, and driving some to other lands, yet let both alumni and churches realize that generally speaking, it is the men of our own College, who do the most self-denying, the hardest and the best and most lasting work; they understand our Canadian work the best and are the most loyal to us, and, with very few exceptions, are less erratic. We highly esteem many of the men, who have cast in their lot with us, they are noble men in many instances, but not more so than our own alumni. Our ablest and best men may not always occupy the best positions; we know of some in comparatively obscure places, who have declined calls to the larger cities, but who preferred to serve the Master in a humbler sphere. "Verily I say unto you, they shall in no way lose their reward." Let the brethren in our rural or weaker churches, remember these feed the stronger or city churches, supply students for our College, frequently more fairly represent the true genius of the Master, than the wealthier city churches. Toil on, brethren, you are in excellent company and doing grand work for Christ. Remember "Many that are first shall be last, and the last first." As the old Professor said to his student with reference to his small field: "It is probably as large as you will wish to be held responsible for at Judgment." Realize how often Christ preached to an audience of *one*, and how seldom he preached to crowds, and upon how small a salary. Let us follow more closely our Great Leader. We greatly need men and women full of Jesus. He is the mighty power, both in pulpit and pew, in private or public life, yea in all ranks of life, this age greatly needs:—

"Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous flatteries without blinking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

But, brethren, we must not weary you, and the time of the Union is very valuable; permit us to summarize, and, if possible, crystalize a few thoughts; you can fill up the interstices at your leisure. To what has already been said, add your encouragement.

The Principles of Congregationalism are Pre-eminently Spiritual. Hundreds of churches in Norway and elsewhere, founded by men with only the Bible in their hands, are found to be distinctly Congregational.

Our Church Polity is the Oldest. "Yours is the most primitive and Apostolic," said a leading Methodist minister to me, when speaking together of the principles of Congregationalism.

Our Principles are most Modern. Nothing better has ever been evolved than "*One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren,*" and the principles involved in this and Matt. xviii: 15-17. *Verbum sapientes satis* are emphatically ours.

We have always advocated True Freedom, Civil, Religious and Mental. The Pilgrim Fathers and nonconformists attest this. We are the only sect in America, which never besmirched itself with slavery, and we first struck it a deadly blow, while others apologized for, condoned or defended it. We speak with pride of the Beecher family, as we realize their actions on the slavery question.

Our Principles Command Universal Respect. Nations, sects and individuals alike, recognize some of our men and women are in the van among scholars, orators, authors, poets and statesmen.

Our Platform is the only one upon which true Union can be Consummated. "Yours is the only New Testament platform, the only one for a possible union," said a scholarly Presbyterian minister to me on one occasion.

Nations have arisen and still exist through our Principles. Great Britain owes much to us, and our principles are interwoven in the very Constitution of the United States.

Our Principles permeate all the other Sects. Purity of

communion, open commnnion, lay representation, etc., principles for which we long fought, are now found in many other denominations. A majority of all existing sects, according to Dr. Beecher, hold to our Church polity. Should Congregationalism die to-day as an ism, its important principles, as embraced in other denominations, would be perpetuated to the end of time. We fully realize we do not contain all the good, Christianity is far wider than Congregationalism. We love the other branches of the Christian Church, because of the sweet fellowship we have had with them, and because we have found so many of them working, fighting, praying, yea, praying for the very same principles we hold dear. Be encouraged, brethren, if we are smaller than others, it is largely because so many others are propagating the same grand truth with us. And now brethren and sisters, a kind farewell; to each I would say:—

"Fare thee well, and if forever,
Then forever fare thee well."

Be of good courage. Be of one mind. "The Lord of Hosts is with us." "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." I can best express my own feelings in the following verses:—

"I see not a step before me,
As I enter another year;
The past is safe in God's keeping,
The future his presence shall cheer,
And what seems dark in the distance,
Shall brighten as I draw near.

It may be the dreaded future
Has less bitter than I think;
The Lord will sweeten the waters
Before that I stoop to drink.
Or if Marah must be Marah,
He'll stand beside the brink.

It may be He has waiting
For the coming of my feet
Some gift of such rare blessedness,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips can only tremble
With the thanks I cannot speak.

And so I go on, not knowing,
I would not if I might,
I'd rather walk with God in the dark,
Than walk alone in the light;
I'd rather walk with Him by faith,
Than walk alone by sight."

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Next Meeting of the Union

At Yarmouth, N.S., July, 1898.

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MINUTES OF THE UNION.

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick met with the church at Milton, N.S., Thursday, July 8th, 1897, at 9 a.m.

A devotional service was held, at which the Rev. Jas. M. Austin, of Sheffield, N.B., presided. The leading thought of the hour was, "The Exaltation of the Name of the Lord, by His People in a United Capacity," founded upon the 3rd verse of the 34th Psalm, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his Name together."

At 2.30 p.m., the Union was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. J. W. Cox, in the absence of the Chairman, Rev. W. B. Forbush.

Rev. Mr. Austin led in prayer.

Mr. T. A. Monroe, of the Congregational College, was appointed Minute Secretary, and Mr. C. E. MacMichael, of St. John, Assistant.

A Nominating Committee was then appointed, consisting of Rev. S. Sykes and Rev. W. J. Minchin, who recommended the following committees:

Business—Revs. Cox, Sykes, Duff, Braithwaite, and Mr. C. E. MacMichael.

Membership—Revs. Austin, Minchin, and Mr. A. K. Moore.

Finance—Messrs, J. W. Jewett and C. E. MacMichael.

Public Service—Rev. A. Braine, Mr. T. A. Monroe, and Mr. C. E. McLeod.

The last session's minutes were read and confirmed. The sessional roll was formed, and there answered to their names the following:

MINISTERS.

Revs. S. Sykes, J. W. Cox, Jas. M. Austin, W. J. Minchin, A. Braine.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Chebogue, N.S.	No delegate.
Economy, N.S.	A. K. Moore.
Brooklyn, N.S.	Colin MacLeod.
Beach Meadows, N.S.	Mr. Corkum.
Kingsport, N.S.	No delegate.
Liverpool, N.S.	Jas. Clements.
Lower Selmah, N.S.	No Delegate.
Maitland, N.S.	"
South Maitland, N.S.	"
Hemford, N.S.	"
Keswick Ridge, N.B.	J. W. Jewett.
Noel, N.S.	No delegate.
Pleasant River, N.S.	"
Sheffield, N.B.	Miss Adeline Burpee.
St. John, N.B.	Chas. E. MacMichael.
Scotch Lake and Bear Island, N.B	John Rossborough.
Truro, N.S.	Mrs. A. M. Tupper.
Yarmouth, N.S.	Jas. D. Dennis.

On recommendation of the Business Committee, Mr. Jas. D. Dennis, of Yarmouth, N.S., was unanimously elected Chairman for 1897-98.

Mr. Dennis in a few well-chosen words accepted the position, at the same time asking for the earnest co-operation of all the brethren and sisters, that the business of the Union may be carried on successfully.

NEW MEMBERS.

Revs. Chas. Duff, M.A., Brooklyn, N.S, and E. E. Braithwaite, B.D., Yarmouth, N.S., late of St. Louis, Mo.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Messrs. Chas. R. Black, J. M. M. Duff and R. W. McLachlan, of Montreal; Rev A. W. Main, of Danville, P.Q.; Rev. E. N. Archibald, of the Baptist Church, Milton.

On account of the enforced absence of our Treasurer, Mr. James Woodrow, through illness, it was thought necessary to commit his books and accounts to the hands of a committee, who shall make a careful examination of the same, and report

accordingly. The following persons were appointed to act in that capacity :

Rev. W. J. Minchin, Mr. C. E. MacMichael, and Mr. Jas. D. Dennis.

These gentlemen after going through all the late Treasurer's accounts thoroughly, reported as follows :

Your Committee having examined the last Treasurer's accounts, a copy of which they submit in detail, beg leave to report that they find vouchers for receipts and expenditure, and funds and assets to cover balance ; but all the assets are not in the same form as when taken over by the late Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MINCHIN,
J. S. DENNIS,
C. E. MacMICHAEL.

THURSDAY Evening, July 8.

The church was well filled at the evening service. The chairman presided. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Austin.

Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, of Yarmouth, addressed the meeting ; his theme being "The Opportunities of Congregationalism."

1. As regarded Church Union. 2. With regard to traditional beliefs, and the parting from them. 3. With regard to the developing of a high type of spiritual life.

Mr. J. M. M. Duff, of Montreal, spoke upon "Our Canadian Congregationalism in this Jubilee year." He especially emphasized the necessity of commemorating this Jubilee year, by raising in each of the Provinces $10,000 for the College Endowment.

Rev. Charles Duff, M.A., spoke of "Some present-day needs of Congregationalism."

Freedom from all forms of ignorance.
The fullest culture of the whole manhood.
Fidelity to the morality of Christ.
Fidelity to the inner Light.

Meeting was brought to a close by a hymn and benediction.

FRIDAY, July 9.

Devotional meeting at 9.30 a.m., led by Rev. E. E. Braithwaite; the theme being "Walking Uprightly."

The chair was taken at 10.30. A letter was read from Mrs. Shipperley, of Margaree, informing the Union of the death of her husband, Rev. James Shipperley, our esteemed Statistical Secretary, and asking for the prayers of the Union.

A committee was appointed to draft a Resolution of sympathy and condolence, to be presented to Mrs. Shipperley. The committee was composed of Revs. A. Braine and C. Duff, who reported:

The Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B., now in session in Milton, N. S., July 9th, 1897.

To our beloved sister, Mrs. James Shipperley:

Having regard to the great loss we have sustained, through the decease of our esteemed brother, Rev. James Shipperley, who served the Union in so many ways for so long a period of years, and having regard to the deep sorrow you have sustained, through the loss of an affectionate husband, we would publicly express our Christian sympathy and love to you; and pray that the God of all comfort may uphold you in this your deep bereavement.

Rev. James M. Austin read the Statistical Secretary's report.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Rev. J. W. Cox reported having been present at the Union held in Kingston, in June. He spoke of the kind reception he had received, and thought it was due principally to the fact that he represented the churches down by the sea; and was sure that the sister Union had the warmest regard for us; and he thought that the presence of such a large delegation from the West, now present with us, abundantly proved it.

Mr. Cox then introduced the accredited delegates from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec:—Messrs. C. R. Black, J. M. M. Duff and R. W. McLachlan.

The chairman then called upon these brethren, who responded in a happy manner; Mr. Black, especially, conveying the warm greetings of the C. C. M. S., of which he is Treasurer.

He said the Missionary Society did not belong to the Ontario and Quebec Union, but was the Society of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia

and New Brunswick as well. And it was the purpose of that Society to stand by these weak churches, venerable with age.

Mr. McLachlan, of Montreal, spoke of Quebec as being the pivot Province of the Dominion. With its surplus of Congregational missionary money, it reached out its hands to the needy churches in the West, and in the East. He said he was glad to bring to the brethren and the sisters of this Union the greetings of the Congregationalists of Quebec.

Mr. J. M. M. Duff, also from Montreal, said that while he also brought the warmest greetings from the Union of Ontario and Quebec, he felt that his visit had been a blessing to himself, and hoped the day would come when there might be a triennial council of the churches in Canada.

The following Resolution was then moved by Rev. J. W. Cox, seconded by Rev. A. Braine,—That this Union, having heard with great pleasure, the kindly greetings of the representatives of the Ontario and Quebec Union, hopes the time is not distant when we shall be more closely brought together, as pastors and members of Congregational churches in Canada. Carried by standing vote.

DISMISSION OF REV. W. B. FORBUSH.—A letter was read from Rev. W. B. Forbush, asking for a letter of dismission to the Brookfield Association of Congregational Ministers.

Upon recommendation of Membership Committee, it was granted.

REPORTS OF THE CHURCHES.—Encouraging reports were heard from Chebogue, Yarmouth, Sheffield, Keswick Ridge, Brooklyn, Beach Meadows, Milton, Liverpool, Lower Selmah, Noel, South Maitland, St. John, and others. Reports not quite so encouraging were received from Truro, Kingsport, Pleasant River, and some others; though none are entirely without some hopeful feature. Many of our churches are struggling with over-mastering difficulties. Churches without pastors—churches with depleted treasuries.

FRIDAY Evening.

An enthusiastic Missionary Meeting was held in the evening, presided over by the chairman.

The first speaker was Treasurer Black, of Montreal, who ably presented the claims of the Home Missionary Society. He pleaded for more liberality toward the cause of Home Missions. He said:—The sum of fifty cents per member would put our

funds upon such a sound financial basis, that we could meet all our needs.

Rev. J. M. Austin spoke on Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Norman McLeod sang with fine effect the solo, "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

Mr. R. W. McLachlan spoke a few practical words upon the need of Systematic Giving, mentioning Calvary church, Montreal, as an example of what can be done in that way to raise missionary funds.

Mrs. Harvey McLeod spoke on behalf of the L. M. S., which had that day changed their Constitution, and would henceforth be known as "The Congregational Woman's Missionary Board of N. S. and N. B."

Rev. W. J. Minchin closed with a few earnest words, upon the thought that God was yet to shake the nations, and especially the holders of His gold and silver; and those who have it now, had better be liberal while they can.

Collection taken for missions.

SATURDAY, July 10.

Devotional meeting at 9.30, led by Rev. W. J. Minchin.

At 10 30, Union Committee sat, when matters pertaining to Pleasant River, Kingsport, Truro, Economy, and the Gorham Estate were considered.

At 2.30 p.m., a Christian Endeavor Conference was held, in connection with the Union.

Reports were read from Christian Endeavor Societies:

Brooklyn, by Miss McLeod.
Beach Meadows, by the pastor, Mr. Duff.
Keswick Ridge, by the pastor, Mr. Sykes.
Lower Selmah, by Mrs. J. W. Cox.
Liverpool, by Miss Putnam.
Milton, by Mr. Frank Hutchison.
Sheffield, by Mrs. McKendry.
Yarmouth, by Mr. J. D. Dennis.

Rev. Mr. Austin spoke on "Christian Endeavor," as it relates to missions.

An open parliament was conducted by Elder Howard Murray, of the Christian church of Milton, upon "Dangers to be avoided in Christian Endeavor work":

1. Dangers to the success of the work.
2. Dangers of Endeavor work to other interests.

An open parliament was also conducted by Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, subject:—"Relation of Pastor to Christian Endeavor Society." The time allotted proved to be all too short for the discussion of these interesting themes.

SATURDAY Evening.

A "Christian Endeavor Rally" and mass meeting was held in the evening, presided over by Mr. F. H. Hutchison, County Christian Endeavor Superintendent.

The speakers were:—Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, Rev. H. W. Main, Rev. Austin Kempton, of Fitchburg, Evangelist Crossley, and Rev. J. W. Cox, 1st Vice-President Maritime Christian Endeavor Union, who brought the meeting to a close with a short but impressive Consecration Service.

The Baptist and Christian Young People's Societies took part in the meetings, responding to their names in roll-call of consecration.

SUNDAY Morning, July 11.

A united meeting was held at 10.30 a.m., addressed by Evangelist Hunter. All the ministers of the Milton churches were present, and assisted.

In the afternoon a Sunday School mass-meeting was held, addressed by Messrs. MacMichael, McLachlan, J. S. Smith, of Halifax, Revs. Austin and Kempton.

At 7 p.m. Rev. W. J. Minchin, of St. John, preached the Union Sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was observed, the pastor presiding, assisted by Revs. Sykes and Duff.

MONDAY Morning, July 12.

Devotional meeting at 9.30, led by Rev. S. Sykes. Special mention was made in the prayers of the brethren and sisters, on

behalf of our late Treasurer Woodrow, who is laid aside with a serious nervous illness.

At 10.30 business resumed. Rev. A. W. Main, of Danville, Que., delegate from Ontario and Quebec Union, having arrived late, was introduced by Rev. J. W. Cox, and conveyed in a few happy words the sympathy and affection of our western brethren.

A letter was read from Rev. James Blesedell, of Economy, N. S., asking for a letter of dismission. he having been received as a member of the Methodist Conference. After some discussion the recommendation of the Membership Committee, that it be granted, was carried.

A committee was appointed to look after the Economy church, as it is at present in a critical condition, on account of the action of the Methodist Conference. Rev. C. Duff to be convener of that committee.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution upon the Queen's Jubilee :

The Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B., assembled and in session in Milton, Queen's County, N. S., July 8, 1897, desire to place on record their esteem of the good and gracious Queen Victoria, and her beautiful and unimpeachable reign of 60 years : This Union resolves to express their gratitude to Almighty God for preserving to us so long, so great and so glorious a Sovereign, under whose rule material prosperity, education, science, art and religion, and that righteousness that exalteth a nation, have advanced more than under any crowned head that has ever occupied a throne.

Moved by Rev. C. Duff, convener of committee to draft resolutions.

TEMPERANCE.

To the Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada—

Resolved, **The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in convention assembled, desire to express our appreciation of the promise of your Government to have a plebiscite taken upon the question of Prohibition ; and we would urge that the question be submitted without any reference to the question of revenue.**

Moved by Rev. E. C. Braithwaite, convener of committee to draft resolutions.

"CONGREGATIONALIST."

Resolved,—**That in expressing our appreciation of every improvement that has been made in the "Congregationalist," we would heartily co-oper-**

ate with the movement now being made to make further improvements. And to this end we would urge the churches to make every possible effort to increase the circulation of the paper, in keeping with a similar effort in the Union of Ontario and Quebec.

THE COLLEGE.

Resolved,—That we heartily renew our expression of confidence in the Congregational College of Canada, and urge upon all our churches its hearty support.

That in the retirement of Dr. Barbour from the Principalship, we would express our appreciation of the work he has done; and pray that in his remaining days, the Great Head of the Church may graciously manifest His Divine Presence to him.

That we heartily welcome the new Principal, Rev. J. H. George, D.D., of St. Louis, Mo.; and believe that in his hands the best Educational interests of the denomination will be greatly strengthened.

We would further recommend to all our churches their most earnest co-operation in the effort to raise the endowment to a point which would go far towards making our College equal to any institution of the kind in the country. As Congregationalism has always and everywhere stood for the highest education, and can not afford to do otherwise, one of our most pressing needs at this time is a College where our young men can depend upon receiving as good a training as is possible anywhere.

Resolution in *re* settlement and dismissal of pastors.

Moved by Rev. J. W. Cox, seconded by Rev. S. Sykes, and carried :

Resolved,—That the churches of our Union be urged to exercise great caution, with regard to the settlement of pastors; and both in installation and dismission, and in every important step, the council-system should be rigidly observed; so as to preclude the possibility of admission to our Union of pastors disloyal to our distinctive principles, and unworthy of our fellowship.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of beginning work in Halifax. Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, *Convener*.

Rev. S. Sykes asked for assistance in his wide field; especially for the winter months. He said, if a young man could be found, who could take up the work in the out-stations, and co-operate with him in the main church on the Ridge, he would remain for a while longer; otherwise he must resign, as the work was telling upon his health. The case was committed to a committee. Rev. W. J. Minchin, *Convener*.

C. C. M. S. Executive. — For the year ending May 31st, 1898 :—Rev. J. W. Cox, Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, for N. S. Mr.

C. E. MacMichael, for N. B. Rev. S. Sykes, member of the General Committee.

For the year ending 31st May, 1899 :—Revs. J. W. Cox, E. E. Braithwaite, S. Sykes, and Mr. C. E. MacMichael, *General Committee.*

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.—To Union of Ontario and Quebec—Revs. E. E. Braithwaite and C. Duff.

To Maine Conference — Revs. W. J. Minchin and J. M. Austin.

To N. S. "C. E. Convention"—Revs. J. W. Cox and C. Duff.

To N. B. "C. E. Convention"—Rev. J. M. Austin.

Committee to Arrange Programme for Union, 1898.—Mr. J. D. Dennis, Revs. E. E. Braithwaite and W. J. Minchin.

Preachers for Union of 1898.—Left to interim committee.

MONDAY Evening, July 12.

A large audience assembled for the farewell service.

There were no set speeches, but many of the brethren participated in a bright and happy manner.

The usual votes of thanks were carried with enthusiasm.

Rev. S. Sykes, our veteran minister, beloved by all for his work's sake, commended us to God in a fervent prayer. The parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and the Union adjourned to meet with the church in Yarmouth, N. S., in the year of her Jubilee, July, 1898.

The Congregational College of Canada.

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Systematic Theology and Homiletics.

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NOTICE.

The attention of friends of the College is respectfully invited to the following statement of the methods whereby they may render assistance to the College in the prosecution of its work :—

(1) By contributing towards the annual current expenses of the College.
(2) By contributing towards the General Endowment Fund.
(3) By the endowing in full, or contributing toward the endowment of any particular Chair, or
(4) Lectureship.
(5) By the founding of Scholarships or Exhibitions.
(6) By the donation of books for the Library.
(7) By furnishing requisites for the College building.

FORM OF A BEQUEST FOR THE COLLEGE.

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the Congregational College of Canada, a body corporate by Act of Parliament of the Province of Canada, A. D. 1864, the sum of ..... [either without designation, or "*to be added to the Endowment Fund* of said College,"] out of my estate, without any charge or deduction whatever, to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease; and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer for the time being of the said College shall be a sufficient and valid discharge of said legacy.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE CORPORATION.

1. The Corporation is called "THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA."

2. Its object is to educate ministers for the Congregational Churches of Canada and the other Provinces of British North America, and for Foreign Missionary service.

3. Contributors of two dollars annually to the funds of the College are members of the Corporation. A contributor in arrears one year shall not be qualified to vote at the meetings of the Corporation, or to exercise his other rights of membership. The Treasurer's Subscription-lists shall be taken as evidence of contribution.

4. Churches contributing for the previous year to the current expense fund of the College, the sum of ten dollars or upwards, may be represented at the meeting of the Corporation by one delegate for each church; those contributing twenty-five dollars or upwards, for the previous year, by two delegates; and those contributing fifty dollars, or upwards, for the previous year, by three delegates.

5. All who contribute, or may have contributed at any one time, the sum of two hundred dollars, or upwards, not including annual subscriptions, to any one or more of the objects set forth on page four,* or to any other special object or objects, shall be life members of the Corporation.

6. A regular meeting of the Corporation is held annually, for the reception of the report of the Directors, the election of a new Board, according to provision hereinafter named, and the transaction of other necessary business.

7. The annual meeting is held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

8. Special meetings of the Corporation may be held for the transaction of special business, at the call of the Board of Directors, or on a requisition to that effect to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, signed by at least twenty members of the Corporation; provided always that no such special meetings be held without one month's public notice thereof in an accredited newspaper in Toronto and Montreal, and also in the *Canadian Independent*.†

CHAPTER II.

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The Board of Directors is elected from members of the Corporation, and consists of a Chairman, Treasurer, one or more Secretaries, and twenty-five mem-

* See preceding page of this volume.—ED.
† Now the "Congregationalist and Independent."

bers, two of whom may be nominated by the Alumni Association. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

2. Five members of the Board shall retire annually, in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election.

3. The powers and duties of the Board are :

(1) The management of the finances of the College. (2) The appointment and removal of officers of the College, subject to the revision of the Corporation. (3) The general oversight and management of the affairs of the College. (4) The framing of by-laws for the domestic economy of the College and the conduct and discipline of the students, and (5) the presentation of an annual report of the general condition of the College to the Corporation at the next regular meeting.

4. Any member of the Board absent from its meetings for a year shall be held *ipso facto*, to have vacated his seat, but may be re-appointed or re-elected thereto.

5. The proceedings of the Board are subject to and regulated by by-laws, which may be enacted, amended, or repealed, after due notice thereof, at any annual regular meeting of the Corporation.

6. Vacancies in the Board, whether occurring by death, or resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board as soon after their occurrence as it may see fit.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The officers of the College shall be a Principal, and such other Professors and Lecturers as may be associated with him from time to time, of whom the Principal and Professors shall be members of a Congregational church.

2. The officers of the College shall receive their appointment from the Board of Directors, as before provided ; and in case of resignation or removal from office, except for cause, three months' notice thereof shall be required ; provided always, that no appointment or removal shall be valid unless made at a meeting of the Board specially called for that purpose, at which not less than a majority of the Board must be present.

3. The duties and salaries of the officers of the College shall be determined by such regulations as the Board of Directors may from time to time ordain in that behalf.

4. The Principal and Professors, with such clerical members of the Board as from time to time may be appointed by it, constitute the Faculty of Theology, and as such are entrusted with the educational work of the College, subject to the sanction and control of the Board of Directors.

5. In cases of discipline, the Faculty may admonish or reprimand a student, or prohibit his attendance on the classes, preliminary to reporting him to the Board to be further dealt with.

6. Meetings of the Faculty shall be held monthly during the session, and the Faculty are required to make regular reports of their proceedings to the Board.

7. The Principal of the College shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the Faculty, and one of its members shall be appointed annually by the Board to act as Secretary of the Faculty.

CHAPTER IV.

OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

1. Every candidate for admission into the College, must present to the Directors the testimony of the church of which he is a member, respecting his piety and suitableness to the work of the ministry, together with a written statement of the grounds of his conviction that he is called of God to that work, and of his views of Christian doctrine and Church government.

2. Candidates for admission to the full course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination in the McGill University.

3. Candidates who are graduates of any University, or who can satisfy the Board that they are otherwise possessed of sufficient requirements, may be at once admitted to the Theological course; also, as exceptional cases, such candidates may be admitted to that course as it may be expedient, in the judgment of the Directors, to train as preachers, without the ordinary literary culture.

4. Candidates, other than University graduates, on entering shall be subjected to a written examination in the following subjects:—

(*a*) In English:—Writing from dictation; Composition; Grammar; History of England.

(*b*) In Mathematics:—Arithmetic; Euclid's Elements, Books I. II.

(*c*) In Classics:—Elements of Greek Grammar, and translation from the Greek into English of a portion of one of the Gospels.

5. They shall be required to take a full year in the University in the study of such subjects as the Faculty may designate, previous to commencing their Theological work.

6. Approved candidates are received on a probation of four months; at the close of which, if the result of their probation be satisfactory, they are admitted as regular students of the College.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE STUDENTS.

1. Students are, during their Literary course, under the general supervision of the Theological Professors, and take such subjects in the Theological department as the Board may direct.

2. The students, both in the Literary and Theological departments, are required to attend exclusively to the studies approved by the Board.

3. Every student on his admission to the College, is required to sign a declaration of obedience and consent to the By-laws and regulations of the College.

4. Pecuniary aid, when necessary, may be granted to them from the funds, the amount in each case to be fixed by the Board at the beginning of the session.

5. Attendance upon the classes in the College, and the use of the Library, are allowed without charge to the students.

6. As a part of their preparation for their future work, the students, under the sanction of the Directors, may preach the Gospel as they have the opportunity.

7. Every student, when admitted into the College, on the expiration of the term of his probation, is required to procure a formal dismissal from the church

to which he formerly belonged, and, without delay, to obtain admission into a Congregational church in Montreal. Such dismissal and admission must be reported by him to the Board. Furthermore, he is expected to be as regular as possible in his attendance upon the services, ordinances and church meetings of the church to which he belongs during his College course.

8. Students are not allowed, during their College course, to enter into the marriage relationship without the knowledge and consent of the Board of Directors.

9. Students who leave College without obtaining the official sanction and discharge of the Board, are required to refund to the College the amount expended by it for their education.

10. Churches who desire the services of students with the view of permanent settlement in the pastorate, or otherwise, are requested to communicate with the Board through the Secretary.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

1. The full course of study extends over five sessions, and is divided into a Literary course of two sessions and a Theological course of three sessions.

2. In the Theological department, the course of study includes the original Languages of the Scriptures, Biblical Literature, Systematic and Pastoral Theology, Church History, Homiletics and Exegesis of the Greek Testament, with such other accessory subjects as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.

3. In the Theological course, the students are examined at the close of each session in all the subjects of the year. The examinations are conducted by examiners (among whom the Theological Professors are included) chosen by the Board of Directors, and by means of printed questions and written answers to the same. Those who pass are arranged according to their proficiency, as 1st class, 2nd class and 3rd class. If a student fails to pass in any subject he is required to undergo a supplementary examination in the same. The results of these sessional examinations are recorded by the Board and reported to the Corporation at the next annual meeting.

4. The session of the Theological department begins in the first week in October, and ends the second week in April.

5. The Professors are at liberty to hold, during the session, such class examinations as they may deem necessary, either in the manner aforesaid or orally.

6. In the Literary course, students are required to pass such examinations as may be appointed by the Faculty of Arts of the McGill University. The Board of Directors are required to obtain from the said Faculty of Arts, a report of the examinations of the students in the several subjects thereof, and also of their attendance and conduct during the session in the University, and to present the same at the annual meeting of the Corporation.

CHAPTER VII.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Alterations may be made in these By-laws and Regulations, or new ones added, by any regular meeting of the Corporation, provided that notice of such alterations or additions has been given at the meeting next preceding.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The Full Course.

The Full Course of Study extends over five sessions, and includes both the Arts Course in McGill and the Theological Course in our College, as described below. Candidates for admission to the Full Course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination of the McGill University in the following subjects :

Greek.—Xenophon, Anabasis, Book I.; Greek Grammar, translation at sight and prose composition.

Latin.—Cæsar, Bell. Gall., Book I. and II.; and Virgil, Æneid, Book I.; Latin Grammar, translation at sight and prose composition.

Mathematics.—Arithmetic, including a knowledge of the Metric System ; Algebra, to Quadratic Equations (inclusive) as in Colenso ; Euclid's Elements, Books I., II., III.

English.—Writing from Dictation. A paper on English Grammar, *including Analysis.* A paper on the leading events of English History. Essay on a subject to be given at the time of examination. English Literature, (for 1897, Scott's Lady of the Lake and Shakespeare's Richard II).

French.—Grammar up to the beginning of Syntax. An easy translation from French into English, also reproduction in French of easy story told or read in English. (Otherwise candidates must study German or Hebrew after entrance).

At September (but not at the June) examinations, an equivalent amount of other books or other authors in Latin and Greek than those named, may be accepted by the examiners on application made through the Professor of Classics. At the June examination, candidates from Ontario may present an equivalent amount from the books prescribed for the Junior Matriculation examination of the Toronto University.

For the literary and scientific subjects of this course, the students attend the classes of the Faculty of Arts in McGill College, according to the terms of affiliation with the University ; in which Faculty, this course extends over four years, and leads to the degree of B.A. But in the third and fourth years, Theological students are allowed exemptions from attendance on certain classes, should they desire it. Thus, the studies of the third and fourth year of this course are prosecuted simultaneously in the Faculty of Theology and in the Faculty of Arts. The work of the fifth year is confined to the Faculty of Theology.

II.—The Shorter or Theological Course.

The Theological Course proper begins with the third year of the Full Course, and extends over three full sessions. It embraces the following subjects :—(1) Systematic Theology ; (2) Historical Theology ; (3) Pastoral Theology ; (4) Homiletics ; (5) Greek Testament Exegesis ; (6) Church History ; (7) Evidences and Biblical Literature. A Preliminary year is added for students of the Shorter Course.

Students who enter for the Shorter Course only, in accordance with sec. 3, chap. 4 of the Regulations, are also required to attend the following classes in McGill, viz., English, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Hebrew, and also to pass the examinations of such classes. After the first year the student may choose Hebrew or one of the Natural Sciences.

Sessional Dates and Examinations.

In the Arts department the session begins at the middle of September ; in the Theological, the first week in October ; and examinations are held at Christmas, and in the end of the session in the several subjects of the year. Students must pass these examinations as a condition of maintaining their proper status.

Medal.

The Calvary Church Silver Medal will be offered for the best answering in a special examination in the final examinations of the Theological Course.

REGULATIONS FOR THE COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY.

1. Candidates for the Degree of B.D. must be graduates in Arts of a recognized University; provided, however, that this condition shall not be made to apply to former Alumni of the College, nor to those now (1885) passing through their course.

2. There shall be three Examinations for the degree of B. D., viz:—I. THE ENTRANCE; II. THE INTERMEDIATE; and III. THE FINAL EXAMINATION; arranged as to subjects and time as follows:

I. ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, at the end of the First Year of the Theological Course, and in the following subjects:

(a) *Greek*—Gospel by St. Mark.
" by St. Matthew, chapter v. vii. inclusive.
(b) *Hebrew*—Genesis, chaps. i. to viii. inclusive.
Deuteronomy, chaps. xxxii. to xxxiii. inclusive.
(c) *Apologetics*—Butler's Analogy.—Dale's Living Christ in the Four Gospels.
(d) *Church History*—Fisher's "Beginnings of Christianity" (*Ante Nicene* period.)
(Stanley's "Eastern Church.")
(e) *Biblical Theology*—Old Testament, Oehler, Part I.
New Testament, Bernard's "Progress of Doctrine in the N. T."
(f) *Introduction*—New Testament, Lumby's Introduction.

II. INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, at the end of the Second Year of the Theological Course.

(a) *Greek*—Gospel by St. John, chaps. i. to x. inclusive. Acts of the Apostles.
(b) *Hebrew*—Psalms ii, viii, xvi. xxii, xxiv.
Proverbs, chap. i. to viii. inclusive.
(c) *Apologetics*—Roger's "Superhuman Origin of the Bible."
(d) *Church History*—Fisher's "History of the Christian Church," (The Ancient and Mediaeval eras).
(e) *Biblical Theology*—Old Testament, Oehler. Part II.
New Testament, Reuss, Vol I.
(f) *Theology*—Mozeley's "Ruling Ideas," (Lectures on the Old Testament.)

III. FINAL EXAMINATION, at the end of the Third Year of the Theological Course.

(a) *Greek*—The Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews.
(b) *Hebrew*—Amos, Isaiah, chaps. i. to xiv. inclusive.
(c) *Apologetics*—Bushnell's "Nature and the Supernatural."
(d) *Church History*—Fisher's "History of the Christian Church" (modern era.)
Fisher's "History of the Reformation."
(e) *Biblical Theology*—Old Testament, Oehler, Part III.
New Testament, Reuss, Vol. II.
(f) *Theology*—Crawford on the Atonement.
(g) *Church Government*—Ross' Lectures on Congregationalism. (The Church Kingdom.)
Hatch's Bampton Lectures. (The Organization of the Church.)
(h) *Pastoral Theology*—Shedd.

1. Candidates must be prepared to pass an examination on the matters usually included in *Introduction*, in respect of the following books, viz., Genesis, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Amos, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, Hebrews.

2. The following commentaries are recommended, viz., on Genesis, Lange; on the Psalms, Delitzsch, Vol. I; on Proverbs, Zochler (in Lange's series), on Isaiah, Cheyne; on Amos, Pusey on the Minor Prophets; on Mark, Morison; on John, Lange; on Acts, Hackett; on Romans, Beet; on Hebrews, Westcott.

3. The examinations shall be held at the same time and place, annually, as the Sessional Examinations of the College, and the Degree shall be conferred at the public closing service of the College. Local examinations, however, may be held when in the judgment of the Faculty, it shall be deemed expedient, and in such manner as the Faculty may from time to time appoint.

4. Candidates for examination, at any of the above-named Examinations, must notify the Secretary of the Faculty of their intention to present themselves for examination, not later than January 1st; and Candidates other than Students now (1885), or hereafter, passing through their College Course, must produce certificates of having duly completed their course in the College.

5. The fee for the Degree of B.D. shall be ten dollars, to be paid to the Secretary of the Faculty prior to the conferring of the Degree.

The Hood of the Bachelor of Divinity shall be of black corded silk, lined with white silk, with a three inch border of Bishop's purple.

LIST OF ALUMNI.

	Name.	*Whence.*	*Date of Leaving.*	*Where.*
1	Ludwick Kribs	*Eramosa*	1841	Died.
2	Stephen King	*Glanford*	1842	Died.
3	Leonard McGlashan	*Pelham*	1842	Died.
4	Samuel Finton	*Glanford*	1842	Presbyterian church.
5	James Vincent	*Coventry, Eng*	1842	Salem, Mich.
6	Edward Ebbs	*Guelph*	1843	Died.
7	William Lumsden	*Peterborough*	1843	Episcopal church.
8	William F. Clarke	*London, Ont.*	1844	Guelph, Ont.
9	Thomas I. Hodgkin	*Guelph*	1845	Episcopal church.
10	Robert Robinson	*Montreal, Zion*	1845	Toronto, Ont.
11	John Bowles	*Montreal, Zion*	1845	Died.
12	Norman McLeod	*L'Orignal*	1844	Humboldt, Iowa.
13	W. H. Allworth	*Southwold*	1845	Died.
14	Thomas Snell	*New York State*	1846	Died.
15	Thomas Seawright	*Toronto, Zion*	1847	
16	Thomas Bayne	*Montreal, 2nd Church.*	1846	
17	George C. Wickson	*Toronto, Zion*	1847	
18	William Hay	*Warwick*	1847	Died.
19	Henry Lancashire	*Montreal, Zion.*	1847	Died.
20	K. M. Fenwick	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1847	Montreal, Que.
21	Charles McKay	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1846	Died.
22	J. C. Geikie, D.D	*Moore*	1848	Episcopal church, Eng.
23	F. H. Marling	*Toronto, Zion*	1848	New York.
24	A. Wickson, LL.D	*Toronto. Zion*	1848	London, England.
25	John Wood	*Montreal, Zion.*	1851	Ottawa.
26	John McKillican	*Vankleek Hill*	1851	Montreal.
27	John Fraser	*Stanstead*	1851	Died.
28	R. K. Black	*St. John, N. B.*	1852	Granby.
29	George Ritchie	*St. John, N. B.*	1852	Ketchum, Idaho.
30	Daniel Macallum	*St. Andrews, Que*	1852	Kingston.
31	James Hay	*Warwick*	1852	Brockville, Ont.
32	E. A. Noble	*Hamilton*	1852	
33	Enoch Barker	*Sheffield, N. B.*	1853	Toronto, Ont.
34	Archibald Burpee	*Sheffield, N. B.*	1854	Died.
35	John Campbell	*Indian Lands*	1855	Died.
36	James Boyd	*Montreal, Zion*	1856	Died.
37	Philip Shanks	*Beauharnois*	1856	Died.
38	Malcolm McKillop	*Inverness*	1858	Died.
39	Robert G. Baird	*Lanark*	1857	Died.
40	A. McDonald	*Montreal, 2nd Church.*	1857	
41	Robert Hay	*Scotland, Ont.*	1858	Eaton.
42	George A. Rawson	*Lanark*	1859	Verondale, Cal.
43	Joseph V. Bryning	*Scotland, Ont*	1860	
44	John R. Kean	*Inverness, Que*	1860	Died.
45	Robert Burchill	*Toronto, Zion.*	1861	
46	Robert Brown	*Caledon*	1851	Died.
47	John Brown	*Caledon*	1861	Died.

	Name.	*Whence.*	*Date of Leaving.*	*Where.*
48	Benjamin W. Day	*Brantford*	1861	Granby, Que.
49	G. Strasenburg, M.D.	*Kingston*	1861	Lima, New York.
50	John G. Sanderson	*Kingston*	1862	Died.
51	J. Malcolm Smith	*Scotland, Ont.*	1862	St. Paul, Minn.
52	Charles Duff, M.A.	*Toronto Bond St*	1862	Beach Meadows, N. S.
53	Alexander McGregor	*Manilla.*	1862	Pawtucket, R. I.
54	Richard Lewis	*Sarnia*	1866	
55	James Douglas	*Toronto, Bond St*	1865	Presbyterian church.
56	J. A. R. Dickson	*Brantford*	1865	do.
57	Richard T. Thomas	*Toronto, Zion.*	1865	Died.
58	S. N. Jackson, M.D	*Brome*	1866	Barre, Vermont.
59	E. S. Lyman, B.C.L.	*Montreal. Zion*	1866	
60	J. I. Hindley, M.A.	*Eramosa*	1869	Forest.
61	Wm. M. Peacock	*Lanark*	1869	Died.
62	D. McGregor, M.A.	*Manilla.*	1872	Antwerp, N. Y.
63	R. W. Wallace, B.D.	*Markham*	1872	
64	W. H. A. Claris	*Frome, Ont*	1872	London, Ont.
65	D. D. Nighswander	*Stouffville*	1872	Died.
66	John Allworth, M.A.	*Paris.*	1873	Ovid, Mich.
67	Joseph Griffith	*Jamesville, N. Y.*	1873	Died.
68	Edwin D. Silcox	*Southwold*	1873	Paris, Ont.
69	William McIntosh	*Rugby.*	1874	Ottawa.
70	Jas. R. Black, B.A.	*Montreal. Zion.*	1874	Kingston.
71	Andrew O. Cossar	*London, Ont.*	1876	Vermontville, Mich.
72	John B. Silcox	*Frome, Ont.*	1876	Chicago.
73	John F. Malcolm	*Scotland, Ont*	1877	
74	Jacob W. Cox, B.A.	*Cornwallis, N. S.*	1877	Lower Selmah, N. S.
75	Hugh Pedley, B.A.	*Coldsprings, Ont*	1877	Winnipeg, Man.
76	W. H. Warriner, B.D.	*Toronto, Northern*	1878	Montreal.
77	A. F. McGregor, M.A.	*Manilla*	1878	Woodstock.
78	George Willett	*Scotland, Ont*	1878	Redlands, Cal.
79	James C. Wright	*Howick, Ont*	1878	Fairhaven, Wash.
80	A. L. McFadyen, B.A.	*Manilla*	1879	
81	William Ewing, B. A.	*Melbourne.*	1879	Lansing, Mich.
82	J. B. Saer, B.D	*St. Johns, Nfld*	1880	Cornish, Me.
83	Charles E. Bolton	*Bolton, Ont.*	1881	Belwood, Ont.
84	John McKinnon	*Kincardine, Ont*	1881	
85	Geo. Robertson, B.A	*Douglas, Ont.*	1882	United States.
86	George Skinner	*Melbourne, Que.*	1882	Frome, Ont.
87	George Fuller	*Brooklyn, U. S*	1883	London, Eng.
88	W. H. Way	*Toronto, Zion*	1883	Ogdensburg.
89	A. W. Richardson	*Montreal, Calvary*	1884	Kingston, Ont.
90	A. W. Gerrie, B.A.	*Garafraxa*	1885	Torrington, Connecticut
91	W. T. Currie, B.A	*Toronto, Zion*	1885	Cisamba, W. C. Africa.
92	Jas. W. Pedley, B.A	*Coldsprings, Ont*	1885	London, Ont.
93	George White	*St. Johns, Nfld.*	1885	
94	J. K. Unsworth, B.A.	*Georgetown, Ont.*	1887	Scotland, Ont.
95	John O. Hart	*Margaree, N. S.*	1887	
96	Alex. McLeod	*Embro, Ont*	1887	Died.
97	James McAdie	*St. Johns, Nfld.*	1887	
98	John P. Gerrie, B.A	*Garafraxa, Ont*	1888	Toronto, Ont.
99	And. P. Solandt, B.D.	*Montreal, Calvary*	1888	Odell, Illinois.
100	Frank Davey	*Brantford, Ont.*	1888	Presbyterian church.
101	F. W. Macallum, B.A.	*Maxville, Ont*	1889	Marash, Turkey.
102	Horace C Mason, B.A.	*Montreal, Calvary*	1889	Vancouver, B. C.

	Name.	*Whence.*	*Date of Leaving.*	*Where.*
103	Hilton Pedley, B.A.	*Cobourg, Ont*	1889	Niigata, Japan.
104	Wilberforce Lee	*Melbourne, Que*	1889	Toronto.
105	Wm. J. Watt		1889	United States.
106	James M. Austin	*Belleville, Ont*	1889	Sheffield, N. B.
107	Jas. T. Daley, B.A.	*Stouffville, Ont*	1890	Burford, Ont.
108	I. J. Swanson, B.A.	"	1890	United States.
109	Churchill Moore	*Economy, N. S.*	1890	Ayer's Flat, Que.
110	W. T. Gunn, B.A.	*Montreal, Calvary*	1892	Cowansville, Que.
111	F. W. Read, B.A.	*Montreal, Emmanuel*	1892	Bailundu, W. Africa.
112	G. H. Craik, B.A.	*Franklin, Que.*	1892	Waterville, Que.
113	R. O. Ross, B.A.	*Margaree, N. S.*	1892	
114	W. S. Pritchard, B.A.	*Howick First, Ont.*	1893	United States.
115	George E. Read	*Bond St, Toronto*	1893	Rock Island, Que.
116	E. O. Grisbrook	*Sarnia, Ont*	1893	United States.
117	John L. Brown	*Wood Bay, Man*	1894	Brandon, Man.
118	George W. Ball	*Chebogue, N. S*	1894	Liverpool, N. S.
119	D. S. Hamilton, B.A.	*Toronto, Northern.*	1894	Point St. Charles, Que.
120	H. E. Mason	*Montreal, Calvary*	1895	Wingham, Ont.
121	George Extence	*Toronto, Olivet*	1895	Alton, Ont.
122	W. P. Jackson	*Kingston, First*	1895	Brigham, Que.
123	F. J. Day, B.A.	*Stratford, Ont*	1896	Sherbrooke, Que.
124	J. C. Watt, B.A.	*Lanark, Ont.*	1896	United States.
125	Harold I. Horsey	*Kingston, Ont.*	1896	Ottawa, Ont.
126	R. G. Watt, B.A.	*Lanark, Ont.*	1896	
127	A. F. Pollock	*Forest, Ont*	1896	Speedside, Ont.
128	Matthew Kelly	*Hamilton, Ont.*	1896	Listowel, Ont.
129	C. R. Ashdown, B.A.	*Zion, Toronto*	1897	Bitlis, Turkey.
130	J. L. Alexander	*Bowmanville*	1897	Middleville, Ont.
131	J. McGuire	*Stratford*	1897	Tiverton, Ont.
132	J. E Bradshaw	*Zion, Montreal*	1897	Montreal.
133	J. Mair	*Lanark.*	1897	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Held in the First Congregational Church, Kingston, Ontario, Friday, June 11th, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

1. J. R. Dougall, Esq., M.A., was appointed Chairman.

2. Mr. J. Lambert Alexander was appointed Minute Secretary.

3. After singing a hymn the Rev. J. Morton led in prayer.

4. The report of the Board of Directors was read by the Secretary, the Rev. Prof. Warriner, after which the Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Moodie, presented his Annual Report and Statements.

5. Moved by Prof. Warriner, M.A., seconded by Mr. S. P. Leet, B.C.L. :—

"That the reports and statements now presented be severally received and adopted and with the customary addenda be printed in the YEAR BOOK." Carried.

6. Prof. Warriner, the Secretary, gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Corporation move to substitute for Article IV of Chapter VI of the By-laws, the following, viz :— "The Session of the Theological Department begins on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September and ends the last Thursday in April."

7. Moved by the Secretary, "That in the meantime this article be suspended to enable the Board to give immediate effect to the changes recommended in the Report." Carried.

8. Mr. J. R. Dougall was appointed Chairman, the Rev. Prof. Warriner, Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Moodie, Treasurer.

9. Mr. S. H. C. Miner of Granby, Mr. R. W. McLachlan of Montreal, Mr. H. Birks of Montreal, Mr. James White of Wood-

stock, and Rev. J. Wood of Ottawa, were elected to fill the vacancies in the Directorate.

10. Mr. C. T. Williams and Mr. Archibald Wright were appointed auditors, and the Secretary was instructed to express to these gentlemen the thanks of the Corporation for their services.

11. On motion the minutes were taken as read, and the meeting adjourned. the Rev. F. J. Day offering the closing prayer.

(Signed) J. LAMBERT ALEXANDER,
Minute Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SESSION OF 1896-97.

Being the Fifty-eighth Session of the College.

The session was opened with the usual public service held in the Assembly Hall of the College, on the evening of October 1st, 1896.

The Rev. Wm McIntosh, by invitation of the Board, delivered the address, which was much appreciated by all who heard it. For some time previous to the opening of the session, your Board had seriously considered the desirability of lengthening the term of the Theological or Shorter Course. This had been earnestly urged upon them by the petition of the students as early as April, 1894. The students were unanimous in the conviction that the reason why men elect to take the Shorter Course is not in order that they may the more speedily enter the ministry, but because of the great difficulty they experience in preparing for the entrance examination of the Full Course; having once entered the College they desire as complete an education as possible, and would welcome the addition of another year to their course. As this was found to be simply putting into practical effect Section 5 of Chapter 4 of the By-Laws of the College, and was considered by your Board a move-

ment in the right direction, provision was made to carry it out, and the re-modelled Four Years' Course was inaugurated.

Six applications for admission were received; three from Ontario, two from Quebec, and one from Nova Scotia. Of these, three were for the Full Course, one of the candidates being in his final year in McGill, and another having completed with honors two years' work in Toronto University. Failure of health on the part of one of the Shorter Course men, coupled with the charge of a country church, which is always too heavy a task for any but the very strongest, compelled his retirement before the close of the session, while another failed to pass the necessary examinations for his probation.

The sessional roll, therefore, at the end of the session, with the additional name of the Rev. R. Hopkin, of Westmount, who was received as a partial student, stood as follows:—

FULL COURSE.

	Arts.	*Theology.*
1. C. R. Ashdown	Fourth Year.	Third Year.
2. A. R. Ross	Fourth Year.	——
3. W. Johnson	Fourth Year.	——
4. A. B. Ross	Third Year.	Second Year.
5. R. B. Blyth	Third Year.	——
6. H. G. Rice	Second Year.	——
7. T. A. Munroe	First Year.	——
8. E. C. Woodley	First Year.	——

THEOLOGICAL COURSE.

9. J. L. Alexander	——	Third Year.
10. J. A. Mair	——	Third Year.
11. J. McGuire	——	Third Year.
12. J E Bradshaw	——	Third Year.
13. A. E. Harding	——	Second Year.
14. A. Secord	——	First Year.
15. Rev. R. Hopkin	Partial Student.	

A word or two in explanation of the re-modelled Shorter Course, which is now of four years' duration, may not be out of place at this point. Briefly then it may be said that by this course Theological students not undergraduates take in addition to their special theological subjects, all the ordinary courses in

McGill University in the department of English Language and Literature, as well as Mental and Moral Philosophy (including Psychology and Logic), as well as both Chemistry and Hebrew in the first year, after which they have the option of Hebrew or one of the natural sciences.

In this Course provision was also made last session for an introduction in the study of Mathematics as a salutary training of the logical faculties, and your Board was fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. E. Edwin Howard, B.A., an honor graduate in Mathematics of McGill, and a very able teacher, who took the class very thoroughly through the first two books in Euclid.

Prof. Warriner also continued his class in elementary Greek.

Another year, however, these two last named courses will not be necessary, as the Board has decided that the time has come to require candidates for the Shorter Course to fulfil the conditions of entrance set forth in Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the By-laws, and these include both elementary Greek and the first two books of Euclid.

We are aware that this will make it somewhat difficult, though not impossible, for men not trained in High Schools to enter even for the Shorter Course of this College, which is the reason why the putting in force of the By-law has been so long delayed, but your Board is convinced that it is necessary to the efficiency of the College, and that the present is an opportune time for an endeavor to realize our own ideals. Indeed, we must do this if we are to meet the demands of the time for a thoroughly educated ministry, or even to keep this institution on a level with others of a like nature in this country.

Two other departments were also added to the general work of the College, one on Elocution and the other on Sunday School work. Your Board has long felt the necessity of providing for the students a thorough training in Elocution, and for some years past has made repeated efforts to secure the co-operation of one or more of the other Theological Colleges in Montreal, as it seemed to them that this at any rate was a subject in which all the colleges might well unite, and so secure the best possible advantage at a moderate expense. These efforts, however, have invariably failed. Some sessions our students have attended the Elocution class of McGill, conducted by Prof. J. P. Stephen, but as there was no hope of that class being revived this session, your Board engaged Prof. Stephen to con-

duct a class in our own College. It is our hope that in the future every student will have a thorough training in that very necessary art of the preacher—the use of his own voice.

The Sunday School work was made possible by the kindness of the Sunday School Union of the Province of Quebec, which generously offered the services of its Secretary, Mr. Geo. H. Archibald, to the colleges for this purpose. We are glad to say that it was found possible for three colleges to unite in this Sunday School work, the Presbyterian, Methodist and our own. The class met on Saturday afternoons in each college in turn. Attendance was not obligatory. But Mr. Archibald, who is a thoroughly trained expert in S. S. work, made the class so interesting and profitable, that the students generally were eager to avail themselves of it, a large proportion of our own students being always present An examination was held at the close, and three prizes were offered by friends of the S. S. Union, of which our students secured two, Mr. A. Secord winning the second prize, and Mr. E. C. Woodley. the third.

This work, conducted without expense to the College, deserves the best thanks of our Churches, and your Board has already expressed its gratitude to the S. S. Union, and its high appreciation of the work accomplished. It is impossible to say at present whether this particular work will become a permanent feature of the College curriculum. If it does, it will, of course, become obligatory, and will also become a charge upon our finances, as it cannot be expected that the S. S. Union will be able to give the services of its Secretary gratuitously year after year.

From the above it will be seen that your Board has actively striven to increase the efficiency of the College. The session has been a full, if not indeed a laborious, one, both to the students and their professors. It is, therefore, gratifying to report that with one or two exceptions, the health of both professors and students has been good, and the work of the classes conducted without interruption.

The Christmas and sessional examinations were duly held, and with satisfactory results.

The Calvary silver medal was awarded to Mr. J. McGuire, of the Theological Course.

Messrs. J. L Alexander, J. McGuire, C. R. Ashdown, J. E. Bradshaw, and J. A. Mair have completed their course of study, and have received the certificate of the College to that effect.

Mr. Ashdown has received an appointment from the American Board to labor in Bitlis in Armenia, and has already departed for his distant field. Mr. Alexander has accepted a call to Middleville, Ont. Mr. Bradshaw has matriculated in medicine, intending to enter upon the medical missionary work. Mr. McGuire has received a call to the church in Kincardine. It may not be out of place to express just here the gratification of your Board that Mr. A. F. Pollock, who took a post-graduate course in Oberlin last winter, has accepted a call to Speedside, Ont ; and Mr. R. G. Watt, who likewise spent last session in Oberlin, is now supplying the church in Fitch Bay, Quebec. We also note with pleasure that the Rev. G. Extence, a former graduate of this College, after a brief but successful ministry in Dakota, has returned to labor in Ontario. This College was founded by the churches of Canada for the training of a Canadian ministry. We have every reason to believe that our students loyally recognize this fact and heartily sympathize with it, and we rejoice at every new evidence that this is so.

We have also much pleasure in reporting that the Rev. F. J. Day, B.A., successfully passed his final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, which was granted him at the College convocation. As this is the first degree granted by this College, it is worthy of special mention. Your Board congratulates Mr. Day on his well-earned success and on his setting an example which they hope will speedily be followed by others.

The session was brought to a close with a large meeting in the Assembly Hall, at which the Principal and graduating students gave addresses.

Since the convocation official reports have been received from the Faculty of Arts of the University concerning the progress of our students attending classes therein. Messrs. C. R. Ashdown and A. R. Ross passed the examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Wallace Johnson having had to retire in the middle of the session on account of sickness, did not present himself for examination. Messrs. A. B. Ross and R. B. Blyth passed the third year examinations, the latter with First Rank Honors in Philosophy. H. G. Rice passed very creditably the examinations of the second year, also T. A. Munroe, while E. C Woodley passed those of the First.

Some of the students of the Shorter Course also passed very creditably the examinations in those subjects allotted to

them. Others, however, not excepting some members of the graduating class, failed to pass in all their subjects.

We trust that this will not be the case in future years, and we have hope that the higher standard required for entrance into this Course will do much to bring about this result. But in addition to this your Board has seriously considered the advisability of postponing convocation until after the results of the McGill examinations shall have been received, in order that they may be reckoned in the granting of certificates from this College.

It also seems desirable that the session should be further lengthened by bringing forward the opening of the College to the middle of September, so that it may synchronize with the commencement of lectures in McGill. These two changes—the latter of which cannot well take place before September, 1898—will lengthen our session by about four or five weeks, which we think is also needed in the interests of an adequate ministerial education. As, however, the date of opening and closing the College is fixed by a special By-law, a notice of motion to change such By-law, and for the present to suspend it, will be presented to this meeting.

There are also several particulars in which the By-laws and regulations as at present drawn up are not sufficiently explicit, or else are out of harmony with our present judgment and our plans for the further improvement of the work of the College, and we would therefore suggest that the incoming Board prepare a new draft of the Constitution and By-laws for presentation at the next annual meeting.

We come now to that which has given your Board the greatest concern of all, namely, the permanent teaching staff of the Institution.

When Dr. Barbour, at the last meeting of this corporation, presented his resignation, to take effect at the close of this present month, your Board felt in common with all the friends of the College, that we had now reached a crisis in our history, and that upon the choice of his successor, the welfare both of this College and our churches throughout the Dominion largely depended. A meeting of the Board was therefore held while the Union was still in session, and a Committee was appointed to make all necessary enquiries, and to report as soon as might be convenient. The result of the enquiries of such Committee

was that the Board, acting on their recommendation, gave a unanimous call to the Rev. J. Henry George, D.D., Ph.D., Pastor of the First Congregational Church of St. Louis, Missouri, to become the Principal of this College. Dr. George gave the matter his earnest consideration, and we have much pleasure now in reporting that after having met your Board here in Kingston, he has stated that it is his intention to return to St. Louis, and resign his charge there in order that he may accept the call to the Principalship of this College.

We have also to report that Prof. Warriner intimated to the Board that he could not hope to continue his double work as Pastor and Professor another year. Your Board earnestly desired him to reconsider the matter, and to hold on to his present position for another session, as it was its desire and intention to take such steps as would enable it to offer him such a salary as would justify him in devoting all his time to this work. Mr. Warriner finally consented to endeavor to carry out the wishes of the Board.

In view of all these circumstances—the increased expenditure necessitated by the lengthening of the Shorter Course, and the sessions, the increased salary of the Principal to bring it back to the position in which it was before Dr. Barbour so generously yielded up five hundred dollars of it yearly, in order to lighten the financial burdens of this Institution, as well as the raising of a sufficient endowment to make it possible to secure Prof. Warriner's whole time—in view of all these things it is evident that a very large increase in the offerings to the College is immediately necessary so that its finances may be put on a satisfactory basis.

The Treasurer's report, we are sorry to say, will show that the finances of the College are in anything but a flourishing condition. We cannot but think, however, that our churches throughout the Dominion, and especially the wealthy members of our churches, will realize the gravity of the present moment, and rise to the great opportunity that is now before us, and determine that, let the sacrifice be what it may, the College shall be put in such an assured position that it may go forward confident of the loyalty and affection of the people, and set free from the trammels of a chronic poverty.

Your Board has commissioned Mr. A. Secord, one of the students, to represent the College among the churches in

Ontario. We are glad to learn already of his very kind reception.

We have also much pleasure in reporting that one of the members of the Board, Mr. S. H. C. Miner, in addition to giving one hundred dollars towards the expenses of sending out Mr. Secord, has promised five hundred dollars a year for five years towards the salary of the new Principal. It is earnestly hoped that others who have means will emulate Mr. Miner's generosity and share his joy in giving largely.

In conclusion we would say that it has been a source of gratification to all that the health of Dr. Barbour has enabled him to prosecute his work without any intermission throughout the whole session, so that in bringing the tenth year of his Principalship to a close and in laying down his office, he does so with the consciousness of knowing that he has to the last fulfilled his engagements in the class-room. We know that we express the feeling of all our churches when we wish that God's richest blessing may attend him all the days of his life, and crown his many years of devoted service with His favor and love. It is according to God's providence that His work shall in the process of time pass from hand to hand, but whoever, at any time, lovingly and wisely puts his hand to the work of Christ lives ever after in the fruit of his labor. We hope that in the hands of the new Principal that work shall grow with the growing years.

It only remains to add that the Directors who retire by virtue of the time limit of their appointment, are Messrs. J. Smith, R. W. McLachlan, S. H. C. Miner, and the Rev. J. Wood. Prof. R. J. Harrington, who was elected a Director at the last meeting, declined to act, as his duties in McGill were at present too exacting to permit of his serving on the Board. It will be necessary, therefore, to elect five Directors at this meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Last year when I presented the Treasurer's Annual Report I was able to report a balance on the right side, and increased contributions from all the Provinces.

I am sorry to say I cannot do so this year, but the opposite in both cases. The balance is on the wrong side, and all the Provinces show a decrease except Quebec.

In the month of September last, circulars, urging the needs of the College. were sent to all the pastors with envelopes for the collection, in time for the second Sunday in October, which is College day. I doubt whether the result justifies the labor and expense, from the returns it would appear as if the larger proportion of the churches never use them.

Comparison by Provinces of receipts last year and this. :

Quebec....	Last year,	14	churches,	$1329.40 ;	this year,	14,	$1402.38.	I.	$72.98
Ontario....	"	39	"	1058.53 ;	"	37,	707.77.	D.	350.76
N. Scotia..	"	7	"	79.85 ;	"	7,	48.43.	D.	31.42
N. Brunswick	"	4	"	97.45 ;	"	1,	26.82.	D.	70.63
North-West	"	1	"	100.00 ;	"	2,	71.85.	D.	28.15
United States				10.00 ;			10.00.		
Totals				$2675.23			$2267.25	D.	407.98

In Quebec 4 churches have not contributed.
Ontario 26 " "
Maritime 11 " "
North-West 2 " "

In Quebec, of the churches contributing last year, six have sent reduced amounts, and two nothing, while three that sent nothing last year, have this, and four have increased their amounts.

In Ontario, of those contributing last year, twenty-eight have sent less, some a mere fraction of what they gave last year, and six nothing; five have sent more; and five that did nothing last year, did this.

In the Maritime Provinces eleven contributed last year and only six of these did this, and two that did not last year did this.

The largest subscribing churches in Ontario are Brantford, $67.33, Toronto Northern, $54.58, and Woodstock, $50; all the rest are below fifty dollars.

In Quebec, Montreal Emmanuel, $467.76, Zion and Calvary, $105 each; Sherbrooke, $97.65; Granby, $88.07; Danville, $50, Waterville, $40. Collection not completed.

The rate of subscription per member, by Provinces, is as follows:—

Quebec, last year,	65⅞c.	per member;	this year,	71½c.,	an increase of	5⅝c.
Ontario,	"	17¼c.	"	"	11½c.,	a decrease of	5¾c.
Maritime,	"	14¾c.	"	"	6⅞c.,	"	8⅝c.
North-West,	"	19c.,	"	"	13½c.,	"	5½c.

There was no agent sent to visit the churches this past year, but Student Secord is now in the West, in the interests of the College, and so far is being well received, his salary being paid by Mr. S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, who has also been a personal subscriber this year to the amount of $300.

Loans to Students: Under this head, only one student required a loan this year, and repayments have almost equalled the payment.

On behalf of the House Committee I have to report maintenance less, but repairs very much more. Extensive repairs were commenced last summer, the first since the erection ef the building, the bills being paid this year. I have to report that new furnaces will be required in both the College and Principal's residence, as well as general repairs to the residence, which will entail a larger expenditure the coming year than for the year just closed.

The result of the year is that revenue is short of expenditure by $615.22, and $390.01 has been added to the floating debt, which now amounts to $4,242.12.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Endowment, I have to report a very small increase this year only thirty-three dollars having been paid in. There is still over two thousand dollars uncollected, all past due, and a large proportion of which I am afraid will never be paid.

The fund now amounts to $48,475.51, but only the revenue of $32,233.39 is available for the current expenses of the College, as $8,000 is a mortgage on the Principal's residence, $4,000 the interest goes to the donors during life, and the floating debt of $4.242.12 makes the balances of the difference.

The Robert Anderson legacy has not yet been received, the trustees taking the full time allowed by the law to realize the estate.

I herewith present the financial statement duly audited.

The whole respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MOODIE,
Treasurer.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Treasurer's Statement for the Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 314 24	
Interest from Endowment Fund	2,585 60	
Contributions Churches, etc	2,267 25	
Legacy late Alex. Scott	68 70	
Room Rent	222 50	
B.D. Examination	10 00	
Loan	390 01	
		$5,858 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Account of Teaching	$3,688 00	
" Students	377 67	
" College Building	818 28	
" Interest	460 45	
" Management	424 87	
Balance on hand	89 03	
		$5,858 30

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Interest from Endowment Fund		$2,585 60
Contributions from Quebec	$1,402 38	
" Ontario	707 77	
" Nova Scotia	48 43	
" New Brunswick	26 82	
" Manitoba	71 85	
" United States	10 00	
		2,267 25
Legacy from late Alex. Scott		68 70
Room Rent		222 50
B.D. Examination		10 00
		$5,154 05
Deficit		615 22
		$5,769 27

Disbursements.

Teaching:			
Principal's Salary		$2,000 00	
Interest on Principal's Residence		400 00	
Prof. Warriner's Salary		850 00	
Mr. Howard, Lecturer		27 00	
Prof. Stephen, Elocution		50 00	
McGill Fees		361 00	
			$3,688 00
Students:			
Loans	$50 00		
Less repaid	46 25		
		3 75	
Proportion of House Maintenance		373 92	
			377 67
College Building:			
Proportion of Cost of Maintenance		200 00	
Repairs		618 28	
			818 28
Interest:			
On Floating Debt due Endowment Fund, $2,400		120 00	
On Floating Debt due C.P.F.S., $1,842.12		90 45	
On $4,000 Donations, till Donors' Death		250 00	
			460 45
Management:			
Office, Printing, Postage, etc		193 82	
Travelling		96 55	
Secretary		75 00	
Insurance		59 50	
			424 87
			$5,769 27

THOS. MOODIE,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

C. T. WILLIAMS,
ARCH. WRIGHT, } *Auditors.*

Montreal, 31st May, 1897.

585 60

ENDOWMENT FUND, CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

267 25
68 70
222 50
10 00

Trustees' Statement for Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

154 05
315 22

769 27

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand from last year	$ 342 41
Subscriptions Paid	33 00
Interest on Investments	2,585 60
	$2,961 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid College Treasurer	$2,585 60
Balance Cash on hand	375 41
	$2,961 01

688 00

ASSETS.

Mortgages on Real Estate	$28,681 70
" " Principal's Residence	8,000 00
Galt Bonds	4,000 00
Collingwood Bonds	3,000 00
5 Shares Bank of Montreal, cost	2,018 50
Loan to Congregational College	2,400 00
Cash in Bank	375 41
	$48,475 51
Assets, 1896	48,442 51
Increase	$ 33 00

377 67

318 28

THOS. MOODIE,
Treasurer.

60 45

Audited and found correct.

C. T. WILLIAMS,
ARCH. WRIGHT, } *Auditors.*

Montreal, May 31st, 1897.

24 87

69 27

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

BARRIE.

Total	$ 7 64

BOWMANVILLE.

Total	$ 9 10

BRANTFORD.

L. O. Banting	$ 1 55
Mrs. Cutmore	1 00
Miss Goold	2 10
E. L. Goold	7 00
Mrs. Hartman	1 00
Mrs. Hill	1 00
Mrs. Jno. Ott	10 00
Mrs. J. Holdham	2 00
W. H. Shapley	2 20
Rev. John Scholfield	1 00
Mrs. James Thompson	3 50
James Wilkes	3 00
Mrs. J. Wilkes	1 70
Miss A. Wilkes	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Wisner	5 00
Mrs. W. S. Wisner	1 00
W. Wickens	5 00
Henry Yeigh	15 00
Small sums	3 28
Total	$67 33

BURFORD.

Total	$10 25

DALSTON.

Total	$ 2 05

EDGAR.

Total	$ 4 61

EMBRO.

Total	$29 25

FOREST.

Forest, Plympton	$ 6 60

CENTRAL CHURCH :

Rev. Dr. Hindley	$ 5 00
Mr. J. D. Livingston	5 00
" W. Scott, jr	1 00
" J. Dunham	1 00
Mrs. W. Gammon	50
Collection and small sums	2 35
Miss F. B. Rawlings	4 00
Total	$25 45

FERGUS.

Total	$ 7 57

FROME.

Total	$ 6 50

GARAFRAXA.

Total	$ 6 55

GEORGETOWN.

Total	$23 00

GUELPH.

James Goldie	$10 00
John Goldie	5 00
Misses Gausby	1 50
J. W. Lyon	1 00

G. Newton	1 00
Miss Tatham	1 00
Miss Hodgskin	1 00
R. Goldie	1 00
Sundry	5 30
Total	$26 80

HAMILTON.

First.

Total	$20 00

Immanuel.

Total	$ 6 00

KINGSTON.

First.

Wm. Johnston	$ 1 00
W. J. Fair	1 00
Wm. Neish	1 00
David Scott	2 00
Mrs. George Robertson	20 00
L. L. Henderson	1 00
No Name	25
"	25
J. A. Hendry	2 00
J. F. McEwan	1 00
No Name	50
"	1 00
"	1 00
Total	$32 00

Bethel.

Total	$10 61

LANARK.

Rev. D. C. McIntosh	$ 5 00
W. W. Craig	2 00
A. F. McIlraith	1 00
Mrs. W. A. Field	1 00
R. Robertson	3 00
Miss Janet Watt	1 00
J. T. Robertson	5 00
T. B. Caldwell	5 00
James Watt	1 00
J. H. Wilson	1 00
R. R. Drysdale	2 00
George Hunt	1 00
Robert Watt	1 00
John Watt	1 00
Miss Maud Watt	1 00
R. W. Robertson	1 00
Small Sums	3 50
Plate Collections (Sunday)	3 80
Total	$39 30

LISTOWEL.

Total	$ 3 00

LONDON.

First.

Sunday School	$ 5 00

Southern.

Total	$ 6 50

MAXVILLE AND ST. ELMO.

J. W. Kennedy	$ 4 00
Dr. Munro	1 00
J. P. McDougall	1 00
Mrs. J. P. McDougall	1 00
P. F. McEwen	1 00
T. W. Munro	1 00
D. P. McDougall	1 00
Lizzie Munro	1 00
J. W. Weegar	1 00
Thomas McEwen	1 00
Donald McDougall	1 00
J. J. McEwen	1 00
D. A. McEwen	1 00
Don. McEwen	1 00
John F. McEwen	1 00
Dan. McDougall	1 00
F. D. Sinclair	1 00
Peter Munro	1 00
Don. Kennedy	1 00
Small Sums	1 00
Total	$23 00

MIDDLEVILLE, HOPETOWN AND ROSETTA.

Total	$23 50
For 1895-96	10 00

NEW DURHAM.

Total	$ 3 00

OTTAWA.

Total	$20 00

PARIS.

Thomas Hall	$ 6 00
Miss A. Brown	2 00
Mrs. Whitlaw	2 00
J. Carnie	1 00
A. H. Baird	1 00
Mrs. N. Hamilton	1 00
D. Patton, sr	1 00
J. Finlayson	1 00
P. Buckley	1 00
Small sums	2 45
E. D. Silcox	5 00
Total	$23 45

RUGBY.

Total	$ 3 34

SCOTLAND.

Total	$20 17

SPEEDSIDE.

Total	$ 7 20

STOUFFVILLE.

Rev. J. D. McEwen	$ 1 00
Collection	10 00
Total	$11 00

ST. CATHARINES.

Total	$ 3 25

TORONTO.

ZION.

Sydney Turner	$ 5 00
Miss Dickie	5 00
Benevolent Fund	4 00
David Higgins	2 00
J. J. Woodhouse	2 00
Miss Ella Jamieson	1 00
W. Freeland	1 00
Mrs. Freeland	1 00
Small sums	2 00
Total	$23 00

NORTHERN.

Total	$54 55

BROADVIEW.

Total	$ 3 00

TURNBERRY.

Total	$ 3 50

WINGHAM.

Total	$ 5 30

WOODSTOCK.

Rev. A. F. McGregor	$ 2 00
Collections	48 00
Total	$50 00

PERSONALS.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss McKillican.	$ 5 00
Wm. McKillican	3 00
Toronto Anonymous	10 00
Miss Horton, Port Perry	4 00
B. W. Robertson, Kingston	50 00
Total	$72 00

Total for Ontario	$707 77

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

AYER'S FLAT AND BOYNTON.

Ayer's Flat	$ 6 25
Boynton	3 75
Rev. Churchill Moore	5 00
Total	$15 00

COWANSVILLE.

Total	$ 9 50

DANVILLE.

Total	$50 00

FITCH BAY.

Total	$ 5 70

FRANKLIN CENTRE.

Total	$ 4 30

GRANBY.

Total	$88 07

MONTREAL

Zion.

Thomas Moodie	$25 00
John Date	10 00
Henry Birks	10 00
S. P. Leet	5 00
Mrs. S. P. Leet	5 00
R. S. Weir	5 00
W. Seath	5 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner	3 00
John A. Currie	2 00
J. K. Lindsay	2 00
J. Leslie	2 00
J. Johnston	2 00
———	2 00
Mrs. A. Douglas	2 00
" Geo. Robinson	2 00
A. E. Hanna	1 50
John Scott	1 00
E. Cribb	1 00
J. B. Owens	1 00
H. Swain	1 00
T. Wilson	1 00
Mrs. R. S. Weir	1 00
H. Woodley	1 00
Miss James	1 00
Mrs. J. Walker	1 00
" J. Moore	50
" Van Buren	50
Miss MacMartin	50
Small sums	6 00
Total	$100 00

Emmanuel.

Francis Scholes	$50 00
John Macintosh	20 00
Wm. Reid	20 00
Mrs. Fisher	20 00
Mr. J. W. Wilson, Sheffield, England	20 00
Chas. Gurd	65 00
G. B. Burland	20 00
J. B. Learmont	15 00
Henry Birks & Sons	15 00
W. R. Ross	10 00
C. R. Black	10 00
R. C. Jamieson	10 00
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Evans	10 00
Chas. Alexander	10 00
Miss Learmont	10 00
W. J. Learmont	10 00
J. Linton	10 00
S. Huxley	5 00
Henry Lyman	10 00
Dr. Harrington	5 00
Gus. Harries	5 00
J. M. M. Duff	5 00
Mrs. Macintosh	5 00
Mrs. Learmont	5 00
W. M. Reid	5 00
Dr. Gurd	5 00
Alex. Scott	5 00
R. Bryson	5 00
A. Spaulding	5 00

Dr. Wanless	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson	5 00
Geo. Lyman	5 00
H. H. Lyman	5 00
A. H. Thomson	3 00
C. T. Williams	3 00
W. B. Blackader	3 00
Mrs. Dr. F. Gurd	3 00
Arthur Birks	3 00
Theo. Lyman	3 00
A. R. and Mrs. Grafton	3 00
W. Gamble	2 00
Mrs. C. R. Black	2 00
C. W. Sims	2 00
W. Campbell	2 00
G. R. Kearley	2 00
Mrs. R. C. Jamieson	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Grafton	2 00
A. McA. Murphy	2 00
Miss P. Black	1 00
" A. Blackader	1 00
" H. Blackader	1 00
W. H. Black	1 00
Anon	1 00
Master F. Gurd	1 00
" D. Gurd	1 00
Mrs. Leishman	1 00
Anon	1 00
F. H. Gardner	1 00
Mrs. Williamson	1 00
" Sanders	1 00
Miss H. Jamieson	1 00
G. Johnston	1 00
Mrs. Birks	1 00
Miss Birks	1 00
G. Mowitt	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Lay	1 00
J. S. and Mrs. Mather	1 00
Small sums	1 26
Chas. Gurd, for 1897-8	50 00
Total	$517 26

CALVARY.

T. B. Macaulay	$20 00
J. R. Dougall	20 00
Rev. E. M. Hill	15 00
Mrs. R. Macaulay	10 00
S. P. Rowell	5 00
Chas. Cushing	5 00
Miss Dougall	2 00
" J. Smith	2 00
J. C. Luttrell	2 00
Geo. McGarry	2 00
F. E. Dougall	2 00
R. W. McLachlan	2 00
Mrs. Toller	2 00
Geo. McLeod	1 00
D. Quimby	1 00
J. T. Gladston	1 00
Mrs. Powter	1 00
Geo. Jones	1 00
A. R. Powter	1 00
Anonymous contributions and smaller amounts	10 00
Total	$105 00

PT. ST. CHARLES.

Total	$16 30

BETHLEHEM.

Total	$ 3 00

STANSTEAD SOUTH.

Total	$25 10

SHERBROOKE.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Morey	$20 00
Rev. F. J. Day	5 00
Mrs. Hawes	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard	5 00
A. S. Hurd	5 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell	5 00
Pastor's Bible Class	5 00
T. J. Tuck	4 00
J. S. Mitchell	3 00
Miss M. J. Mitchell	3 00
W. H. Abbott	2 00
W. Blue	2 00
N. Dinning	2 00
G. A. LeBaron	2 00
Mrs. M. McKechnie	2 00
I. E. Mitchell	2 00
E. W. Abbott	1 00
L. D. Abbott	1 00
Miss Mary E. Abbott	1 00
Mrs. A. Bormallie	1 00
Miss M. F. Dickinson	1 00
Mrs. L. Farwell	1 00
Dr. W. A. Farwell	1 00
S. W. Jenckes	1 00
A. S. McCaw	1 00
J. McIntosh	1 00
Mrs. R. Mitchell	1 00
" H. J. Morey	1 00

A. T. Nourse	1 00
S. S. Class (I. E. M.)	1 00
A. M. Sangster	1 00
S. Tuck	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Anonymous and small sums	8 65
Total	$97 65

WATERVILLE.

Total	$60 50
Personal Subs., Mr. S. H. C. Miner	$300 00
Total for Quebec	$1402 38

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BROOKLYN.

Harvey McLeod	$ 1 00
Rev. C. Duff	2 00
Smaller sums	3 03
Total	$ 6 03

BEACH MEADOWS.

Edward Corkum	$ 1 00
H. A. Monsar	50
Mrs. S. A. Nickerson	1 00
Henry Wentzel	1 00
Smaller sums	1 63
Total	$ 5 13

CHEBOGUE.

Total	$ 2 60

LIVERPOOL.

Total	$ 4 75

MARGAREE.

Total	$ 1 42

TRURO.

Rev. John Wood	$ 2 60
Collection	2 40
Total	$ 5 00

YARMOUTH

C. E. Society	$ 5 00
Collection	17 00
Total	$22 00
Half collection Cong'l Union N. S. and N. B	$ 1 53
Total for Nova Scotia	$48 43

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

SHEFFIELD.

Arch. Harrison	$ 2 00
Miss Ida Barker	1 00
H. H. Bridges	2 00
Mrs. P. K. Barker	1 00
F. B. Jewett	1 00
E. C. Burpee	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burpee	5 00
Miss Bernice Lawson	10
Rev. J. M. Austin	2 00
Chas. J. Burpee	2 00
Newton Burpee	50
Chas. Henry Burpee	50
Miss Charlotte Burpee	50
" Adeline Burpee	50
Collection	6 19
Total	$25 29
Half collection Cong'l Union N. S. and N. B	$ 1 53
Total for New Brunswick	$26 82

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG CENTRAL.

Total	$46 85

BRANDON.

Calvary Church.

Wm. Muir	$ 5 00
A. B. Fleming	5 00
Endeavor Society	5 00
J. Craig Watt	2 00
H. Cater	1 50
Geo. Kellaway	1 00
Harold Hill	1 00
F. Russell	1 00
J. C. Knight	1 00
J. J. White	1 00
Wm. MacKenzie	50
T. H. Farrar	50
J. S. Templeton	50
Total	$25 00
Total for Manitoba	$71 85

UNITED STATES.

Rev. A. W. Gerrie	$10 00

1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
50
50
50
825 00
871 85
810 00

Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

Officers and Committees for 1897-98.

President.

CHARLES CUSHING, Esq., B.C.L., ... Montreal, Que.

Secretary.

REV. A. F. McGREGOR, B.A., ... Woodstock, Ont.

Treasurer.

CHARLES R. BLACK, Esq., . Bank of Toronto Chambers, Montreal.

Executive Committee.

REV. J. W. PEDLEY, B.A., ... *Western Association.*
HENRY O'HARA, Esq., ... *Central (Toronto)* "
REV. WM. McINTOSH, ... *Eastern* "
REV. E. C. EVANS, D.D., ... *Quebec* "
REV. J. W. COX, B.A.
REV. E. E. BRAITHWAITE, B.A., } . . *Nova Scotia.*
MR. C. E. McMICHAEL, ... *New Brunswick.*

General Committee.

REV. J. K. UNSWORTH, B.A.,
" JOHN MORTON,
" C. E. BOLTON,
" WM. JOHNSTON,
" T. B. HYDE,
" A. W. RICHARDSON, B.A.,
" E. M. HILL, M.A.,
" W. T. GUNN, B.A.,
" F. J. DAY, B.D.,
" J. SCHOLFIELD,
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R. J. McKELVEY, Esq.,
S. P. LEET, Esq.
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Messrs. A. McA. MURPHY, Esq., } *Montreal.*
B. B. STEVENSON, Esq., }

NOTICE.

It is becoming more than ever a practice among Christian people to recognize the Lord's portion in their Last Wills and Testaments, whereby though they be dead they speak and act in the furtherance of Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent objects. American Congregationalists are among the most wise and generous in this way, and have left legacies of blessings for succeeding generations. Among the members of our Congregational churches in Canada there have also been those who have followed a likewise generous course.

For the guidance of those who may desire to make like bequests, the following legal form is subjoined. The amount bequeathed may be devoted specially to the Church Extension and Building Fund, in which case the income would only be used, or may be given for the general purposes of the Society.

FORM FOR A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, incorporated by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, A.D. 1885, the sum of.....out of my estate, to be paid.....without any charge or deduction whatever; and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Corporation shall be called "THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY," and shall conduct its operations within the limits of the Dominion of Canada.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be as set forth in the Act of Incorporation, namely, to plant and to foster Congregational churches in suitable localities; to aid churches in sustaining their pastors where required.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All persons being members or adherents of Congregational churches, paying two dollars annually into the funds of the Society, shall be members, and those who *subscribe at one time twenty dollars or more*, shall be life members. Churches subscribing annually ten dollars or more, may be represented at the annual meetings of the Society by one delegate, and churches subscribing fifty dollars or more may be represented by two delegates. Each Auxiliary branch contributing annually to the funds of the Society ten dollars or more, may be represented by one delegate. The above-mentioned subscribers and delegates shall constitute the membership of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Superintendent and two Auditors. The Standing Committee shall be a General Committee and an Executive Committee. These officers and committees shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall all be members of the Corporation. The General Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent, and not more than twenty-five members. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Superintendent, the Honorary Secretary, and one member from each District Association within the bounds of the operations of the Society, who may be nominated by the Association.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and its Committees, when practicable, and shall seek to promote the general interest of the Society's work.

The Secretary shall have charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, shall call the meetings of the Society and its Committees, and shall exhibit the records of the proceedings at each meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society, disbursing them as directed by the General or Executive Committees, and shall present annually a full account of all receipts and disbursements.

The Superintendent shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee, to whom he shall report quarterly, visit the churches of the Congregational order within the bounds of the Society's operations with a view of deepening their interest in its work, and of securing liberal contributions for the Society, and shall explore new mission fields, secure missionaries for vacant churches, and have a general oversight of the interests and work of the Society.

The Auditors shall examine the accounts of the Society when required, and make an annual audit of the Treasurer's books previous to the annual meeting of the Society.

The General Committee shall exercise all the corporate powers of the Society, have charge of the annual mission grants made to the churches, examine, employ and direct all the missionaries of the Society, and have a general supervision of its affairs. They shall present a report of the work of the Society at each of its annual meetings.

The Executive Committee shall have full charge and power for the administration of the affairs of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings of the General Committee; shall receive all applications from churches for aid from the Society, and report thereon to the General Committee, to whom they shall also make an annual report of their proceedings.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The Corporation shall meet annually on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday in June, at the place where the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec assembles. A public annual missionary meeting shall be held on the evening of the next day. Special meetings for the despatch of special business may be called by the Executive Committee at such time and place as may be deemed desirable, provided that a month's notice be given thereof. The General Committee shall hold their meeting at the same time and place as the Corporation, at the call of the Secretary; and the Executive Committee shall hold their quarterly meeting at the time and place it may be agreed upon.

ARTICLE VII.—CHURCH EXTENSION AND BUILDING FUND.

All sums of money specially collected, given or bequeathed for the purpose, together with the proceeds received from the sale of disused church property, shall form a Church Extension and Building Fund, which shall be invested by the Corporation, who may apply the income thereof, by the General or the Executive Committee, by the way of loans, or otherwise, for the organization of churches in new fields, and for the erection or enlargement of places of worship where they may be required.

ARTICLE VIII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Auxiliary branches of this Society may be formed in churches and localities, to co-operate in the work of the Society. Each branch shall, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of the Society, make an annual report to the Secretary, and send to the Treasurer all funds collected on its behalf.

ARTICLE IX.—MISSIONARIES.

Each missionary in the employment of this Society must be a regularly accredited member of a Congregational church, and shall endeavor faithfully to promote all the interests of the Congregational denomination in Canada. He shall send to the Secretary a half-yearly statement of his work, on or before the first day of December and May in each year, and furnish such statistical returns as may be called for.

ARTICLE X.—MISSIONS.

Each church requiring a missionary grant by the General Committee, must make application therefor through the Secretary, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of the Society, according to the printed forms provided, in which a certificate to the effect that all previous pledges of support to its pastor have been fulfilled, shall be inserted. Churches aided by this Society are required to make an annual collection for the funds, and to keep their property sufficiently insured; and such churches acquiring property, shall have inserted in the Trust Deed a clause providing that in case the church shall at any time be disbanded or cease to exist, the property shall revert to the Society.

ARTICLE XI.—RECEIVING AND DISMISSING PASTORS.

Churches aided by this Society are required, as far as practicable, in the settlement and dismissal of pastors, to carry out the recommendations passed by the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, in 1876, in relation to Councils. In cases where this is impracticable, the sanction of the Executive Committee must be obtained before a settlement or dismissal of a pastor is consummated.

ARTICLE XII.—CONVEYING PROPERTY.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary, or any two of them, shall be the duly authorized persons on behalf of the Corporation to convey real estate, and to discharge mortgages; and the Treasurer shall be the duly authorized person, on behalf of the Corporation, to accept conveyances of real estate, and to receive mortgages. The Treasurer shall affix the Corporation seal to all documents which may require it.

ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Society, one day's notice having previously been given of the proposed amendment, in writing.

MINUTES OF THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
Kingston, Ont., June 9th, 1897.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Charles Cushing, Rev. Dr. Evans was appointed Chairman.

Rev. H. E. Mason, Wingham, was appointed Minute Secretary.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Mr. Macallum offered prayer.

The Chairman then called upon the Rev. A. F. McGregor, Secretary of the Society, to read his annual report.

It was moved by Mr. S. P. Leet, seconded by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, "That the Secretary's report be received." Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded,—That we defer the adoption of the Secretary's report until the report of the Treasurer be heard. The amendment was carried.

Mr. C. R. Black, the Treasurer of the Society, then presented his annual statement.

It was moved by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, seconded by the Rev. J. McKillican, "That both reports be received and adopted." Motion carried. This motion was spoken to by the Revs. W. T. Gunn, E. M. Hill, W. H. Warriner, W. H. Watson and Mr. S. P. Leet.

Mr. C. R. Black gave the following notice of motion for change in the Constitution,—That Article xii. be changed to read as follows:

The President, Treasurer and Secretary, or any two of them, shall be the duly authorized persons on behalf of the Corporation to convey real estate and to discharge mortgages; and the Treasurer shall be the duly authorized person,

on behalf of the Corporation, to accept conveyances of real estate, and to receive mortgages.

The Treasurer shall affix the Corporation seal to all documents which may require it.

Mr. Black also presented the following notice of motion :

That all conveyances of real estate and discharges of mortgages, signed by the President and Treasurer on behalf of the Society, and all acceptances of mortgages or real estate, signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Society, up to this date, be and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. A. R. Wray, State Superintendent of Home Missions for Missouri, U.S.A., who addressed the audience.

The Secretary brought forward the following recommendations of the Executive Committee for office for the ensuing year.

President, Mr. Charles Cushing, B.C.L.; *Secretary*, Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A.; *Treasurer*, C. R. Black, Esq.

Executive District Representatives: *Western*, Rev. J. W. Pedley, B.A.; *Central*, Henry O'Hara, Esq.; *Eastern*, Rev. Wm. McIntosh; *Quebec*, Rev. E. C. Evans, D.D.; and in addition three representatives from the Maritime Union Meeting in July.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Revs. J. K. Unsworth, C. E. Bolton, John Morton, J. Scholfield, Wm. Johnston, T. B. Hyde, A. W. Richardson, E. M. Hill, W. T. Gunn, T. J. Day, and Messrs. B. W. Robertson, A. Alexander, R. Y. Blyth, J. C. Copp, R. J. McKelvey, S. P. Leet, Chas. Gurd, R. W. McLachlan, S. H. C. Miner.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. McA. Murphy, B. B. Stevenson.
This report was adopted.
The Society then adjourned.

ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE C. C. M. S., June 10, '97.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was on motion resolved,—That Article xii. of the Constitution be amended in accordance with notice of motion presented by the Treasurer.

Resolved,—Also that the resolution *re* conveyances, discharges of mortgages, as read yesterday, be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. C. R. Black, and seconded by Mr. S. P. Leet:

"That the cordial thanks of the C.C.M.S. are due, and are hereby tendered to the Colonial Missionary Society for their financial help in connection with the opening of a cause in Victoria, B.C. We heartily welcome the re-entrance of our English friends on our field of Home Mission work, and we hope that they will continue to help us to open new fields, which without their aid we should be unable to undertake."

The motion was carried.

It was moved by Rev. A. F. McGregor, and seconded by Rev. J. McKillican:

"That the cordial thanks of this Society are hereby extended to the Congregational Home Missionary Society in the United States, for the valuable services so generously rendered to the Society in connection with our work in B.C." Carried.

It was moved by Rev. J. Wood, and seconded by Mr. S. P. Leet:

"That a hearty vote of thanks from this Society be sent to the Woman's Board for the substantial aid given us in the past year. Carried.

It was moved and seconded,—That when we adjourn, we do so, subject to the call of the Chairman and Secretary. Carried.

The Chairman then called upon some of our Home Missionaries for reports from their fields of labor.

This call was responded to by Rev. H. J. Horsey, Welcome Zion Church, Ottawa; Rev. Geo. Extence, Alton and North Erin; Rev. R. Hopkin, Westmount; Rev. W. H. Watson, Immanuel Church, Hamilton; J. L. Brown, Franklin Centre; J. P. Gerrie, Broadview Avenue, Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Puddefoot then addressed the Society. After singing a hymn, Rev. W. F. Clarke closed the meeting with prayer.

HARRY E. MASON,
Minute Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organizations depending on the voluntary contributions of the people are liable to suffer in times of financial depression. No societies are more likely to be thus affected than the missionary societies. Where the stress of no sacred obligation is felt, where a missionary society is thought to have but a merely sentimental basis, it is no matter of surprise that the missionary treasuries are not overflowing.

The absence of any regular means of stimulating and strengthening home missionary interest and loyalty in local churches, and defective systems of collecting contributions from the people, have also an important bearing on the prosperity of our Society's work.

Some churches there are whose methods are quite admirable. The various denominational objects have their places in the plan of the year's contributions. System and regularity are characteristic features. But there are other churches, more in number than is commonly thought, which have no intelligent definite plan of giving. First come first served. Collection for the loudest claimant seems to be the way of the work.

A study for the past year of the need of our churches as a whole, in the matter of their support of this Society, leads one to remark the great importance attaching to forethought and system in this as in every other good work.

The unpleasant task often imposed on ministers and special officers of making repeated and unwelcome appeals to contributors, would for the most part be rendered unnecessary if the local church only worked any intelligent plan earnestly and perseveringly. There is truly a great educational work to be done in this direction, and it must not be forgotten that the work of education is slow, very slow work. Hence our need as stewards of cultivating the virtue of patience.

Since last January, according to the special appointment of the Executive, I have sought to supply the lack of missionary

superintendency, as far as my duties to my own church would permit, in Central and Western Ontario. By visit and by pen, imperfectly, I know, I have striven to awaken new interest in the home missionary work. Each church visited and association addressed received me with cordiality. The Toronto Association heard me patiently while I reminded them of their shortcomings for the year past, and it is pleasing to record that brethren there have this year considerably increased their contributions to our Society.

Thinking it desirable that one Sunday should be observed as Home Missionary Sunday, the Secretary addressed a personal letter to every Congregational pastor in Canada, requesting that wherever possible, February 14 be a day of prayer for, and in remembrance of the C. C. M. S. We have reason to believe that in the greater number of our churches the day was so devoted. In continuing this practice it will be necessary not to interrupt in any way any well-understood arrangement of the Foreign Missionary Society, as by an inadvertence was the case this year. Distinct in some aspects, the two societies like double stars must be; yet it must not be forgotten that in a large way they are really one.

The action taken by the Union last year in appointing a committee on closer fellowship with our churches in the United States, in which action this Society was peculiarly interested, was duly communicated to the sister society, and was very kindly acknowledged by the secretaries. A readiness was expressed by them to co-operate with us in any way within their power. Several notable services have accordingly been rendered us by our brethren over the way. In response to our desire, the Rev. A. J. Bailey, Missionary Superintendent for the State of Washington, visited Victoria and Vancouver in our interests, and thereby put us in possession of important information while cheering and guiding those far-distant churches. The cost of these visits to this Society was merely nominal, so that we are under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bailey. We therefore desire to bear glad testimony to the courtesy of the brethren of the American Home Missionary Committee in this neighborly service.

It was the privilege of your Secretary to attend in July last the International Christian Endeavor Convention in the City of Washington, and to convey Canadian Congregational

greetings to the splendid rally of Congregationalists on the week day, and to the Congregational missionary rally on Sunday.

It was on the platform of the latter meeting that I first met and heard the Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, the earnest, successful and widely-known Field Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society. Then and there I invited him to visit us, and then and there he kindly consented to do so, subject to the will of his Committee. In fulfilment of which promise he is with us this week to cheer us, as he no doubt will, by his genial presence, and inspire us by his stirring speech.

In this connection we note with pleasure that the Rev. E. C. Evans, D.D., of Montreal, attended the annual meeting of the American Home Missionary Society, just held in Saratoga, U.S., and conveyed the cordial greetings of the C. C. M. S. to the brethren there assembled.

We thus rejoice that what legislation cannot do towards bringing men together, the missionary cause accomplishes. Though tariffs divide, service unites.

Some change in the ranks of the missionary pastors are noted. Rev. P. C. L. Harris has been settled in Victoria, B. C. Rev. J. C. Watt has left Brandon vacant. Rev. D. S. Hamilton, of Lake Shore and Ebenezer, has taken up the work in Point St. Charles. Rev. E. C. W. McColl, of Kingsport, N. S.. is now pastor of Lake Shore and Ebenezer, and Rev. Thomas Hall, formerly of Point St. Charles, is now in Melbourne. Mr. J. McGuire, one of the graduating class of our college this year, has been called to labor in Kincardine. Rev. George Trotter Carr is pastor in Stratford, succeeding Rev. George Fuller, who has gone to England. Rev. Matthew Kelly is pastor in Listowel, the former field of labor of Rev. Robert Hopkin, of Westmount, Montreal. Rev. A. Lennox has been called to Barrie, Rev. J. H. Barnett to Bowmanville. Rev. H. E. Mason is pastor in Wingham, Rev. H. I. Horsey in Welcome Zion, Ottawa, and Rev. James Blesdell has taken up work in Economy. Rev. John Wood has resigned in Truro, and Rev. Jacob W. Cox has settled in Maitland (Noel and Lower Selmah.)

Correspondence has also been maintained with our friends of the Colonial Society in England. We thankfully acknowledge their goodness in making a grant of £75 stg., to aid the newly-organized church in Victoria, in British Columbia. We have put

forth some efforts toward a further enlistment of their practical sympathy for those places in the West where mining industries are concentrated, and likely to be operating for years to come. It is of course well not to be too hasty, but there is a time, surely, when a free, adjustable, catholic agency, such as Congregationalism is, can enter those energetic organizing communities with inestimable blessing to British Columbia and indirectly to the country at large. If we should delay to enter in now a great opportunity will certainly be lost.

Again would we emphasize the desirableness of our churches securing, and faithfully holding on to our Canadian trained men. With here and there a notable exception, the best work is done for the local church and the denomination by men native to our soil and trained in our institutions. It is to be regretted that occasionally a man trained in our College proves a disappointment to us, but, taken all in all, our denomination stands to-day, by the blessing of the Lord, on the lives and labors of men that are, and are determined to be, Canada's loyal and devoted sons.

In order that more progress may be made in our home missionary fields, we would in a word call attention to the importance of method in missionary collections, the value of accredited visitation to the majority of our churches, the advisability of a yearly day of common supplication for the Home Mission work, the advantage of missionary reciprocity with the United States and the Mother Country, the open door in British Columbia, and the encouragement of Canadian men for Canadian Congregational work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. McGregor,
Secretary.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REPORTS FROM OUR HOME FIELDS.

ONTARIO.

EBENEZER AND LAKE SHORE. — Rev. E. C. W. MacColl, reporting for the half year of his settlement, writes in May:

During the five months of my service here, five have been led to seek fellowship with us on profession of faith. The spirit of harmony and earnestness is very marked. The Y. P. S. C. E. at both places heartily co-operate with the pastor and the church, and we therefore look for blessing on the labors of so many young Christians.

ST. CATHARINES.—Rev. W. Wye Smith. Mr. Smith, always prompt in reporting, in his December report, said:

If it were not for the Sunday school, our hearts would almost fail us. It keeps up well. Last Sunday, one hundred and two present. Average attendance for the year, eighty-eight. Our congregations are small. For the past few years the population has been stationary, and under the most favorable circumstances not many Congregationalists move in. I believe all our people give the Lord "the tenth."

May, '97:

The County Gaol is regularly visited by the C. E. Society. A useful Junior C. E. Society is at work. During the year, made 424 pastoral visits. Our financial standing is better than the published statistics show, as repairs and improvements on the building, to the value of $300, done this spring, will not appear, as our accounts are reported from January to January. The relations between pastor and people are all that could be desired.

KINCARDINE.—Rendered vacant by the call of Rev. C. E. Bolton to Garafraxa and Belwood. Mr. John McGuire, one of the graduates of our College last spring, has been called, and is earnestly at work in this needy field.

WATFORD.—Is no longer on our list of aided churches, inasmuch as, by the blessing of God on the very faithful labors of Rev. A. Margrett, the pastor, the church is now self-supporting.

STRATFORD.—Rev. G. Trotter Carr. In February, Mr. Carr wrote :

With all our care and economy, and we have cut everything down to the lowest notch, we are nearly forty dollars behind in the first six months of my pastorate. This, in addition to the old annoying floating debt, leaves us about $230 in arrears on ordinary working expenses. It also makes us stand discredited in the community. I have committed myself and the church to this : "Sink or swim, *no more debt* for working expenses." Only last night we had a demand from the Gas Company for a payment of $43, due before I took charge. Instead of paying for a Janitor $60 a year as formerly, our young people have undertaken to keep the church clean, light the fires, etc.

The old parsonage is made to do new work. The large front room has been made cozy, and in it the Bible class, and prayer meetings are held. Our aim was (Mrs. Carr's and mine) to make it a "Congregational *House*."

Mr. and Mrs. Carr certainly merit all sympathy in their brave and unselfish struggle against strong "contrary winds" of cumulative unpaid church-bills, for which they were in no-wise responsible.

From knowledge gleaned by the Secretary while on the ground for a Sunday, much reason was found for encouraging a steadfast band of workers, in their really heroic adhesion to the Congregational cause, despite very serious odds against them.

HAMILTON, IMMANUEL CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Watson. In December last, Mr. Watson reported :

This report embraces 26 weeks. Made 257 visits. Did a good deal of outside work. Have received 5 by letter and 7 by profession. We have 53 members all told. Financially, we are slowly getting to the point of paying our expenses. We have new platform chairs presented to us, and we hope to get a new pulpit soon. I was asked to go to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, but preferred to stay on (that is, they wanted me to let my name be brought up there). Although at times I get discouraged, and feel like giving up to some one else, I go on again, and hope for better things. Our congregations are much larger, and more men come than ever. If we could only keep what we get! but the neighborhood is so changeful. I am paid promptly to the day, and we hold every object of the denomination before us.

From Mr. Watson's report in May :

Audiences remain the same. Our membership has suffered by some removals.

[Mr. Watson has been blamed by some for his giving undue prominence to the cause of Missions, in view of the needs of the local work. It is no strange thing, however, that there should be such criticism ; such criticisms are heard in more than one field].

We have only about ten Congregationalists outside of our own family in the church. It is therefore not easy to *enthuse* the people from a deno-

minational standpoint! This is not by way of fault-finding, but explanatory of results.

WINGHAM.—Rev. H. C. Mason. Mr. Mason became the pastor of this church on the first Sunday in June, 1896; there being no pastor for the six months previous: Mr. Mason wrote last winter:

Owing to difficulties in connection with the previous pastorate, and to the vacancy, matters were in a rather unhappy condition. Congregations have steadily increased. The Sunday school is in a creditable condition. I superintend, and teach the Bible class. There is peace within our borders. The financial situation is encouraging.

In a later report, Mr. Mason says:

The floating debt has been cancelled by the prompt and self-sacrificing efforts of the people. The congregations are three times as large as when I first came. Last Communion we received by letter five new members. Some four or five families have connected themselves with the church since the fall.

TORONTO, BROADVIEW AVE.—Rev. J. P. Gerrie, B.A. In his half-yearly report, Mr. Gerrie writes:

It has been a long weary pull to discharge building obligations, and at the same time meet the current expenses of the church; and it has been by the strictest economy that we have been able to make ends meet. For upwards of three years the services of care-taking have been gratuitous, as have also been those of the Organist. All things considered, our congregations were never better. One pleasing feature is the attendance at our church services of quite a number of men and women who have not been attending any church.

A Junior C. E. Society has been organized since my last report, which is now one of the most flourishing institutions of the church. A Boys' Brigade is also reported for the first time, which already has the distinction of being *the largest in Canada*.

In the May report. Mr. Gerrie says:

Two additions to our membership in April, and two in May, were made. Four are before the church now for action. Six of the eight have been practically brought in from non-attendance at any church service. We have organized a series of Mothers' meetings, a programme of which is enclosed. The Sunday school, last week, went a little over 200 in attendance. The Junior C. E. has an attendance of 100.

From the above, and more that could be given from the pastor's reports, it will be seen that this church is one of the very best working churches in our Dominion.

BOWMANVILLE.—This church was supplied by Mr. Charles R. Ashdown, from May 1st to December 31st of last year. The

town has a population of 3,500, and seven churches. Two hundred and sixty are under the care of our church. Sunday school numbers 100. Sixty church members. Mr. Ashdown reported:

> The attendance during the above period was very good, and an improvement on the year previous. Audiences ranging from 60 to 90 in the morning and from 75 to 150 at night. Homes were visited at an average of once in six weeks. I taught a Bible class of about 25 each Sabbath afternoon.
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> I want to bear testimony to the kindness of deacons, members and adherents, and would strongly commend the church to the best support possible from the Society.

Rev. J. H. Barnett has been called to the pastorate of the church, and is doing good work.

BARRIE.—Rev. A. Lennox. After the leaving of Mr. A. B. Secord for College, in July last, the church sought for a settled pastor, and after a while secured Mr. Lennox to be their pastor for six months at least. The financial question is the difficulty. The members are doing their best to retain the services of their present pastor, who is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary, and is spoken of as a man of devotion and spiritual power. There are eighty members reported; a debt of $1200 on the property. The people deserve every support. In a town of 6,000 of a population, we need to be well represented.

LISTOWEL.—Rev. M. Kelly. Mr. Kelly entered on the work immediately on the departure of Rev. R. Hopkin for Westmount, and is laboring happily among the people. The church suffered by the death of Mr. Peter Campbell—a deacon—and for many years a worthy member. His will provides for his widow while she lives; and on her death, the proceeds of the estate, which is of considerable value, will be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

Listowel church is not strong, either in numbers or in finances; but it is, and for years on years has been, a church of loyal and spiritual members.

ALTON.—Rev. George Extence. The Society have come to the help of this church with a small grant, dating from January last. Having been so long without a pastor, Alton and North Erin churches have been weakening for the past two or three years. Back interest on the mortgage on Alton property, has

been a source of trouble But brighter experiences seem now to be coming to the patient souls there. Mr. Extence has exerted himself to brighten the building and make it comfortable. The people have taken fresh hold, and all round the outlook is cheering. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Mr. Extence will remain pastor.

COBOURG.—Though without a settled pastor, services have been kept up in Cobourg, and the Society has sought to be of assistance to the loyal few that remain there. And to the extent of the Society's power, aid will not be withheld for the future year, should a suitable pastoral settlement be made in this—for many years—important church.

OTTAWA FIRST.—Rev. W. McIntosh. As the result of special Evangelistic services held last winter in the city, the First church has received a fresh blessing. Mr. McIntosh, writing under date of February last, reported:

Last Sunday we received 36 into membership, rather on the Wednesday evening previous. Thirty-three were with us at the Table. We had a service of two and a-half hours in length; yet the people seemed to be unwilling to leave. The deacons told me that they never before had such a Communion season in the church. We expect to receive about 12 more next month. Over 100 in the prayer meeting.

Writing again, May 27th, Mr. McIntosh says:

Fifty-one members have, during the year, been added; but perhaps the best blessing, is the quickening so many of our members have received. Our hope is, the steady reducing of the grant, and the increase of contributions.

OTTAWA WELCOME ZION.—Rev. H. J. Horsey, pastor. Summing up the year's work in May, Mr. Horsey writes:

The great need at the present time is an enlarged building, in order to do the best possible work, and afford sufficient school and church accommodation. The Executive of the church and school have decided to extend the present building, at an outlay of $700; this amount to be provided for by the people.

Seeing that the church has been in existence but a year under Mr. Horsey's pastorate, the following facts and figures are certainly full of hope:

Families on visiting-register, 60. Families of the congregation, 48. Adult members of the congregation, 100. Members of the church, 37.

Scholars on roll, 140. Amount raised by the people, $640. Debt on property, $950. Valuation of present property, $2100.

The church is well organized with prayer meetings, Senior C. E. and Junior, S. S. Teachers' class, Ladies' Association, etc., in active working order.

QUEBEC PROVINCE.

MONTREAL, PT. ST. CHARLES.—Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B.A., pastor. Report of work from July 4th, 1896, to May 1st, 1897, inclusive:

Average attendance at morning service about 125; evening, 200 to 250. This is better than last year's average, which was given in the YEAR BOOK as 200. Our weekly prayer-meeting has averaged 25; Senior C. E., 20; Junior, 35. The Junior Society has shown marked progress, as the average, 8 or 10 months ago, was not more than 20, and now is 50.

The Ladies' Aid Society contributed over $70 to the funds of the church. The Ladies' Missionary Society has held monthly meetings; distributed *barrels;* paid the membership fee of $10, *for the first time*, to the "Woman's Board." Nine additions to the church membership, four men, five women. The church joined in November last with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, in a series of union evangelistic services, under the leadership of Mr. Gale, of Boston. Although there were few conversions reported among our people, as a result many of the church members received a spiritual quickening. Good work is being done in our Sabbath Schools; and with our energetic Superintendent, Mr. Chas. Cushing, and an excellent staff of teachers and officers, the school promises to increase in numbers and usefulness.

I have made over 300 pastoral visits during the period under review, and the members of the Deacon's Board and of the Church Board have also done considerable visiting in their respective districts. I feel that visitation on the part of deacons and deaconesses should be largely engaged in, if the best results are to be reached. There are about 175 on our church roll; a careful revision would considerably reduce this number.

Probably the chief event in the history of the field during the year, has been the separation of the Institute from the Church. This separation was unanimously endorsed at the annual meeting in January last. While many were disappointed at giving up the Institutional feature of the work, it was felt that the wisest thing to do in the interest of the work in general was to carry out the plan of separation.

Spiritually, I believe the cause is in much better condition than it was ten months ago. There is a wide sphere of usefulness for the church in this section of the city.

MONTREAL, WESTMOUNT.—Rev. Robert Hopkin, pastor. On the 9th June, 1896, Mr. Hopkin and 26 members, together with a representative council of the four churches of Montreal, duly organized Bethlehem Congregational Church, Westmount. By

May 19th of this year, 66 members were reported. Debt on the new property, $5,600. The Sunday School has a membership of 70, an average attendance of 55. Last winter the attendance at the Sunday morning service averaged 60; evening, 125. The average at mid-week service is about 20.

The pastor writes:

In Westmount we are full of hope, not only for material things, but also for the spiritual.

With a church only one year old, already full of hope and promise, and a pastor optimistic in his every view, we shall except great things from Bethlehem, Montreal, by the blessing of the ever hopeful Christ.

EATON.—Rev. Robert Hay, pastor. Mr. Hay writes:

Our morning congregations are slowly increasing, and our Sunday School is improving. The Y. P. S. C. E. meetings are good and helpful. The Ladies' Helping Hand Society have on hand half the sum needed for the repair of our church building.

Writing in May, '97, Mr. Hay remarks:

In a region like this, where there are so many small churches of many denominations, the work is often discouraging. There is an amount of denominational rivalry that is demoralizing; and but for the fact that our people came first into the field, and that many of the old families cannot well be other than Congregationalists, my work would be discouraging.

During the past year, a young man formerly a member of this church (having been converted here), went out to the Congo as a missionary; and is, we hear, doing good work there. Other young Christians have gone, and still are going from us. At the present time the work is as hopeful as at any time since my coming.

FRANKLIN CENTRE.—Rev. J. L. Brown, pastor. Reporting for the first year, Mr. Brown writes:

The usual services have been regularly held, with an average of from 60 to 80. During the months of July and August, I was in Manitoba, on a visit; during which time my pulpit was very acceptably supplied by Mr. A. R. Ross, of Montreal, who has since become a student in our College. It has always been the custom to close the Sunday School during the winter months. We have done so this winter, but about the first of November we organized a school about 3 miles from the village, where a number of our families live close together. We have gathered in a number of Methodist families and one Episcopal; and the success has been such, that whereas it was intended to be a temporary arrangement, we are likely to make it permanent.

MELBOURNE.—Rev. Thos. Hall, M.A., pastor. Mr. Hall entered upon the work in Melbourne and Ulverton on the first Sunday in Oct., 1896.

There are three church buildings on this mission field; one in Melbourne; one in Ulverton, 8 miles from Melbourne; and one in Danby, 20 miles distant. The Melbourne church has a debt of $2,000, which taxes the congregation beyond its strength. The other buildings are out of debt. There are over 60 families connected with the Melbourne church, and about 40 in the Ulverton neighborhood; but many of the families in both churches are discouraged and dissatisfied, owing to causes arising out of the former pastorates being short or unsavory. I have preached 93 sermons during the half year, and conducted over 30 prayer-meetings, and made about 200 pastoral calls. I usually attend both Sunday Schools, and one C. E. meeting during the week. I have given only one service at Danby. The roads have been bad, and we have but 4 families nominally connected with the little church.

The ladies are attacking the church debt in Melbourne vigorously; and during the year we hope to take another slice off it. There has only been one addition to the church roll, and that in Ulverton.

Mr. Hall's report in May speaks of a "campaign" arranged for the month of June in Ulverton. He had to deny himself the pleasure, therefore, of attending the Union Meetings in Kingston.

AYERS FLAT.—Rev. C. Moore, pastor. Under date of May, Rev. Churchill Moore writes:

I thank God that he has been so good to us, in that he has blessed us and prospered the work of our hands. Our services here and at Boynton have been as well, if not better, attended, than any previous year since I came to this field. What we never were able to report before, the Sunday School at Boynton has been kept open the year round, with good results. The C. E. S. meets on Sunday evenings, and blessed meetings we generally have. Nine have united with the church during the year, all on confession of faith; the majority coming from the C. E. S. and the S. S. Death has removed two men of usefulness and influence, Mr. T. D. Brainerd, of Boynton, and Mr M. E. Hunt, of Ayers Flat. Being the only resident minister, I have a great deal of pastoral work to do; for the field is quite extensive. As far as I know, there exists mutual love and sympathy between pastor and people.

FITCH BAY.—This field has been without a settled pastor. The church has given an invitation to Mr. Watt, who has just taken a post-graduate year at Oberlin.

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BRANDON.—Left vacant by the unexpected resignation of Rev. J. C. Watt in January, has been greatly discouraged.

When all seemed to be going on well, the pastor's decision to remove came on the church like a bolt from the blue. They have not been able to secure a pastor since. Sunday services have been kept up by temporary supplies, and there is a probability that Rev. J. L. Brown, of Franklin Centre, will be settled as pastor.

WINNIPEG. MAPLE ST.—Rev. D. H. Jacobs, pastor. The pastor reports the different organizations of the church active and vigorons.

Our Sunday School is doing good work, and its prospects were never more hopeful and encouraging. Some of our best church workers, however, and our most substantial supporters, have removed from the city ; and because of these losses we find it hard to hold our own. We have 47 members in all.

ALBERTA.

WITASKIWIN.—Rev. A. Linde, pastor. Mr. Andreason, on behalf of the church, reports in May, 32 church members ; 20 men, 12 women, 120 adherents. Three preaching stations. There will likely be a change of pastors in the near future. The field requires much visiting, and great earnestness in work. The people are willing-hearted, and they enjoy meeting in their new church building.

A letter from the pastor was published in the *Congregationalist and Independent* last winter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA.—Rev. P. C. L. Harris, pastor. Valuable service has been rendered to the Executive of the Society by the visit of Rev. A. J. Bailey, Home Mission Superintendent for Washington. Mr. Bailey visited, at our request, Victoria last October, and gave a full report of his visit.

Spent a Sunday with the church, and on Monday spent the day in looking over the city, and in conference with the leading men of the church in the evening. They reported then, 23 members. Attendance Sunday morning, 60 ; evening, 80 ; at S. S., 42 ; S. C. E., about 12.

The people impressed me as intelligent, thrifty and thoroughly Christian. A good class, equal to the responsibilities of a strong church. The church at present holds services in a building, once a church. Mr. Harris, now supplying with a view to a call, was born in Nova Scotia ; and has labored, I think, in the Methodist church in Canada for several years. He is thoroughly Congregational, although not trained in that way. I think that there is a good and a large field for the Victoria Congregational church.

Not long after Mr. Bailey's visit, the church gave a call to Mr. Harris, which he accepted. The Colonial Missionary Society, together with our Society, make a special grant for the work in Victoria.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

TRURO, N.S.—Rev. John Wood, pastor, wrote on

December 31st. — As to the general outlook, congregations are no larger; and only one addition has been made to the membership, by profession renewed. We have lost two members by death. We have organized a Junior Endeavor Society of nearly twenty members, which is progressing well.

May.—I cannot but believe that the Spirit of God has been moving upon some hearts among us, although no new members have been received. Two received after special services the previous winter, have been removed by discipline, and five have left Truro, although not yet formally dismissed. The Sunday School is doing well. Finances are well kept up; $30 have been raised for Home Missions; $12.36 for Foreign. For reasons already named to you, my work closes here May 31st. [Long and faithfully has Mr. Wood labored. His resting is well earned.]

ECONOMY.—Rev. James Blesedell, pastor:

When we came here in the month of June, we found the Church in an almost hopeless condition. Our congregations have increased however, and the friends say that they are now as good as they have been for years. Sabbath School and C. E. S. are doing good work. The financial outlook is not encouraging. The revision of the Roll is now under consideration.

LOWER SELMAH AND NOEL.—Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A., Pastor. Mr. Cox began work here in October last. The churches had been without a settled pastor for more than a year. Mr. Bradshaw, student, had rendered acceptable service for four vacation months. Mr. Cox reports:

I minister to the two sections of this field on alternate Sabbaths. I am glad to say that the congregations are increasing. I conduct one weekly meeting in each church, devoting part of the time to musical instruction. This has awakened a lively interest among the young especially. The Y.P. S.C.E. of Lower Selmah is in quite a flourishing condition, as also the Union Society. Services in Maitland Village have been discontinued owing to the few belonging to us there, and the expense of a winter's service. The field is a very wide one, 27 miles in extent. My home is midway, in Lower Selmah.

MILTON.—Rev. A. Braine, pastor:

The church has lost one of its best supporters, Mr. James Tupper, the second son of the Honorable Freeman Tupper, formerly of Liverpool and

Milton. The present beautiful structure at Milton was built through his influence and liberality. The attendance at public worship has improved, and during the Pastor's discourses lately given on "Evolution and a scientific gospel," large numbers were present, and expressed their pleasure and interest in the subject.

Mr. Braine is a geologist, and has had most of the teachers and masters of the public schools there, under his instruction.

Several members have been added to the church. The Ladies Missionary Society and Sewing Circle continue their noble work. The church building has been substantially and thoroughly repaired. Altogether we seem to see "a bright light in the clouds."

CHEBOGUE, N.S., Rev. J. W. Purdon, pastor. Writing in May, Mr. Purdon says:

I close the 4th year of my Canadian pastorate, thankful for undisturbed happiness among my people, and greatly encouraged as to my work in this oldest church in the county, and the oldest but three in the Province; dating from 1767, six years after the first English settlement here. Bravely has the church battled for 130 years, through the dangers and changes of an old outpost. At present we have but one other church of our Order within 117 miles. All the trials of a country church are our's, reckoning with distance, storm, mud and snowbanks; but the retrospect of what has been done excites grateful surprise.

KESWICK RIDGE, N.B.—Rev. Simeon Sykes, pastor. The officers of the church write:

Since our present pastor has returned to us, we have got along well. Old breaches, if not altogether healed, have been wonderfully lessened by the influence of our good Pastor, who has the unanimous goodwill of the church and congregation. By the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society our church edifice and parsonage have been much improved; and annually a credited amount has been sent to the C.C.M.S. We sent $60 making a special effort to help to wipe out the missionary debt. There are in the whole field 115 members; 39 men, and 76 women. The friends are doing exceedingly well in supporting the local work.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.—Rev. G. W. Ball, pastor.

"The straitened state of our finances, resulting from losses by fire, and subsequent necessary expenditure, render it an absolute necessity that we present an application for a grant of $150, which we do under claims of Jedidah Gorham's will." This sentence, from a communication from the trustees, dated May 7th, 1897, explains the reasons why the Liverpool Church is compelled to place itself on the list of specially aided churches.

MARGAREE, CAPE BRETON.—Rev. J. Shipperley, pastor.

Mr. Shipperley, under date of January 4th, wrote:

I have pleasure in stating that we have a steady attendance with continued interest in church matters. The pastor's hands are sustained and his work encouraged by some earnest Christian brethren, who ever show a readiness to co-operate in S.S. and Y.P.S.C.E. work. Our new S.S. among the mountains is perseveringly maintained. The parsonage has been painted this year, as the church edifice was painted last year.

On 3rd June, Mr. Shipperley wrote:

In consequence of my bodily weakness after a somewhat severe illness, and my intimation that I may deem it to my duty to retire from the pastorate, no application has been sent for aid for this year.

Tidings have just been received of Mr. Shipperley's death. The faithful servant has been called to the heavenly rest and glory.

A. F. MCGREGOR.
Secretary.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

I herewith present the financial statements for the year just closed, embracing receipts and disbursements, with statements of the General Mission Fund, the Shurtleff Mission Fund Revenue Account, the George Robertson Evangelistic Fund Revenue Account, and the Church Extension and Building Fund Revenue Account, all duly audited by the Society's Auditors.

With regard to the General Mission Fund, we began the year with a surplus of $405.02, and this year closes with a surplus of $435.60. It is a matter for sincere thankfulness that for two years in succession the balance is on the right side, but we must not remain content with this. The regular contributions for the year are $140 less than last year, and $1,000 less if the subscriptions for the debt are taken into account. Taking the total church membership for Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, the average subscription per member is $28\frac{1}{8}$ cents; and by Provinces, for Quebec, $56\frac{3}{4}$ cents; for Ontario, $17\frac{3}{4}$ cents; and for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, $38\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Had the churches responded to our modest request of last year for an average membership subscription of fifty cents, the treasury would have been $2,000 richer to-day, and the Executive could have answered the urgent call for the opening of new and promising fields in British Columbia.

As Congregationalists we have a distinct work to do in Canada; therefore let us believe in ourselves—not apologize for our presence. Our church principles are gaining ground all over the world. We are blessed with freedom to think and to act for ourselves, and we ought to be proud of our liberty; but if we are, it becomes us to work together most heartily to spread those principles all over our common country, and the practical

way to do this is to be thoroughly loyal to the Home Missionary Society. To this Society is committed the work of so spreading these principles, and the means entrusted to it will be judiciously applied for this purpose. We could do splendid work with double the amount received, and we ought to have it.

British Columbia is asking our help to establish at least two churches in the populous gold mining districts there, where there are a number of Congregationalists; but we have not the means. Shall we have to let such golden opportunities slip?

It is for the churches to decide; but the responsibility is great.

Here are a few figures which are worth the serious consideration of our churches: In 1888 the subscriptions reported from Canadian churches for this Society were $6,900; in 1889, $5,700; in 1890, $6,900; in 1891, $5,900; in 1892, $2,700; in 1893, $2,900; in 1894, $2,500; in 1895, $3,200; in 1896, $4,400; in 1897, $3,464.

Now, the condition of our churches to-day as a whole is not so encouraging as it was six years ago. Has the withholding of the tithes, in so far as Home Missions are concerned, anything to do with this? "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

With but few exceptions, all our churches over this wide Dominion have been helped into self-support through this Society; therefore each of those churches owes it a debt which can only be paid by enabling the Society to do for new causes what was done for them.

During the financial year the Executive paid in grants $714 more than last year. One-third of this amount has been expended on the new cause in Victoria, B.C., and it is gratifying to note that the Colonial Missionary Society has agreed to contribute one-half of the amount we shall expend on that cause for a reasonable period.

By districts, the increases in contributions are as follows: Ontario Central, $123; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, $181; and the decreases: Ontario Eastern, $100; Ontario Western, $12; Quebec, $95; Manitoba, $67; and Special and Personal, $174.

In view of our slow denominational progress in Canada the question is a vital one, how can we change this?

I have no hesitation, after an experience of thirty years in official connection with our various societies, in replying, *by thorough loyalty to our own distinctive work in the Dominion.*

Had we been as loyal to this as we ought for the past thirty years, I believe our progress would have been doubled.

The work of Home Missions and of our College are the interests that demand primary consideration from all churches. If these institutions are generously supported, our work in the country as a whole will increase and flourish; if they are not so supported, we need not look for increase or improvement.

A great deal of time has lately been spent in discussing radical changes in methods and in government, the results of which have been to show wide differences of opinion on the subject, which it would be most difficult if not impossible to reconcile; but we can all agree on two points: first, true loyalty to Congregational principles, and second, earnest co-operation in spreading them all over our common country. And here the influence of the pulpit must come in.

Our ministers are naturally looked upon as our leaders, and church education on these points must come from them. There has been in the past far too little of this kind of education, hence so many of our people lack the enthusiasm necessary to success. Given loyal and enthusiastic pastors, and the result will soon be a loyal and enthusiastic people.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. BLACK,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT.

For Year Ending May 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, June 1st, 1896		$ 6,075 84
Capital Acct.—S.M. Fund, loans repaid	$4,601 15	
" " G.R.E. Fund " "	4,700 00	
" " " " on acct. Sellar's bequest	59 05	
" " C.E. & B. Fund, loans repaid	3,400 00	
" " " " sale Tilbury Church	50 00	
" " " " " Vespra "	83 85	
		12,894 05
Revenue Acct.—S.M. Fund, Interest and Dividends	2 302 95	
" " C.E. & B. Fund, Interest and Dividends.	720 33	
" " G.R.E. " " "	425 95	
		3,449 23
Gen. Mission Fund—Free Contributions	3,464 98	
" " " Revenue, Gorham Estate	520 89	
" " " Colonial Missionary Society on acct. Victoria	121 24	
		4,107 11
Suspense Account—T. & B		195 30
		$26,721 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Capital Acct.—S.M. Fund, paid on acct. loans	$4,800 00	
" " G.R.E. Fund " " "	5,500 00	
" " C.E. & B. " " " "	2,800 00	
		13,100 00
Revenue Acct.—C.E. & B. Fund, paid on acct. Insurance	9 75	
" " S.M. " " " " Ayer's Flat and District	1,020 25	
" " S.M. Fund, paid on acct. Mrs. S. annuity	250 00	
		1,280 00
General Mission Fund—Paid for Grants		5,041 25
Expense Acct.—Shurtleff Mission Fund		200 00
" " General Mission Fund	318 33	
" " Church Extension and Building Fund	129 60	
" " Geo. Robertson Evangelistic Fund	129 60	
		777 53
Balance, being cash on hand		6,322 75
		$26,721 53

THE GENERAL MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at June 1st, 1896			$405 02
Contr. from Manitoba		$150 00	
" Ontario, Western District	$607 89		
" Central District	256 33		
" Eastern District	277 10		
		1091 32	
" Quebec	1013 21		
" Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	472 04		
" Personal	107 00		
" Collection at Annual Meeting, 1896	22 09		
" " Union Meeting, N. S. & N.B.	9 32		
		31 41	
			2864 98
" from C. C. Woman's Board of Missions		600 00	
Received from Investments Gorham Estate		520 89	
" Shurtleff Mission Fund		930 41	
" " " Special for Ayer's Flat and District		1020 25	
" Ch. Ex. and B. Fund. Rev. acct. for N. W. T.		552 64	
" Colonial Miss. Society for Victoria, B.C.		121 24	
			3745 43
			$7015 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Grants :			
In British Columbia		$243 33	
" Alberta		552 64	
" Manitoba		375 00	
" Ontario, Western District	1071 87		
" " Central "	437 50		
" " Eastern "	456 25		
		1965 62	
" Quebec		870 31	
" Nova Scotia and New Brunswick		1034 35	
" Ayer's Flat and District		1020 25	
			6061 50
General Expenses :			
Executive Committee, Travelling	222 85		
Voted Secretary for expenses in visiting churches, etc	200 00		
Space in YEAR BOOK	70 50		
Printing and Stationery	39 90		
Postage and Petty Expenses	33 28		
Expenses Visiting Victoria and Vancouver	11 00		
Secretary	100 00		
Treasurer	100 00		
	777 53		
Less 2-6ths, charged 1-6th each to G. R. E. F. and C. E. & B. F.	259 20		
		518 33	
Balance at credit May 31st, 1897		435 60	
			$7015 43

SHURTLEFF MISSION FUND. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended for Ayer's Flat and District at May 31st, 1896	$ 19 57	
Interest received for Investments	$2302 95	
" from Reserve Interest Account	82 86	
		2385 81
		$2405 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mrs. Shurtleff's Annuity		$ 250 00
" Treasurer		200 00
" General Mission Fund for distribution in Ayer's Flat and District	$1020 25	
" General Mission Fund for general distribution	930 41	
		1950 66
Balance unexpended for A. F. and Dist. at May 31st, 1897		4 72
		$2405 38

CHURCH EXTENSION AND BUILDING FUND. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments,	$720 33
	$720 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Insurance, Sarnia Church	$ 9 75
Proportion of General Expenses, one-sixth	129 60
Transferred to General Mission Fund on Account Alberta	552 64
Balance transferred to Capital Account	28 34
	$720 33

GEORGE ROBERTSON EVANGELISTIC FUND. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments	$425 95
	$425 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Proportion of General Expenses, one-sixth	$129 60
Balance transferred to credit of Capital Account	296 35
	$425 95

MONTREAL, 31st May, 1897.

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. B. BLACK,
Treasurer.

ALEX. McA. MURPHY,
B. B. STEVENSON,
} *Auditors.*

Burford ....
Brantford ..
Embro .....
Forest Centr
Frome .....
Garafraxa..
Guelph.....
Hamilton, 1
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Kincardine
Lake Shore
Listowel...
London, 1st
New Durha
Paris.....
Plympton .
Sarnia.....
Speedside..
Scotland ..
St. Cathari
Stratford .
Tilbury Ea
Warwick, I
Watford ..
Wingham.
Woodstock

Alton ....
Barrie....
Bowmanvi
Edgar....
Georgetow
Toronto, I
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SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1896–'97.

ONTARIO, WESTERN DISTRICT.

Burford	$ 8 00	
Brantford	74 35	
Embro	15 00	
Forest Central	19 35	
Frome	2 25	
Garafraxa	5 00	
Guelph	24 25	
Hamilton, 1st	90 00	
Hamilton, Immanuel	54 15	
Howick and Turnberry	7 00	
Kincardine	11 00	
Lake Shore	5 75	
Listowel	11 25	
London, 1st	21 00	
New Durham	14 00	
Paris	58 70	
Plympton	10 07	
Sarnia	2 50	
Speedside	5 00	
Scotland	27 69	
St. Catharines	8 00	
Stratford	13 43	
Tilbury East	17 50	
Warwick, Ebenezer	9 85	
Watford	6 50	
Wingham	28 30	
Woodstock	58 00	
	——	$607 89

ONTARIO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Alton	$ 5 00	
Barrie	15 20	
Bowmanville	13 25	
Edgar	19 75	
Georgetown	4 60	
Toronto, Bond Street	19 81	
" Northern	100 20	
" Broadview Avenue	8 40	
" Olivet	20 00	