

Morton, and Messrs. A. Alexander, Geo. Skinner, S. P. Leet, Jas. White, Henry Yeigh, C. Cushing, R. S. Weir, J. C. Copp, T. Moodie, H. O'Hara, B. W. Robertson and R. J. McKelvey.

15. *Committee of Enquiry, re Case of J. C. Madill and W. H. Madill*—Revs. Dr. Sims, T. B. Hyde, J. Morton, and Messrs. S. P. Leet and J. C. Copp.

16. *Preachers for next Year*—Rev. T. Sims, D.D., Rev. Wm. McIntosh.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Black on behalf of the Committee on Prison Reform, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

Your Committee appointed to confer with the "Prisoners' Aid Association" of Canada, has to confine its report principally to the operations of the Society in Ontario, because of the absence of information regarding the work in Quebec.

In Ontario the Prisoners Aid Association sent reports to the Government on the 14th January, and pressed on its attention the following changes:—

1. A more efficient provision for the classification of prisoners in the Central Prison.
2. The re-organization of the Boy's Reformatory at Penetanguishene.
3. The making of the Industrial School at Mimico a strictly Government Institution, and free to all municipalities of the Province.
4. The appointment of a female inspector of all institutions where women are imprisoned.

In addition to these recommendations, there are others first formulated by the Ontario Government's Commission of 1891, and adopted by the Prisoner's Aid Association in 1895. These are:—

(a) The establishment of reformatories for inebriates out of the funds derived from license fees; (b) That in the case of every tramp and vagrant committed to the common gaol, hard labor shall form part of the sentence; (c) 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; (d) That the sentences passed upon all juvenile offenders be indeterminable; (e) That the isolation system be adopted in all gaols; (f) That all prisoners be made to work and earn their own living as far as practicable; and (g) That the young be inculcated in industrial habits.

None of these proposed reforms have been granted, except the enlargement of the Central Prison so as to comply with the suggestion for isolation of prisoners. The Dominion Government is erecting a Reformatory at Alexandria for young men, between the ages of 17 and 30, who have been convicted for the first time of a felony or serious misdemeanor, and who, in the opinion of Judges imposing sentence are proper cases for reformatory treatment. The location, however, is unsuitable. The population is small, and the town is remote from a large centre. Moreover, from its surroundings the dominant religious influence will, in all likelihood, be Roman Catholic, because of the presence in the village of an Archbishop and only one Protestant clergyman.

Your Committee recommend:—

1. That the Union expresses its regret that the Ontario Government has not given effect to the recommendations of "The Prisoner's Aid Association"; and that the Union memorialize the Government to this end.

2. That the Dominion Government be requested to establish a second reformatory, for Protestant boys between the ages of 17 and 30, committed for a first offence; and contiguous to a large town or city.

3. That permission be given magistrates to apply the lash at their discretion to juvenile offenders.

4. Recognizing the importance of the work of child-saving as contemplated under the "Gibson Act" of Ontario, we urge on the Ontario Government a vigorous prosecution of the work, by the appointment of a capable agent in each district, and the formation of auxiliary societies in each municipality.

5. That the Federal Government be requested to give increased facilities for voluntary religious ministrations by accredited ministers and others in the Dominion penitentiaries and prisons.

The communications from the churches *re* "Amalgamation Scheme," were then read by the Secretary.

It was then moved by Mr. Chas. Cushing, seconded by Rev. Wm. F. Clarke:—

That the reports from the various societies, churches and associations, now presented or which may be presented, *re* Mr. Leet's motion be received; and that the thanks of this Union be extended to the various bodies for their courtesy in complying with our request. That our chairman-elect and Secretary be named a committee of this Union to meet with the Committee of other societies in reference to this matter. That Mr. Leet's motion, and copies of all the proceedings of the Union thereon, together with all reports received from societies, churches and associations or other documents or information in the possession of the Union, be transmitted to the said Committee for their information.

The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

MONDAY Afternoon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Wood.

The report of the S. S. Committee was then read, and special attention called to the following recommendations:

1. That the church should take the Sunday School under its special care, providing for the maintenance of the same out of the same funds as it provides for the other church ordinances. That the collections in the Sunday Schools should be taken up upon the same general basis as those of the church, namely, a portion for the regular support of the church and Sunday School, and certain other collections for the missionary and other enterprises of the denomination, special reference to be given to the latter: for while we think it is important that the children should early be taught to feel that they are helping to maintain the church and its institutions at home, we think special reference should be given to the missionary enterprises of the church.

2. That the church, as such, should take greater interest in the work of the Sunday School, in the way of better equipments, and the institution of teacher's meetings, normal and training classes, teachers' libraries, etc., and that the pastors, officers of the church, and teachers should take more interest in the work carried on by the Provincial, county and local Sunday School associations.

3. That we think it worthy of earnest consideration whether a catechism or manual should not be prepared, setting forth certain information about the Bible, its history and purpose, the doctrines which Congregationalists hold, church history and the special principles which we are wont to call Congregational.

4. We notice that in Scottish churches there is a Standing Committee, entitled "Committee on Welfare of Youth." We think it would be well that such a committee should be organized in our Union, which would take into consideration all questions relating to our youth, such as Sunday School work, Christian Endeavor work, and other societies and organizations which might be of interest or benefit to the youth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion the report was adopted, and the appointing of a committee referred to the Nomination Committee.

A Christian Endeavor conference was held. Rev. A. F. McGregor presided, and read an interesting report.

Mr. R. S. Weir read a paper in which was set forth the purpose and work of the Young People's Guild of Zion Church, Montreal.

Rev. Frank S. Fitch, D.D., was then introduced, and gave an address on "The Child Prophet."

The Statistical report was read and adopted. After prayer by Drs. Evans and Sims, the meeting adjourned.

MONDAY Evening.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Chairman, Rev. E. M. Hill delivered a stereoptican lecture on "Congregational Shrines."

Rev. J. R. Black, on behalf of the Business Committee, recommended that the cordial thanks of the Union be conveyed to

1. Rev. Edward Hawes, D.D., Rev. Smith Baker, D.D., and Rev. F. S. Fitch, D.D., delegates from the Triennial Council of the U. S., and the Rev. J. W. Cox, delegate from the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B., for their presence and much-appreciated words of counsel, exhortation and brotherly kindness, addressed to the Union.

2. To Zion and sister churches, for their large hospitality toward the members of the Union. ✓

3. To Rev. Wm. Johnston, for his admirable sermon to the Union, preached in Zion Church on Sabbath morning.

4. To the Chairman, for his wisdom and patience in presiding over the deliberations of the Union. ✓

5. To the railway and steamboat companies, for transportation facilities and reduced rates granted to delegates.

6. To the choir of Zion Church, for their services in conducting our singing. ✓

7. To the ladies of Montreal churches, for their excellent luncheons and tea provided.

8. To the press of Montreal, for reports of proceedings of the Union; and to the *Star* and *Witness*, for copies of these journals supplied to the delegates.

9. To Miss Leslie, for her very acceptable work as stenographer and typewriter.

10. To the Bell Telephone Company, for the use of one of their telephones.

11. To all others who in so many ways have contributed to the comfort of the delegates, and the success of the meeting.

The report was adopted, and Rev. Prof. Warriner briefly replied.

On motion by the Secretary, the minutes were taken "as read," and adopted.

The Union then adjourned, after the benediction; to meet with the First Church, Kingston, next June at the usual hour and date.

F. J. DAY,

A. F. POLLOCK,

Minute-Secretaries.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Financial Statement, June, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1895.....	\$ 41 09
Contributions from churches.....	335 16
Collection, Friday, June 12th.....	13 12
" Monday, June 15th.....	10 32
Sale of Model Deed.....	1 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage, Copying Minutes, etc.....	\$ 5 80
Expenses of Minutes and Delegates.....	245 38
Printing in YEAR BOOK.....	82 50
Balance on hand.....	67 01
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R. W. McLACHLAN,
W. T. GUNN,
On behalf of Finance Committee.

J. P. GERRIE,
Sec.-Treas.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Personal, J. Wood.....	\$ 1 00	Montreal, Pt. St. Charles..	4 25
Barrie	5 00	Maxville.....	9 00
Rowmanville	5 00	Middleville.....	5 00
Brantford.....	13 00	Melbourne.....	5 00
Burford and New Durham.....	6 00	Ottawa	10 00
Coldsprings	4 00	Toronto, Broadview.....	6 00
Coburg.....	6 00	“ Bond St.....	15 00
Cowansville.....	6 92	“ Western.....	10 00
Eaton... ..	1 00	“ Northern.....	10 00
Forest.....	8 00	Speedside	5 00
Franklin Centre	5 00	Stouffville	2 00
Georgetown	5 00	Sherbrooke... ..	10 00
Granby	6 49	South Stanstead.....	5 00
Hamilton, First.....	15 00	Scotland.....	3 25
“ Immanuel.....	5 00	St. Catharines.....	5 00
Kincardine	4 20	St. Andrews.....	4 50
Kingston, First	15 00	Waterville.....	5 50
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STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

*Of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, for the year ending
May 8th, 1895.*

DEAR BRETHREN :

It is a source of deep regret to me that I am unable to be present at the Union to present this Report, as it would afford an opportunity of making comment and explanation here and there, which may be necessary to a right understanding of the same.

However, I send you herewith a report which I had considerable difficulty in preparing, owing to incomplete returns; and even now I shall not attempt to give more than a general view of our work, and for further details shall refer you to our next YEAR BOOK.

This is the first year the Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor statistics have been combined with those of the churches, which furnishes another reason why the brethren should look with leniency upon my maiden efforts in this line, should the report not seem up to the mark in all respects.

I find ninety-four churches on the roll, but of these six at least are dead, leaving eighty-eight, from which the Secretary should have received returns; but several have failed to respond to the request for information.

A greater number of churches are without pastors than was the case a year ago; and pastors and supplies now number about sixty-three. So many changes have taken place recently that I have been unable to secure information up to date respecting them, but it would seem that some twelve or fifteen churches are without settled pastors, and it is to be hoped that this condition of affairs shall not long continue.

There have been many changes during the year; and amongst those who have gone from us to other lands, W. S. Pritchard, Geo. Fuller, S. L. Mitchell, and others.

Those who have removed to other fields are:—D. C. McIntosh, W. J. Hindley, A. W. Richardson; R. Hopkin, Thomas Hall, H. E. Mason, D. S. Hamilton, J. W. Pedley, H. C. Mason, and G. E. Read.

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We have not been without accessions to our ranks, however, and welcome Dr. E. C. Evans, Rev. John Schofield, G. T. Carr, John D. McEwen, and besides six graduates from our own College, namely:—F. J. Day, Sherbrooke; M. Kelly, Listowel; R. G. Watt, Maxville; A. F. Pollock, Speedside; H. I. Horsey, Ottawa; and J. C. Watt.

Surely it should encourage us to hear so many good men and true coming up to “the help of the Lord against the mighty,” and we trust they will fully compensate for the loss we have sustained in the removal from the country of some of our former fellow-laborers.

Several items of interest might be mentioned, but I shall only refer to two or three. The completion of the superstructure of old Zion, Montreal, is worthy of special note; but upon this I need not dwell, for doubtless you are all at this moment admiring its beauty, and enjoying the hospitality of the genial pastor and people who worship there.

London South has raised a considerable amount toward their building fund; and Westmount will speak for herself during the meetings. Several churches report a deepened spiritual life, and on the whole there is cause for encouragement.

For the sake of comparison, I have estimated that the churches not reporting, have at least held their own, on the average, in total attendance and total contributions, which may or may not be so. If so, the average attendance at churches and stations has been 16,813; being a slight increase over last year.

Total under pastoral care, 25,007, a slight decrease from last year.

There have been additions:—

By Profession	470
“ Letter.....	183

Total.....	653
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<i>Removals</i> —By Death.....	79
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“ Letter.....	212
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“ Discipline.....	11
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“ Revision.....	231
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“ Unaccounted for...157—	690
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Net decrease.....	37
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Leaving a present membership of 8,633 as against 8,670 last year, or, a loss of about 37 in membership during the year.

The church property remains much the same, as far as reported, debts being reduced in a few instances.

The exact contributions are very difficult to get at, but I may say that the churches which have sent in returns, while they show a serious falling off in many cases, on the whole appear to have raised about the same as last year; and the total increase exceeds the decrease in Quebec to the extent of \$2,183, while in Ontario, as far as heard from, the balance is on the wrong side to the extent of \$1,454; or, a net decrease in the contributions of about \$60; Ontario and Quebec churches of \$729.

As far as can be learned from the tables at present, there has been a decrease in contributions to all denominational objects, excepting Home Missions, and that designated "Other Denominational Objects" in the tables; but the increase in the contributions to the latter will almost equal the decrease in the former, and therefore the total amount raised by the Denomination will be much the same as last year.

For more detailed figures I refer you to the Reports of the various Societies, and to the coming YEAR BOOK, which will contain all details.

COMING TO THE SABBATH SCHOOLS,

I can give you something more definite in brief form:—

57 schools in Ontario and Quebec have returned the blanks, showing—

Teachers and officers.....	581
Scholars on Roll.....	5,186
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Total.....	5,767
Average attendance.....	4,032
Amount raised during the year.....	\$3,386

while 112 joined the churches from the Sabbath schools. The indications are, that the schools reporting are well equipped with efficient officers, and devoted teachers, many of whom do definite personal work amongst the scholars, which accounts for many of the additions to the Church from the schools.

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES

give a good account of themselves so far as heard from:—

The number reporting in Ontario and Quebec is 47 Societies.

Active members.....1,317

Associate " 442

Total.....1,759

Increase during the year in accounts and assets, \$298; amount raised, \$767, and 133 joined the Church from the Societies during the year.

So that more than one-half the numbers who joined the Church by profession during the past year, were from the S. S. and C. E.

It is worthy of note that 36 out of 47 Societies reporting, show an increase in membership; nine remain the same, and only two mention a decrease, which is a very encouraging feature of the Endeavor field.

As I have no former list of S. S. and C. E.'s to guide me, I cannot tell what proportion have filled out the blanks. I sent blanks to all churches, and took for granted that each had a S. S. and C. E.; and I submit the above, regretting that it could not be made more satisfactory. At the same time I trust that the report may not be entirely without interest. Some of the churches need to read *again and again*, the "kindly and serious" advice of the former Statistical Secretary (see YEAR BOOK, 1895-96), and until they heed his exhortation they shall have to bear a good portion of the blame for any incompleteness in the returns.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HAMILTON.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

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 CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.
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BY MR. SETH P. LEET, BARRISTER, MONTREAL.
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“A NEGLECTED PRIVILEGE.”
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June 10th, 1896.



BEFORE delivering what I suppose will have to be designated in the Records of the Union as the Chairman's address, allow me to say how much I appreciate the honor which has been conferred upon me by my brethren of our churches in electing me to this position. It came to me entirely unexpected and unsolicited, and I am sure undeserved. If in any way any have thought I have deserved it, it is a pleasing indication that the spirit of the Master is in the hearts of my brethren; that small services wrought in His name are remembered. This, I trust, will be an encouragement to others. I would also like to add to the words of welcome which have been so happily expressed by the Pastor of this Church. It is, indeed, an added pleasure

to me, to stand in Zion Church, which is honored with such honorable and holy memories, and, as a member of this church, and as Chairman of this Union, to welcome you to the annual gatherings of our churches here, and I do trust that the sessions of the Union may be very helpful to you personally, and to the churches and causes which you represent in your various fields of labor.

While I recognize and appreciate the honor accorded me in electing me to preside over this Union, I think no one, who has not enjoyed the privilege, can quite appreciate the responsibility which it involves. I refer principally to the responsibility of preparing and delivering the Annual Address.

My ideal of an address on such an occasion as this, is, that it should be addressed to the churches rather than to individuals, and be one which in virtue of the information given, or suggestions offered, should help the churches to do better work for the Master, and in the line of our particular principles.

In trying to conform to my ideal, I found a good deal of difficulty in coming to a conclusion as to the channel into which I should direct your thoughts to-night, but finally decided to try and say a few words to you about one of the most blessed privileges the churches have, and to indicate some of the ways in which I think it can be best employed.

Many look upon turning to Christ and the doing of work in His name as duties, and so we hear of the religious duties and obligations of churches and church members.

Now while this statement of the position is a true one, and that aspect of our relation to Christ and His work is not to be overlooked or forgotten, there is a higher and better way of regarding the attitude of a man to his God and Saviour, and the manner of his showing his appreciation of His grace and love. It is that of privilege.

When we compare human knowledge with the Omniscience of God, when we compare the strength of man with the Omnipotence of God, when we compare all the powers of man, taken together, with the Infinite God; how impotent and ignorant do we appear, and we feel constrained to take up the cry of the King of Israel, when he said, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained; what is man that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that Thou visitest him?"

Then when we think that the God and Creator of all this wonderful universe has given us a life which shall out-live the heavens and the earth which we now see, that the God and Creator of this unlimited and inscrutable universe, so loved *us*, as to give His only Son to be incarnated in *our flesh* and die to redeem us, who had rebelled against him, and to make us kings and priests to Himself; how can we help being overwhelmed with a sense of His grace and love, of the honor and glory bestowed upon us, and how can we regard anything that our limited knowledge or puny strength may do to please Him, as simply a duty? Oh! my brethren, what a privilege to be recognized as a child of God, to be able to say with a consciousness that it is true, "Our Father, who art in Heaven," how can anyone help adding, "Hallowed be Thy Name."

It seems to me that anyone who shall meditate seriously upon God's grace and mercy must be constrained to seek opportunities to express his appreciation of the great honor and privilege conferred upon him, rather than to wait to be asked and urged to do something for the Master as a fulfilment of a duty.

Now among the ways in which a child of God may show his appreciation of this relationship, the most important, and that which really includes all others, is to seek to spread abroad among his brethren in the flesh the knowledge of God's goodness and love, and to bring them into the fold of Christ. Christ declares that he came to save that which was lost, and when he left, His command was "To go and make disciples of all men, teaching them to believe all things whatsoever he has commanded."

Now the very purpose for which churches are organized, is to teach men these things that He has commanded.

The methods adopted by the churches to this end may be broadly divided into two: Preaching and Teaching.

The preaching services of the churches are, for the most part, arranged and conducted for the benefit of adults. The teaching services for the children between the age of five and fifteen: and while I would not for a moment criticize or try to detract from the importance of the preaching services, I do think the teaching department of the church has not received that attention from the churches that it deserves.

It is, of course, unquestionable that the working force of the churches at any particular time is largely among the adults, and that the efficiency of all branches of the churches' work depends upon strong and vigorous adult membership; therefore, it is in the interests of all the agencies employed by the church for the Master, that there should be strong, energetic, intellectual and spiritual preaching, but if Christ's kingdom is to increase, and the church is to grow in power and efficiency, the teaching department and especially as regards the children and youth, must be specially looked after, and our young people prepared for the duties and privileges of adult Christian life.

In this teaching department I think the churches have not fully appreciated their position.

As I have just stated, the churches need strong, vigorous, intellectual and spiritual preaching to maintain their spiritual power, but in so far as preaching to adults leads to conversion the results are meagre compared with the work amongst the

youth. Statistics compiled in the United States show that 85% of the additions to the churches come from the membership of the Sunday School.

Now of course that cannot all be credited to the Sunday School as apart from the church, but it shows the class from which recruits for the kingdom are secured.

If a man in business found that a large portion of his profits was derived from one department, would he not exercise himself specially to develop that section and to maintain its efficiency; but what do we see the churches doing in relation to its work?

If we look at the money expended in the building of suitable edifices and the furnishing of them, we find that three-fourths, if not more, of the expense is made in connection with the preaching services and for the benefit of adults. When we look at the education of the religious teachers, we find the same great disparity.

Now, when it is so universally admitted, that the impressions of youth are more lasting, that the minds and hearts of children are more susceptible to holy influences, should not more effort be made during this period of life? It has been well stated by Mr. Gladstone, that "forming" was a greater work than "reforming." Is it not, therefore, as important work to so guide a child that he may never wander from the fold as it is to win back one who has gone astray?

Some years ago during revival services in a city in one of the United States, many children were brought to the Master; but during the same meetings the Governor of the State was converted. The newspapers and the community at large regarded the conversion of the Governor as a most notable thing and much was said about it, and certainly it was an event worth noting and rejoicing over, but the Governor died two or three years after and no doubt went to be with the redeemed. Little notice however, was taken of the numbers of children who at that time found the Saviour; but among them was one little fellow who is now doing a great and glorious work for the Master as a Foreign Missionary. We have no right to judge or make comparisons, but have we not some reason to believe that the conversion of that little fellow was at least of equal importance with that of the Governor?

Have we not also in God's Word strong reason for believing that our Master regards with special favor the little ones? Has He not declared "That of such is the kingdom of heaven."

"That their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." "That except we become as little children, we cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." "That it is better that a man should be drowned in the depths of the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to offend."

Then again, when God in His infinite knowledge and wisdom created this world and prepared it for man, he might have peopled it with adults, but in His infinite wisdom he only created two, and the first recorded words of God to man are, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth;" and ever since that time God has exercised the creative attribute through man, even His Son came as a little babe, the Son of Mary. What a wonderful privilege is this, that God takes man into partnership as it were, in the creation of immortal souls.

Who can look upon a new born babe, without having called forth in his heart the holiest and tenderest emotions? Who can look upon such a one and think that a new eternal life has been ushered into existence, without a feeling of awe and reverence? In that little heart and life what possibilities there may be of good to the world, the lives of many a humble babe has proved; and on the other hand, there may be developed a character, the very thought of which fills us with loathing, disgust and horror. And when we think that as how we teach them and live before them may depend whether the one character or the other shall be developed, is not the feeling of awe and reverence turned to one of pain and trembling?

Oh! my brethren, is there anything in the universe second to this duty, more important and glorious than this privilege—the privilege of continuing the work which Christ came to do, to save the souls of men from perdition? Is it not a terribly humiliating fact that children should be born in Christian homes, that they shall be sent to the Sunday Schools and attend the services of the church, and still be claimed by the powers of evil? That these little ones, who when ushered into this world are children of the kingdom, who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, shall ever be let stray from the fold, shall have ever been for one moment estranged from God!

I am very glad to say that much has been done, and that at no time in the history of the church has more real interest been taken in this question than now; but we need to do more; and I venture to make some suggestions here, as to the directions in which I think more may be done.

First of all, I do think the pastors of our churches should make this subject more often the theme of their public discourses; that the children should be oftener got together by themselves and addressed by the pastors. That in our Sunday Schools, they should receive more attention from the church, especially the primary and the senior departments. That our Sunday School rooms should be as well furnished and equipped, as light and airy, and as cheerful, as the church; that there should not be two purses, one for the church and one for the Sunday School. That, notwithstanding the opinion of my friend who wrote to the *Congregationalist* some time ago, I believe the Sunday School ought to be a department of the church, directly under its control; and that the church should feel that it was as much responsible for its maintenance and efficiency as for the ministrations of the pulpit, and the services for the adults. That in the training of our ministers special attention should be given to fit them for the teaching department; and it should be considered as important to train them in the art of teaching, as in the principles of preaching; that they should be turned out of college as competent to take charge of a Normal Class in the instruction of teachers and elder scholars, as to fill a pulpit acceptably. That as much care should be taken to educate and train teachers for the Sunday School, as for the day school.

I know that in order to carry out all that I have suggested, means a good deal of time and money, and some change of methods; but I believe it has got to be done, before we can fulfil our obligations and responsibilities; and will be done when Christian people rightly appreciate this neglected privilege.

At whichever of the operations of the church we may look, when we consider the work to be done and how it is to be done, I think we shall come to the conclusion, that relatively the church must pay a great deal more attention to the education of the youth than it has done in the past; and this may be done, as I have said before, not by neglecting anything that is now being done in the way of making the preaching strong and effectual, but more in the way of strengthening the teaching department.

It seems to me that this is the only solution of the burning question of Church and State Schools, which is being fought out now in this country, in England, and in other countries. The church has got to take hold of the matter, and attend to the religious training of the youth, entirely apart from the State.

Arrangements may be made, possibly, to have the secular and religious teaching done in the same buildings; and possibly, different portions of the same day, or different days in the week, may be set apart for one or the other; and sometimes, perhaps, the same teacher may take charge of both. These are questions of detail and arrangement; but to do it as it is being attempted to be done now, will, I believe, always result in more or less failure.

The Roman Catholic idea and practice is the only one which can be worked satisfactorily; that is to say, that each denomination should look after the education of its own children, by teachers who are competent to teach their particular religious beliefs as well as general education; but as that to my mind it is absolutely impossible to be done satisfactorily in mixed communities, the only solution is to have the education of the State, and of the Church, entirely divorced. I do not wish to be misunderstood here, as that statement might be understood to mean by some "to kick the Bible out of school." It would not involve that at all. In so far as the Bible is a book of history, either of nations or of men, in so far as it is a revelation of creation, in so far as it contains a code of moral laws, I can see no reason why it should not be made a text book in the schools of all denominations of Christians; but when we come to its spiritual and religious teachings, the relations between God and man, of sin and its punishment, of righteousness and its rewards, of the church of Christ and its history, then the church should have entire charge of the teaching of its own children; and only those who are qualified to deal with these things should be employed to teach. For my part I would not have a prayer read by a teacher who could not enter into its spirit.

The question may be asked here, "If it is not done in the Public Schools to some extent, how can it be done? as the Sunday Schools in their limited time cannot accomplish this work?" I admit this at once, and it is just because it seems to me that the church thinks it is doing it somewhat now through the Public Schools, that I raise this protest here; for I am firmly convinced that the religious teaching which is being attempted through our Public Schools is of very little use indeed, and it is of worse than no use if the church is relying to any extent upon it, and not exerting itself in other directions. It is not only the duty but the privilege of every church to provide for the religious teaching of the children of its own members and adherents.

This is, of course, being partially done by our present system of Sunday Schools; but I am sorry to say very inadequately and inefficiently.

As has been said, not much can be done in the hour, or hour and a half once a week given to the Sunday School; but a good deal more might be done than is being done at present, if teachers were better trained, and better rooms and equipments were furnished. Pastors, church officers and parents, should take special pains to attend every Sunday School Convention and Institute within their reach, and try in every way to increase and improve their knowledge and appliances. The churches should also take advantage of the Society of Christian Endeavor, and other societies of young people, to impart knowledge of their own church history, and church history in general, and what is being done in the religious world and in the Missionary field. Normal Schools should be arranged for the training of teachers for the Sunday School, and for these other departments. Another department in which I think our churches should take more interest, is that of providing good religious literature. I do think we ought to have a manual or catechism for our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, setting forth in concise form those religious and spiritual truths which we hold. Good libraries should be provided in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. We ought to have a first class denominational paper coming into our homes every week, which should keep us posted, not only upon our local affairs, but upon the affairs of our denomination the wide world over, and be a leader in religious thought. Our Publishing Company is doing the best it can; but we want a better paper, and we can only get it by the churches taking the matter up and realizing that it is of vital importance to have the right kind of a denominational paper. If our churches would give an average of ten dollars a year to this department, you would be surprised at the result.

Then if our distinctive principles and history are of any special importance, (and I am sure we all believe they are,) our people, old as well as young, need to be taught them. Whether they should be oftener proclaimed from the pulpit or not, I am not quite sure, but that they should be more often proclaimed in some way, I am certain.

There should be two or three occasions in the year, at least, on which Congregationalism, its *raison d'etre*, the work of the

churches, and of the noble men and women they have produced, should be set forth before our people.

If the principles of our order, the history of our men and churches, and the place they have held, and the work they have accomplished, in the religious, political and intellectual life of the world were better known and understood, we should all be better men and women, as well as better Congregationalists; and would be less troubled about so simple a thing as permitting the delegates from our churches to pass acts as well as resolutions.

Our churches must be got to appreciate better the great privilege which is theirs as co-workers with God, in caring for the children of the kingdom, or else they can never grow.

The great movements of religious energy to-day in the direction of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Citizenship, and the suppression of intemperance and other glaring evils, cannot be accomplished with only enough to take the places of those who are now in harness; for now the additions to Christ's kingdom do not keep pace with the increase of the world's population.

No one expects that the additional laborers are to be got from the ranks of those who are now adults. If then, they are to be got at all, and I believe they are, they must come from the children of to-day and the future. Dr. Goodell, whom Joseph Cook called "the model preacher and pastor of the Mississippi Valley," in his volume entitled, "How to build a Church," says:

"He who builds the church of Christ must save the children, if we save the children we save the world. The world is most easily and effectively saved in childhood. . . . Life and death are in the training of the children. The generation which takes the most children along with it for Christ, will do most to build this Kingdom, and to thin the ranks of the opposition. . . . Shepherds increase their flocks by carefully nursing the lambs; so pastors must enlarge their folds by caring for the young. How can we bring men to Christ? Bring in the boys, then you will have the men. . . . Seek the children early, seek them faithfully. The pastor's best work will be in giving direction to their life at the start. The pointing of the gun determines the entire course of the ball. There is no escape from these truths."

I appeal then to the churches, to make the care of your children and youth a special subject of thought and prayer. In the Sunday Schools of our churches in these two provinces, there must be to-day between nine and ten thousand scholars; there must be three to five thousand children and youth besides, in connection with our congregations, who ought to be there. Of this large number of twelve thousand to fourteen thousand

children and youth, directly connected with our churches, and I suppose it would be a large estimate to say 25% of our Sunday School scholars were declared Christians.

What a field there is for work, my brethren. Do you not think that one in four of these who are outside the fold might be got to decide for the Master this year, if you laid yourselves out for it? If that could be done what a glorious year our churches would have, and what joy there would be in heaven. Will we not try?

Let us make this year a Children's Year! Shall we not take for our motto this year, our Lord's word to Peter, "Tend my Lambs"? and whether we are more interested in the Sunday School or Y.P.S.C.E., or Mission, or College, or Publishing Company, let us think specially of the children and youth, and try and make our work tell as regards them specially.

Let our College create a department to train its students to be teachers of the word, as well as preachers. Let those who give to Foreign Missions, give as giving to rescue from heathen darkness some mother's darling, who is as sweet and dear to her as yours is to you; and as innocent and pure before God. Let those who give to Home Missions, remember that they are giving to bring to Christ some other mother's girl or boy, who some of these days will stand side by side with your children, to battle against evil and wrong, and bear the banner of the Cross in this our fair land; nay, they may be the fathers and mothers of men and women who shall bear your names, and in whose hearts your blood shall beat. If you give to the Publishing Company, think that you may be sending a religious paper week by week into some home, where it will be the only religious reading they have.

Let the churches inscribe over their doors the words of the Master, "Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And when they come in, as they surely will, let us then take them up in our arms, put our hands on them and bless them—the loving Jesus will bless them and us!

It is said that the crowds who went to listen to Cicero would go away after listening to one of his magnificent orations, exclaiming, "What eloquence, what beautiful diction, what logic!" but that the Athenians who crowded to hear Demosthenes, as soon as he finished were wont to rush from his presence, with the cry of "Let us fight Philip!"

I know that the impression that this address shall make upon you will not be Ciceronian, but I pray that it may be Demosthenian; that with the help of the Holy Spirit we shall be inspired to go out and fight more vigorously against the enemies of our little ones. That we shall with more than Athenian zeal, even a Christ-like zeal, determine to save the children of our homes and of the world, from the power of the Devil and for the Kingdom of Christ, and when we have done that, the prayer that the Master taught us will be answered.

I like the ring of that rallying song of the ladies of the W. C. T. U.—

“It's coming, it's coming, the time for which we pray.
“We'll take this world for Christ's own Kingdom,
“Some glad day.”

and when that day does come, “a little child shall lead them.”



THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND
QUEBEC,

To the Churches associated therein, sendeth Greeting :

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

DEAR BRETHREN,

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

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

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

The past year has been one of mingled gain and loss, calling on the one hand for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, and on the other for serious self-examination. *Financially*, we are permitted to chronicle an advance. That we should be able to do so amid such general financial depression, has been a surprise even to our faith. The gain is slight, but all our denominational societies are out of debt, and each one has closed the year with a small balance on hand. For this result we thank God. We also thank you. "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

Numerically, we are compelled to register a decrease. Many have been added to our churches during the year, but many also have been removed, and the net result of the year's work is a decrease of 80 members. This is a great sorrow to us. The Church's business is to win souls, and nothing can compensate for the lack of that. We trust the decline is but a temporary recession of the incoming flood. Churches whose general progress has been by leaps and bounds, have all had stationary or declining years. We must not despond. Nevertheless, even a temporary decrease should excite our concern, and be interpreted as a call of God to more effective preaching, more godly living, more prevailing prayer, and more thorough consecration to the work of promoting the Kingdom of God. Let us, dearly beloved, so interpret the significance of this year's decrease, and then, the temporary decline shall be the cloud before the shower, whose blessing will refresh all the churches, and bring us a hundred converts where hitherto we have had but one.

We exhort all our Christian Endeavorers, Sunday School workers, deacons and pastors to read in this a special call of God to them. Consecrate yourselves anew, dear fellow workers, to the sublime task of bringing souls to Christ, and building them up in all the elements of Christly character; refuse to be turned aside from this great aim. Let subordinate ministries be assigned a subordinate place, and make your effort a living testimony to those who are without, that you "seek not theirs but them." Aim for souls! Watch for souls! Pray for souls! In winning them we win all things, as in choosing wisdom, Solomon secured both that and all other choice and needful good.

Much time and thought have been consumed at this Annual Meeting in considering our method of managing the denomi-

national societies. (1) The Canada Congregational Missionary Society, (2) The Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, (3) The Canada Congregational College, (4) The Congregational Publishing Society, (5) The Congregational Provident Fund Society, (6) The Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, and (7) The Congregational Union, constitute a seven-fold cord, which is not quite "a bond of perfectness." These organizations have been formed at different periods of our history, and it is thought by many among us that their relation to each other may now be simplified. The question has been referred to a joint committee representing all the societies involved, and the result of the committee's deliberations will probably be submitted next year. Important as this question is, it is only a part of the greater and more vital question, "How can we best interest the churches in our great denominational enterprises?" Through these societies we have the privilege of co-operating in the various departments of missionary endeavor. No completer test of denominational loyalty can be applied than that which is supplied by our attitude toward these schemes of the churches. Some of you remember and contribute to them all. Some contribute to certain of them. Some among you forget them all. Dearly beloved, as we desire your individual perfection and associated efficiency, we desire your earnest co-operation with us in these vitally important enterprises. Will you not give each of them a place on the calendar of your church, for an annual offering? If, by reason of pressing obligations at home, your offerings must be small, still make the offering. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath." The annual presentation of the claim will be a means of education in denominational loyalty; the amount contributed will tend year by year to increase; and the sum aggregated by the united gifts of all the churches will greatly enlarge the annual income of the societies, and increase the efficiency and scope of their operations.

One very important bond of fellowship among churches is the use of a common hymnal. The Congregational Union of England and Wales has recently issued a series of hymnals of great excellency. They comprise (1) a large and noble collection for general worship, (2) a smaller and very attractive book for Mission Halls and Evangelistic services, and (3) a Sunday School hymnal. We commend this series of hymn books to the favorable notice of all our congregations.

It would be difficult indeed to over-estimate the importance to you of the character of those who serve you in the gospel. We exhort you to exercise great care in selecting your pastors. You enjoy very great liberty in this particular, and it is incumbent upon you to exercise it with wisdom and self-restraint. The conditions of modern society, the standards insisted on by other denominations, the Congregational traditions of the past, the urgency of Apostolic precept, and the highest welfare of your families and your own souls, render it imperative that those who minister to you in holy things should be men who know God, possess an unblemished moral record, and be men of cultivated minds. Qualifications of a more superficial kind are less likely to be neglected, but these are vital, and should receive most careful scrutiny. Have regard in all pastoral settlements to the fellowship of the churches, and by councils of representative and neighboring churches you will be guarded from grave mistakes.

This year the Reverend and Venerable Wm. M. Barbour, D.D., is to retire from the Principalship of our College, after a long, active, honored and influential career in Pulpit and Seminary. Ten of those years have been spent in his present office. We congratulate him on the honorable completion of a great public career, and we call on all the churches to unite in earnest prayer to Almighty God, that He will so guide in the selection of Dr. Barbour's successor, as that a man may be appointed Principal who has understanding of the times, ability to inspire our students with true conceptions of the opportunities and responsibilities of the ministerial office, and such capacity and learning as will enable him to guide them wisely during the crucial years when they are being fitted for its occupancy.

The Union was highly favored this year by the visit of a fraternal delegation from the Triennial Council of Congregational Churches in the United States. The gentlemen selected and present at the Union were the Rev. Edward Hawes, D.D., of Burlington, Vt.; Rev. Smith Baker, D.D., of Boston, Mass.; and Rev. Frank S. Fitch, D.D., of Buffalo, N. Y. In appointing these brethren to visit us and convey their greetings, the churches of the United States gave us of their best. Their addresses were listened to with delight, and imparted genuine inspiration; and we trust that means may yet be found of establishing a closer bond of fellowship and helpful co-operation between ourselves and the larger and more influential body of Congregationalists to the south of our political boundary.

In conclusion, we would commend to you all a careful reconsideration of the distinctive features of our polity and history. The Congregational Church was called out into separate denominational life that it might be free to follow Christ in all things. Loyalty to Christ, freedom to follow the light of his truth, made known or to be made known, and fellowship with all others who are like minded, are the distinguishing features of our polity, and have been the landmarks of our history. These tenets will bear emphasising still, and the history made by the Congregational Churches in following them is an inspiring study. It is to be feared that many of our people are unacquainted with these facts, and unfamiliar with our principles. We urge that more attention be given to the duty of instructing both young and old in the things which pertain to Congregational Church-life, that they may be the better able to give a reason for their denominational affiliation, and that they may know that they are born to a rich inheritance, and are sons and daughters of saints, confessors and martyrs, who having "served their own generation by the will of God," "left us an example that we should follow in their steps." A church that can boast of martyrs like Barrow, confessors like John Robinson, theologians like Owen, commentators like Matthew Henry, poets like Milton, reformers like Cromwell, pioneers like the Pilgrim Fathers, missionaries like Moffat, preachers like Beecher, evangelists like Moody, and organizers like Father Endeavor Clarke, has surely in its past a pledge for the future, and material for denominational appeals that should inspire generation after generation. Dear brethren in the Ministry, it is incumbent upon you to see that the people know these things. The book of Acts is not yet concluded: let our congregations be instructed in the contents of its more modern chapters.

"And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

SETH P. LEET, }
 J. MORTON, } *Committee.*
 THOMAS SIMS, }

MONTREAL, June, 1896.

THE
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OF

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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Next Meeting of the Union.

At Milton, N.S., July, 1897.

MINUTES OF THE UNION.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick met with the church in Keswick Ridge, N.B., Thursday, July 2, 1896, at 2 p.m. A short devotional service was held, conducted by Rev. J. Wood of Truro.

The Union was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. D. W. Purdon of Chebogue.

Mr. J. Ernest Bradshaw, student, was appointed Minute Secretary, and Rev. E. C. Wall, Assistant.

A Nominating Committee was then appointed, consisting of Revs. Austin, Sykes and Shipperley, who recommended the *personnel* of the following committees:—

Business Committee—Revs. Wood, Austin, Shipperley, Forbush, and Capt. E. Huntley.

Membership—Revs. Cox and Braine, and Mr. Arch. Barker.

Finance—Revs. Shipperley and Purdon, and Mr. J. W. Jewett.

Public Service—Revs. Sykes and Minchin, and Mr. W. Long.

The last session's minutes were read and confirmed. The sessional roll was called, and there answered to their names the following:—

MINISTERS.

Revs. S. Sykes, J. Shipperley, J. W. Cox, D. W. Purdon, J. M. Austin, Wm. B. Forbush and A. Braine.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Capt. E. Huntley, Economy, N.S.

J. W. Jewett and Ira Burt, Keswick Ridge, N.B.

Rev. E. C. W. McColl, Kingsport, N.S.

Mr. J. E. Bradshaw, Maitland, Selmah, and Noel.

Mr. A. Barker and Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield, N.B.

Mr. James Woodrow and Mrs. Hevenor, St. John, N.B.

Mr. A. N. Tupper, Truro, N.S.

Mrs. Adelbert Jenkins, Yarmouth, N.S.

John Roseberry, "The Lake and Bear Island," N.B.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. E. C. W. McColl, Kingsport, N.S.
 Rev. Churchill Moore, Ayer's Flatts, Que.
 Rev. Mr. Kiersted, Free Baptist, Keswick, N.B.

NEW MEMBERS.

Rev. Wm. J. Minchin of St. John, N.B., and
 Rev. E. C. Wall, Canning, N.S.

NEW CHURCHES.

The church of Scotch Lake and Bear Island was received into the Union.

A letter was read from Rev. W. Williams of Milltown, N. B., regretting his inability to be present; also from Rev. Jas. Blesedell, late of Pleasant River; and Rev. C. Duff, at present supplying Brooklyn and Beach Meadows.

MANCHESTER CHURCH PROPERTY.

Rev. J. W. Cox and Mr. James Woodrow were appointed a committee to investigate matters relating to the church property at Manchester, N.S., and report to the Standing Committee.

DELEGATES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Revs. Cox and Wood reported having been present at the Ontario and Quebec Union, held in Zion church, Montreal, and expressed themselves as well pleased with the reception that had been accorded them by our Western brethren, as representatives of this Union. They thought that there was progress being made. The C. C. M. S. was now a solvent corporation. The C. C. F. M. S. had increased its revenues 25 per cent., and was clear of debt. The Provident Fund was financially strong, and though the times were bad in the West, our churches were more than holding their own in Ontario, and making headway in Quebec.

THURSDAY EVENING, July 2.

A short praise service was held, after which Rev. Mr. Sykes delivered an address of welcome. The Chairman, Rev. Mr. Purdon, then delivered his retiring address. His subject was, "Congregationalism in relation to the crowned rights of Jesus Christ."

Rev. Wm. B. Forbush, Ph.D., of Yarmouth, N.S., was chosen Chairman, and at once entered upon the duties of his office. After which an address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Minchin of St. John, N.B., upon "Congregationalism as a Spiritual Force"; and this most inspiring meeting was brought to a close by a hymn heartily sung, and the collection, and benediction.

FRIDAY, July 3.

Devotional meeting at 9.30 a.m. The chair was taken at 10 a.m. A spirited discussion took place upon the *Congregationalist*. The following resolution was moved by a special committee, appointed to draft it:—

Resolved,—That we feel the need of a denominational periodical, and wish to co-operate with the *Congregationalist* in every way. We desire that a column be devoted to news and comments of the churches of the Maritime Provinces, under the charge of a local editor appointed by the Union, and in the hope that such arrangements shall be made, we again commend the paper to all our churches for their liberal patronage.—*Carried*.

Rev. W. J. Minchin was appointed Local Editor of the Maritime Provinces.

M. Austin spoke upon the C. C. College.

Mr. Wood spoke upon the C. C. Provident Fund.

The Ladies' Missionary Society, presided over very ably by Mrs. Jenkins of Yarmouth, N.S., held an enthusiastic meeting, at 2.30 p.m., the Union adjourning to give them the church. At the adjourned meeting of the Union, in the afternoon, the Statistical Secretary read his report.

FRIDAY Evening.

A stirring missionary meeting was held in the evening.

Student Bradshaw spoke upon the Student Volunteers' Movement of Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Jenkins spoke upon Home Missions, from the Mothers' standpoint.

Rev. Mr. Wall gave an interesting account of his five years' mission work in Little Bay, Newfoundland.

Rev. Mr. Braine spoke upon Foreign Missions, the supreme duty and privilege of our churches. Mr. Cox called for renewed consecration to Christ.

There was a full house, much enthusiasm, and a good collection for missions.

SATURDAY, July 4.

Saturday was the Jubilee Day. The Union was organized in July, 1846, and hence it was thought well to give up one day to memorial matters touching the fifty years of our Union's history.

Rev. Mr. Shipperley led the morning prayer meeting, and referred in a touching manner to the facts and experiences of our churches during these years, and pointed out that our history is closely connected with the churches of our denomination in the United States, inasmuch as the majority of our churches were planted by the descendants of the Pilgrims. We have a loving interest in the dates 1620, as well as 1846.

Mr. Cox read a carefully prepared paper upon "Notes from the Records, with Comments." It was well received.

Mr. Minchin read a paper prepared by Mr. Woodrow, upon "Reminiscences of the Union."

Rev. Churchill Moore then, in a bright speech, conveyed the greetings of the Ontario and Quebec Union.

Very encouraging reports were given from the churches, especially from Sheffield, St. John, and Yarmouth.

SATURDAY Evening.

An evangelistic meeting of extraordinary spiritual power was held, presided over by Mr. Cox.

SUNDAY Morning, July 5.

At 11 a.m. the Union sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Forbush, upon "The Help of Good People," from Col. iv. 11, at the close of which the Lord's Supper was observed; the pastor, Mr. Sykes, presiding, assisted by Revs. Shipperley and Moore.

At 2.30 a mass meeting of the Sunday Schools in the vicinity was held, addressed by Revs. Forbush, Austin, Braine and Minchin.

At 7.30, Rev. A. Braine preached from Luke xiv. 17, to a crowded house, the people coming from all the country round about.

Three or four other stations were also occupied by members of the Union.

MONDAY, July 6.

Mr. Austin led the prayer meeting and spoke on the ministry of Hope.

The Union resumed its routine business at 10 a.m.

Mr. Cox asked to be allowed to retire from the office of Secretary, on account of the uncertainty connected with his future course, he having resigned his pastorate in Economy.

The Union was unwilling to allow Mr. Cox to withdraw, unless he was compelled to by removal from the bounds of the Union.

Rev. Mr. Minchin was appointed Assistant-Secretary, so that the office should not become vacant.

Rev. Mr. Blesedell's Evangelistic report was read, which showed a good work done and the mission nearly self-sustaining; the churches ministered to having responded cheerfully with good collections.

The Treasurer's report was then read, showing a balance on the right side.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS.

It was moved that we consider it necessary to employ a competent Evangelist to labor within the bounds of the Union, as many weeks of the present year as possible; and that a committee be appointed that shall have power to secure such an Evangelist, and have the field and the funds in charge; and that the following brethren compose such committee: Revs. Forbush, Minchin and Wood, and Mr. C. H. Dearborn.—*Carried.*

It was moved by Rev. J. W. Cox, seconded by Rev. J. M. Austin, and *Resolved*,—That whereas the Rev. Jacob Whitman is the only surviving charter-member of this Union, and he is now in feeble health, we tender to him our heartfelt sympathy and love, with the prayer that he may enjoy the blessing of the abiding presence of our Heavenly Father; and that his strength may be so renewed that we may see his face at our Union next year.

It was *Resolved*,—That this Union endorses the action of Mr. J. Woodrow and Rev. S. Sykes, on behalf of the committee appointed at last Union meeting, in selling to the Trustees of the Zion Congregational Church in Liverpool, N.S., for a Burying Ground, the Gorham College property, for \$200, payable in ten years, and bearing interest at 6 per cent.

RESOLUTION UPON MISSIONARY GRANTS.

Resolved,—That while deeply sympathizing with the C. C. M. S., in its arduous and delicate work of financially assisting the weak churches of our Dominion at large, this Union most respectfully suggests that such lump sum as can be equitably allotted to these Provinces, be left to be appropriated by the Executive representing this Union; those members having laid before the General Committee the need of the fields within the bounds of the Union.

Moved by Mr. Shipperley, seconded by Mr. Purdon.

TEMPERANCE.

The resolution of last year was affirmed as follows:—That whereas the evil resulting from the use of alcoholic liquors is universal, and the traffic therein a crime against humanity, and a blot on our Christian civilization, we believe that legal prohibition is a practical remedy for this evil.

Resolved,—That we urge upon our people and ministers the necessity of earnestly enlisting in this great cause; and would urge them to work and speak, and vote, with a view to the total annihilation of the manufacture, importation, sale, and use of all intoxicating liquors.

Resolved,—That our ministers be requested to preach at least once a year upon this subject.

CLOSER UNION.

Resolved,—That the Union of Ontario and Quebec be approached with a view of the organization of a Triennial and Quadrennial Council or Convention, consisting of pastors and delegates from the whole Dominion.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Wood.

SYMPATHY WITH LIVERPOOL.

Resolved,—That this Union heartily expresses its deep sympathy for the Church in Liverpool, N.S., in the loss of its beautiful Zion by fire, and prays that He who is able to bring good out of seeming evil, may come with them into their new house of prayer, shortly to be opened, and make it the birthplace and delightful home of many in future years.

C. E. RALLY AND CONFERENCE.

At 2 p.m., Rev. Dr. Forbush, Superintendent of Christian Endeavour Union, called the meeting to order, and led a most interesting and instructive open Parliament upon the working of our C. E. Societies in our churches: The Pledge, The Constitution, and Committee Work.

Mr. Cox, President of the Maritime C. E. Union, then gave his impressions of world-wide C. Endeavour, and gave a description of the spiritual side of the great Convention of Boston, '95. Then the meeting was thrown open, and many took a part in

the interesting exercises, Prominent among the speakers were Mr. Archibald Barker, Revs. David Coburn of Maine, Churchill Moore, J. M. Austin, John Wood and Mr. McColl. The meeting was brought to a close with a most solemn consecration service.

MONDAY Evening, July 6.

At 7.30, a splendid farewell meeting was held, presided over by Secretary Cox, the chairman having been called away by urgent appointments. The addresses were excellent, and the singing was hearty, and the people all felt at the close that they had enjoyed a rich feast of fat things.

Rev. W. J. Minchin of St. John, is the preacher of the Union Sermon of 1897 ; and Rev. D. W. Purdon, alternate.

Rev. J. W. Cox and Rev. J. M. Austin, delegates to the C. E. Maritime Convention, held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., September 1-3.

Dr. Forbush, Rev. J. W. Cox, delegates to Ontario and Quebec Union.

Rev. Mr. Minchin and Rev. Mr. Austin, to Maine Conference.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung, and the Union adjourned, to meet in Milton, N.S., July, 1897, the exact date to be fixed by the interim committee.

J. W. Cox, *Secretary.*

AN ABBREVIATION OF REPORT OF STATISTICAL
SECRETARY UNION OF N. S. AND NEW
BRUNSWICK.

There are laboring in the churches at the present time, 11 pastors, 1 ordained supply, and 1 student; also 1 evangelist. Two pastors have resigned during the year, one having accepted a pastorate in Ontario, and one in Cape Breton. Rev. J. Bleasdel has accepted a call to the Church at Economy, recently vacated by the Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A., Pleasant River. Mr. Bleasdel's former charge is still without a pastor. One of our pastors was ordained 32 years ago, one has been in the ministry 43 years, and another 25 years; all the other pastors were more recently settled for ministerial work. None have been in their present stations on their last appointments for more than five years; two have resumed previous pastorates; six of the present pastors and supplies have received instruction in our own college; two at English institutions, one at Queen's College, Kingston; one at Darmouth, N. H., and one at Bangor, Maine, U. S. The pastors and supplies labor in 19 stations, apart from their churches, and preach at 32 places on the Lord's Day, to an average number of hearers, at all stations of 2,095 persons.

All the churches report 3,081 persons as being under their pastoral care; but the number of Congregationalists in the two Provinces is reported as being 3,531; 69 persons have been admitted into churches by profession, and 8 by letter. Death has taken away 27; and 20 have been dismissed to other churches. The membership of the churches in the Union is 1,229, but in both Provinces, including Milltown, N. B., 1,362. although there is a slight decrease in membership at the end of the statistical year, the number of admissions at the following communion would more than compensate for our previous losses.

Admissions on profession last year were 97, but this year 49; some reports being tardy, the exact numbers could not be given.

There is a Sabbath School in every church, and in some cases more than one, with a total of 140 officers and teachers, and 1,052 scholars on the rolls, while the average attendance is 807. Twelve churches have C. E. Societies with a total membership of 428.

We have twenty-one churches on our Union List besides that which flourishes at Milltown, N. B. Some of these were organized during the last century; Kingsport, *e. g.*, 134 years ago; Sheffield, *e. g.*, 133; Liverpool, *e. g.*, 135. Chebogue has been at work for 124 years. Some others are venerable, but all of them are organized during the present century. We have more than twenty one buildings, although that at Liverpool is at present incomplete, rising from the ashes of its former self. These buildings are all but two constructed of wood, the exception being those at St. John and Yarmouth. They will accommodate 4,500 people. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the security by registration or insurance of several of the churches, but many are duly protected. About half of the churches have parsonages in connection with them. The value of our church edifices is supposed to be \$59,100, and that of the parsonages to be \$11,150, but the debt on them is \$3,190.

The churches have raised for local objects \$9,050; and for Home and Foreign Missions and Congregational College, \$811. \$296 have been raised for other denominational objects, and \$186 for general benevolent purposes. Altogether \$10,437 have been raised by the churches during the whole year, or, \$1,643 less than what was reported last year.

Exact reports may be seen from the various Treasurers' Statements in the YEAR BOOK.

J. SHIPPERLEY,
Statistical Sec.

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

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.



THE Nineteenth Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Keswick Ridge, N.B., on the afternoon of July 3rd, 1896. After short devotional exercises, led by the President, the following officers responded to roll-call:—*Pres.*, Mrs. Jenkins, Yarmouth; *1st. Vice-Pres.*, Miss Sykes, Keswick Ridge; *Sec.*, Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield. Minutes of last meeting were then read

and adopted. Miss Estey, of Keswick Ridge, read an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Hevenor, of St. John. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were then read and received. Mr. Cox, delegate from the Congregational Union, was then called upon, and gave us an interesting and encouraging address. A recitation was then given by Miss Jenkins, followed by a paper on "Armenia," written by Mrs. McEwen, Brooklyn, and read by Miss Burpee. Addresses were next given by Rev. Dr. Forbush and Rev. Mr. Minchin, which were listened to with much pleasure. A vote of thanks was tendered the delegation for their kindly interest and encouraging words.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Congregational Union for their kindness in having the minutes of our meeting printed in the YEAR BOOK.

Miss Adeline Burpee, Mrs. Sykes and Miss Ida Barker were appointed a Nominating Committee. Miss Burpee, Mrs. Minchin, and Mrs. Hevenor, were appointed a committee to consider what steps are advisable with regard to Mrs. McEwen's suggestions. Meeting closed by singing, "More Love to Thee," etc.

Saturday afternoon, after short devotional exercises, the following officers were elected:—

President—Mrs. Jenkins, Yarmouth, N.S.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Nathan Tupper, Milton, N.S.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. H. Wathen, Brooklyn, N.S.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Sykes, Keswick Ridge, N.B.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, St. John, N.B.

Secretary—Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield, N.B.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. W. Burns, Shelburne, N.S.

Miss Adeline Burpee, Convenor of the Committee of Arrangements, reported a paper received, and the following suggestions made by that Committee were adopted:—

1. That in case the General Officers are absent, the local Society take the Annual Meeting in charge.

2. That the next meeting of the Women's H. M. S. be 2.30 p.m. on the day appointed by Union for missionary meetings.

That we have an "order of business."

The report was received.

The Committee appointed so consider what steps are advisable to take in regard to Mrs. McEwen's suggestions, recommended, "That we write to the A. B. C. F. M. for advice," which recommendation was adopted. Miss Burpee's offer to write was accepted. Mrs. Minchin and Mrs. Nathan Tupper were elected delegates to the Woman's Board of Missions.

On motion,

Resolved,—That each auxiliary shall send one delegate to the Annual Meeting; the expense to be met by special effort in the form of a collection or social, to be held one month previous to meeting.

On motion,

Resolved,—That Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Burpee be a Committee of Arrangements.

The minutes were then read and received, after which the meeting adjourned to meet again the same time and place as the meeting of Union of N.S. and N.B.

IDA BARKER,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1895-'96.

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

Chebogue (Busy Bees), N.S.	\$ 6 00
Chebogue (W. M. S.), N.S.	10 00
Economy (W. M. S.), N.S.	10 00
Keswick Ridge, N.B. (Scotch Settlement gave \$2.20; Scotch Lake gave \$3.70).....	23 00
Milton (W. M. S.), N.S.	4 00
Pleasant River (W. M. S.), N.S.	4 00
St. John (W. M. S.), N.B. (\$10 of which was for the debt fund).....	31 00
Truro (W. M. S.), N.S.	14 00
Yarmouth (W. M. S.), N.S., for the debt fund.	13 50
Kingsport, sent direct.....	12 00
Sheffield, sent direct (of which \$10.72 was for the debt fund).....	33 75
Yarmouth (sent too late for the C. C. M. S. accounts).....	48 00
	\$ 209 25

Reported by the Treasurer last year, but too late for the C. C. M. S. accounts, but reported by them this year: Beach Meadows, \$5; Milton, \$5; St. John, \$10.

The Treasurer received a receipted bill, \$6, for printed report in YEAR BOOK. Thanks are due the Union for their kindness.

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

Chebogue (Busy Bees), N.S., for Mr. Currie's mission.	\$ 10 00
" 25 tracts	50
Economy, N.S.	4 00
Liverpool, N.S., for Miss Melville's expenses	7 00
Millon, N.S. (\$10 of which the Y.P.C.E. sent for Mr. Currie's building-fund; \$10 was sent by the W. M. S. for Mr. Currie's work.....	20 00
St. John, N.B. (\$10 was sent by the Sunday School; \$10 by the Primary class; both for Mr. Currie's school	20 00
Yarmouth, N.S., for support of native teacher in Madura, India.....	40 00
Brooklyn, N.S., sent direct (\$10 from the Sunday School; \$10 from the W. M. S.; both for Cisamba building-fund.	20 00
	\$121 50

LOUISA C. DEARBORN,
Treasurer.

The Congregational College of Canada.

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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 CONSTITUTION.

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 services.

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 members, two of whom may be nominated by the Alumni Association. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

*See preceding page of this volume.—ED.

†Now the *Congregationalist and Canadian Independent*.

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 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 subject 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 subjects in the Theological department as the Board may direct.

2. The students, both in 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.

* NOTE—Sub-sections (b) and (c) have remained a dead letter from the first. *Sec.*

5. Attendance upon the classes in the College, and 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 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 deem necessary, either in 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.

I.—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.

Latin.—Cæsar, Bell. Gall., Book I. and II. ; and Virgil, Æneid, Book I. ; Latin Grammar.

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 the examination.

French.—Grammar up to the beginning of Syntax. An easy translation from French into 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.

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.

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.

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, chaps. v. to vii. inclusive.
- (b) *Hebrew*—Genesis, chaps. i. to viii. inclusive.
Deuteronomy, chaps. xxxii. to xxxiii. inclusive.
- (c) *Apologetics*—Butler's Analogy—Dale's "The Living Christ and 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, chaps. 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 Mediæval eras.)
- (e) *Biblical Theology*—Old Testament, Oehler, Part II.
New Testament, Reuss, Vol. I.
- (f) *Theology*—Mozely's "Ruling Ideas in the Early Ages."

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.
Hatch's Bampton Lectures. ✓
- (h) *Pastoral Theology*—Shedd. ✓

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.

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 examination 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.

6. 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.

MEDAL.

1. *The Calvary Church Silver Medal.* Offered for the best answering in a special examination in the final examinations of the Theological Courses.

LIST OF ALUMNI.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Whence.</i>	<i>Date of Leaving.</i>	<i>Where.</i>
1 Ludwick Kribs.....	<i>Eramosa</i>	1841..	Died.
2 Stephen King.....	<i>Glanford</i>	1842..	Died.
3 Leonard McGlashan...	<i>Pelham</i>	1842..	Died.
4 Samuel Finton....	<i>Glanford</i>	1842..	Presbyterian church.
5 James Vincent.....	<i>Coventry, Eng.</i>	1842..	Salem, Mich.
6 Edward Ebbs... ..	<i>Guelph</i>	1843..	Died.
7 William Lumsden....	<i>Peterborough</i>	1843..	Episcopal church.
8 William F. Clarke....	<i>London, Ont.</i>	1844..	Guelph, Ont.
9 Thomas I. Hodgkin...	<i>Guelph</i>	1845..	Episcopal church.
10 Robert Robertson ...	<i>Montreal, Zion</i>	1845..	Toronto, Ont.
11 John Bowles	<i>Montreal, Zion</i>	1845..	Died.
12 Norman McLeod.....	<i>L'Orignal</i>	1844..	Humboldt, Iowa.
13 W. H. Allworth	<i>Southwold</i>	1845..	Lansing, Mich.
14 Thomas Snell.....	<i>New York State</i>	1846..	Died.
15 Thomas Seawright....	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1847..	
16 Thomas Bayne.....	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1846..	
17 George C. Wickson....	<i>Montreal, Zion</i>	1847..	
18 William Hay.....	<i>Warwick</i>	1847..	Scotland, Ont.
19 Henry Lancashire ...	<i>Montreal, Zion</i>	1848..	New York City.
20 K. M. Fenwick.....	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1847..	Montreal, Que.
21 Charles McKay	<i>Montreal, 2nd Church</i>	1846..	Died.
22 J. C. Geikie, D.D ...	<i>Moore</i>	1848..	Episcopal church, Eng.
23 F. H. Marling, D.D.	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1848..	New York.
24 A. Wickson, LL.D...	<i>Toronto, Zion</i>	1848..	London, England.
25 John Wood	<i>Montreal, Zion</i>	1851..	Truro. N.S.
26 John McKillican.....	<i>Vankleek Hill</i>	1851..	Montreal.
27 John Fraser.....	<i>Stanstead</i>	1851..	Died.
28 R. K. Black.....	<i>St. John, N. B.</i>	1852..	Granby.
29 George Ritchie.....	"	1852..	Ketchum, Idaho.
30 Daniel Macallum.....	<i>St. Andrews, Que.</i>	1852..	Maxville, Ont.

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31 James Hay	Warwick	1852	Rockport. Ont.
32 E. A. Noble	Hamilton	1852	
33 Enoch Barker	Sheffield, N.B.	1853	Toronto, Ont.
34 Archibald Burpee	Sheffield, N.B.	1855	Died.
35 John Campbell	Indian Lands	1855	West Arran, Ont.
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	1860	Eaton, Que.
42 George A. Rawson	Lanark	1859	Veronndale, Cal.
43 Joseph V. Bryning	Scotland, Ont	1860	
44 John R. Kean	Inverness, Que	1860	Presbyterian church.
45 Robert Burchill	Toronto, Zion	1861	
46 Robert Brown	Caledon	1861	Died.
47 John Brown	Caledon	1861	Died.
48 Benjamin W. Day	Brantford	1861	Granby, Que.
49 G. Strassenburg, 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	Parkdale, Ont.
53 Alexander McGregor	Manilla	1862	Pawtucket, R. I.
54 Richard Lewis	Sarnia	1862	Grand Haven, Mich.
55 James Douglas	Toronto, Bond St.	1865	Presbyterian church.
56 J. A. R. Dickson	Brantford	1865	" "
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, Ont.
61 Wm. M. Peacock	Lanark	1869	Died.
62 D. McGregor, M.D.	Manilla	1872	Antwerp, N. Y.
63 R. W. Wallace, B. D.	Markham	1872	Newport, R. I.
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	Copenhagen, N. Y.
68 Edwin D. Silcox	Southwold	1873	Paris, Ont.
69 William McIntosh	Rugby	1874	Ottawa, Ont.
70 Jas. R. Black	Montreal, Zion	1874	Kingston, Ont.
71 Andrew O. Cossar	London, Ont	1876	Vermontville, Mich.
72 John B. Silcox	Frome, Ont	1876	Chicago.
73 John F. Malcolm	Scotland, Ont	1877	United States.
74 Jacob W. Cox, B.A.	Cornwallis, N.S.	1877	Economy, 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	California.
79 Jas. C. Wright	Howick, Ont	1878	Fairhaven, Wash.
80 A. L. McFayden, B.A.	Manilla	1879	Presbyterian church.
81 Wm. 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	Tiverton, Ont.
84 John McKinnon	Kincardine, Ont	1881	Pilot Mound, Ont.
85 Geo. Robertson, B.A.	Douglas, Ont	1882	United States.
86 George Skinner	Melbourne, Que	1882	Frome, Ont.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Whence.</i>	<i>Date of Leaving.</i>	<i>Where.</i>
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.	Garafraza	1885	Torrington, Connecticut.
91 W. I. 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	St. Andrews, Que.
98 John P. Gerrie, B.A.	Garafraza, 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.
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 James 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, Quebec	1892	Waterville Que.
113 R. O. Ross, B.A.	Margaree, N. S.	1892	Montreal.
114 W. S. Pritchard, B.A.	Howick First, Ont.	1893	United States.
115 Geo. 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	Franklin Centre, Que.
118 Geo. 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	Williston, N. Dak.
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	Brandon, Man.
125 Harold I. Horsey	Kingston, Ont.	1896	Ottawa, Ont.
126 R. G. Watt	Lanark, Ont	1896	Maxville, Ont.
127 A. F. Pollock	Forest, Ont	1896	Speedside, Ont.
128 Matthew Kelly	Hamilton, Ont.	1896	Listowel, Ont.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL
COLLEGE OF CANADA.

*Held in Zion Congregational Church, Montreal, Quebec, June
12th, 1896.*

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

1. J. R. Dougall, Esq., M.A., was appointed Chairman.
2. The Rev. R. K. Black led in prayer.
3. The Rev. Geo. Ellery Read was appointed Minute Secretary.

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 report and statements. Professor Warriner also reported concerning the work done in his classes, and the Rev. E. M. Hill gave a verbal report of the condition of the Library. Principal Barbour then presented his report, which included also a resignation of the Principalship, to take effect on the 30th of June, 1897. The Chairman stated that as his resignation was laid before the Board but a short time ago, the Board had not had sufficient time to act upon it, but had appointed a Committee to suggest action for this meeting; and that this would now be read by the Secretary, as a part of their report.

Whereupon the Secretary read as follows:—

“The most important event to the College, during the year, has been the resignation of the honored Principal, who has guided the affairs of this institution for the last nine years, with such wholesouled and self-forgetful devotion.” As his resignation does not take effect before June 30th, 1897, the Board only received intimation of it a few days ago; whereupon it was —

Resolved,—That whereas the Rev. William M. Barbour, D.D., has tendered his resignation as Principal of the College, to take effect June 30th, 1897; and whereas he assures us that this step is taken in pursuance of a long-entertained purpose to retire from his present position upon his arriving at his 70th year, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*,—That we sadly bow to the exigency which constrains him to contemplate the bringing to a close of his long years of efficient service in the training of young men for the Christian ministry, and that we regretfully recommend the acceptance of the resignation at the designated time.

2. *Resolved*,—That we gratefully commend Dr. Barbour for his great thoughtfulness in not bringing his labors to an abrupt termination ; and in giving us ample time to seek out a suitable man, upon whose shoulders may fall the exceedingly great responsibilities which belong to the position he has held.

3. *Resolved*,—That we bear unequivocal testimony to the very cordial relations which have been always maintained between Dr. Barbour and the Board of Directors ; to the high esteem we put upon his worth as a man and his work as an instructor ; and to the warm place he occupies in the hearts of all the friends of the College.

5. Moved by Mr. C. R. Black, seconded by the Rev. Hugh Pedley, B.A. :—

“That the reports and statements now presented be severally received and adopted ; and with the customary addenda be printed in the YEAR BOOK.”

As this motion included the acceptance of the Principal's resignation, it was made the occasion of the expression of esteem and affection for Dr. Barbour, not only on the part of the mover and seconder, but also on the part of others, including Dr. Smith Baker and Dr. Hawes, delegates from the National Council of the United States, Dr. Evans, the Rev. J. McKillican, and the Rev. W. T. Gunn, the latter being one of those who graduated from the college during Dr. Barbour's Principalship. It was then adopted by a standing vote.

6. Mr. J. R. McDougall was appointed Chairman, the Rev. Prof. Warriner, Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Moodie, Treasurer.

7. Mr. T. B. Macaulay, Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Mr. J. C. Copp, Mr. W. D. Lighthall and Prof. Bernard J. Harrington were elected to fill the vacancies that had arisen in the Directorate.

8. Mr. C. T. Williams and Mr. Archibald Wright were appointed Auditors ; and the Secretary was requested to express to these gentlemen the thanks of the Corporation for their services.

Moved by Mr. Seth P. Leet, seconded by the Rev. John Morton :—

Whereas the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec passed the following resolution :—

“That the principle as put forth in Mr. S. P. Leet's motion commends itself in general to our approval ; but that as details are not fully considered, the matter be referred to the Churches, Associations and Societies, for further consideration, to report next year.”

And whereas the Congregational Missionary Society has named a Committee to form part of a Joint Committee, to be appointed by the Union and any other of our denominational Societies, who may do so, to take into consideration the matter of closer union of the different departments of our denominational work ; said joint Committee to report next year.

Now proceeding to accede to the request contained in said motion of the Union, we hereby declare that we do not now express an opinion on the merits of the motion submitted by Mr. Leet to the said Union, but unite with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, the Union, and any other Society, in naming a Committee to form part of such joint Committee ; and hereby appoint the Chairman of our Board, our Treasurer, and Secretary, as such Committee.

10. It was moved in amendment by Mr. C. R. Black, seconded by Mr. H. O. O'Hara :—

That the Resolution passed by the Congregational Missionary Society be substituted for the original motion.

The amendment carried ; and the Resolution passed by the Congregational Missionary Society was adopted, which is as follows :—

“That this Society, while desirous of promoting by all means in its power closer union between the different branches of the work being done by our churches and societies, declares that it cannot now approve of the scheme commonly described as the amalgamation scheme suggested by Mr. S. P. Leet, but resolves that a committee be now appointed to act with any other committee that may be formed by the Union and other societies to consider how best to secure more efficient co-operation.”

11. The Chairman then called a meeting of the Directors for Saturday afternoon next at two o'clock, to be held in the College Building.

12. On motion, the minutes were taken as read, and the meeting adjourned.

G. ELLERY READ,
Minute Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SESSION OF 1895-96.

Being the Fifty-seventh Session of the College.

In presenting their Report of the College for the past year, your Directors would express their gratitude to Almighty God for the uniform health of both Students and Professors during the entire session ; so that there has been no breach or intermission in the work on the part of any.

We have, however, regretfully to report that shortly after the last annual meeting of this Corporation, our esteemed Chairman, Dr. Cornish, whose health for some time had been far from robust, was taken with a very severe illness, and in a few days passed to his rest and reward. In his death the College loses one of its oldest, ablest, and most devoted friends.

For over twenty-five years he rendered gratuitous service as Secretary, devoting to that office gifts of an altogether unusual order of excellence. For several years he took the classes in Greek Exegesis. When vacancies occurred in the Principalship, he was the one to whom your Board looked to assume the temporary responsibility, and whether as Secretary, Chairman, or acting Principal, his devotion to this College was conspicuous in its unselfishness, integrity and wisdom.

As soon as convenient, your Directors took steps to fill the vacancy in the Chairmanship, and elected to this office Mr. J. R. Dougall, M.A., who for some years has been an active member of the Board.

Your Board congratulated itself on having in Mr. Dougall one who, as editor of the *Montreal Witness*, has long exercised a most potent and beneficent influence on the life and literature of this Dominion; and as a life-long Congregationalist, and one intimately associated with the government of McGill University, as Senior Representative Fellow in Arts, would be able to conserve and enlarge the best interests of this Institution.

The opening exercises of the College were held in the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, October 3rd, 1895. The address was given by Professor Warriner. Dr. Peterson, Principal of McGill University, was also present; and in response to an address of welcome from your Board, as representing the oldest of the affiliated Colleges of McGill, and presented by Dr. Barbour, anticipated yet closer relations between these affiliated Colleges and the University.

Applications for admission to the full course were received from H. G. Rice, a member of the Church in New Durham, and from T. A. Munroe, of the Church in Point St. Charles.

They have both passed their probation successfully, and have been admitted as students of the College.

Messrs. Lewis and Harding, students of the second year, asked, and received permission to withdraw from the College on the occasion of their return to England.

The Sessional Roll stood as follows :—

FULL COURSE.

1. J. C. Watt.....Fourth Year.
2. C. R. Ashdown.....Fourth Year.
3. W. Johnson.....Third Year.
4. A. B. Ross.....Second Year.
5. H. G. Rice.....First Year.
6. T. A. Munroe.....First Year.

THEOLOGICAL COURSE.

7. Frank J. Day, B.A.....Second and Third Year.
8. R. G. Watt.....Third Year.
9. H. I. Horsey.....Third Year.
10. Matthew Kelly.....Third Year.
11. A. F. Pollock.....Third Year.
12. J. A. Mair.....Second Year.
13. J. L. Alexander.....Second Year.
14. J. McGuire.....Second Year.
15. J. E. Bradshaw.....Second Year.

Your Board has at various times considered the advisability of appointing a Lecturer to take the place of Dr. Jackson, whose lectures on the History and Polity of Congregationalism have been a feature of the Course for the last ten years; but for financial and other reasons, it has not seemed best to move in this direction. Instead of this, Dr. Barbour has given an extra course of sixty lectures on General Church History; and as the nature and Constitution of the Church is really included in his course on Systematic Theology, this has been deemed sufficient, at least for the present.

This additional labor has, however, been rendered possible, by the fact that no students were entered for the Theological Course of the First Year. Whether it will be possible to continue this work under different circumstances another year, remains to be seen.

The Christmas and Sessional Examinations were held as usual. The students as a whole acquitted themselves most creditably in the Theological departments, but not so well as we could desire in the examinations of McGill. This is a matter that should claim the serious consideration of the incoming Board, as some of the students do not seem to appreciate as highly as they should, the work of McGill.

Mr. J. C. Watt was successful in passing his final examinations, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Frank J. Day, B.A., and Rev. W. T. Gunn, M.A., presented themselves for the Intermediate Examination in the course for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity; the former for the whole of such Intermediate Examination, and the latter for a portion of it. Each gentleman most creditably passed in the subjects for which he offered himself.

Mr. Frank J. Day was also awarded the Calvary Silver Medal for a very able Essay on the "Development of Congregationalism in the Colonial period."

The following students completed their full course to the satisfaction of your Board, and received the certificates of the College to that effect, namely: Frank J. Day, B.A., J. C. Watt, B.A., A. F. Pollock, H. J. Horsey, Matthew Kelly, and R. G. Watt.

These gentlemen, for the most part, either are already, or shortly will be settled as pastors over churches in various parts of the Dominion.

Convocation was held on Thursday, April the 9th. Messrs. Day and Watt spoke as the representatives of the graduating class; and the Rev. Dr. Evans, pastor of Emmanuel Church, addressed the students.

In connection with the closing exercises a Baccalaureate sermon was preached in Emmanuel Church on the Sunday previous to Convocation, by the Rev. M. H. Bucham, D.D., the President of the University of Vermont. His services, which were much appreciated, were duly acknowledged by your Board.

In reviewing the year as a whole, there are two or three other matters that seems to call for particular mention.

We have already referred to the loss which the College has sustained in the death of Dr. Cornish. We have now to report the decease of another friend, in the person of Robert Anderson, Esq., who, though a member of another communion, for several years manifested his interests in this school of learning, by an annual donation of one hundred dollars; and who gave further proof of his friendship by leaving to this Corporation a legacy of \$2,000, the interest of which (less the Provincial tax, amounting to \$200), will shortly be available, according to the terms of the testator's will, as prizes for deserving students.

We would also mention the continued efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, especially of their Convener, Mrs. Barbour,

who, with the assistance of generous friends in the churches, have replenished, re-furnished, and greatly beautified the interior of the College building. A number of friends also presented to the College a portrait in oil, of the late Chairman, Dr. Cornish, and it now hangs in the Assembly Hall.

We have also to report that the question of the Amalgamation of the various Incorporated Societies with the Union of Ontario and Quebec, was again referred by the Secretary of the Union to your Board, and the following resolution was passed, namely:

"That this Board cannot see its way to recommend the adoption of Mr. Leet's motion, and that the feeling of the Board is, that by a more efficient working of the means we now have, we should secure all the advantages, and avoid any of the possible dangers involved in the proposed plan."

The report of the finances will be presented by Mr. Thomas Moodie, Treasurer.

We have also to report that Mr. George Goodhue, who was appointed a Director at the last annual meeting declined to act, and your Board appointed the Rev. Eimon C. Evans, D.D., pastor of Emmanuel Church, to take his place.

The Directors who retire by virtue of the time limit of their appointment, are, Mr. T. B. Macaulay, Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Rev. T. Hall, and Mr. J. C. Copp. Mr. J. R. Dougall would also have retired in this order, had he not been chosen to the chairmanship. No one has been appointed to take his place on the Directorate. There are, therefore, five vacancies to be filled.

The most important event to the College during the year, has been the resignation of the honored Principal, who has guided the affairs of this Institution for the last nine years with such whole-souled and self-forgetful devotion.

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*Resolved, 3,—*That we bear unequivocal testimony to the very cordial relations which have been always maintained between Dr. Barbour and the Board of Directors, to the high estimate which we put upon his worth as a man, and his work as an instructor, and to the warm place which he occupies in the hearts of all the friends of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HENRY WARRINER,

Secretary.

Reports of Principal Barbour, Professor Warriner, and the Rev. E. M. Hill, Librarian, being an addendum to the Directors Report for the session of 1895-96 ;

PRINCIPAL BARBOUR'S REPORT.

A College, while a power among men, and especially a Theological College while a power among the churches, has little influence of the loud and pretentious sort; but, of that sort, which, without trumpet and drum to extol its own importance, like other things of the everlasting life it has an abundant possession in the fulfilling of its ordinary mission.

Like other good things we see around us, colleges survive those with whom they have a beginning; and, by consequence, they have to depend for their life and efficiency upon those acquainted with their history, and capable of estimating their value among the men and the churches that now are; and who, moreover, have some care for the influences that are everlasting among the men, and the churches that are to be. Although occasionally depressing, *that* upon the whole, is an ennobling consideration touching college life, that it can only hope for prosperity, in proportion to its value in the eyes of those in love with the realities of things, as manifested in the changes wrought in those for whom the God of Truth became incarnate, that He might constrain them to imitate Himself, as consciously in the play of their better powers, because in the kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in connection with the Holy Spirit.

Clear it is to those breaking the crust of a thought upon it, that the college is for the helping of those desirous of help of its own sort. Of little, if of any, service can it be to those attending it, who pride themselves on their ability to undermine the grounds of its faith; or who set themselves to reform its reformatations; to sneer at its limitations; to instruct its instructors; to belabor

its patrons for not giving it a greater prominence in the externals of the world that now is, whose only perceivable reason for all this is, that they, or their philosophies, may have a local habitation, a name in this world, which they seem to surmise is to be continued as it is, solely because *they* do not seem to have come under the sway of powers, whose reach extends to other natures than the barely human.

When I came into the Principalship of this College in 1887, things were in such a shape as constrains me to close this my annual statement with a reference to them, as still before you in the facts of history, facts you have to confront and dispose of, as those interested in the welfare of the Canadian Churches; for, as such, you have the prosperity of their college to examine and pronounce upon at this their annual gathering in a Congregational Union.

Fact number one, is, that in 1887, this College was making but little noise in the collegiate atmosphere around it, and having but little show of the things of this life. One popular ruling officer, an eloquent and accomplished gentleman, had unexpectedly taken his departure from the country; his predecessor in the Principalship, the aged and honored Dr. Wilkes, the College's unfailing counsellor and friend, had shortly before, been summoned to his rest.

The Colonial Missionary Society's action, or warning of intended action, may be quoted as *fact number two*, touching the condition of the College financially. Nevertheless, this foretold withdrawal of funds, added to the recent departures of friends, did not discourage me. And so I listened to the one over-persuading motive, borne unto me by tongue and pen:—"Let no fear, let no self-interest, which is more lasting than fear, have any force on your decision. Your presence is desired, for purposes of instruction, not at all for financial considerations. Come, and see to the service at the College, and we shall see to the canvass of the churches," was, in substance the united and the personal pressure which secured my consent, to favor as best I could, instruction for the ministry, in this the Congregational form, which to the average English intellect, is a form considered as a synonym for a true Scriptural independence, and more than a synonym for a verification of a genuine New Testament parity in fellowship; the Congregational polity, in my judgment, embodying, at once, the essentials of a true equality in things ecclesiastical, and the substantial of a perfect equality touching things personal, in the every-day life of believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

And now, in putting things, in a summary manner before you, as they are, it is in my way to acknowledge great thanks to God for His blessing on such means as have been continued to this seat of Christian learning. We are, I trust, thankful that we are not possessed of that conceit and arrogance of mind, which would lift us beyond the sphere of our own special call to bear witness to the freedom and the independence of the personal believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Under our own doctrines and testimonies what desire ought we at any time to manifest, to be free from the incidental ills and cares of a limited human life? Often we say, "Why deny to others what we claim for ourselves?" Why then should we think God is dealing in severity with us when we find ourselves having a share of what we see in others, passing through a Christian discipline; yea, what we find Christ himself had a share of, as He led the life set before Him as revealed to us in the Gospel? Were we without disappointments, failures, desertions, mistakes, treasons, and the other cruelties of a weak and an unbelieving life, and what is involved in a weak and an unbelieving life's discipline, we should find ourselves in a miraculous extradition from the experiences of others who have histories like our own, histories of births, growths, developments, changes, crises, lives many, deaths oft, in emerging from the humanly limited and improvable, into the more excellent life, the enlarged, the redeemed, the glorified.

This College, then, to complete the purpose it seems to have partially completed, and in so doing, to redeem its own promises made to itself, calls for the completion of its Jubilee Endowment Fund. The churches who have acted as its patrons owe something to themselves in the redemption of this Fund from its uncompleted state; something to their own nobler instincts, and the promises made to their own nobler selves, when, years ago, they were revealed to themselves by their Mother country as no longer in need of a suckling's support, at any rate in no longer likelihood of obtaining it. The teaching staff of the Faculty has still its unanswered appeal before the friends of the College, for an increase in the force of Instructors. The recent partial increase of the domestic comforts of those inhabiting the College building, has been but *an indication*, to those willing to look at any kind of a providence as an indication of a need; and to listen to any sound from a grateful heart, as a note of praise for even a limited attention to a pressing want, has also its own suggestions to those open to suggestion, touching human want as possibly within the reach of human supply.

The plainest of the most potent facts in this Institutions' life has now come into such forms as prevent any postponement of their consideration, or any delay in its rescue from the crisis now upon it.

Somehow, the coming years wants, must *somehow* be met, by some sort of a coming year's supply! First of all, if the College-building is to keep its place as a house upon the street, it must be promptly attended to, with fresh stone and lime to keep the air that in the winter is below zero, where it ought to be, that is outside the walls. If the College, as an intellectual and spiritual home, is to retain its place in the esteem of that people, who at no period of their life and in no state of their fortune, have ever made light of their pulpit, or of the culture of those they have called to the filling of it; if a more stable consistency is to be encouraged among the friends of a liberated Protestantism, if a more generous merging of effort and interest, an "amalgamation" of endeavors, if you will, "What's in a name?" are, to any friends of a high culture objects counted worth this corporation's action, *now* is as favorable a time as any, for some generous and united action to be taken in regard to them.

Favorable is this Union's meeting for the adoption of such a policy as may not only redeem the College from its present distress, but rally into a fresh outlook for its future, its friends who are many, and who are more likely to multiply amid congratulations over the retention of life, and the expression of hope, than among the bewailments of the mourning, and the lamentations of those whose coveted glory for this College seemed at its height before this century was half way through.

Favorable is this, time for some *bold* stroke—if some *new* one; for some *wise* stroke—if some *old* one, with its freshness and power put into its fresh action over the wise ideas it may maintain it has always had. So may it be, if so it seem good to be! And, *this* it becomes me to close with,—in so far as known to me,—the numbers of first-class students under our roof, is as large in these years of passing trial as at any other time in the history of the college. And as to the personal abilities of those making up these yearly averages, I believe I give but a representative testimony, when I say, that, the scholarship of our latest graduates is at the highest mark ever attained by any graduating class taking our diploma. Two-thirds of this last class took perfect marks on two years' work,—a record with no equal known to me in forty years of academic life. And the

class coming next before us, being but little behind this, in either numbers or attainment. The present is not, as the friends of Christian learning can see, the time for the College to move towards any vital change because *forced* to do so, in extreme strait; but as under an appeal for the seizure of an opportunity of both consolidation and advance, as within our power to act upon, for the still further efficiency of this institution, as the servant of the Congregational churches in this Union now assembled.

And, to put my own most impressive seal upon this matter, that I be neither hindrance to this coming advance, nor obstruction to the forms it may be required to take in the coming years, let me here and now, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Board of Directors, resign my office as Principal of the College,—said resignation to take effect at the close of my tenth year's service, the 30th day of June, 1897.

I date the change at this point, because of the claims of the present senior class upon me for the completion of their course of study; and also with a recognition of those with some claim on the score of courtesy touching the completion of their examinations for degrees; and withholding any reference to my own convenience, I also recognize the consideration due to the Directors in the filling of an important office, that they be not taken unawares, nor have reason to think that they might have been more generously treated to a wider margin for action, as those desirous to serve well the churches of our common love.

“Optics keen, it takes I ween,
To see what is not to be seen.”

And, I am not aware that any one alleges it to be visible; yet I beg of you, men and brethren, to let me have my closing word in consonance with Butler's well-known couplet, and to say that if in the tendering of this resignation thus early, to make way for my successor and his successes, I should find myself under any but the most laudable of desires and endeavors to see this College, and the cause of Christian learning, *served*, I should count it anything but a step into my “three-score and ten,” that would number me among the honored of Oberlin and Andover, who have helped me through my life's work, in part by showing me, in their own example, the date that is the proper end of it. *Amen.*

PROFESSOR WARRINER'S REPORT.

As there has been no first year class in Theology, my usual work in Introductory Greek, and on the Criticism and Canon of the New Testament was not called for, and as the other classes had enough to do to accomplish their allotted tasks, I had some time to devote to the perfecting and extending of my own work in connection with these classes, as well as to the growing interests of the church of which I am pastor.

The class of the second year made a careful study of the Gospel of John, both in respect of its genuineness, integrity, relation to the synoptic gospels, and its general style and spirit. Four chapters were also read and critically examined in the Greek. Among the subjects specially noticed were, the relation of John's doctrine of the Logos to that of Philo, the relation of Jesus to John the Baptist, the Judean Ministry of Christ, the silence of the synoptists as to this ministry, the question of the two cleansings of the temple, and the duration of Christ's Ministry. Textual questions, such as "Whether we should read *only begotten Son* or *only begotten God*, in chapter 1: 18?" The theories of such men as Dr. E. A. Abbott, who claims that the book is a production of the second century issuing from the Johannine school of Ephesus; and of Wendt, who professes to find original Johannine logia set in a later and often contradictory framework, and the bearing on these theories of the newly discovered apochryphal Gospel of Peter, and Tatian's *Diatessaron*.

I have described the work in John's Gospel thus fully because it indicates the general character of all the studies in this department.

Similar studies in the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews were presented by the students of the third year, some three chapters of the former and several of the latter being read in the original.

In Hebrew, the class of the 2nd year took up the question of the Hebrew Canon, the materials for a revision of the text, and the Chokma or wisdom literature in particular, its history, form and spirit. As an illustration of this, the Book of Proverbs was chosen. This was examined only in the English version.

After Christmas a similar examination was made of the Psalter, its divisions, various authorship, use of divine names, repetitions, authority of titles, and historic development. Messianic prophecy in general was also discussed, particularly as

found in the Psalms. Three Messianic Psalms were read and examined in the Hebrew.

In the third year, the class, in the early part of the session, devoted itself to the study of Amos, reading also three chapters in the original, and for the remainder of the session continued the study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

One hour a week was also given in the third year, to the consideration of the origin and constitution of the Pentateuch. This involves a survey of the whole religious life of Israel as disclosed in the historians and prophets. Of course all that can be done in this weekly hour, is to introduce the students to a serious and honest investigation of this, which is the chief Old Testament question of to-day, affecting as it does, not only our conception of the literature of the Bible, and the religious life of ancient Israel, but also of the nature of Divine revelation and redemption throughout all time.

I have only to add, that the devotion of the students to their work make the labor of the Professor a delight.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Library has received, during the year, the touch of beauty from the Ladies' Committee. The floor was carpeted anew, and a fine library table put in place, surrounded by new chairs. Now the goddess of Literature presides with more dignity and grace.

Otherwise the year has been uneventful among the books. The collection at the opening and closing exercises amounted to forty-two dollars; which have been spent on new looks and bindings. We need more money for books.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

This is now the fourth time that I have to present the Treasurer's Statement for our College, and the first time to report a balance on the right side. True, it is not a very large one in view of the large deficit of last year, still it is something.

Circulars setting forth the needs of the College were mailed, with envelopes to all our churches in the month of September, in time for the annual collection in October.

The total amount of contributions is \$2,675.23; an increase of \$749.61 over last year. All the Provinces show an increase.

The following list gives the increase by Provinces:—

Quebec,	in 1894-5, \$948.61.	1895-6, \$1,329.40	increase, \$380.79
Ontario,	" 915.18	" 1,058.53	" 143.35
Nova Scotia,	" 23.42	" 79.85	" 56.43
N. Brunswick,	" 33.41	" 97.45	" 64.04
North-West,	"	" 100 00	" 100.00

The rate per head of the membership, by Provinces, is:—

Quebec	65 $\frac{7}{8}$	cents per member.
Ontario	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "
Maritime	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	" "
North-West	19	" "

Rev. R. K. Black visited the churches in the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Townships last fall, with very satisfactory results as to the amounts received from the churches visited; but unfortunately, travelling in the Maritime Province is so costly, that the increased amount was swallowed up in the expenses. But no doubt the trip will bear fruit in the future. Mr. J. C. Watt, student, spent the holidays last year in visiting the churches in the Western District of Ontario; the students of the College paying his salary, and the College his travelling expenses; with a result of some \$300 more than the same churches contributed last year,—in fact, half of them contributed nothing. Howick, that only remitted \$2.70 last year, sent \$48.50; Turnberry, \$3.50 last year, \$29.85 this; Frome, \$5.05 last year, \$24.00 this; Embro, \$36.52 last year, \$79.75 this; Georgetown, \$31.85 last year, \$67.75 this; and Listowel, Fergus, St. Catharines, New Durham, Speedside and Belwood, all did nothing last year, gave \$81.00 between them this year.

28 churches in Ontario, and 4 in Quebec, have given nothing. There have been no arrangements made for visiting the churches this coming year.

While some have increased their subscriptions very much, others have been reduced in same proportion.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner, a member of the Board, has contributed \$100 per month for five months, two instalments having been paid. Messrs. H. Birks & Sons also gave a donation of \$100.

On behalf of the House Committee, I have to report that during the year, a large part of the plumbing had to be renewed, at an expense of \$96, \$46 of which is still to pay. The Library, part of Assembly Hall, etc, have been re-painted and tinted. The roof of the Principal's Residence requiring such extensive repairs, it was thought better to put a new roof over the old one, giving a much better job, and costing about \$170, which is still to pay.

Increased room being required for Prof. Warriner's classes, certain alterations were made in the Assembly Hall, which met the want.

During the session 1894-95, the Auer light was introduced into some parts of the building, and gave such satisfaction, that it was put into all parts; with the result that the consumption of gas was reduced from 111,800 feet in 1893-94, to 62,000 feet for the year just ended, with a saving in cost of \$35.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund, I have to report payments received on account of subscriptions to the amount of \$221; \$100 from Mr. John Porteous, Boston, without any solicitation. There are still subscriptions amounting to \$2,090 unsettled. I have been trying to value them, but find it very difficult. Over a quarter of the amount is bad, through the subscribers leaving the denomination or country; and about another quarter will answer no letters as to what their intentions are. Last June, the Board instructed the Trustees to sell the 48 shares of Montreal Gas Stock, which cost when purchased \$2,412.40. It was sold for 208 $\frac{3}{4}$, realizing, after paying brokerage, \$4,003.20, the highest price that has been reached since, giving a profit of \$1,590.80. The proceeds have been invested in a mortgage @ 6%, giving an increased dividend of \$48 per annum.

We have been advised by the lawyers of the Estate of the late Robert Anderson, that the College has been left \$2,000; the interest of the said amount to be given to deserving students as prizes.

I herewith present the Financial Statement, duly audited.

The whole respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MOODIE,
Treasurer.

Montreal, June 1, 1896.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Treasurer's Statement for the Year Ending May 31st, 1896.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 153 07	
Interest from Endowment Fund	2,619 88	
Free Contributions	2,675 23	
Legacy from late M. McKechnie, Esq.	\$100 00	
Less Government Tax	10 00	
	<u>90 00</u>	
		\$5,538 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

On account of Teaching	\$3,551 00	
" Students	338 10	
" College Building	332 44	
" Interest	456 65	
" Management	545 75	
Balance on hand	314 24	
	<u>314 24</u>	
		\$5,538 18

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Interest from Endowment Fund	\$2,619 88	
Contributions from Quebec	\$1,329 40	
" Ontario	1,053 53	
" Nova Scotia	79 85	
" New Brunswick	97 45	
" Manitoba	100 00	
" United States	10 00	
	<u>2,675 23</u>	
Legacy from late M. McKechnie, Esq.	90 00	
	<u>90 00</u>	
		\$5,385 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

<i>Teaching:</i>		
Principal's Salary	\$2,000 00	
Interest on Principal's Residence	400 00	
Prof. Warriner's Salary	850 00	
McGill Fees	301 00	
	<u>3,551 00</u>	
		\$3,551 00

Students :

Loans	\$250 00	
Less repaid	77 50	
	<hr/>	172 50
Proportion of House Maintenance	412 25	
Less Room Rent	246 65	
	<hr/>	165 60

338 10

College Building :

Proportion of Cost of Maintenance.	\$200 00
Repairs	132 44

332 44

Interest :

On Floating Debt, \$2,400.00, due Endow- ment Fund	\$120 00
On Floating Debt, \$1,452.11, due C.P.F.S.	72 60
On Temporary Loans	14 05
On \$4,000.00, Donations, till Donors' death	250 00

456 65

Expenses of Management :

Office, Printing, Postage, Legal, etc	\$275 28
Travelling	270 47

545 75

Balance Cash on hand	161 17
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 \$5,385 11

THOMAS MOODIE.

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed)	C. T. WILLIAMS,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
	ARCH. WRIGHT,	

Montreal, 31st May, 1896.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

BARRIE.		EDGAR.	
Total	\$22 00	Total	\$12 00
BELWOOD.		EMBRO.	
Total	\$ 7 65	The Misses Matheson.....	\$10 00
BOWMANVILLE.		Jas. McKenzie.....	3 00
Total	\$ 9 75	T. W. Tate.....	2 00
BRANTFORD.		Hugh McDonald.....	2 00
Mrs. Cutmore.....	\$ 1 30	John McWilliams.....	2 00
Miss Gould.....	1 00	Alex. Gordon.....	2 00
Mrs. Hartman.....	1 00	Robt. Adam.....	2 00
I. T. Mills	1 25	Mrs. Murray.....	1 00
Mrs. John Ott.....	6 00	George Forbes.....	1 00
" J. H. Oldham..	1 05	Robt. Sutherland.....	1 00
W. H. Shapley.....	2 00	Donald Sutherland.....	1 00
Mrs. James Thompson	4 00	E. Cody.....	1 00
James Wilkes.....	4 00	Jno. Middleton.....	1 00
Mrs. Jas. Wilkes.....	2 00	D. Rose.....	1 00
Miss A. Wilkes.....	1 00	Donald Hossack	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Wisner.....	4 00	John Hossack	1 00
" W. S. Wisner.....	1 20	Janet Hossack.....	1 00
" Wickens.....	1 00	R. A. Duncan.....	1 00
Miss Wickens.....	1 00	George McPherson.....	1 00
" Woodyatt.....	1 00	W. Vannater.....	1 00
Henry Yeigh.....	5 00	Mrs. Douglas.....	1 00
Small sums.....	4 70	" Geo. Matheson.....	1 00
Bible Class.....	2 50	George Gordon	1 00
		Smaller sums	2 50
Total	\$45 00	Total amt. paid J. C. W.....	41 50
BURFORD.		Less J. C. Watt, horse hire....	1 75
Total	\$ 9 00		39 75
DALSTON.		Mrs. Matheson.....	15 00
Total	\$ 3 60	Collection.....	40 00
			\$94 75

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOREST CENTRAL.

Total for 1894-'95.....	\$25 00
John Castello.....	5 00
Rev. Dr. Hindley.....	5 00
A. Rawlings.....	5 00
R. Prout.....	5 00
J. Maylor.....	5 00
J. D. Livingston.....	5 00
Dr. Hutton.....	5 00
Misses A. E., E. H., and M. Livingston.....	5 00
Miss F. B. Rawlings.....	5 00
John Hay.....	1 00
Small sums.....	4 00
Total.....	\$75 00

FERGUS.

Total.....	\$16 00
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FROME.

Truman Silcox.....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. (Dr.) Guest.....	2 00
Leslie Horton.....	2 00
G. W. Firth.....	1 00
Miss Fannie Silcox.....	1 00
Matthew Silcox.....	1 00
Edgar Silcox.....	1 00
John Silcox.....	1 00
George Silcox.....	1 00
W. F. Silcox.....	1 00
Frank Silcox.....	1 00
Charles McLean.....	1 00
A. J. Silcox.....	1 00
E. A. Silcox.....	1 00
A. S. Styles.....	1 00
A. Berdan.....	1 00
Mrs. Down.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	1 00
Total.....	\$24 00

GARAFRAXA.

Total.....	\$10 00
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GEORGETOWN.

Rev. R. J. Duff.....	\$10 00
James Barber.....	15 00
E. Finley.....	5 00
H. S. Reed.....	1 00
W. H. Cross.....	1 00

J. R. Barber.....	25 00
J. R. Anderson.....	10 00
Small sums.....	75
Total.....	\$67 75

GUELPH.

Jas. Goldie.....	\$10 00
W. Lyon.....	5 00
Geo. Y. Newton.....	5 00
John Goldie.....	5 00
Miss Gausby.....	2 00
“ R. Gausby.....	2 00
“ J. Gausby.....	2 00
“ E. Gausby.....	2 00
Mrs. Boulton.....	1 00
Mr. Skinner.....	1 00
“ Lyon.....	1 00
“ J. G. Richardson.....	1 00
Miss Tatham.....	1 00
“ Hodgskin.....	1 00
Small sums.....	2 50
Sundries.....	3 55
Total.....	\$45 05

HAMILTON.

FIRST.

Total.....	\$52 00
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IMMANUEL.

Mrs. Chas. Walker.....	\$ 2 00
P. Erskine.....	1 00
Miss Pargeter.....	1 00
Mrs. Watson.....	1 00
Miss Watson.....	1 00
“ Mary Watson.....	1 00
Mrs. Cartmell.....	50
Small sums.....	2 50

Total.....	\$10 00
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HOWICK.

FIRST.

Wm. Pritchard.....	\$10 00
An old friend.....	5 00
Wallace Johnston.....	5 00
John Pritchard.....	5 00
Edward Harding.....	2 00

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.... 40 00

....\$94 75

John Campbell	2 00
Samuel Hargrave.....	2 00
Alex. McKenzie.....	1 00
Joseph Pritchard.....	1 00
Robert Bowes.....	1 00
William Clark.....	1 00
L. A. Mason.....	1 00
James Barr.....	1 00
Samuel Clark.....	1 00
Ed. Krohn.....	1 00
Richard Morell.....	1 00
John McKenzie.....	1 00
George Johnston.....	1 00
Joseph Johnston.....	1 00
Small sums.....	5 50
Total.....	\$48 50

KINGSTON.

FIRST.

Total.....	\$32 60
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BETHEL.

Total	\$10 41
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CALVARY.

B. W. Robertson.....	\$50 00
Collection.....	10 00
Total.....	\$60 00

LANARK.

R. Robertson.....	\$ 3 00
W. W. Craig.....	2 00
Miss Janet Watt.....	1 00
Mrs. Armstrong.....	2 00
R. R. Drysdale.....	5 00
J. T. Robertson	5 00
J. H. Wilson.....	2 00
T. B. Caldwell.....	5 00
John A. Watt.....	2 00
R. W. Robertson.....	1 00
James Watt.....	2 00
Rev. D. C. McIntosh.....	5 00
Small sums.....	5 00
Sundries.....	8 85
Collected by J. C. Watt.....	13 00
Total.....	\$61 85

LISTOWEL.

Total.	\$12 25
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LONDON.

FIRST.

Sunday School.....	\$13 00
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SOUTHERN.

Total.....	\$10 25
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MARTINVILLE.

A. Campbell.....	\$ 1 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Christie...	2 00
P. H. McDermid.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 85

Total.....	\$ 5 85
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MAXVILLE AND ST. ELMO.

D. A. McDougall.....	\$ 1 00
F. D. Sinclair	1 00
J. F. McEwen.....	1 00
D. Kennedy.....	1 00
D. McEwen.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDougall.	2 00
P. F. McEwen.....	1 00
D. T. Munro.....	1 00
D. A. McEwen.....	1 00
J. A. McEwen.....	1 00
A. D. McEwen.....	1 00
T. McEwen.....	1 00
Miss L. Kennedy.....	2 00
D. P. McDougall.....	1 00
J. W. Kennedy.....	2 00
J. J. McEwen.....	1 00
D. Macallum.....	5 00
Small sums.....	6 57

Total.....	\$31 57
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MIDDLEVILLE, HOPETOWN AND ROSETTA.

Total.....	\$32 00
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NEW DURHAM.

Total.....	\$10 50
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PINE GROVE.

Total.....	\$ 1 50
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CONTRIBUTIONS.

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PARIS.

Thos. Hall.....	\$ 6 00
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Silcox.....	5 00
John Carnie.....	2 00
Jas. Finlayson.....	1 00
P. Buckley.....	1 00
A. H. Baird.....	1 00
Mrs. Baird.....	1 00
J. Brockbank.....	1 00
Mrs. Brockbank.....	1 00
" Hamilton.....	1 00
Small sums.....	3 85
Total.....	\$23 85

RUGBY.

Total.....	\$ 9 60
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SCOTLAND.

Total.....	\$23 00
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SPEEDSIDE.

Mrs. Wm. Armstrong.....	\$ 5 00
Jas. Benham.....	2 00
Wm. Hindley.....	2 00
D. B. Scott.....	2 00
Thos. Armstrong.....	1 50
Geo. A. Newstead.....	1 50
Fred Martin.....	1 50
Ed. Armstrong.....	1 00
J. R. Laycock.....	1 00
Mrs. Bolls.....	1 00
Felix Freure.....	1 00
F. A. Sloan.....	1 00
John Carter.....	1 00
Richard Carter.....	1 00
John Sloan.....	1 00
Mrs. D. Scott.....	1 00
Wm. Bowles.....	1 00
S. McGladery.....	1 00
Wm. Elliott.....	1 00

Chas. Bolton.....	1 00
George Bayne.....	1 00
W. J. McGladery.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 15
Total.....	\$31 65

ST. CATHARINES.

Total.....	\$ 3 10
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STRATFORD.

Total.....	\$ 4 20
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TILBURY.

Total.....	\$ 3 55
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TORONTO.

NORTHERN.

Total.....	\$27 40
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PARKDALE.

Total for 1894-'95.....	6 50
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TURNBERRY.

Total.....	\$29 85
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WOODSTOCK.

Woman's Missionary Society...	\$48 00
Rev. A. F. McGregor.....	2 00
Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$52 00

Personal, O. Fenwick, Toronto. \$10 00

Total for Ontario..... \$1,058 53

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

AYER'S FLAT AND BOYNTON.

Rev. C. Moore.....	\$ 5 00
J. McCoy.....	5 00
T. W. Brainard.....	5 00
T. E. Brainard.....	1 00
M. E. Hunt.....	2 00
L. D. Clough.....	2 00
A. G. Clough.....	2 00
J. G. Clough.....	2 00
W. E. Hunt.....	1 00
T. A. Davis.....	1 00
Austin Libby.....	1 00
D. C. Mack.....	1 00
Small Sums.....	1 00
Total.....	\$29 00

BRIGHAM.

Total.....	\$ 8 60
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COWANSVILLE.

Total.....	\$30 00
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DANVILLE.

Total.....	\$54 25
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EATON.

J. A. M. Rankin.....	\$ 2 00
A. Hodge.....	2 00
C. Jordan.....	2 00
J. L. Taylor.....	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin.....	1 50
Mrs. F. Taylor.....	1 00
Mrs. Bailey.....	1 00
F. Bell.....	1 00
H. Rogers.....	1 00
Rev. R. Hay.....	1 00
T. Dean.....	1 00
Small Sums.....	4 00
Total.....	\$19 50

FRANKLIN CENTRE.

Total.....	\$ 6 00
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GRANBY.

Total.....	\$82 45
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MONTREAL.

ZION.

Thos. Moodie.....	\$25 00
S. P. Leet.....	10 00
Hy. Birks.....	10 00
Wm. Seath.....	5 00
R. S. Weir.....	4 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner.....	3 00
James Johnston.....	2 00
J. K. Lindsay.....	2 00
J. E. Cribb.....	3 00
Miss Moodie.....	4 00
Anonymous and Small Sums.....	14 50
Total.....	\$82 50

EMMANUEL.

Charles Gurd.....	\$65 00
G. B. Burland.....	50 00
R. C. Jamieson.....	25 00
Frs. Scholes.....	50 00
John MacIntosh.....	20 00
Wm. Reid.....	20 00
Hy. Birks & Sons.....	15 00
J. B. Learmont.....	15 00
C. R. Black.....	10 00
W. R. Ross.....	10 00
Rev. E. C. Evans.....	10 00
Charles Alexander.....	10 00
Miss Learmont.....	10 00
W. J. Learmont.....	10 00
James Linton.....	10 00
Henry Lyman.....	5 00
D. Campbell.....	5 00
Mrs. J. MacIntosh.....	5 00
E. G. Brooks.....	5 00
R. H. Bryson.....	5 00
Dr. F. A. Stevenson.....	5 00
Dr. John Wanless.....	5 00
Gus. Harris.....	5 00
H. H. Lyman.....	5 00
Wm. Reid.....	5 00
J. M. M. Duff.....	5 00
J. M. M. Duff.....	4 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. B. J. Harrington.....	4 00
A. R. Grafton.....	3 00
Theo. Lyman.....	3 00
Geo. Lyman.....	2 00
Alex. Scott.....	2 00
Anonymous.....	2 00
Mrs Mowatt.....	2 00
A. H. Thomson.....	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gamble.....	2 00
C. W. Sims.....	2 00
Mrs. Popham.....	2 00
W. B. Blackader.....	2 00
H. Sanders.....	2 00
Anonymous.....	10 00
A. Mc. A. Murphy.....	2 00
W. H. Black.....	1 00
J. A. McNaughton.....	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Lay.....	1 00
Miss J. E. Haight.....	1 00
D. C. Barker.....	1 00
K. J. B.....	1 00
Muriel, Olive and Walter Gurd.....	1 00
Mrs. Sanders.....	1 00
Wm. Arch. Duff.....	1 00
Mrs. R. C. Jamieson.....	1 00
Mrs. Theo. Lyman.....	1 00
Miss Gurd.....	1 00
A. Birks.....	1 00
Miss M. Baker.....	1 00
C. T. Williams.....	1 00
Miss A. C. Leishman.....	1 00
Anonymous.....	1 00
Miss Leslie.....	1 00
Mrs. Leishman.....	1 00
Miss Williams.....	1 00
R. Patton.....	1 00
Arthur Harries.....	1 00
Mrs. G. R. Kearley.....	1 00
Miss H. Jamieson.....	1 00
Miss Blackader.....	1 00
“ A. H. “.....	1 00
“ H. B. “.....	1 00
W. D. Lighthall.....	1 00
Evan Jones.....	1 50
Mrs. G. W. Moss.....	1 50
Small sums.....	2 25
Total.....	\$464 25

CALVARY.

T. B. Macaulay.....	\$25 00
J. R. Dougall.....	20 00
Rev. E. M. Hill.....	15 00
R. Macaulay.....	10 00
C. Cushing.....	5 00

Arch. Wright.....	5 00
Geo. McGarry.....	2 00
R. W. McLachlan.....	2 00
Miss J. Smith.....	2 00
Jas. Luttrell.....	2 00
Miss Cairnie.....	1 00
W. J. Moule.....	1 00
G. W. Jones.....	1 00
G. Climie.....	1 00
Mrs. F. Jones.....	1 00
A. R. Powter.....	1 00
F. E. Dougall.....	1 00

Small sums.....	\$95 00
Anonymous.....	3 20
Anonymous.....	8 80

Total.....\$107 00

PT. ST. CHARLES (1894-95).

Total.....\$14 80

PT. ST. CHARLES. (1895-96).

Total.....\$19 55

SHERBROOKE.

S. F. Morey.....	\$10 00
Young People's Society.....	10 00
E. Hargrave.....	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard.....	5 00
A. S. Hurd.....	5 00
J. E. Mitchell.....	5 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell.....	5 00
Miss M. J. Mitchell.....	5 00
T. J. Tuck.....	3 00
W. H. Abbott.....	2 00
Mrs. Hawes.....	2 00
J. S. Mitchell.....	2 00
Miss M. E. Mitchell.....	2 00
E. W. Abbott.....	1 00
T. M. Cowan.....	1 00
Miss M. J. Dickinson.....	1 00
Dr. W. A. Farwell.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Mitchell.....	1 00
A. T. Nourse.....	1 00
W. R. Webster.....	1 00
Sums under \$1 00.....	3 75

\$71 75

ST. ANDREWS.

Total.....\$ 4 75

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

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TRURO.

Rev. J. Wood.....	\$ 5 00
C. Beattie.....	1 00
Ross Archibald.....	1 00
J. Currie.....	1 00
J. Kelso.....	1 00
Mrs. Bruce.....	50
Total.....	\$ 9 50

L. Lewis & Co.....	2 00
E. S. Williams.....	2 00
C. Carey.....	2 00
Capt. Hilton.....	2 00
J. D. Horton.....	2 00
J. Horton.....	1 00
Mrs. Johnston.....	1 00
Mr. Jenkyns.....	1 00
Thomas Ritchie.....	1 00
Sundry sums.....	2 25
Total.....	\$23 25

Total.....\$23 25

YARMOUTH.

W. Perry.....	\$ 5 00
R. E. Ellinwood.....	2 00

Half Union Collection.....	2 45
Total for Nova Scotia.....	\$79 95

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

KESWICK RIDGE.

J. W. Jewitt.....	\$ 4 00
Rev. S. Sykes.....	3 00
J. Clark.....	1 00
W. Cobourn.....	1 00
Capt. Shenks.....	1 00
W. Shenks.....	1 00
W. Long.....	1 00
G. Mitchell.....	1 00
Sundry sums.....	2 00
Total.....	\$15 00

J. Robinson.....	2 00
Mr. Havemore.....	1 00
J. Fowler.....	1 00
J. H. Walker.....	1 00
Total.....	\$49 00

SHEFFIELD.

C. B. Harrison, M.P.P.....	\$ 5 00
A. Harrison.....	2 00
Rev. J. McAustin.....	3 00
C. Burpee.....	3 00
H. H. Bridges.....	3 00
C. J. Burpee.....	2 00
J. B. Jewett.....	2 00
S. Burpee.....	1 00
Mrs. Bridges.....	1 00
H. C. Burpee.....	1 00
A. Barker.....	1 00
W. H. Barker.....	1 00
Ida Barker.....	1 00
Mrs. Phoebe Burpee.....	1 00
D. H. Burpee.....	1 00
Total..	\$28 00

FREDERICTON.

Dr. Bridges, University of N.B..	\$ 3 00
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Half Union Collection.....	\$ 2 45
Total for New Brunswick.....	97 45

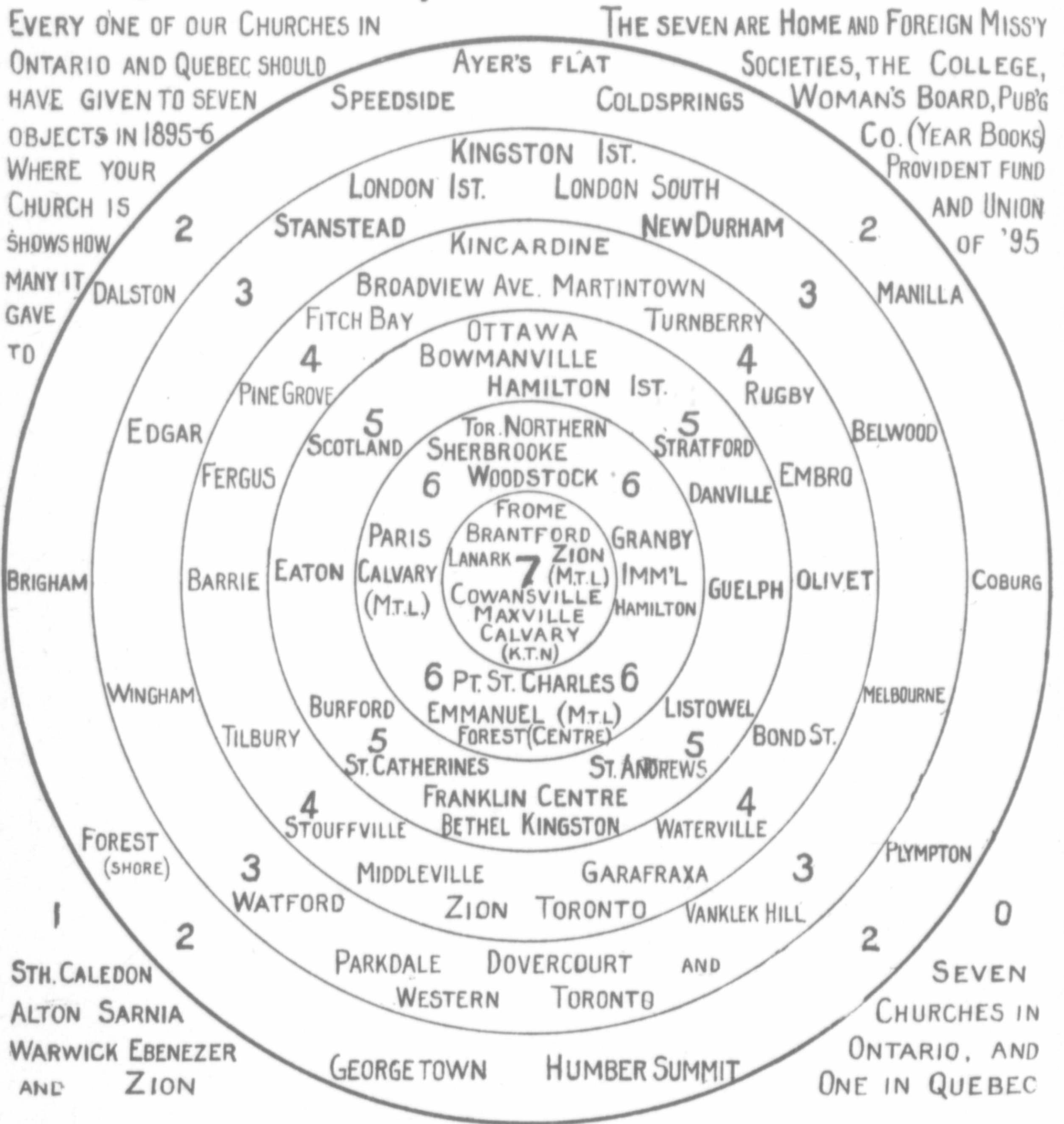
ST. JOHN.

C. H. Drinkwater.....	\$10 00
J. Woodrow.....	10 00
W. W. Bonckhoft.....	5 00
G. E. Williams.....	5 00
W. Kerr.....	4 00
C. & E. McMichael.....	3 00
C. Clark.....	3 00
E. C. Foster.....	2 00
C. H. Harrison.....	2 00

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

Winnipeg Central.....	\$100 00
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OUR DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY TARGET



WHY ARE OUR SOCIETIES WEAK? BECAUSE ALL OUR MINISTERS AND ALL OUR CHURCHES HAVE NOT HEARTS BIG ENOUGH AND FAITH STRONG ENOUGH TO AIM FOR THE CENTRE EVERY YEAR

DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY.

Mr. Chairman and Friends: Last year when presenting the diagrams illustrating the gifts of the churches to the Foreign Missionary Society, and this year to the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, and also to the College, I felt that more was needed. While no one of our Societies is supported as it ought to be, the need of our churches is not so much a stirring up of enthusiasm for any particular Society, but an all-round enthusiastic denominational loyalty, that shall cause every church, according to its ability, to be interested in and support all the Societies every year.

Trying to devise some diagram that should bring this thought before us in an effective way, there came to me this plan of a 'Denominational Loyalty Target', which through the kindness of the Treasurers of the various Societies, I have been enabled to complete. The Diagram speaks for itself. We have seven causes which every one of our churches in Ontario and Quebec should have remembered last year 1895-96. These are the Home Missionary Society, the Foreign Missionary Society, the Congregational College, the Woman's Board of Missions, the Provident Fund, the Publishing Co. and the Union of 1895. The diagram does not include the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, because the YEAR BOOK did not give the contributions of those churches of their Union.

Each church is thus placed in the circle whose number shows how many of these seven objects were remembered by it in 1895-96. I had some doubts at first about including the Woman's Board, on the ground that some churches might say they were so weak they could not have an Auxiliary. But the weaker they are the more they need one, and I found one or two places that had Auxiliaries, those were so small as to leave all others without excuse. Also I credited as giving to Woman's Board all churches that subscribed to the *Leaflet*; which all should have done. The contributions to the Union counted as one, for by the constitution of the Union it is the duty of all churches whether represented at the Union or not, to take up a contribution for it. In regard to the Publishing Co., as far as I could tell from the mailing lists, at least one copy

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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of the *Congregationalist* goes to each church, so that I counted those churches only that had bought at least one YEAR BOOK. The YEAR BOOK is a source of power neglected by too many of our pastors and people. It is an ammunition-box full of valuable material for spreading information and arousing interest in denominational work.

Now I do not believe all these seven societies or objects to be of equal importance; nor that a church that fails to subscribe to the Provident Fund is as guilty as one that fails to remember the Home or Foreign Missionary Societies; but the giving to the greater is no excuse for neglecting the less. Besides, it is easy to see that those objects which are less prominently brought before the churches, show greater loyalty in the churches that do remember them.

Nor is there any force in the objection to the value of the "Target," that a church giving \$30.00 to Home Missions, might, by judiciously dividing the amount among the seven funds, have been placed in the "bull's eye" instead of the outer ring. That a church should give to one of the societies shows interest in that special kind of work only, and not a loyalty and interest in all the denominational work. The Treasurers of all the Societies will agree unanimously in saying that the backbone of all our denominational work is formed by those churches that are regularly loyal to all the causes each year, and that our weakness is to be found in those churches that are stirred up this year to a special effort for one cause, and next year forget it, and give to something else.

But I hear some one saying, "We can't afford to give to all these causes; our church is too weak. We have such a hard struggle at home"! My brother, be silent and ashamed. Seventy-five cents judiciously expended would have put your church in the very centre: ten cents to each of the five societies and the Union, and fifteen cents for a YEAR BOOK!

"You did not think so little as that worth sending?" Ask the Treasurers, and hear them. They will tell you that to get ten cents, and a letter saying your heart was with them, even if you couldn't send more, would cheer and encourage them more than they can tell. To have every church represented on every list in that way, would encourage our Treasurers, and show a glorious revival of denominational loyalty; and, let me tell you a secret—it would mean that next year you would send the amount many times increased—and the Treasurers know that too!

Now since the Union meets in Montreal in Zion Church, let me draw your attention to the fact that Zion Church is in the "Bull's eye"; and that, test its denominational loyalty in any way I could, I could not get it out of the centre. *Emmanuel* would have been in the centre, if they had handed in the collection they took up for the Provident Fund in time. *Calvary*, for a wonder, has this year forgotten the Provident Fund; and *Point St. Charles* forgot to buy a YEAR BOOK: so that these three are in the second circle.

There is a terribly serious side to this "Target," and the distance of so many of our churches from the centre where they all ought to be! Speaking roughly, twenty-six *per cent.* of our churches gave nothing for Foreign Missions last year; 28% nothing for Home Missions; 40% nothing for our College; 60% did not buy one single YEAR BOOK; and 85% gave nothing to the Provident Fund. Now I do not think that we are worse, or that we are as bad, as some other denominations; as a matter of fact in some of these figures we are on a level with our brethren in the United States, and in most we are a considerable percentage better. But two blacks do not make a white; and this record is appalling. Nor is this all: those ministers of contributing churches here to-day will bear me out when I go farther, and say that in those churches that do contribute, the gifts for nearly all the causes come from a little group not representing more than one out of every seven or eight of the members on the rolls. So that as far as regards our denominational work, counting churches that give nothing, and the members in "giving" churches that give nothing, out of our ten thousand members nearly seven thousand five hundred are one vast barren desert.

This is terrible. We must drive deep our artesian wells into the boundless stores of the Holy Spirit, and irrigate this desert with loving information and instruction, patiently and prayerfully, till the promise is fulfilled, and the "desert blossom like the rose." We must—we—pastors and people together: for some pastors need this irrigation as well as some people. I know churches that cannot give to Foreign Missions till their pastor goes; and then out of their poverty they begin: they've been held back. I know of other churches that never could give, till a certain pastor went; and then gifts come in from all parts of the church. They've held back. Pastors, stir up your people! People, stir up your pastors! Aim for the centre of the target next year; and more than that! The Hon. S. B.

Capen, in his address to the National Council of Congregationalists at Syracuse in 1895, said: "Some amounts in the Year Book columns credited to every society should be the pledge of fellowship; without which no church ought to consider itself in good and regular standing." Amen. But higher than that; and now think over this next sentence, pray over it, preach about it, and aim for it: "Some gift from *every* one, in *every* church, for *every* one of the seven causes, *every* year." Aim for the centre!

WILLIAM T. GUNN,
Cowansville, Que.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE,
Bethlehem Church, Westmount, 13th June 1895.

There was a very large and representative gathering present on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Congregational church at the corner of Western and Clarke Avenues, at Westmount, a pleasant suburb of Montreal, on Satur-



day evening, 13th June. The whole work was conducted under the auspices of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. The interesting ceremony was presided over by the Rev. Robert Hopkin, the pastor. On the platform were the Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A., the Rev. Dr. Sims, Toronto, the Rev. W. McIntosh, Ottawa,

Rev. Hugh Pedley, Winnipeg, the Rev. Dr. Fitch, Buffalo, Mr. Charles Cushing, Mr. S. P. Leet and Mr. F. W. Evans, Mayor of Westmount.

After devotional exercises Mr. Charles Cushing, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Calvary Church, presented a statement setting forth the business side of the new place of worship. The site consisted of some ten thousand feet of land, sufficient for a pastor's house and a church and had been acquired at a cost of \$6,600. Services were being conducted in Elm Hall and were attended with much success. About a week ago they had formed themselves into a church with a membership of twenty-eight.

The Rev. E. M. Hill then proceeded to lay the stone, there having been previously deposited in a cavity in the stone a bottle containing copies of the 'Daily Witness' and 'Daily Star,' a number of coins, a copy of Mr. S. P. Leet's amalgamation scheme and other documents connected with Congregationalism, including a list of the charter members of the new church, a statement of their belief and a copy of the covenant they agreed to when on Tuesday last they organized. With the following words he laid the stone: 'For the glory of God and the good of man, and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost we well and truly lay this stone for a corner-stone for a house to be built and consecrated for the service of Almighty God, Amen.'

Mr. F. W. Evans, Mayor of Westmount, as the official representative of the town, expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome to its borders another church, which was the seventh church built in Westmount since 1883. Referring to the growth of churches in Westmount, he said St. Matthias' Church was erected thirteen years ago, with a seating capacity of a hundred, and had been enlarged four times since, until it now had a seating capacity of over three hundred. The Church of the Advent was shortly to be replaced by a larger one. The Presbyterians in 1883 worshipped in a small room, and they now possessed two churches in the district—Melville and Westminster churches. The former was about to be enlarged. Then followed the Baptist Church, and afterwards the Methodist Church, which had lately been opened. Seven was said to be a mystic number, and he sincerely hoped that all the benefits supposed to come therefrom would be fulfilled in regard to Bethlehem Church, which was going to add another to the influences for good. Speaking of the town generally, he pointed out that the authorities had endeavored to keep it clean of all that was distasteful.

So far they had succeeded in keeping out the saloon and everything that went with it. They had no difficulty in doing so, because the people were behind them, and he hoped it would always be so.

The Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg, next addressed the gathering. He hoped that under the leadership of the present pastor, backed by an enthusiastic and loyal people, the church would realize all the fondest expectations that the hearts of the people could desire.

Mr. S. P. Leet then followed with an interesting and practical speech.

The Rev. Dr. J. Clark Murray, who represented the Presbyterians, congratulated the promoters of the new church, and in so doing said that the Congregational and the Presbyterian churches, the former of which originated with the Puritans of England and the latter with the Puritans of Scotland, had rendered one of the grandest services to the political and religious life of the British empire that had ever been rendered. It was the union of the English and Scottish Puritans in the seventeenth century that had given us the freedom and political and religious life which we enjoyed at the present time. He hoped that the new church when completed would prove a blessing to the community.

The ceremony closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev. John Morton, of Hamilton.

The officers of the new church as it stands comprise: the pastor, the Rev. Robert Hopkin; the deacons, W. Douw Lighthall, George Climie, Archibald Wright, Chas. B. Powter; trustees, Lynn T. Leet, Archibald Wright, W. Douw Lighthall, Thos. B. Macaulay; superintendent of Sunday-School, Charles B. Powter; convenor of visiting committee, Mrs. G. Climie; Church Board, the pastor, deacons, trustees, church secretary and treasurer, and Miss Martha J. Wright, Mrs. James Innes, and Mr. H. C. Andrews; secretary, Alfred A. Andrews; treasurer, Archibald Wright.

R E P O R T
OF
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FOR 1895-'96.

(As presented to Congregational Union, at Montreal.)

It goes without saying that the best part of the great work done by Christians in the world cannot be expressed in any formal report. Even the most careful statistical report can show nothing of all that hidden life of quiet inner growth and expansion which is the finest result of Christian Endeavor activities. The statistics of our Christian Endeavor year find place in another report. The province of this report is to give a brief survey of the field and to emphasize special needs.

The Rally of our Congregational Endeavorers at the Provincial Convention held last fall in Brantford, though not large was interesting and fruitful of good. The coming Inter-Provincial Convention in Ottawa next fall will offer a new opportunity for our workers to meet, and greet, and hearten one another.

It may be as well to say, here, that we cannot longer afford to be without that which almost every other denomination is finding it well to have, namely a banding of all the young people of our portion of the Christian Church for purposes of friendly contact, mutual conference and incitement.

Not for a moment would we think it best to do what is being attempted in some quarters, namely, the withdrawing of the young people of the churches from the broad blessed life of Christian Endeavor to the narrow and narrowing life of sequestered denominationalism. May the day never come when Congregational Endeavorers shall think more of the Congregational idea than of the Christian Endeavor idea. Of course we believe in loyalty to our branch of the Christian Church. We would not be true Christian Endeavorers were we not loyal to our own church. We desire, however, to enter our distinct and emphatic protest against that denominationalism which would cramp and sectarianize in this day of ever-enlarging sympathies. We would call attention to the importance of our societies making a better use of the Christian Endeavor column in our

denominational paper. If our pastors and church officers would but realize their whole duty toward the young in the matter of a wise direction of their associated life, would there not be a better response to the oft-repeated request for some tidings concerning the work and progress of our societies? With forty-seven societies in Ontario and Quebec and 1,317 active members can we not this year do better than we have done hitherto? Whatever plans we may adopt to develop the denominational loyalty of our young people, they will not be as successful as they might be, if pastors and church representatives take only a faint and faltering interest in the wider connectional life of the Christian Endeavors of their churches.

This Committee would suggest to the Publishing Company, the desirableness of seeking out and calling forth the literary talents of the young people of our Christian Endeavor Societies. There are young writers of decided promise, whose pens may as well write for our denominational paper, as for other papers; nay, they should in justice be enlisted for the benefit of our churches.

Finally, this Committee would earnestly recommend that a larger use be made of the Christian Endeavor force, a force which stands for vital religion, for temperance, for law, for order, for Sabbath-keeping, for a pure political atmosphere.

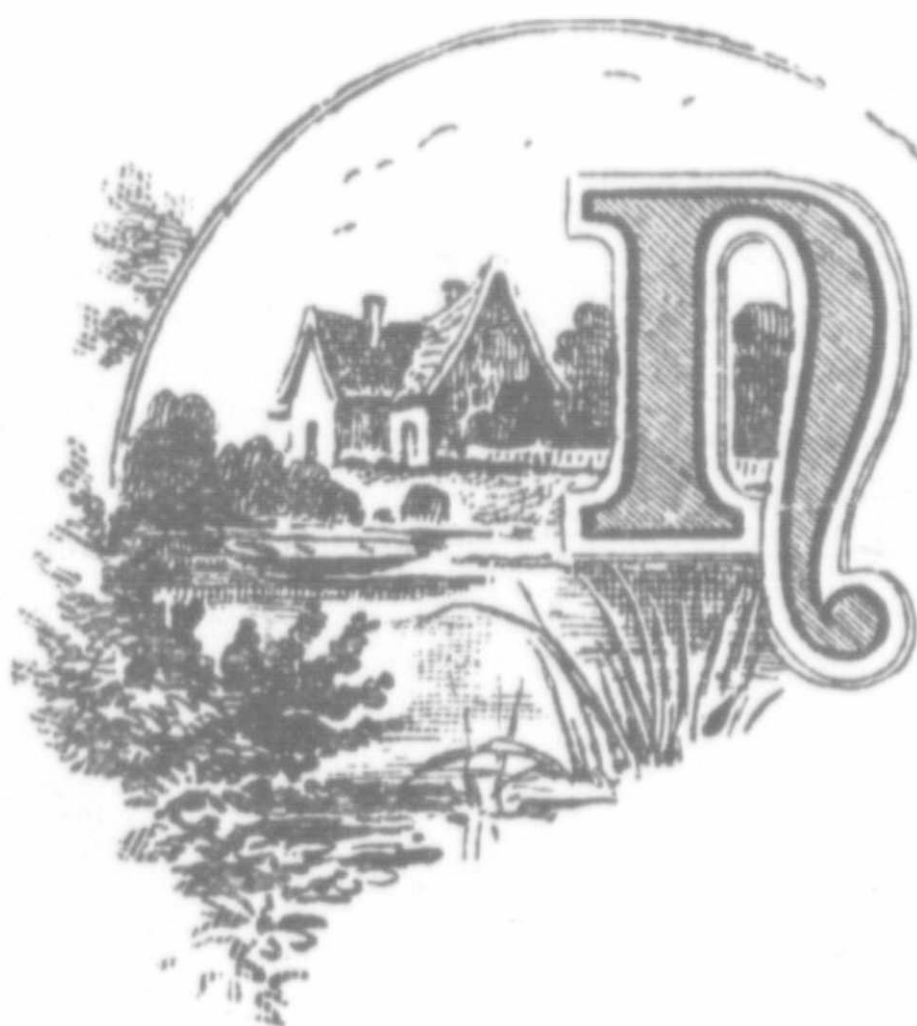
Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MCGREGOR.

Woodstock, June, 1896.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA
AND NEW BRUNSWICK OF 50 YEARS AGO.

"Notes from the Records and Comments," by Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A.



OTES of the Congregational Union naturally begin with the first meeting for organization, etc., held with the church in Liverpool, N.S., July 11, 1846. There were present: Rev. George Stirling, pastor of the church at Pleasant River, N.S.; Rev. William Payzant, delegate from the church in Cornwallis, N.S.; Mr. Jacob Whitman, delegate from

the church in Falmouth, N.S. (Mr. Whitman was not ordained at the time. He is still alive, over eighty, and was present at the Union in 1895.); Rev. J. C. Galloway, A.M., from St. John, N.B.; Mr. Davidson from the same church; Rev. James Porter, from Sheffield, with Jeremiah Burpee, Esq., and Benjamin Jewett, from the same place.

Mr. Galloway was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Porter, Secretary. There were present also the following persons, who took part in the proceedings: Mr. James Henry Freeman, of Liverpool, N.S.; Mr. Zenas Waterman, of Pleasant River, N.S.; Rev. Jas. Melvin, who was pastor of the church at Liverpool, though not a Congregationalist; Mr. Thos. Hilton, delegate from the church at Yarmouth.

The meeting adjourned to July 13, to have submitted to it certain practical measures suited to the nature and design of a Congregational Union. But it was frankly stated that while all were invited to the said meeting, that only *male members* of Congregational churches were allowed to vote and take part in the discussion. (That was before the age of Electric Lights, etc.)

The first resolution was moved by Rev. George Stirling, seconded by Rev. Wm. Payzant. It was to the effect that the Union should contemplate as its first practical measure, the employment of one or more Home Missionaries or travelling evangelists within its limits. This seemed to be the leading purpose of the formation of the Union, many of the churches at that time being without pastoral oversight, the destitution of the fields was great. Then there were resolutions upon finances, one of which moved by Zenas Waterman, seconded by Jeremiah Burpee, was to the effect that the churches be asked to take up collections for this Union Missionary fund.

There was also a resolution recommending denominational periodicals to the churches; the only available ones at the time being London publications, such as *The Congregational Calendar*, *The Christian Witness* and *The Penny Magazine*. These were recommended by a unanimous vote; and the pastors and delegates asked to ascertain and report at next Union meeting what number each church would take.

And then it was moved by Rev. James Porter, seconded by Rev. James Melvin, that suitable young men in our churches who feel called to the Gospel ministry, be encouraged to separate themselves unto that work, and place themselves for instruction and guidance under the care of any of the pastors who may be willing to undertake that work. This was followed by a strong resolution, that a Collegiate Institution be instituted as soon as enough funds can be collected to warrant such an undertaking; trustees to be Revs. Melvin, Porter, Stirling, Galloway, and Messrs. Hilton, Burpee, Davidson, MacLeod.

By motion of John MacLeod, of Liverpool, N.S., seconded by Mr. Clements, of Yarmouth, the meeting adjourned to assemble in St. John, N.B., Thursday, after the first Sunday of October; the churches in the meantime to have submitted to them the proposed constitution, principles and proceedings for their concurrence, great care being taken upon this point, that the Union should not seem to usurp the authority which alone must be vested in the local church. The churches seemed to have been well pleased with the constitution, principles and purposes of this new union (a thing unheard of before by these isolated, independent churches.)

There was present at the adjourned meeting in St. John, on Oct. 9, 1846, the following ministers and delegates: Revs. James Porter, J. C. Galloway, Jacob Whitman (Mr. Whitman had just

been ordained over the church in Yarmouth, N.S.), Geo. Stirling, Sidney S. Markland, of Demerara, W.I., S. H. Keeler, of Calais, Me.; Rev. Franklin Yeaten, of Milltown, N.B., Messrs. James Henry Freeman, Robert Davidson; Zenas Waterman, John MacLeod. It was a very enthusiastic meeting.

Mr. Porter was chosen Chairman; Mr. Galloway, Secretary. (Mr. Galloway's records are a model of neatness); Mr. R. Davidson, Treasurer. They confirmed the former work, and added some very important measures to the preamble; and defined more definitely the limit and extent of the powers of the Advisory Body.

Having become aware of the fact that Mrs. Gorham, of Liverpool, N.S., the widow of a very wealthy West India merchant, was thinking of making a bequest, a letter was drafted and sent to her showing her the necessity of a Collegiate Institution for the training of a native ministry. (That lady's bequests have benefited the C. C. C. and the C. C. M. S., the latter society at present drawing a yearly revenue from them of over \$400.)

The first annual meeting after the organization was held with the church in Chebogue or Yarmouth, N.S., July 9-12, 1847. There were present: Revs. Porter, Galloway, Whitman, Stirling, Melvin; and Messrs. Enoch Barker, Sr., R. Davidson, Mr. Dunlop of Sable River, J. H. Freeman of Liverpool, and John Burton of Halifax.

There was no Congregational church at Halifax at this time; the old "Mather" church organized in 1756 as the "church of the Dissenters," the majority of whom were Congregationalists from Massachusetts, the first pastor Rev. Aaron Cleveland, a Congregationalist, was now under the control of the Presbyterians, who had changed "Mather" to "Matthew's," the Congregational minority contenting themselves to be allowed the right of self government; the Presbytery assuming no control until a later date; and Watt's hymns "to be sung at least once a year."

There were also present: Mr. Waterman, whose name appears before; Mr. Braden, of Musquodoboit, N.S.; N. Crosby, John Scott and John T. Scott, of Yarmouth, and Thomas Hilton. (Mr. Hilton was a leading spirit from the outset of this Union, a manly man and a faithful follower of his Master). Mr. Porter was re-elected Chairman, Mr. Galloway, Secretary.

The roll of churches was as follows: Liverpool, N.S.;

Pleasant River, N.S.; Cornwallis, N.S.; Yarmouth First N.S., (now Chebogue); St. John, N.B.; Sheffield, N.B.; and the very important mission field of Musquodoboit, N.S., formerly under the pastorate of the celebrated Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. Spratt. This whole field of Upper, Middle and Lower Musquodoboit, had come over to the Congregational way through some trouble that had arisen in the latter years of Mr. Spratt's ministry. Rev. Mr. Murkland was directed by the Union to undertake the work there. He was very successful in organizing this new field into three flourishing congregations, and had he remained there longer to have consolidated the work he had so auspiciously inaugurated, we would not have lost that field as we have done. There are now two or three Presbyterian churches in that district, some members of which have tender recollections of Congregational meetings and ministers in the days of their childhood. There seems now to have been much missionary enthusiasm, and a strong resolution was carried, that the one and only use of the general fund of the Union must be the extension of missionary operations within the bounds of the Union. A deputation was appointed to visit the eastern part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, to obtain information concerning scattered and isolated communities of Congregationalists, to encourage and assist and evangelize such flocks who have been so long without shepherds. Messrs. Murkland and Melvin were the brethren named in the records with Rev. J. C. Galloway, if it was convenient for him to leave. Messrs. Stirling and Whitman's names also appear as having done much itinerant missionary work at this time, whose expenses were paid in the pounds, shillings and pence of that day's currency.

The result of such arduous itineracy appears to have been the discovery of remnants of churches at Manchester and Canso, and quite a flourishing cause at Margaree, C.B. These all were the descendents of the pilgrim churches of New England, and it is interesting, and pathetic also, to hear that in many cases these people were ignorant of the existence of any other Congregationalists in the world. They were alone; a few sheep in the wilderness. No wonder they welcomed with joy the coming among them of these "messengers of the churches!" Margaree had been especially blessed in having a godly lay-preacher as its leader, now very aged, Josiah Hart, whose son Joseph at his death inherited his gifts to some extent, and who also exhorted and comforted the people.

The Union, at its Yarmouth meeting, *authorized its Secretary to write to the Colonial Missionary Society, asking that a deputation from that body be at once sent out.* This was done without delay, and accordingly, as a result, when the Union met in Sheffield, N.B., in 1848 we find the name on the records of Rev. W. Henry Heu de Bourck, who was sent, it appears, direct to Halifax, with instructions to organize a church in that city. A building is secured, a congregation gathered; but, alas! there is a want of sweet harmony this time; there is a ruler in a deacon, and the new minister with sorrow is obliged to resign the work after the short space of a year. The name also of Rev. Frederick Tompkins, M.A., from Chebogue, appears. Mr. Tompkins came direct to Chebogue or Yarmouth, first, the Colonial Society pledging itself to give material assistance, which it did for some years most liberally. Mr. Galloway leaves St. John this year and returns to England, much to the regret of his brethren. This was a disastrous movement for our cause.

Instead of Mr. Galloway, the leading spirit in the Union for the next eight years is Mr. Tompkins, a man of fine talent and varied accomplishments. He is remembered by some in our churches at the present day. A brilliant preacher, an architect, a carpenter, an organ-builder, a teacher, and a college professor, and at last accounts was practising *law* in London, England. Mr. Tompkins thought to strengthen Congregationalism by building expensive Gothic chapels, and by that means to stimulate the æsthetic taste of the people, who thought the old plain square meeting-houses of their Puritan ancestors were necessary to spiritual worship. Ah! there were sad mistakes made in that day, which can never be retraced. We can trace them in the paragraphs of the records. The Gorham bequest becomes a source of discord, and sometimes evokes bitter words and unseemly strife.

The year 1849 sees a fine College building erected in Liverpool; the thousand pounds of Mrs. Gorham's bequest having formed the nucleus of a considerable fund, to which had been added personal subscriptions, as well as sums voted by the several churches, and liberal grants from the Colonial Missionary Society and gifts of well-wishers in the United States. In the Convocation Hall the Union held several of its meetings, July 10, 1849. Rev. F. Tompkins, M.A., was chosen Principal. There seemed to be a difficulty in obtaining students. Several young colored men from Demerara, who were to be missionaries in

that island, attended the sessions of the first year; but one young man from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick seems to have thought it worth while to enjoy the benefits of a higher education in Gorham College; and that was Rev. Jacob Whitman, who studied under Principal Tompkins one year.

Fire destroyed the College in 1850. "Where shall the College be rebuilt?" was the question from this time that agitated the people, and produced evil results.

Mr. Tompkin's attempt to carry the College to Halifax, and merge it with Dalhousie, brought a final rupture between him and his brethren in the Union; the majority of which opposed it strongly. After 1855 his name drops out of the records.

St. John, Sheffield, and Keswick Ridge, for prudential reasons seceded from the Union in 1857, and for two years seem to have administered their own share of the missionary funds, through a New Brunswick Financial Board, and a New Brunswick Treasurer. Rev. J. Lightbody, was pastor of Sheffield; Rev. Geo. Stirling, pastor of Keswick Ridge; Rev. Chas. MacKay, pastor of St. John. (Mr. MacKay was the grandfather of the lamented Mrs. Lee, missionary to Cisamba, deceased 1895.)

However, at the Union in Keswick Ridge, July, 1853, a reconciliation took place, and Sheffield and Keswick Ridge came back to the Union with their pastors. (St. John does not follow until some years later; that church not being as denominational as the others; due to the fact, that it was composed largely of members coming from other denominations).

At this meeting in 1853, appear two students from Dr. Lillie's Theological Institute in Toronto—Messrs. Archibald Burpee and Enoch Barker. Rev. Mr. Whitman preached "the sermon," which is characterized in the records "as a word of power," from Ps. xx. 5: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." There seems to have been great joy in the meeting, on account of the reunion of the federated churches.

In the records of the meeting in Yarmouth, July, 1855, the name of Rev. George Cornish appears. Mr. Cornish was associated with Dr. Tompkins in Gorham College matters. Was sent out by the Colonial Society for that purpose. Expected to prosecute his work as a professor in the College at Halifax. In that he was disappointed. He therefore accepted a call to the newly-formed church at Milton, N.S. For several years his name and bold hand writing appear in the records. His work in our Union was always upright and honorable.

The names of Rev. Robert Wilson, Rev. George Ritchie, James Howell and George Rawson appear in the same pages with George Cornish, for the first time. Rev. Mr. Wilson was called to the pastorate of Yarmouth church, and seems to have ministered to both churches. He from this time comes to the front, and for eight or ten years his name appears upon nearly every important resolution. Indeed, such an important place did this gentleman fill in our body in those days, that we can excuse him for thinking that he himself was the "Congregational Union," as he is said to have playfully assumed.

The Union became an incorporated body in both Provinces in 1862; and in the records of the Union of that year we have the amended Constitution and Rules of procedure in their present form. At that meeting Rev. John R. Kean was present, who had accepted the pastorate of the old church of Cornwallis, which office he filled for seven years. There he buried his wife, Elizabeth McDougall, of Maxville, Ont., a lady of great force of character and gentle piety. Her death was greatly lamented by all who knew her. The name of Simeon Sykes appears for the first time on the same pages. Mr. Sykes came as a delegate from Chebogue, but the next year, 1863, his name is in the roll of ministers, he having been ordained over the church in Pleasant River. Mr. Sykes is still hale and strong, though above the three-score limit. He has been thirty-three years in active work in our Union; has been the successful pastor of Pleasant River, Liverpool, Economy and Keswick Ridge. He is at present the beloved pastor of Keswick Ridge.

The name of Rev. R. K. Black appears in the minutes of the Union in St. John, in 1864. Mr. Black took a leading part in the work of the Union for nearly thirteen years, being pastor of Milton church during that period. His name appears later as pastor of the newly-organized church at Truro. Indeed, Bro. Black evolved order out of chaos in Truro, and with great wisdom assisted the few faithful friends of that infant cause to organize themselves into a church, which is destined to bear a share in the advance of Christ's cause in that important centre.

Another name of honor appears in 1873: Rev. James Shipperley, the present pastor of Margaree, C. B.; and I would be doing a wrong to our Union and to Him, whom we serve, did I not notice the name of my tried, true and trusted friend, James Woodrow. Mr. Woodrow's name first appears in the records of 1861. He represents St. John Church, probably the year it returns into active membership in the Union.

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In 1866, Mr. Woodrow, deacon and delegate of the St. John Church, became Treasurer of the Union, which office he has held ever since; thirty years of honorable stewardship. To him more than to any other one man, perhaps, is due much of the progress that we have made; may God spare Mr. Woodrow yet many years to us. May our mission be as great a power for good as he would like it to be!

There are from year to year new names, men of goodness and of gracious speech, and life; Revs. Alexander and Duncan MacGregor, Joseph Barker, John B. Saer, Charles Duff, William MacIntosh, and the names on the present roll, doing noble work.

And so we could go on over the pages of these records, calling the names of the workers of the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B.; not only of ministers and officers of the Union, but of deacons; men of integrity, men of large-hearted liberality, men of strong affections: a Hilton, a Scott, a Clements, a Dennis, the Burpees and Barkers; the Clarks and Christies and Hagermans, and Keys; a David Loomer, a Joseph Cox, a Samuel Bigelow and Freeman Tupper, a George and Edward McLeod. And we could read between the lines, the roll of honorable women, the names of ministers' patient wives, and the steadfast helpmeets of the deacons (not allowed then as now to speak in the Union meeting.) Our Union could not have lived a year without those unrecorded names. Their deeds are recorded in undying lives of people they have helped.

This is our Union's jubilee, and it is mine also; 1846 is my own natal year, and it is fitting that it should be, for my life has been, and is still, bound up in the life of the Union. But when the Congregational Union of N. S. and N. B. reaches its next 50th milestone, I cannot hope to be its Secretary, or even to be present at its meeting; but some that are here to-day may be present, and doubtless will be. What changes will have taken place! What progress; what glorious achievements by the church of God. Let ours be a noble part in such achievements.

Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

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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 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 this 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 meeting of the Society and its Committees, and shall exhibit the records of the proceedings at each meeting.

The Treasurer shall as directed by the General Committee, keep a full account of all receipts and disbursements.

The Superintendent to whom he shall report within the bounds of the Society, shall have an interest in its work, and shall explore new missions, and shall have a general oversight of the work.

The Auditors shall make an annual audit of the accounts of the Society.

The General Committee shall have charge of the annual meeting, and direct all the missionary affairs. They shall have a general oversight of the annual meetings.

The Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Society, and shall aid from the funds of the Society, and they shall also make an annual report to the General Committee.

The Corporation shall hold its annual meeting on Sunday in June, at the Quebec assemblies. A special meeting may be called by the General Committee, if deemed desirable, provided the Executive Committee shall hold a meeting, at the call of the General Committee, at the quarterly meetings at the call of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—FINANCE.

All sums of money received for the Society, together with the proceeds of the sale of the property, shall form a Church Fund. The Corporation, who may be called by the way of new fields, and for the same purposes, may be required.

Auxiliary branches shall be organized to co-operate in the work of the Society, and shall be subject to the previous to the annual meeting of the Secretary, and send to the General Committee.

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 meetings at the same time and place as the Corporation, at the call of the Secretary; and the Executive Committee shall hold their quarterly meetings 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 Executive Committee by the way of loans, or otherwise, for the organization of churches in new fields, and for the erection and 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, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the duly authorized persons on behalf of the General Committee, or the Executive Committee, to convey and accept conveyances of real estate, and to receive and discharge mortgages as advised from time to time by the Corporation, and shall affix the Corporation seal to all such legal documents when required.

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.

MINUTE

At 11 o'clock
was called to order

On motion of
Minute Secretary
F. McGregor

It was
"That the report
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Mr. C. J. ...
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MINUTES OF THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL
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ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
Montreal, June 10, 1896.

At 11 a.m., the Canada Congregational Missionary Society was called to order by its Chairman, Mr. Charles Cushing.

On motion, Rev. R. Hopkin, Westmount, was appointed Minute Secretary. The chairman then called upon the Rev. A. F. McGregor, Secretary of the Society, to read his annual report.

It was moved by R. W. McLachlan, seconded by Rev. R. Hay, "That the report of the Secretary be received." It was however agreed in amendment, "That the report of the Treasurer be heard before the report of the Secretary be received and adopted, and that the two reports be discussed together."

Mr. C. R. Black, the Treasurer of the Society, then presented his annual statement.

Rev. W. H. Watson moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hindley. The following spoke to the motion:—The Revs. W. T. Gunn, W. H. Warriner, E. M. Hill, J. L. Brown, Dr. Evans, Mr. John Black, Mr. George Scott, Rev. Dr. Sims, Rev. W. P. Jackson, Rev. John Morton.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society were unanimously adopted.

Rev. E. M. Hill, chairman of Nominating Committee, presented the report of that committee, which recommended that the officers of last year be re-elected for another year. On motion, this report was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Prof. Warriner, and seconded,—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Rev. W. T. Gunn for his "Thermometer," on which was registered the missionary temperature of the churches, as viewed from a financial aspect. This resolution was adopted.

Mr. R. S. Weir then moved,—

That the C. C. M. S. "Recommends the desirability of arranging with the pastors at central points in Ontario and Quebec, for the visitation of churches in their vicinity; in order that the claims of the Society may be placed before these churches."

This resolution was duly seconded and carried.

On motion of Rev. John Morton, seconded by Mr. Garlick, it was agreed,—

"That the scheme of Amalgamation be the first business of the Society, until a decision is arrived at."

The following compose the Executive and General committees, as recommended by the Nominating Committee:—

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Charles Cushing, B.C.L., President; Rev. A. F. McGregor, Secretary; Charles R. Black, Treasurer; J. I. Hindley, Ph.D., Western Association; Henry O'Hara, Central Association; Rev. Wm. McIntosh, Eastern Association; E. C. Evans, D.D., Quebec Association; W. B. Forbush, Ph.D., Rev. J. W. Cox and James Woodrow, for the Maritime Provinces.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Revs. J. K. Unsworth, J. W. Pedley, John Morton, C. E. Bolton, W. Johnston, Thos. Sims, A. W. Richardson, J. R. Black, W. H. Warriner, E. M. Hill, A. W. Main, W. T. Gunn, and Messrs. J. Black, R. Y. Blythe, J. C. Copp, Geo. Scott, R. J. McElvey, P. J. McEwan, S. P. Leet, J. R. Dougall, R. W. McLachlan and J. McNicol.

AUDITORS—A. McA. Murphy and B. B. Stevenson.
The Society adjourned at 12.20.

ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE C. C. M. S., June 11, '96.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with.

On motion, it was agreed to take up the matter of Amalgamation first. Some discussion ensued with regard to the length of time that should be allowed to each speaker; it was finally agreed that the time limit should be left to the discretion of each speaker.

Mr. Seth P. I.
Robert Hay:—

That whereas the annual meeting, passed

"Resolved,—That commends itself in general consideration, the matter further consideration,

Now proceeding declares:—

That it approves able that a closer union work of the churches, in relation to the work appointed to act with they shall appoint one shall deem any scheme report thereon at the

Mr. C. R. Black
W. McLachlan:—

That this Society which in its opinion will engage the co-operative charge, does not feel called in order to be absorbed new and untried body of Parliament.

That this Society churches for more than result of an agreement Nova Scotia and New the Trustee of certain and New Brunswick. scribes belongs the right of which reasons, and consent to its amalgamation

At the same time more intimate connect various Congregational out changing the character Resolved, that the desire more harmony, if the of Wales were followed, upon said committee boards of the other Societies

This meeting the matter to a joint conference officers of the other Societies year.

Mr. Seth P. Leet then moved as follows, seconded by Rev. Robert Hay :—

That whereas the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at its last annual meeting, passed the following resolution :—

“ *Resolved*,—That the principle as put forth in Mr. Seth P. Leet's motion commends itself in general terms to our approval ; but as details are not fully considered, the matter be referred to the churches, associations and societies for further consideration, and report next year.”

Now proceeding to accede to the request of the Union, this Society declares :—

That it approves of the principle of said motion, to wit :—That it is desirable that a closer union be brought about between the different branches of the work of the churches, the churches themselves, and the sections of our Dominion, in relation to the work of our churches. We recommend that a committee be appointed to act with similar committees of the Union, and other Societies, if they shall appoint one, to further consider this matter ; and if said committee shall deem any scheme of closer union to be feasible, that they shall present a report thereon at the next annual meeting of the Union, and of this Society.

Mr. C. R. Black moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. R. W. McLachlan :—

That this Society, while always most desirous to accept any suggestion which in its opinion would tend to increase its usefulness, and more thoroughly engage the co-operation of all our churches in the great work which it has in charge, does not feel called upon to give up its corporate existence as a Society, in order to be absorbed, along with the other Congregational institutions, into a new and untried body yet to be formed and given a corporate existence by Act of Parliament.

That this Society has been working harmoniously with our Canadian churches for more than forty years ; that the Act of Incorporation was the result of an agreement between the Society and the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in consideration of which the Society became the Trustee of certain funds belonging to the Congregationalists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. That the Society recognizes the principle that to its subscribers belongs the right of controlling the administration of its affairs ; for all of which reasons, and many others which might be named, this Society cannot consent to its amalgamation with the proposed new Congregational Union.

At the same time, recognizing the fact that a desire has been expressed for more intimate connection between the existing Congregational Union, and the various Congregational Societies, and in order to give effect to such desire, without changing the character of the present Constitution of the Union, it is also *Resolved*, that the desired result may be attained with far less friction, and much more harmony, if the recent action of the Congregational Union of England and Wales were followed,—by enlarging the Committee of the Union, and electing upon said committee a certain number of members from the committees and boards of the other Societies.

This meeting therefore recommends that the Union be requested to refer the matter to a joint committee, consisting of the officers of the Union and the officers of the other Congregational institutions to consider, and report next year.

A very general discussion on the question of Amalgamation then ensued, a number of the brethren taking part.

Meeting adjourned at 12.20 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "King of Love my Shepherd is."

The Rev. G. E. Read conducted responsive reading, and Rev. W. McIntosh led in prayer. After the singing of another hymn, addresses were given on the "Mission Field," by Revs. Robert Hay of Eaton, Que., J. P. Gerrie, B.A., Toronto, and Hugh Pedley of Winnipeg.

A collection was taken in aid of Home Missions.

Rev. Smith Baker, D.D., then gave an address on "Christian Experience necessary in Christian Work."

The meeting was closed with the Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. Hugh Pedley.

FRIDAY, June 12.

The Canada Congregational Missionary Society was called to order by its chairman, Mr. Charles Cushing, at 11.15 a.m. The chairman vacated the chair, and called upon Mr. J. C. Copp to preside.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Sims, seconded by Rev. Wm. Johnston,—"That Resolution as moved by Mr. Seth P. Leet be substituted for existing motion and amendments." After some discussion, the chairman ruled Dr. Sims' motion out of order.

The question of Amalgamation, or Closer Union, was then taken up, and discussion was entered into, on this question. Mr. Charles Cushing spoke at length in favor of Amalgamation, and quoted the opinions of several eminent Baptists in support of his position.

On motion, it was agreed to adjourn the debate until after lunch.

1.15 p.m. The C. C. M. S. resumed its session. Mr. Chas. Cushing in the chair. After prayer by Mr. J. R. Dougall, the discussion on Amalgamation was continued.

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Mr. A. McA. Murphy moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. J. R. Dougall, which was as follows:—

That this Society, while desirous of promoting, by all means in its power, Closer Union between the different branches of the work being done by our churches and societies, declares that it cannot now approve of the scheme commonly described as the "Amalgamation Scheme," suggested by Mr. S. P. Leet; but resolves that a committee be now appointed, to act with any other committee that may be formed by the Union and other Societies, to consider how best to secure more efficient co-operation.

Mr. C. R. Black withdrew his amendment of the day before.

Rev. Dr. Sims then moved an amendment to the amendment, which was afterwards withdrawn.

Mr. Murphy's resolution was unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Leet, and seconded by Dr. Evans,—That this Society be represented by its President, Secretary, and Treasurer, on the committee which it is proposed to appoint, to bring in a recommendation on "Closer Union."—*Carried.*

The singing of "Praise God," etc., brought this session of the C. C. M. S. to a close.

ROBERT HOPKIN,
Minute Secretary.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.



WITH a union of churches as with individuals there is a disparity between the ideal and the actual; between what has been done and what remains to be done. A review of the past year's work of this Society, while supplying material for thanksgiving, does not inspire a spirit of complacency. In the circumstances, the consciousness that much more might be accomplished is unavoidable.

The past year was one of many changes, and of severe testing. Several new executive officers were called on to take the places of experienced and able men. It goes, therefore, without saying, that a process of

re-adjustment would offer points for fair criticism. The valuable services rendered by Rev. John Wood, as Secretary, and by Rev. S. N. Jackson, as Treasurer, laid the Society under a debt of great obligation, an obligation that met with some recognition, however inadequate. The Society would also record its deep sense of the loss sustained through the removal, by death, of the Rev. Dr. Cornish, who manifested not only in his official relations to the Society, but in his private capacity, a living and constant interest in its work during all the years of his presence amongst us. In this, as in other departments of our work, he will long be missed.

The new business basis on which the work of the year was begun, and the almost unprecedented depression in the business world at large, affected seriously the financial operations of the Missionary Churches. Inasmuch as the Treasurer's Report will furnish in detail, the contributions from the Churches and the grants made to them, it may suffice here to notice, that the grants have not in the aggregate, been less than they were in the preceding year. The grants for 1894-95 amounted to \$4,167.83. The grants for 1895-96, amount to \$4,327.83.

The entire receipts of the year have been \$26,223.01. The expenditure has amounted to \$22,992.24.

The instructions of the General Committee last June, to the Executive Committee, in the matter of the right basis on which to proceed in the making of grants, made some disappointment on the part of some, at least, of the churches almost inevitable. Not willingly, certainly, would any member of the Executive inflict needless hardship on any of our faithful missionary pastors. It would have been a great joy not to have been compelled to any such course.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the steps taken to re-awaken the interest of our friends in the Old Land, in the Christian work carried on by our Society, proved successful. The cordial thanks of this Society are, therefore, again rendered to the Colonial Missionary Society, for their grant of £150 sterling, placed at our disposal towards the extinction of the debt. It is pleasing also to record the fidelity with which churches and individuals redeemed the pledges given at Hamilton, last year, in this behalf. The practical sympathy thus shown by C. E. Societies and Sunday Schools, through mite-box offerings, and other methods of contributing, gives proof of their interest in Home Missionary work; an interest which waits for yet larger development and extension.

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The work among the Scandanavians of Alberta, N. W. T., presents points of great interest and promise. The Rev. A. Lindè received ordination last year, at the hands of the Congregational brethren in Montreal, and he is now settled, we trust, as the permanent pastor of the Emmanuel Scandanavian Congregational Church. The work is yet in its formative state; requiring, therefore, every assistance possible. It is indeed a good investment of the moral sympathies and funds of the Congregational Missionary Societies of this and of the Mother Country.

The year has witnessed its full quota of pastoral resignations and removals; whether in the spirit of a widespread restlessness which would change the place, only, perhaps, to keep the pain, or from causes beyond the control of the pastors, it would be difficult, in every case, to say. It would seem, however, as if we were threatened with an itinerancy without method. Rev. H. C. Mason left Brandon for Vancouver; Rev. J. C. Madill left Sarnia for Hope Church, Toronto; Rev. George Fuller left Stratford for London, England; Rev. Dr. Mote left Wingham for the United States; Rev. W. S. Pritchard left Bowmanville for Chicago, to pursue further Theological studies there; Rev. Thomas Hall resigned his work in Port St. Charles; Rev. R. Hopkin, late of Listowel, has taken up the work in Westmount; Rev. George E. Read left Fitch Bay for Rock Island, Canada; Rev. James Blesedell resigned his charge in Pleasant River, Nova Scotia; and Rev. Jacob W. Cox has just resigned in Economy.

Mr. A. B. Secord has supplied Barrie for the past year; and Mr. Charles R. Ashdown is supplying Bowmanville for the summer.

The history of several churches for the past year has only accentuated the need of greater care in making pastoral settlements. We must keep out of our pulpits vagrant and unworthy men. And while we would not for a moment disparage the occasional introduction of worthy men from other lands, we should be unmistakably loyal to our own Canadian men—our College-trained and time-tested men. Christian character should count for more than mere platform oratory, and Denominational service than vulgar sensationalism.

In reference to the methods of work adopted by our Society, we are not unwilling to consider whether by a change of method in any department, an increase of funds would be secured, and

a larger work overtaken. If there be "a great ungrasped opportunity" let the situation be thoroughly and wisely surveyed. We dare not predicate finality as to any of our methods or achievements. It might be well that steps should be taken to better develop our missionary work by provinces and districts, through missionary committees in connection with each of the Associations. By explicitly defining the duties of such Missionary Committees, and by honoring their action, a great deal of excellent work could be done for our Society, as is done by our provincial and county Christian Endeavor Missions, and at little or no expense to the Society. The immense distances from point to point of our Canadian fields, renders travelling very expensive where the work is left to one or to a few persons. It would therefore seem that our circumstances, financially and geographically, require that we use our local forces and resources to the very best advantage. Care, however, must be exercised, lest too much dependence be placed on externals. A more aggressive and successful activity along all lines will be seen, when, as church members we exchange our incomplete surrender to the Master for whole-souled consecration to the unexpressibly sacred cause of the faith of Christ.

By the Spirit's blessing great things have been done by this Society; and to-day we are enjoying rare and rich privileges. Let us look up and work on; and we shall find that any darkness that may surround our work is more apparent than real. With brave hearts, patient waiting, and steady work, our difficulties will be overcome one by one. Owing to one Lord, and one faith, we shall be able to realize one baptism.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MCGREGOR, *Secretary.*

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CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REPORTS FROM OUR HOME MISSION FIELDS.

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Lake Shore and Ebenezer.—Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B.A.
(Dec. 1st, 1895):

This report will embrace from May 1st to Nov. 27th, making a period of 31 weeks. During that time I have conducted two preaching services each week, with the exception of two or three weeks when absent from home; and besides preached every Sunday afternoon for five or six weeks in July and August at a summer resort, in the neighborhood of Lake Shore Church. I also attended or conducted two Christian Endeavor and church prayer-meetings each week. The C. E. prayer-meeting attendance at Ebenezer would average over 50. During this period I have made over 150 visits among the people, and have had personal conversation with many regarding their spiritual condition. At the Lake Shore there have been ten additions to church membership on profession of faith, since May 1st, 1895; though three of these who joined May 12th were mentioned in my previous report. And at Ebenezer four have joined. You will notice that while the Lake Shore congregation is much smaller than Ebenezer, there have been more additions at the former; owing to the fact that we have had revival services at the Lake Shore more recently than at Ebenezer.

June 1st.—Special services were held at Ebenezer in March, with very favorable results. The total uniting with the two churches during the past year is seventeen. Two old and highly esteemed members have been removed by death, Mr. Duncan Campbell and Mrs. E. Lloyd. Mr. Hamilton has received and accepted the call to labor in Pt. St. Charles, Montreal.

Sarnia.—Sarnia Church has had a chequered history for the past year. The pastoral tie was severed, and the vacancy is now critical. Rev. J. C. Madill has been called to the pastorate of Hope Church, Toronto.

Kincardine.—Rev. C. E. Bolton (Jan., 1896):

We began work in the field on April 14, 1895. When we arrived we found the church somewhat disorganized, in fact it never has been organized as a Congregational church. For years a deacon did everything about the church. At the church the morning service is chiefly attended by the elder people, and will average from a hundred to one hundred and twenty-five. The evening service is almost wholly attended by young people, who come

from every direction, sometimes five and six miles. It is the only evening service outside of the village for miles; so that it is a centre. I hold a service in a school-house two and half miles away in the afternoon with an attendance of sixty and upward. I have been holding service in other school-houses week evenings, with a good attendance; some weeks two.

Watford.—Rev. A. Margrett, pastor:

The church and parsonage have been repaired and beautified at a cost of \$700. The membership increased; finances improving. Harmony prevails, and the church stands well in the community. I visit three public schools within three miles of the manse, and give half an hour of religious instruction to each every week. This work commends itself to the people of all denominations. No other minister has entered upon this work. The church has paid me \$190 since coming here in April, 1894. No family has been unvisited in all this field, scattered though the families are.

Stratford.—Rev. Geo. Fuller reporting for Jan. 27, 1895, to Jan. 26, 1896, states that he conducted 156 preaching and prayer-meeting services. Average attendance at each of the services 70; week night 20. Three joined on profession and by letter. Mr. Fuller accepted a call to labor in the old land. The church is now supplied by Rev. G. Trotter Carr.

Barrie.—Mr. Albert Secord (Nov. 30, 1895):

I began my labors here on June 9th; and after preaching some three Sundays received a very unanimous invitation to remain as pastor, which I accepted; and which choice has not proved seemingly to be unwise. The work is going on nicely, all things being hopeful and encouraging. The attendance at the two preaching services on the Lord's Day has increased; the average at the morning service for the six months being 64, and at the evening service 100. Made 290 pastoral calls. Nine added to the church; three by letter, six by profession; five of whom were by conversion within this year. Treasurer reports all bills paid, including pastor's salary. Denominational objects have been supported.

May 4, 1896.—Ten new members have been received; 240 pastoral calls made. Expect to leave here by July 1st, so as to attend College.

June, 1896.—Total membership 80. Amount raised for pastor for the year, \$312; and for C. C. M. S., \$56.

Listowel.—Rev. R. Hopkin (Jan., 1896). One hundred and eighty-six visits made. Indications of spiritual growth. Excellent special collections for church improvement, etc., taken. An excellent Woman's Missionary Society carrying on work. Finances better than for years. Mr. Hopkin has been called to take charge of the work in Westmount, Montreal, and the church secured without delay the services of Mr. Matthew Kelly, a graduate of our College.

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Hamilton, Immanuel.—Rev. W. H. Watson (Dec., 1895):

We have but 17 of the original 40 members in good standing with us at present. We have a solid membership of 40. We are holding our own in numbers, and getting a better financial standing, our receipts being considerably more per Sabbath than six months ago. My salary has been paid very faithfully by the church. We held special meetings lately for a month, and the spiritual life of the church was revived. We have gained five and lost five during seven months.

May 26, 1896.—Our membership is 53, after dropping from the roll 17. We are raising \$10.50 per Sabbath; we need for local expenses \$13.50. This is raised by special efforts; and \$85 interest yearly. It is most essential that this cause be fostered two years more, to the full extent of the Society's powers. I have not lost faith in the cause.

St. Catharines.—Rev. W. W. Smith (Dec. 30th, 1895):

Nineteen accessions following the work of the revival workers, Crossley and Hunter. Visits for the year, 418. (This report, includes the whole of 1895, as you had no report from me in the summer.) I think all our people give the tenth to the Lord; but where there are so few, and the recent additions do not add to our financial strength, we cannot do much beyond keeping up ordinances among us. We are hampered by an unsuitable building. Ladies' Aid and C. E. Society lend their helping hand. My salary is paid promptly.

May 21, 1896.—The Sunday School is large and efficient, and it continually tends to widen our church circle.

Wingham.—Rev. Dr. Mote resigned. The church greatly weakened, by reason of difficulties connected with his resignation. In May a call was given to the Rev. H. E. Mason, of Howick, who is at present laboring hopefully there.

Toronto, Broadview Ave.—Rev. J. P. Gerrie, B.A., (Jan. 1896):

Our financial position has greatly brightened, though there is and will be a severe strain upon our people. The present membership is 117. Average attendance at Sunday School, 180. The giving of our members is largely in excess of that of other churches surrounding us.

April 6, 1896.—The congregations are, I believe, much larger than at any time in our history. All claims of interest have been met, and the first instalment of \$100 on the \$1,000 mortgage has been paid. The C. E. Society is doing excellent work.

Bowmanville.—Rev. W. S. Pritchard, B.A. (Dec. 9, 1895), writing from Chicago Theological Seminary:

This report covers the period from May 1st to Dec. 1st, 1895. Of this period I served the church from May 1st to Sept. 8th, at which time I left for an additional session's study in Chicago Theological Seminary; the church having granted me leave of absence in accordance with the agree-

ment specified in my call. During my absence the pulpit has been constantly and ably supplied, most of the time by Congregational ministers; all the services of the church have been continued, and the attendance has fallen off but slightly. I made 120 calls. One added to the church by profession, and one by letter. My salary, including all deficits, paid.

The church is supplied by Student Chas. R. Ashdown, of our College.

Ottawa, First Church.—Rev. Wm. McIntosh (June 3, 1896). Building up a poor broken down church in a city is slow and hard work. Everything of social power is against it. But our people are hopeful. Membership, 116; debt, \$10,000; amount raised for pastor, \$875; for C. C. M. S., \$60.

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Winnipeg, Maple St.—Rev. D. H. Jacobs, (May, 1896), the present pastorate commenced in Jan., 1895. Average attendance at Sunday School is 115. All current expenses fully met, and the last instalment of the debt on the building due to the Colonial M. S. paid. The people are quite hopeful. Increased accommodation required.

Brandon.—Rev. J. C. Watt, of our College, has been called to succeed Rev. H. C. Mason, now of Vancouver, B.C., and the outlook is bright for Brandon.

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Alberta.—Rev. A. Lindè (May 23, 1896). The Scandinavian Emmanuel Church have secured the pastoral services of Rev. A. Lindè, who was ordained last year to this work under the hands of the Congregational brethren in Montreal. Twenty members are reported at one of the stations of Witaskiwin, twelve at another, and 120 adherents. About 1,000 souls are in the district covered by this mission. The work is still in a formative stage, the missionary grant is \$400, and church property is being secured and improved. A great work is opening out in this district.

QUEBEC PROVINCE.

Montreal, Pt. St. Charles.—Rev. Thos. Hall, M.A., resigned the pastorate of this church in April last; and the church has called the Rev. D. S. Hamilton, B.A., of Forest, to succeed him.

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Eaton.—Rev. Robert Hay (Jan. 7, 1896):

Preached three times each Sunday: twice at Eaton, and once in two weeks either at Birchton, Cookshire, or Sawyerville. I attend two Sunday Schools each Sunday, and teach a Bible Class in each. There is also a C. E. Society doing good work, which I attend. The Ladies' Aid Society furnished a prayer-meeting room, and repaired the church building.

May, 1896.—I have made on an average about ten pastoral visits a week. Four were added to the church at the last communion service.

The 25 per cent. reduction of grant of the present year falls upon the pastor, and has been borne without complaint; but could hardly be endured another year. Sixty-one members; \$350 raised for the pastor.

Melbourne.—Rev. Sampson Nichols. The churches in this field being eight miles apart; the long drives are felt by the pastor, who has been unused to such journeys. The cause is weak, but the people are appreciative and generous. The pastor works faithfully on.

Franklin Centre.—Rev. J. L. Brown (Jan., 1896). Average attendance at services on Sunday, 50 at a.m., and 75 at p.m.; weekly prayer-meeting average 15; Sunday School attendance 20; Bible Class 10 at same hour. About 50 pastoral visits made during the six months. Two members added. The church will likely always be a missionary one, but is by no means a dead church. Loyalty to the local church is not strong in the district. Population has decreased during the last 20 years. The cities attract our young people. Fifty members in our church; \$400 raised for the pastor during year ending June, 1896.

Ayer's Flat.—Rev. Churchill Moore (May 28, 1896):

Religious belief in this neighborhood is heterogeneous. Being the only resident minister in the place, I am expected to visit 75 families, greatly scattered. I preach on Sunday at Ayer's Flat and Boynton; there is a Sunday School at each place. I attend them both. I sometimes teach the Bible Class at Ayer's Flat. We have a good C. E. Society, making its influence felt, although in existence but eight months. Card-playing is checked.

The new church at Boynton is clear of debt. No manse on the field; hence the pastor must pay rent out of his small salary of \$600. But we have much to thank and praise God for.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Truro.—Rev. John Wood (May, 1896):

The special evangelistic services referred to in my December report, in which our people took a lively interest, as well as their full share of work, resulted in at least a temporary quickening of spiritual life, and, it is hoped, a number of true conversions. Over thirty persons among us professed a purpose to be henceforth followers of Christ. In addition to the twelve who united with the church, several united with other churches, while some whom we expected to come in, have deferred doing so. The attendance has varied with the seasons and the weather. La grippe, and that equally enervating complaint known as "Sunday sickness," incurable by any material remedies, have somewhat affected us at times, but we are slowly making headway, and living down the prophecy of a speedy collapse. Our Sunday School is doing fairly well, and we have recently organized a Junior Christian Endeavor Society, which grows in interest. We paid off \$200 of debt during 1895. Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions are ahead of last year, and local finances are looking up. We have plenty to keep us humble; may the Lord Himself exalt us in due time.

Kingsport.—Rev. E. C. W. MacColl. The failure of the ship-building industry compels heads of families to seek employment in other regions. Congregations range from 50 to 90; Sunday School averages 40. The Y. P. S. C. E. church in winter combines with the prayer-meeting, pastor and endeavorers leading alternately. One hopeful case of conversion reported.

Economy.—Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A. The pastor writing under date of May 28, states that he has resigned his charge owing to the church being unable to meet its financial obligations. "My work with the young has been pleasant and profitable: with the exception of three weeks of sickness, have been able to fill all my engagements."

Chebogue.—Rev. D. W. Purdon (Nov. 29, 1895):

Sunday School, Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society "Busy Bee" Band, week night Bible Class—continue their regular work. Among old and young, however, there is a backwardness in confessing Christ by uniting with the church.

May 15, 1896.—Stormy weather, bad roads, and long absences through sickness, have broken into our work. Yet there are good evidences of devout hearing, and of spiritual growth. Sabbath congregations range from 25 to 60. Week night service from 10 to 20. Received one and dismissed four. Missionary and denominational objects have been well sustained.

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The Milton friends have many causes for gratitude on behalf of their church work for the past year. After the church had been closed for two years, resulting in great depression and discouragement among the scattered Congregationalists, they are cheered by the fact that its doors have been again opened, and the services sustained and appreciated so well during the year. Their expectations have been agreeably exceeded in all departments of church work. Considering the losses by death, removals, and causes contingent on a shut-up church, the services have all been well attended. The evening services especially are encouraging, from the fact that a number of men come in to fill up the back seats, who seem deeply interested and impressed with the services. Members have also been admitted to the church. The Sunday School has been re-opened, which, with the adult Bible Class, opens a very encouraging outlook. The Ladies' Aid Society continues its good work, and has not relaxed its efforts from the first; continuing its steady work during the whole time the church was closed. The younger ladies also carry on a sewing circle during the winter months. The Christian Endeavor Society, under the superintendence of Mr. F. Hutchinson, is doing a noble work. Young ladies of the church pay visits at poor cottages, and with the aged people.

Keswick Ridge, N. B.—Rev. S. Sykes (March 20, 1896):

My field, in a sort of semi-circular form, embraces an area of over 30 miles. Seven preaching stations. At Keswick Ridge we have a church with a seating capacity of 250. A Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday School, both of untold benefit to the church and the community. We work side by side with the Baptists, and we do not "fall out by the way." The time will come when this large circuit may be worked by a younger man, with carriage and bicycle, and snow-shoes! "Ladies' Aid" and H. M. S. do good work. By them church and manse are kept insured and repaired, and yearly aid given in making up financial deficiencies. Soon may our missionary debt be all cleared away, and the sun of prosperity return to cheer us all!

Pleasant River, N. S.—Rev. James Blesedell (Jan., 1896):

We have been compelled to drop our work here. During the half year we received into communion four persons, baptized four children, raised for C. C. M. S., \$10.52; for general purpose, \$32; for minister's salary, \$114. Mr. Blesedell held special services at Liverpool for several weeks, and desires to remain in Canada rather than cross to the United States, if only a door of opportunity is opened.

Liverpool, N. S.—Rev. G. W. Ball. The church building here was totally destroyed by fire on Sept. 8th, 1895, and the members are now erecting another edifice. It is to be hoped that every assistance possible will be given to this courageous people, so that the good work carried on by the church in years past may be continued with God's blessing.

A. F. MCGREGOR,

Secretary C. C. M. S.

Woodstock, Ont., July, 1896.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

BANK OF TORONTO CHAMBERS,

MONTREAL, 31ST MAY, 1896.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year ending May 31st, 1896.

In commencing my report of last year I said, I accepted the position of Treasurer "with a full knowledge of the unfortunate state into which the finances had drifted, and with a hearty desire to endeavor, to the best of my ability, to obtain an equilibrium between the receipts and disbursements."

This desire, I am happy to say, has now been accomplished, and it is a great pleasure to be able to congratulate the Society upon the fact that the debt has been wiped out, and that for the first time since 1883, there is a surplus in the Treasury at the end of the year.

The financial statements which accompany this report give full information regarding the total receipts and disbursements, the General Mission Fund, the Shurtleff Mission Fund, the George Robertson Evangelistic Fund, and the Church Extension and Building Fund. The statements have been duly audited by the Society's auditors, Messrs. A. McA. Murphy and B. B. Stevenson.

The cash statement shows a large amount of money on hand, at the closing date, caused by some investment money having been paid in quite lately; but since then about two thousand dollars have been invested on mortgage, and no doubt other satisfactory investments will present themselves before long.

The General Mission Fund account, which last year showed a deficit of \$1,496.55, now shows a credit balance of \$405.02. In connection with this surplus, however, it must not be forgotten that as the mission grants are made from July to July, payable at the end of each quarter, and the last quarterage was paid on April 1st, it follows that two-thirds of the current quarter's grants have already been earned. Taking this into account, the surplus will be swallowed up, and will practically leave a shortage of about \$160.

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Still the financial position is now one of great encouragement, as for the first time in many years the Society is free from the incubus of debt, while our constituents increased their contributions last year by \$1,245.

And here let me say that the Society owes a debt of gratitude to our friends of the Colonial Missionary Society of London, inasmuch as their offer of help in the reduction of the debt stimulated our friends here to do their share.

As some misunderstanding may exist in the minds of those who were at the last meeting in Hamilton, and heard the cable message read from the Colonial Missionary Society, offering "£250 towards clearing off the deficiency, provided we raised the rest within a month, and thus avoid all cutting down of grants," it may be well here to state that correspondence elicited the fact that the offer of £250 was based on the idea that our deficiency was much larger than our last statement showed, consequently they withdrew this offer.

Several letters passed between the two Societies, and in August I notified the Colonial Missionary Society of the action of the Executive (instructed by the General Committee) in reducing by twenty-five per cent. the amounts passed, tentatively, at the meeting in June. Further correspondence ensued, which resulted in the C. M. S. making a new proposal, viz., that they should grant us £150, provided we paid the balance of the debt, did not decrease the amount paid in grants, and secured our share before the end of May.

We accepted this proposal and agreed that we should spend no less an amount in missionary grants this year than we did last year. When our half of the debt had been paid in, I notified the Colonial Missionary Society of the fact, sending them at the same time a statement showing the grants paid to each church last year and this year, and also showing an increase in the amount paid of \$160.

In reply to this they at once sent the £150 promised.

The debt at May 31st, 1895, was.....	\$1,496 55
The £150 sent by the C. M. S. realized.....	\$730 00
The Canadian Subscriptions were.....	854 75
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	1,584 75
Leaving balance towards the General Fund of	\$ 88 20

I now submit a statement showing the amounts subscribed by each church for general mission purposes, and for the debt, by districts, and a comparison with the amounts subscribed last year; also a summary of all contributions, church, personal, special and C. C. Woman's Board. The C. C. W. B. M. deserves the hearty thanks of the Society for their very material assistance, during last year, which it is to be hoped will continue, and possibly increase.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR GENERAL MISSION FUND, AND FOR THE DEBT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1896.

ONTARIO, WESTERN.

CHURCHES.	G.M.F.	DEBT.	TOTAL.	Amount subscribe last year.
Brantford	\$ 70 10	\$ 10 00	\$ 80 10	\$ 67 50
Forest, Central, for two years	35 01		35 01	
" Plympton, for two years	11 20		11 20	2 00
Frome	3 70		3 70	6 75
Fergus	5 00		5 00	
Embro		15 00	15 00	
Guelph	36 42		36 42	47 52
Hamilton, 1st.	100 00	20 00	120 00	100 00
" Immanuel	56 00	10 00	66 00	62 34
Howick	8 63	5 00	13 63	
Kincardine, for two years	24 66	20 00	44 66	
Lake Shore and Ebenezer	10 57	10 00	20 57	19 20
Listowel	11 00	5 00	16 00	23 25
London 1st	27 35		27 35	9 00
Humber Summit, late Mrs. Wallis		3 00	3 00	
New Durham	5 00		5 00	
Paris	57 00	30 00	87 00	63 15
Scotland, two years	45 54	10 00	55 54	
Stratford	9 00		9 00	
St. Catharines		10 00	10 00	10 00
Tilbury East	17 00		17 00	12 00
Wingham	33 00		33 00	52 50
Woodstock	54 00	25 00	79 00	59 00
Warwick, Zion		7 50	7 50	
Watford		7 50	7 50	
Clinton, J. Rowell		5 00	5 00	
	\$620 18	\$193 00	\$813 18	\$540 71

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Rock Island...

Sherbrooke...

Waterville ...

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ONTARIO, CENTRAL.

CHURCHES.	G. M. F.	DEBT.	TOTAL	Amount, subscribed last year.
Barrie.....	\$ 32 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 62 00	\$ 38 00
Bowmanville.....	15 00		15 00	20 30
Edgar.....	15 00		15 00	23 60
Rugby.....	6 00		6 00	7 00
Toronto, Northern.....	39 05	60 00	99 05	20 00
" B. View Ave., two years.....	14 31		14 31	
" Zion.....	9 90		9 90	
" Western.....		10 00	10 00	15 00
" Branch C. C. W. B. M.....		10 00	10 00	
" Rev. J. Salmon.....		10 00	10 00	
" A Friend.....		10 00	10 00	
Port Perry, Miss R. Horton.....		2 00	2 00	
Ministerial Member.....		1 00	1 00	
Stouffville.....	1 00		1 00	
	<u>\$132 26</u>	<u>\$133 00</u>	<u>\$265 26</u>	<u>\$123 90</u>

ONTARIO, EASTERN.

Lanark, two years.....	\$ 77 75	\$ 10 00	\$ 87 75	\$ 13 00
Middleville.....	20 00		20 00	43 00
Martintown.....	24 51		24 51	22 32
Maxville & St. Elmo.....	72 30		72 30	66 33
Kingston, 1st, two years.....	49 68		49 68	
" Bethel.....	23 42	10 00	33 42	23 90
" Calvary.....	10 00		10 00	100 00
Ottawa.....	49 86	10 00	59 86	
Vankleek Hill.....		3 00	3 00	
	<u>\$327 52</u>	<u>\$ 33 00</u>	<u>\$360 52</u>	<u>\$268 55</u>

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Cowansville.....	\$ 28 11	\$ 40 00	\$ 68 11	\$ 30 00
Danville.....	77 00	10 00	87 00	67 04
Eaton.....	18 75		18 75	5 00
Fitch Bay.....	6 60		6 60	14 60
Franklin Centre.....	9 38	6 00	15 38	1 270
Granby.....	66 15	43 16	109 31	88 00
Melbourne.....	2 67		2 67	1 00
Montreal, Emmanuel.....	536 89	85 00	621 89	534 07
" Calvary.....	103 55	47 87	151 42	150 70
" Zion.....	57 05	5 00	62 05	72 39
" Point St. Charles.....	84 80	30 00	114 80	102 05
Rock Island.....	22 50		22 50	
Sherbrooke.....	72 20	115 50	187 70	70 25
Waterville.....	22 50		22 50	57 64
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	G. M. F.	Debt	Total.	Amount subscribed last year.
Baker's Settlement.....	\$ 3 27		\$ 3 27	\$ 4 75
Beach Meadows.....	5 00	10 00	15 00	16 00
Chebogue.....	16 00	4 00	20 00	23 50
Economy.....	29 17		29 17	15 70
Hemford.....	3 24		3 24	5 05
Keswick Ridge.....	17 10		17 10	57 30
Kingsport.....	12 00		12 00	18 50
Milton.....	15 38		15 38	33 81
Pleasant River.....	8 01		8 01	4 25
Sheffield.....	46 78	20 72	67 50	52 45
St. John.....	71 00	30 00	101 00	106 30
Truro.....	25 08	10 00	35 08	20 00
Yarmouth.....	20 00	23 50	43 50	37 00
Margaree.....	12 29		12 29	
Scotch Lake.....	3 70		3 70	
Scotch Settlement.....	2 20		2 20	
Lower Selmah.....		5 00	5 00	5 32
	<u>\$290 22</u>	<u>\$103 22</u>	<u>\$393 44</u>	<u>\$399 93</u>

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Winnipeg, Central, two years.....	\$186 90		\$10 00	\$196 90
Brandon.....	30 00			30 00
	<u>\$216 90</u>		<u>\$10 00</u>	<u>\$226 90</u>

SUMMARY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	1895-96.			1894-95.	Increase for 1895-96.
	G. M. F.	Debt.	Totals.		
Ontario Western Dist.	\$ 620 18	\$ 193 00	\$ 813 18	\$ 559 82	\$ 253 36
“ Central Dist.	122 26	133 00	265 26	131 64	133 62
“ Eastern Dist.	327 52	33 00	360 52	268 55	91 97
	<u>\$1079 96</u>	<u>\$359 00</u>	<u>\$1438 96</u>	<u>\$960 01</u>	<u>\$478 95</u>
Quebec.....	1108 15	382 53	1490 68	1249 24	241 44
N. S. & N. B.....	290 22	103 22	393 44	425 88	*32 44
Manitoba.....	216 90	10 00	226 90		226 90
	<u>\$2695 23</u>	<u>\$854 75</u>	<u>\$3549 98</u>	<u>\$2635 13</u>	<u>\$914 85</u>
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PERSONAL AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Quebec.....	\$187 50		
Ontario	79 00		
United States.....	10 00		
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	\$276 50	\$25 00	
Collection at Annual Meeting	31 01	48 00	
Collection Union N. S. & N. B	4 90	8 51	
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C. C. Women's Board of Missions.....	\$312 41	\$81 51	230 90
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Total increase in Canadian Contributions for the year			\$1245 75
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Total amount of Canadian Contributions for 1894-95.....			3216 64
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Increase.....			\$1245 75
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MISSIONARY GRANTS FOR 1895-96.

At the meeting in Hamilton last year this matter occupied the serious attention of the General Committee. The state of the finances, as shown by the Treasurer's report was discouraging; and in view of the principle adopted at the last meeting that the previous year's net receipts for general mission purposes should govern the amount apportioned for grants for the succeeding year; and also in view of the fact that several new and pre-sing applications were before them, it appeared to be an absolute necessity that the scale of grants must be considerably reduced. At the same time the offer of the Colonial Missionary Society of £250 to help in the reduction of the debt, with the conditions attached, was before them, and they felt that if this amount could be obtained, the scale of grants might remain as before.

As, however, it would take some time to find out by correspondence with London if the offer of £250 remained good, the General Committee decided in the meantime to pass the individual grants, on the higher scale, tentatively, and give authority to the Executive Committee in case the offer was withdrawn, to make a reduction in the grants all round up to twenty-five per cent. On receipt of the reply from the Colonial Missionary Society, withdrawing their first offer, on the ground that they

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were under a misapprehension as to the amount of our debt, the Executive met, and, following the instructions of the General Committee, they reduced the grants by twenty-five per cent. all round. On account, however, of an addition of six churches to the list of those helped last year, the amount actually paid for grants was increased by \$160.

The following gives the grants, by district, this year and last year, also the regular contributions to the G. M. F. for year 1895-'96.

GRANTS TO DISTRICTS.		
	1894-'95.	1895-'96.
Alberta		\$284 96
Manitoba	\$487 00	256 25
Ontario Western	\$1305 33	\$1414 11
Do Central	550 00	487 50
Do Eastern	175 00	243 75
	<u>2030 33</u>	<u>2145 36</u>
Quebec	750 00	662 47
N. S. & N. B.	900 00	978 79
	<u>\$4167 83</u>	<u>\$4327 83</u>

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1895-'96, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alberta		\$ 216 90
Manitoba		
Ontario Western	\$620 18	
Do Central	132 26	
Do Eastern	327 52	
		<u>1079 96</u>
Quebec		1108 15
N. S. & N. B.		290 22
		<u>\$2695 23</u>
Add to N. S. & N. B. Revenue from Gorham Estate		414 04
		<u>\$3109 27</u>

The committee has always endeavored to take a broad outlook; and primarily, to assist in the planting and nurture of churches in such districts where the population and surroundings give reasonable hope of future self-support, and at the same time make them centres of influence in their various neighborhoods.

In regard to next year's grants it is a pleasure to know that, from the improved state of the finances, the Committee will be warranted in appointing \$5,100 this year, instead of \$4,327, as paid last year, being an increase of \$773.

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True, even this amount will be short of what is needed; but it is a step in the right direction, and should be followed by another step forward in the coming year.

If we as a body of Christians are to continue to be worthy of distinct representation in this Dominion, we must provide liberally for the care of our weaker churches. It may be paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true, that these weaker churches are, in a peculiar manner, our strength; and in neglecting their interests we are pursuing a suicidal course.

Two years ago the ministers and delegates, in annual meeting assembled, were asked to pledge for their churches subscriptions equal to one dollar per member for Home Missions. This pledge was given, but the response was only twenty-seven cents per member.

If one dollar per member is too much to expect at first, surely fifty cents per member can easily be raised. Will the ministers and delegates not resolve, each for his own church, to see that not less than fifty cents per member is sent in to the Treasury for the coming year?

There have been no subscriptions received during the year from the following churches:—

Ontario—23.—Alton, Belwood, Burford, Churchill, Cobourg, Coldsprings, Dalston, Garafraxa, Georgetown, Humber Summit, Sarnia, London South, North Erin, Pine Grove, South Caledon, Speedside, Toronto, Bond Street; Toronto, Olivet; Toronto, Parkdale; Toronto, Dovercourt; Toronto, Hope; Toronto, Concord Avenue; Turnberry.

Quebec—3.—Ayer's Flat, Brighat, Durham.

N. S. & N. B.—4.—Brooklyn, Liverpool, Maitland, Noel.

I have about five hundred mite boxes left, and will be pleased to supply any orders sent me, as far as I can.

SHURTLEFF MISSION FUND.

The net proceeds from revenue account have increased this year by \$360, and this has been apportioned in accordance with the provisions of the donor's will; \$1,009.10 going to credit of Ayer's Flat and district account, and \$934.11 going to credit of the General Mission Fund. The cause of the increase has been two-fold; first, nothing has been paid out for legal expenses during the year, and second, the capital has been increased by the profit on sale of Eastern Township's Bank stock. The capital now stands at \$42,024, as against \$39,185 last year.

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We had hoped at last report to have been able to settle a matter of disputed account, arising out of the Taplin suit, without litigation, but have been disappointed and were compelled to commence legal proceedings. Since this report was written we learn that this suit has been decided in our favor, in the court of first instance.

GEORGE ROBERTSON EVANGELISTIC FUND.

For some years past the capital of this fund had been decreasing, owing to the lack of proper support from the churches using the evangelist's services. This year the capital shows a small increase, amounting to nearly \$300.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND BUILDING FUND.

I regret to report that no interest at all has been received from the large amount of money invested in church mortgages, and though the capital remains nominally at \$25,000, a large portion of it is thus non-interest-bearing. In regard to some of these loans it will be necessary to take action before long.

In closing this report I should like to say that it is worthy of consideration whether we are giving to our constituents such full information of the character of the work the Society is doing as we ought.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. BLACK,

Treasurer.

TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT,

For Year Ending May 31st, 1896.

1895.	RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand June 1st.....		\$2,845 07
Capital Acct.—S. M. Fund, repaid on acct. Mortgages....	\$4,050 00	
" " " sole 136 shares E. T. Bk. stock (taken at par).....	6,800 00	
" " " profit on above sale.....	2,839 01	
		\$13,689 01
" " G. R. E. Fund, repaid on account mortgages.....	2,350 00	
" " C. E. & B. Fund, " ".....	776 00	
" " " for sale of old buildings in Roxborough.....	37 00	
		\$812 00

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Estate, N. S.	414	04	
Amount received from Shurtleff Mission Fund....	934	11	
" " C.E.&B. F'd, on acct. Alberta	284	96	
			1,633 11
			<u>5,240 75</u>
Special Contributions for Extinction of Debt :			
From Ontario, Western District.....	193	00	
" " Central " 	133	00	
" " Eastern " 	33	00	
			<u>359 00</u>
" Quebec Province.....	382	53	
" Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.....	103	22	
" Manitoba	10	00	
			<u>854 75</u>
" Colonial Missionary Society, London, £150 stg.			730 00
			<u>\$6,825 50</u>
Balance of cash on hand, G. M. Fund, May 31, 1896.....			\$405 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Grants :			
In Alberta.....	\$284	96	
" Manitoba	256	25	
			<u>\$541 21</u>
" Ontario, Western District.....	1,414	11	
" " Central " 	487	50	
" " Eastern " 	243	75	
			<u>2145 36</u>
" Quebec	662	47	
" Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.....	978	79	
			<u>4,327 83</u>
General Expenses :			
Executive Committee, Travelling	309	05	
Space in "Year-Book" and "Congregation-			
alist"	95	50	
" "Witness" Printing in 1894	30	54	
" " Treasurer's Report.....	32	10	
Cheque Book and Stationery.....	16	00	
Mite Boxes	28	10	
Postage and Petty Expenses.....	32	81	
			<u>544 10</u>
Secretary	100	00	
Treasurer	100	00	
Bonus voted retiring Secretary	150	00	
			<u>350 00</u>
			<u>\$894 10</u>
Less 2-6ths, charged each to C. E. & B. F. and G. R. E. F.	298	00	
			<u>596 10</u>
Deficit at May 31st, 1895.....	1,496	55	
Balance at credit May 31st, 1896.	405	02	
			<u>\$6,825 50</u>

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SHURTLEFF MISSION FUND. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

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Interest and Dividends for year ending May 31st, 1896 . . .	\$2,393 21	
	<u> </u>	\$2,393 21
Balance for distribution in following proportions :—		
To Ayers Flat and District	\$1,009 10	
To General Mission Fund	934 11	
	<u> </u>	\$1,943 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mrs. Shurtleff's Annuity	\$ 250 00	
" Treasurer	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$450 00
Balance carried over		1,943 21
		<u> </u>
		\$2,393 21
Amount placed to credit of Ayers Flat and District Acct. .	\$1,009 10	
" General Mission Fund	934 11	
	<u> </u>	\$1,943 21

AYERS FLAT AND DISTRICT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at credit May 31st, 1895	\$ 10 47	
Amount placed at credit May 31st, 1896	1,009 10	
	<u> </u>	\$1,019 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid Ayers Flat for year ending May 31st, 1896 . .	\$ 600 00	
" Fitch Bay " " " " . .	400 00	
Balance at credit, unexpended	19 57	
	<u> </u>	\$1,019 57

CHURCH EXTENSION AND BUILDING FUND. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments	\$552 25	
	<u> </u>	\$552 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Insurance on Sarnia Church Property	\$ 22 50	
" Toronto Junction Church	14 00	
" Travelling Expenses	7 10	
Proportion of General Expenses, one-sixth	149 00	
	<u> </u>	\$192 60
Paid General Mission Fund on account Alberta	284 96	
Balance transferred to credit of Capital Account	74 69	
	<u> </u>	\$552 25

1,240 75

854 75
730 00

1,825 50
\$405 02

1,327 83

596 10
1,496 55
405 02

1,825 50

GEORGE ROBERTSON EVANGELISTIC FUND. REVENUE ACCT.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments.....	\$437 98	
Contribution, Eustis, Que.....	12 27	\$450 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Notarial Expense <i>re</i> Mortgage.....	\$ 1 50	
Proportion of General Expenses, one-sixth.....	149 00	\$150 50
Paid on account Evangelistic Work in Nova Scotia.....		13 21
Balance transferred to credit of Capital Account.....		286 54
		<hr/> \$450 25

Capital Shurtleff Mission Fund.....	\$42,024 93	
" Church Extension and Building Fund.....	25,082 07	
" George Robertson Evangelistic Fund.....	8,275 89	
		<hr/> \$75,382 89

CHAS. R. BLACK,
Treasurer.

Montreal, May 31st, 1896.

Audited and found correct.

A. MCA MURPHY, } *Auditors.*
B. B. STEVENSON, }

SUBSCR

BR

Mrs. Brophey
" Cutmore
Miss L. H. Go
I. T. Mills ..
Mrs. John Ott
" J. H. O
C. Sanderson
W. H. Shaple
Mrs. Jas. Tho
James Wilkes
Mrs. James Wi
Miss A. Wilk
Mrs. J. O. Wi
" W. S. V
" Wickens.
Miss E. Wick
Henry Yeigh
Smaller sums.
Bible Class ...
Sunday Schoo
Prayer Meetin

Debt Fund—E

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For Debt Fund

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Total.....

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Total.....

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ONTARIO, WESTERN DISTRICT.

BRANTFORD.

Mrs. Brophay	\$ 1 30
" Cutmore	1 25
Miss L. H. Gould	1 30
I. T. Mills	1 25
Mrs. John Ott	10 00
" J. H. Oldham	1 25
C. Sanderson	1 00
W. H. Shapley	1 00
Mrs. Jas. Thompson	3 00
James Wilkes	9 00
Mrs. James Wilkes	4 50
Miss A. Wilkes	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Wisner	3 00
" W. S. Wisner	1 25
" Wickens	1 00
Miss E. Wickens	1 00
Henry Yeigh	5 00
Smaller sums	55
Bible Class	3 00
Sunday School	9 45
Prayer Meeting collections	10 00
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	70 10
Debt Fund—Henry Yeigh	10 00
Total	\$80 10

EMBRO.

For Debt Fund	15 00
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FERGUS.

Total	5 00
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FROME.

Total	3 70
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FOREST.

CENTRAL,—For 1895.	
Church :	
Rev. Dr. Hindley	2 00
Mrs. J. Maylor	1 00
Women's Missionary Auxil'y	3 00
Sunday Schools	1 35
Small Sums	1 80
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	\$9 15

Y.P.S.C.E. :	
Miss F. B. Rawlings ..	\$2 00
" Hindley	1 00
" Cope	1 00
W. Scott	1 00
Small sums	3 92
	<hr/>
	8 92
Total	\$ 180

CENTRAL,—For 1896.

Rev. Dr. Hindley	2 00
J. Maylor	2 00
J. D. Livingston	2 00
Miss F. B. Rawlings	2 00
" M. M. Hindley	1 40
Sunday School	1 19
Small sums	6 35
	<hr/>
	\$16 94

PLYMPTON.

Total	11 20
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GUELPH.

James Goldie	5 00
Miss Gausby	5 00
Mr. Passmore	5 00

John Goldie.....	2 00
Mr. Richardson.....	1 00
Miss Hodgskin.....	1 00
Mr. Newton.....	1 00
Miss Tatham.....	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Lyon.....	1 00
Sunday School.....	5 37
Small sums.....	9 05
	<hr/>
	36 42
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	13 22
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Total.....	\$49 64

HAMILTON.

FIRST.

A. Alexander.....	6 00
Rev. John Morton.....	3 00
David Atchison.....	3 00
John Duff.....	2 00
David Morton.....	2 00
Geo. Sweet.....	2 00
Fred. Bale.....	2 00
W. J. Atchison.....	2 00
Mr. Harron.....	2 00
" Stott, Sr.....	2 00
Robt. Robertson.....	2 00
Mr. Greay.....	2 00
Mrs. Thompson.....	2 00
" I. C. Chilman.....	2 00
Miss Morton.....	2 00
" M. Morton.....	2 00
" Daville.....	1 50
Mr. Greenaway.....	1 50
" Bliss.....	1 50
Mrs. Wheeler.....	1 25
" Iredale.....	1 25
Thos. Bale.....	1 00
J. C. Bale.....	1 00
Mrs. Thos. Bale.....	1 00
" J. C. Bale.....	1 00
Chas. Duff.....	1 00
C. P. Moore.....	1 00
W. Pascoe.....	1 00
Robt. Linklater.....	1 00
Jno. Black.....	1 00
W. Peden.....	1 00
Mr. McGuire.....	1 00
" McGuire, King St. W.....	1 00
E. Bates.....	1 00
Geo. Towers.....	1 00
Jas. Stott.....	1 00
W. Reid.....	1 00
Mr. Lefevre.....	1 00

Mr. Dankett.....	1 00
Mrs. Palmer.....	1 00
" Stewart.....	1 00
Miss Lizzie Duff.....	1 00
" Edgar.....	1 00
" Towers.....	1 00
" Mina Towers.....	1 00
Small sums.....	6 25
Evening Collections.....	24 75
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	100 00
Debt Fund, Sunday School....	10 00
" Rev. J. Morton.....	10 00
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Total.....	\$120 00

IMMANUEL.

W. W. Buchanan.....	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Healey....	5 00
Mrs. C. W. Walker.....	2 00
Peter Erskine.....	2 00
Misses L. and K. Sachs.....	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane.....	1 50
Mr. and Mrs. McVittie.....	1 00
Angus Gillespie.....	1 00
Mr. W. H. Watson.....	1 00
Mrs. Watson.....	1 00
Miss Layland.....	1 00
W. Pearce.....	1 00
A. McFarlane.....	1 00
Mrs. H. Blankstein.....	1 00
Miss Annie McKay.....	1 00
Miss E. Pargeter.....	1 00
James Smith.....	1 00
Cash.....	1 70
Sunday School.....	5 00
Women's Missionary Society..	5 00
Y.P.S.C.E.....	5 00
Mrs. Layland.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	4 80
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	56 00
Debt F'd, Church subscriptions.	10 00
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$71 00

HOWICK.

Church subscriptions.....	8 63
Debt F'd, Y.P.S.C.E., Redgrave	5 00
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Total.....	\$13 63

KIN	
For 1896 :	
D. S. McKinno	
John McKinno	
John Sheane..	
Mrs. McCallum	
Archie Bell...	
Small sums....	
	<hr/>
Total	
For 1896 :	
Church subscrip	
Debt F'd, Chur	
" Mr. ar	

Total

LAKE SHORE

Lake Shore...
Ebenezer.....

Debt Fund, Eb

Total

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Church subscrip
Debt Fund.....
Through C.C.W

Total

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Sunday School..
Y.P.S.C.E.....
Junior C. E....
Christmas offeri

Total

HUMB

Debt Fund, late

NEW

Collection.....

P

Mrs. Chas. Whit
Thomas Hall...

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

219

1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 60
6 25
24 75

100 00
10 00
10 00
120 00

10 00
5 00
2 00
2 00
2 00
1 50
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 00
1 70
5 00
5 00
5 00
1 00
1 00
4 80

56 00
10 00
5 00

\$71 00

8 63
5 00

\$13 63

KINCARDINE.

For 1895 :	
D. S. McKinnon.....	1 00
John McKinnon.....	1 00
John Sheane.....	1 00
Mrs. McCallum.....	1 00
Archie Bell.....	1 00
Small sums.....	8 36
Total.....	\$13 36
For 1896 :	
Church subscriptions.....	11 30
Debt F'd, Church subscriptions.....	10 00
" Mr. and Mrs. Bolton.....	10 00
Total.....	\$31 30

LAKE SHORE AND EBENEZER.

Lake Shore.....	5 00
Ebenezer.....	5 57
	10 57
Debt Fund, Ebenezer.....	10 00
Total.....	\$20 57

LISTOWEL.

Church subscriptions.....	11 00
Debt Fund.....	5 00
Through C.C.W.M.B.....	5 00
Total.....	\$21 00

LONDON.

FIRST.

Sunday School.....	15 00
Y.P.S.C.E.....	5 00
Junior C. E.....	3 00
Christmas offering.....	4 35
Total.....	\$27 35

HUMBER SUMMIT.

Debt Fund, late Mrs. Wallis... ..	3 00
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NEW DURHAM.

Collection.....	5 00
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PARIS.

Mrs. Chas. Whitlaw.....	20 00
Thomas Hall.....	6 00

Mrs. Hamilton.....	5 00
Chas. W. Finlayson.....	5 00
P. Adams.....	3 00
John Brockbank.....	1 00
Nettie Brockbank.....	1 00
A. H. Baird.....	1 00
Mrs. Baird.....	1 00
Aggie Brown.....	1 00
Eugenia Campbell.....	1 00
Wm. Walton.....	1 00
P. Buckley.....	1 00
J. Carnie.....	1 00
D. Adams.....	1 00
Addie Campbell.....	1 00
Jas. Finlayson.....	1 00
Small sums.....	6 00

57 00

Debt F'd, Church subscriptions.....	20 00
" Y.L. Missionary Aid.....	10 00
Total.....	\$87 00

SCOTLAND.

For 1895 :	
Church subscriptions.....	20 00
For 1896 :	
Church subscriptions.....	25 54
Debt Fund.....	10 00
Total for two years.....	\$55 54

STRATFORD.

Church subscription.....	9 00
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ST. CATHARINES.

Debt Fund.....	10 00
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TILBURY EAST.

Y.P.S.C.E.....	17 00
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WINGHAM.

Church subscription.....	18 00
Women's Missionary Auxiliary.....	15 00
Total.....	\$33 00

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WOODSTOCK.

Church subscription	50 00
Sunday School.....	2 00
Rev. A. F. McGregor.....	2 00
	<u>54 00</u>
For Debt Fund, Junior C.E....	10 00
" Sunday School..	10 00
" Church sub.....	5 00
	<u>25 00</u>
Total.....	\$79 00

WARWICK.

ZION.

For Debt Fund.....	7 50
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WATFORD.

For Debt Fund	7 50
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CLINTON.

For Debt Fund, Joseph Rowell.	5 00
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Total from Ontario, Western District from all sources..\$836 40

ONTARIO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

BARRIE.

Church subscriptions.....	20 00
Y.P.S.C.E.....	9 00
Jr. "	3 00
	<u>32 00</u>
For Debt Fund :	
Y.P.S.C.E.	15 00
R. Addison	10 00
Rev. A. Secord.....	5 00
	<u>30 00</u>
Total	\$62 00

BOWMANVILLE.

Mrs. W. McMurtry	4 00
J. H. McMurtry.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Stevens.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Heal	1 00
Mrs. Robt. Freeland	1 00
R. D. Davidson	1 00
Small sums.....	6 00
	<u>15 00</u>
Total.....	\$15 00

EDGAR.

Church collection	15 00
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RUGBY.

Church collection	6 00
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MANILLA.

Through C.C.W. Board of M...	6 00
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TORONTO.

NORTHERN.

Miss E. M. O'Hara, Life Membership	20 00
Church subscriptions.....	19 05
	<u>39 05</u>
For Debt Fund :	
Church subscriptions	40 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Henry O'Hara.....	10 00
	<u>60 00</u>
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	13 00

BROADVIEW AVE.

Church, 2 years.....	14 31
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	3 99
	<u>18 30</u>
Total	\$18 30

ZION.

Mr. and Mrs. Chorley.....	1 05
" Ashdown	2 00
" Freeland.....	2 60
Miss Peters	1 00

Mr. Woodhouse
Misses Christie
Small sums

Through C.C.W.
Total

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C.C.W.B.M. Br

C.C.W.B.M.....

KIN
1st.
Collection, 1895
" 1896

Total

Church subscript
" for debt.

Total

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Church collection

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ZION,

R. Robertson ..
John T. Roberts
James Watt
R. W. Robertson
T. B. Caldwell..
J. H. Wilson..

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

221

Mr. Woodhouse	2 00
Misses Christie.....	1 00
Small sums	25
	<u>9 90</u>
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	7 48
Total.....	\$17 38

7 50
7 50
5 00

WESTERN.

S. School for Debt Fund.....	10 00
C.C.W.B.M. Branch.....	10 00

\$836 40

OLIVET.

C.C.W.B.M.....	8 00
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6 00

ONTARIO, EASTERN DISTRICT.

KINGSTON.

1ST. CHURCH.

20 00
19 05
39 05
40 00
10 00
10 00
99 05
13 00
112 05

Collection, 1895.....	\$23 88
" 1896.....	25 80
Total.....	\$49 68

BETHEL.

Church subscriptions.....	23 42
" for debt.....	10 00
Total.....	\$33 42

CALVARY.

Church collection.....	10 00
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LANARK.

ZION, FOR 1895.

R. Robertson	8 00
John T. Robertson	4 00
James Watt.....	1 00
R. W. Robertson.....	1 00
T. B. Caldwell.....	2 00
J. H. Wilson.....	1 00

1 05
2 00
2 00
1 00

\$18 30

GENERAL SUBSCRIPTIONS IN CITY.

Rev. J. Salmon, for debt.....	10 00
A Friend	10 00

PORT PERRY.

Miss R. Horton, for debt.....	2 00
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STOUFFVILLE.

John Dike.....	1 00
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	2 50

Total..... \$3 50

Ministerial member, for debt...	1 00
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Total from Ontario, Central District from all sources..... \$306 23

Robt. Watt.....	1 00
John A. Watt.....	1 00
W. W. Craig.....	1 00
Mrs. W. A. Field.....	2 00
Mrs. Thos. Watt.....	1 00
Miss J. Watt.....	1 00
Small sums	9 50
	<u>\$33 50</u>

For 1896:

W. A. Field	1 00
Mrs. Thos. Watt	1 00
Miss J. Watt.....	1 00
Rev. D. C. McIntosh	5 00
W. W. Craig.....	1 00
R. Robertson.....	5 00
Dr. Scott	1 00
W. Graham.....	1 00
Minnie Jones	1 00
R. R. Drysdale.....	2 00
R. Watt	1 00
J. H. Wilson.....	1 00
John T. Robertson.....	5 00
R. W. Robertson.....	1 00
James Watt.....	2 00
T. B. Caldwell	2 00
John A. Watt.....	1 00
Miss Maude Watt.....	1 00

Small sums.....	11 25	Collections.....	4 43
	<u>44 25</u>		<u>73 93</u>
For Debt Fund.....	10 00	Less expenses.....	1 63
	<u>87 75</u>		<u>72 30</u>
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	5 00	Through C.C.W.B.M.....	11 00
	<u>\$92 75</u>		<u>\$83 30</u>

MIDDLEVILLE.

Church subscriptions..... 20 00

MAXVILLE AND ST. ELMO.

J. W. Kennedy 5 00
 J. J. McEwen 3 00
 Mr. and Mrs. D. McDougall.... 5 00
 T. McEwen 1 00
 A. J. McEwen 1 00
 A. P. McDougall 1 00
 J. P. McDougall 2 00
 D. McEwen 2 00
 A. A. McEwen 1 00
 D. P. McDougall 1 00
 F. McEwen 1 00
 P. J. McEwen 1 50
 Miss L. J. Kennedy 2 00
 J. W. Wagor 2 00
 Mrs. McKinnon 1 00
 J. J. Robertson 1 00
 D. T. Munro 1 00
 Rev. D. Macallum 10 00
 D. McEwen 2 00
 Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. McPhee 3 00
 P. D. Sinclair 1 00
 J. F. McEwen 2 00
 T. Munro 5 00
 J. Sinclair 1 00
 D. A. McDougall 5 00
 D. C. McDougall 1 00
 F. D. Sinclair 2 00
 G. Rowe 1 00
 P. Munro 4 00

MARTINTOWN.

F. McIntyre 1 00
 J. Campbell 1 00
 A. F. McDiarmid 3 00
 P. H. McDiarmid 4 00
 H. P. Christie 6 00
 J. M. McCallum 1 00
 W. McCallum 1 00
 A. Campbell 1 00
 J. A. McCallum 2 00
 Miss M. McDiarmid 1 00
 Collection, &c..... 4 33

25 33
 Less expenses..... 82

Total..... \$24 51

OTTAWA, 1ST CHURCH.

Monthly offerings..... 21 71
 From mite boxes..... 18 15
 Sunday School..... 10 00

49 86
 For Debt Fund..... 10 00

59 86
 Through C.C.W.B.M..... 7 00

Total..... \$66 86

VANKLEEK HILL.

For Debt,
 A. & W. E. McKillican..... 3 00

Total from Ontario, Eastern
 District, from all sources..\$383 52

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Church subscri
Sunday School.

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Through C.C. W

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Alton Hodge..
 Elia Chaddock..
 J. A. M. Rankin..
 Mrs. Goodwin..
 Mrs. and Miss I..
 Samuel Dean..
 Small sums....
 Collections....

Tota

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Collections....

FRANK

Church subscrip

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Church collecti

" "

E. T. Miles

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

COWANSVILLE.

Church subscription.....	25 00
Sunday School.....	3 11
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	28 11
For Debt, church subscription..	40 00
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	68 11
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	9 75
Total.....	\$77 86

DANVILLE.

Church subscription.....	77 00
S. School for debt.....	10 00
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	87 00
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	13 00
Total.....	\$100 00

EATON.

Alton Hodge.....	1 00
Elia Chaddock.....	1 00
J. A. M. Rankin.....	1 00
Mrs. Goodwin.....	1 00
Mrs. and Miss Frazier.....	1 00
Samuel Dean.....	1 00
Small sums.....	4 75
Collections.....	8 00
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Total.....	\$18 75

FITCH BAY.

Collections.....	6 60
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FRANKLIN CENTRE.

Church subscription.....	9 38
" " for debt.....	6 00
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Total.....	\$15 38

GRANBY.

Church collection.....	66 15
" " for debt.....	23 16
E. T. Miles ".....	10 00

Rev. R. K. Black ".....	10 00
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	109 31
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	75 00
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Total.....	\$184 31

LENNOXVILLE.

Through C.C.W.B.M.....	1 00
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MELBOURNE.

Sunday School.....	2 67
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MONTREAL.

ZION.

Thomas Moodie.....	10 00
Mr. & Mrs. Seth P. Leet.....	10 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner.....	2 50
John Date.....	2 00
John Scott.....	2 00
Miss Aland.....	1 00
A. G. Costen.....	1 00
Thos. Costen.....	1 00
J. E. Cribb.....	1 00
John A. Currie.....	1 00
Miss Foster.....	1 00
Jas. Johnston.....	1 00
E. B. Smith.....	1 00
H. Woodley.....	1 00
Anonymous, 4 subscriptions...	4 00
Small sums.....	7 55
Sunday School.....	10 00
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	57 05
For debt fund, R. S. Weir. . .	5 00
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	62 05

Through C.C.W.B.M.:	
Auxiliary.....	5 00
Mission Band.....	4 00
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	9 00
Total.....	\$71 05

CALVARY.

T. B. Macaulay.....	20 00
Rev. E. M. Hill.....	15 00
Mrs. R. Macaulay.....	10 00

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73 93
1 63

72 30
11 00

83 30

1 00

1 00

3 00

4 00

6 60

1 00

1 00

1 00

2 00

1 00

4 33

25 33

82

24 51

21 71

18 15

10 00

49 86

10 00

59 86

7 00

66 86

3 00

83 52

J. R. Dougall	10 00
Miss Dougall	6 00
C. Cushing	6 00
Miss Jessie Smith	2 00
J. C. Lutterell	2 00
R. W. McLachlan	2 00
Geo. McGarry	2 00
F. E. Dougall	2 00
Young Men's Bible Class	2 00
S. P. Rowell	2 00
Geo. Climie	2 00
Junior Christian Endeavor	2 00
Miss Ritchie	1 25
" Cairnie	1 25
Mrs. Toller	1 00
Miss Fitzpatrick	1 00
Dr. Susan Dougall	1 00
Andrew Kerr	1 00
Mrs. Quimby	1 00
Miss Goodfellow	1 00
J. Hale Ramsay	1 00
Miss C. Richardson	1 00
A. R. Powter	1 00
Mrs. Fred Jones	1 00
Small sums	6 05

103 55

For Debt Fund :

Church subscriptions	17 87
Auxiliary C.C.W.B.M.	10 00
Rev. E. M. Hill	10 00
J. R. Dougall	10 00

47 87

151 42

Through C.C.W.B.M. 32 50

Total \$183 92

EMMANUEL.

Miss J. Arnott	2 00
Charles Alexander	5 00
Miss M. Baker	1 00
Dr. W. M. Barbour	5 00
D. C. Barker	1 00
Jos Bessey	1 00
A. Birks	2 00
Mrs. A. Birks	2 00
Miss A. L. Birks	1 00
Mrs. C. R. Black, life membership	20 00
W B. Blackader	3 00
Misses Blackader	3 00
E. G. Brooks and family	6 00

Robt. H. Bryson	5 00
W. F. Carter	1 00
G. B. Burland, life membership	25 00
Mrs. L. Cushing, Jr.	1 00
W. E. Cushing	1 00
Mrs. P. H. Cowper	1 00
J. M. M. Duff	5 00
J. W. Duncan	1 00
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Evans	10 00
Miss Carrie M. Evans	1 00
L. T. Evans	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Fisher	15 00
T. Y. Foster	1 00
G. A. G.	1 00
G. F. H.	1 00
Mrs. W. Gamble	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Grafton	4 00
Mrs. F. E. Grafton	2 00
Dr. Gurd	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Gurd	5 00
Miss Gurd	2 00
Miss M. Gurd	2 00
" O. Gurd	2 00
C. C. Gurd	2 00
Walter Gurd	2 00
B. J. Harrington	3 00
R. C. Jamieson	13 00
Mrs. Jamieson	1 00
G. Johnston	1 00
G. R. Kearley	2 00
Henry Lyman	12 00
Mrs. Henry Lyman	10 00
H. H. Lyman	10 00
Geo. Lyman	5 00
Theo. Lyman	3 00
Mrs. Theo. Lyman	1 00
Miss Grace Lyman	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leamont	10 00
W. J. Leamont	5 00
John Macintosh	10 00
Mrs. J. Macintosh	7 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mather	3 00
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Moir	3 00
Mrs. G. W. Morrison	3 00
Mrs. and Miss Moss	2 00
Mrs. G. Mowitt	1 00
A. McA. Murphy	2 00
O. W. Pease	1 00
Mrs. Phelan	1 00
John Porteous, for following life memberships	100 00
Daniel Porteous, Toronto	}
Miss A. Porteous	
Miss H. Porteous	
Miss J. Porteous	
W. C. Nelson, Portland, Me.	

Mrs. J. Prev	
Wm. Reid	1 00
W. M. Reid	
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For Debt Fund

C. Gurd	
H. Birks	
Mrs. J. Scholes	
C. R. Black	
E. S. Sharpe	

Through C.C.W.

Total

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Mrs. D. Barbour	
J. H. Davidson	
Mr. and Mrs. G	
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Small sums	
Women's Missio	
Sunday School	

For Debt Fund

Sunday School	
C. Cushing	

Total

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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5 00	Mrs. J. Prevost.....	1 00
1 00	Wm. Reid.....	15 00
25 00	W. M. Reid.....	5 00
1 00	W. R. Ross.....	10 00
1 00	Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Stevenson..	5 00
1 00	Mrs. J. F. Stevenson.....	2 00
5 00	Miss W. M. Stevenson.....	1 00
1 00	C. N. Sims.....	2 00
10 00	H. Sanders.....	2 00
1 00	Mrs. Sanders.....	1 00
1 00	F. Scholes.....	70 00
15 00	A. H. Thompson.....	3 00
1 00	Mrs. G. Walker.....	2 00
1 00	Mrs. Dr. Wilkes.....	10 00
1 00	C. T. Williams.....	2 00
2 00	Anon.....	6 00
4 00	Good Friday collection.....	9 79
2 00	Y.P.S.C.E.....	10 00
5 00	Sunday School.....	15 00
5 00	Small sums.....	5 10

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For Debt Fund:—		
C. Gurd.....	25 00	
H. Birks.....	25 00	
Mrs. J. Scholes.....	20 00	
C. R. Black.....	10 00	
E. S. Sharpe.....	5 00	
	85 00	

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Through C.C.W.B.M..... 64 23

Total.....\$686 12

POINT ST. CHARLES.

Mrs. D. Barbour.....	1 00
J. H. Davidson.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. G. Donaldson....	1 00
Anon.....	5 00
Anon.....	5 00
Anon.....	1 00
Small sums.....	5 80
Women's Missionary Society...	15 00
Sunday School.....	50 00

84 80

For Debt Fund:—		
Sunday School.....	20 00	
C. Cushing.....	10 00	
	30 00	

Total.....\$114 80

ROCK ISLAND.

SOUTH CHURCH.

Church contributions.....	22 50
Through C.C.W.B.M.....	1 00

Total.....\$23 50

WATERVILLE.

Miss M. Ball.....	5 00
F. G. Gale.....	5 00
Ladies' Missionary Society....	4 00
Other sums.....	8 50

Total.....\$22 50

SHERBROOKE.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Morey.....	10 00
" H. Hubbard.....	5 00
A. S. Hurd.....	5 00
J. S. Mitchell.....	5 00
J. E. Mitchell.....	5 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell.....	5 00
Mrs. H. J. Morey.....	5 00
Young People's Society.....	5 00
Miss M. J. Mitchell.....	4 00
E. W. Abbott.....	2 00
W. H. Abbott.....	2 00
Rev. F. J. Day.....	2 00
E. Hargrave.....	2 00
Mrs. M. McKechnie.....	2 00
Hon. J. G. Robertson.....	2 00
T. M. Cowan.....	1 00
Miss M. F. Dickinson.....	1 00
Dr. W. A. Farwell.....	1 00
Hon. J. McIntosh.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Mitchell.....	1 00
A. M. Sangster.....	1 00
R. Smith.....	1 00
Miss E. Sutton.....	1 00
S. S. Class, J.E.M.....	1 00
W. R. Webster.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 20

72 20

For Debt Fund:

Legacy, late M. McKechnie....	90 00
T. F. Morey.....	5 00
A. S. Hurd.....	3 00
H. Hubbard.....	1 00
T. Cowan.....	1 00
Miss M. F. Dickinson.....	1 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell.....	1 00

100 00

Hugh Nourse.....	1 00	Through C.C.W.B.M.....	8 25
Anonymous.....	2 50	Total.....	\$195 95
Church subscriptions....	10 00		
	<u>25 50</u>	Total from Quebec from all	
	\$187 70	sources.....	\$1704 41

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

BAKERS SETTLEMENT.

Total.....\$ 3 27

BEACH MEADOWS.

Women's Missionary Society... 5 00
For debt fund, Church..... 10 00

Total.....\$15 00

CHEBOGUE.

Women's Missionary Society... 10 00
Busy Bees..... 6 00

16 00

For Debt Fund,
Women's Missionary Society... 4 00

Total.....\$20 00

ECONOMY.

Women's Missionary Society... 10 00
Church..... 10 16
Y.P.S.C.E..... 6 51
Jr. C. E..... 2 50

Total.....\$29 17

HEMFORD.

Total.....\$ 3 24

KESWICK RIDGE.

Women's Missionary Society...\$17 10

KINGSPORT.

Women's Missionary Society...\$12 00

MILTON.

Women's Missionary Society... 9 00
Mite boxes..... 6 38

Total.....\$15 38

PLEASANT RIVER.

Women's Missionary Society...\$ 8 00

SCOTCH LAKE.

Total.....\$ 3 70

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

Total.....\$ 2 20

LOWER SELMA.

For debt fund, Y.P.S.C.E.....\$ 5 00

SHEFFIELD.

E. C. Burpee..... 2 00
H. H. Bridges..... 2 00
D. H. Burpee..... 1 25
Newton Burpee..... 1 00
H. C. Burpee..... 1 00
Chas. Burpee..... 1 00
C. J. Burpee..... 1 00
Fred. W. Barker..... 1 00
Percy K. Barker..... 1 00
Arch. Barker..... 1 00
Mrs. F. B. Jewett..... 1 00
J.M.A..... 2 00
Small sums..... 1 00
Collected by Miss L. Harrison.. 2 50

18 75

Ladies' Miss

For Debt Fund
Ladies' Mission
Puritan Y.P.S.

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James Wood
Miss Emma

For Debt Fund
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 2 00
 1 00
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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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Ladies' Missionary Society.....	28 03	Collections.....	6 08
		Rev. John Wood.....	5 00
	46 78		25 08
For Debt Fund :		For debt fund, Rev. John Wood.	10 00
Ladies' Missionary Soc'y.	10 72		
Puritan Y.P.S.C.E.....	10 00	Total.....	\$35 08
	\$20 72		
Total.....	\$67 50		

ST. JOHN.

Women's Missionary Society...	31 00
Life membership subs. by church:	
James Woodrow.....	20 00
Miss Emma E. Harrison.....	20 00
	71 00
For Debt Fund :	
Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, life mem-	
bership subscription.....	20 00
Women's Missionary Society...	10 00
	\$101 00

TRURO.

Women's Missionary Society...	10 66
Y.P.S.C.E.	3 34

MARGAREE.

Donald Ethridge.....	5 00
Rev. J. Shipperley.....	1 00
Collected by Miss Ross.....	2 45
" " E. Phillips...	1 08
Other collections.....	2 76
	\$12 29

YARMOUTH.

Women's Missionary Society...	20 00
For Debt Fund :	
Women's Missionary Society...	13 50
Tabernacle church, Anon.....	10 00
	\$43 50
Total.....	\$43 50
Total from Nova Scotia and	
New Brunswick.....	\$393 44

MANITOBA.

BRANDON.

Church Subscriptions.....	25 00
Jnnior C. E.....	5 00
	\$30 00

WINNIPEG.

For 1895.....	86 90
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CENTRAL.

For 1896.....	100 00
	186 90
For Debt Fund :	
Young People's Society.....	10 00
	\$196 90
Total.....	\$196 90
Total from Manitoba.....	\$226 90

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL.

QUEBEC, Montreal, anonymous.....	181 50
" " Miss Mabel Ross.....	1 00
" Ayer's Flat, Rev. C. Moore.....	5 00

187 50

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ONTARIO, Central D., Toronto, O. Fenwick	10 00
" " " Rev. C. Duff.	2 00
" " " Port Perry, Friend..	15 00
" " " Miss R. Horton	2 00

	29 00
ONTARIO, Eastern D., Kingston. B. W.	
Robertson	50 00
UNITED STATES, Rev. A. W. Gerrie.....	10 00
Collection at Annual Meeting. C.C.M.S.....	31 01
" Union of N.S. & N.B	4 90

Total.....	\$312 41

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Amounts received through C.C.W.B.M., and credited in the foregoing to the churches designating their subs. for the C.C.M.S.....	300 92
Amount received through C.C.W.B.M., undesigned	299 08

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1896.

ONTARIO, West. Dist.....	\$836 40
" Cent. " general..	\$306 23
" " " personal..	29 00
" East. " general..	383 52
" " " personal..	50 00
QUEBEC, general	1704 41
" personal.....	187 50
Manitoba	22\ 90
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	393 44
Special subscriptions.....	45 31
C.C.W.B.M., undesigned.....	299 08

Total.....	\$4462 39
Total amount of contributions in 1894-95. . . .	3216 64

Increase in 1896.....	\$1245 75

Alexander, Cha
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 Allison, Mrs. D
 Allworth, Rev.
 Allworth, Mrs.
 Anderson, Geor
 Anderson, W.,
 Anderson, Mrs.
 Armstrong, Geo
 Armstrong, Fra
 Ball, Miss, Lem
 Ball, Miss Mary
 Baylis, James, J
 Baylis, Mary,
 Baylis, Mrs. J
 Baylis, Rosa E.
 Baylis, Jas. Ada
 Barber, Isabella
 Barber, Miss H.
 Barber, I. M., F
 Barber, Frederic
 Barber, Nellie
 Barber, W. M.
 Black, Mrs. C. I
 Birks, Henry,
 Bogart, D.D., B
 Brown, Annie (,
 Burland, Geo. B.
 Burton, P. H.,
 Burton, Alfred,
 Burton, Edgar S.
 Butters, Daniels
 Caldicotte, Blan
 Chapman, Rev. (,
 Clark, I. P., Lon
 Clarke, Rev. W.
 Clements, Mrs. J
 Clements, Mrs. J
 Cooper, James, J
 Craik, Rev. G. I
 Cushing, Charles
 Cushing, Mrs. C
 Day, Rev. B. W.
 Dearborn, C. H.
 Dearborn, Mrs. C
 Dennis, Freeman
 Dennis, Mrs. F.,
 Diploch, Miss, K
 Dryden, John, P
 Dryden, Mrs. Joh

LIFE MEMBERS.

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

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

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THE CANADA
Congregational Foreign Missionary Society.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1896-'97.

President.

SETH P. LEET, B.C.L., MONTREAL.

Vice-President.

REV. J. R. BLACK, B.A., KINGSTON.

Secretary.

REV. EDWARD M. HILL, B.A., 2367 St. CATHERINE St., MONTREAL.

Treasurer.

REV. W. T. GUNN, COWANSVILLE, QUE.

Executive Committee.

THE OFFICERS WITH

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

MR. THOMAS MOODIE,
MR. THEODORE LYMAN,
MR. C. T. WILLIAMS.

Directors.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH

REV. THOMAS SIMS, D.D.,
REV. H. PEDLEY, B.A.,
REV. W. H. WATSON,
REV. C. E. BOLTON,
REV. A. W. RICHARDSON, B.A.,
REV. J. T. DALEY, B.A.,
REV. G. H. CRAIK, B.A.,
REV. J. I. HINDLEY, Ph.D.,

MISS DOUGALL,
MRS. C. H. DEARBORN,
MISS WISNER,
MISS BLANCHE HYDE,
MISS FLORENCE RAWLINGS,
MR. R. ROBERTSON,
MR. J. A. HENDRY.

CONSTITUTION.

(AS REVISED IN JUNE, 1890.)

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.

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society was held in Zion Church, Montreal, on Thursday, June 11th, 1896, at 2 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seth. P. Leet, Vice-President, who presided in the absence of the President, Mr. Macallum.

The report for the Directors of the Society was read by the Rev. E. M. Hill, and the Treasurer's statement and report, by the Rev. W. T. Gunn. It was moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Watson,

"That these reports be accepted, adopted and printed in the YEAR BOOK."

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. McKillican, seconded by Mr. Garlick, and carried,

"That an extra number of copies of the reports of the operations of this Society be issued, under the direction of the Committee, aside from the reports printed in the YEAR BOOK, and the *Congregationalist*. Also that this extra report sent to the subscribers contain a special appeal for means to further extend the operations of the Society."

Mr. Hill called attention to several charts, etc, which may be obtained from him for use in the churches, showing also a letter from Ngulu, and reading the translation by Mrs. Currie.

Mrs. Garlick brought greetings from the Woman's Board, lately assembled in Kingston.

Rev. Frank Fitch, D.D., of Buffalo, at request, spoke in answer to the question, "Does Foreign Mission Work Interfere with Home Missionary Work?" giving the impressions of a worker from the States.

Referring to a portion of the Secretary's report, namely, that of the need and efficiency of native helpers at the mission stations, Rev. Geo. E. Read, of Stanstead, spoke of the work of a Chinaman among some of his countrymen at that place.

Mr. Hill presented a list of nominees for office during the coming year, moving its adoption; this was seconded and carried. (The names are as printed on the first page of this report).

On Motion

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On Motion of Mr. Garlick, it was voted,

"That the greetings of the Society here assembled be conveyed to our missionaries and their native helpers; that these greetings be expressed and conveyed by the Secretary and Treasurer."

Voted, "That this Society express congratulations and appreciation of the work of the Woman's Board."

Voted, to express the thanks of the Society to the visiting delegates from the National Council of U. S.

Voted, that the thanks of the Society be given to the officers, for their work during the past year.

Mr. Leet then proposed the following motion, which was moved by Mr. Garlick, seconded by Mr. Dewar,

"That whereas the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at its last annual meeting passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the principle as set forth in Mr. Seth P. Leet's motion commends itself in general terms to our approval, but as details are not fully considered, the matter be referred to the churches, associations and societies, for further consideration; and report next year."

"Now proceeding to accede to the request of the Union, this Society declares, that without expressing our opinion on the amalgamation scheme proposed by Mr. Leet, it is desirable that a closer union be brought about between the different branches of the work of the churches, and the churches themselves, and the different sections of our Dominion, in relation to the work of the churches.

"We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed, to act with similar committees of the Union and of other societies, if they shall appoint one, to further consider this matter; and if said joint committee shall deem any scheme of closer union to be feasible, that they shall present a report thereon at the next annual meeting of the Union and of this Society."

Mr. J. C. Copp, of Toronto, was called to the chair, to give the Chairman, Mr. Leet, an opportunity to speak upon the question. A spirited discussion followed, participated in by several of the ministers and delegates: Mr. Leet, Rev. A. W. Richardson, Rev. W. F. Clarke, Rev. E. M. Hill, Rev. J. L. Brown, Mr. F. E. Dougall, Rev. W. H. Watkin, Rev. Dr. Evans, Mr. J. R. Dougall, Mr. Chas. Cushing, and others.

Mr. Weir moved, Mr. Cushing seconded, "That the meeting adjourn." Not carried.

Dr. Evans moved, Mr. McLachlan seconded, "The previous question." Carried.

After some discussion as to what this was, the meeting was obliged to adjourn, subject to the call of the chair, as the hour for the meeting of the Provident Fund Society had arrived.

MABEL B. WILLIAMS,

Minute Secretary.

On Monday the President called the Society together for a few moments, and proposed that we pass the same Resolution that the other societies had done; appointing the President, Secretary and Treasurer a Committee of Conference to see if closer union could be gained. It was put to the meeting in this form and carried.

E. M. HILL,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.



THE Directors herewith present an annual report for the fifteenth year of the Society's life. The indications are that the churches have a more vivid conception of our mission field and its needs; and this has called out a better support. We are trying to make Christ known to about 20,000 people who are within reach from Cisamba. They knew nothing of God's love and Christ's sacrifice for sin, till our station was opened. They are full of superstition, and tremble at the thought of God. The medicine men or priests have great power, and witchcraft is vigorously practised.

And this is only a little spot in the midst of 250 millions of people in Africa. There are only 101,000 Christians among them all. That would be only two in every town of 2,500 inhabitants. In all this vast waste of heathenism there are only 611 missionaries; of whom 209 are natives. In the Soudan alone, there are more than twice as many souls as in all South America; and without a single missionary; while South America has 400.

THE CHURCH.

The church was organized two years ago, with 12 members. That number is now increased to 26, with a catechetical class on probation and in training for membership. Mnene Kanje is superintendent of the Sunday school, that numbers about 70. There are seven native teachers, beside the missionaries. The New Testament is all translated and printed in the Umbundu

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language; beside the Psalms and several parts of the old Testament. They have also a hymn book containing fifty hymns, and these are sung with voices full of melody.

Clustered around the homes of the missionaries are many huts built by the lads of the school, into which some have brought Christian wives from the school, and where real Christian homes are established, with a family altar. There is no station of the mission where the results of labor are more satisfactory, and the present condition of spiritual activity more prosperous.

THE WORKERS.

While there are three other stations connected with the West Central African Mission, each having its own district to evangelize, our station at Cisam'la is equipped with four Canadian Missionaries. They are Rev. W. T. Currie and wife, and the two Misses Melville. The salaries of the latter are paid by our Woman's Board.

Since it is not the place of this Society or of any society, to evangelize Africa by means of foreign missionaries, we are preparing native workers as fast as possible; and we have a goodly number already, although the station has only been established eight years. A church is established with something like 25 members, we cannot tell exactly. Ngulu, is the pastor, who has been with Mr. Currie from his arrival in Africa. He is a man of noble character, good ability, and admirable tact. Muene Kanji, with Lumbo and Cipilika, are the three deacons and evangelists, who regularly give about half their time to visiting the surrounding villages, to hold conversations and preaching services. The young men are the nucleus of a missionary work that is surely going to spread wider and wider. But they need another educated foreigner to guide and teach them, and to translate for them. We are ready to send out one more man, and wish it could be a thoroughly-equipped medical man. If such could go out, it would set Mr. Currie free to teach and translate more. We send out an earnest appeal for another missionary! Is there not somewhere a practising physician, who has had some experience in hospitals and in general work, who will hear the call from Africa, and go? Let the pastors and officers of this Society pray and look for such a one. He is somewhere in Canada now!

As it is, a great many come in from near and far, to be doctored by Mr. Currie, and nursed by the trained hands of Miss Helen Melville. Then carry much Gospel truth back with them to their distant villages.

During the year past, Mr. Lee, who had gone with Mr. Woodside to open a new station at Sakanjimba, in direct connection with the American Board, returned with his family to this country for rest. Then Mr. Read went, with Mrs. Read and the children, by their own choice, to take Mr. Lee's place. This left Mr. Currie again without male help.

And here we must record the grief that has fallen upon our brother Lee, and upon us all. Soon after reaching her home in Cowansville, Mrs. Lee felt the reaction from the strain of life in Africa, and became very ill; and then came the call to enter her rest, and she died November 15th, 1895. She was a bright and winsome lady, and gave promise of a beautiful life in winning souls to Christ. In the mental wandering of her last days, she would talk of nothing but that; and we lay on her memory a grateful tribute of affection and high appreciation, while we tender to her husband, to her parents, and brothers and sisters, our genuine sympathy.

During the year, your Secretary and Treasurer have tried to keep the mission before the churches. A circular was prepared and sent out to all the churches, together with small envelopes to aid in taking collections. Many of the churches have never replied to this and we wonder if the packages are still lying on the pastor's shelves; our usual letters has been inserted in the *Congregationalist*, but not so often as before, on account of so much information being conveyed in the *Leaflet* of the Woman's Board, which is doing a good work. The Secretary has made two personal visits to churches to present the cause. He has given his stereoptican lecture on "Some Missionary Heroes in Africa," in Kingston and in Montreal, and twice he has sent the pictures out to be used by others, in Paris and Bowmanville. The Treasurer has written many letters to stimulate sluggish givers. We have pushed the Cisamba Building Fund and have to regret that there has not been so good a response as we expected. Of the 220 shares we wished to have subscribed we have only secured about 65. We think the engraved certificate, with so many faces telling each its story of devotion, and love, and courage, would do good as a perpetual reminder of our brothers and sisters at the front. We expected

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some churches would take more than one share, but few have done so. Mr. Currie, himself, has bought five shares for his friends.

Then the Mission sketch, prepared by the Secretary, has been distributed among the churches in such quantities as to give to each church a number equal to half the membership. We suggested that those receiving should pay for them at cost price, \$1.25 a hundred. But we have only heard from fourteen churches. Two churches have sent in larger contributions, saying that an increased interest had come from the *Leaflet*.

And so we have spent more money this year in literature and pictures, and it is a significant fact that we have largely increased offerings.

FUNDS.

The total income for the year has been \$3,121 against \$2,416 last year. This marks a gain; at the same time that \$50 has been given for the Special Fund. It is gratifying to notice that the warning given last year was heeded, and the churches have not allowed the aid to the Special Fund to decrease their gifts to current expenses.

To those in the churches who try to call out these offerings, we wish to say that it is best to talk a great deal about the mission, the workers, and the natives, and none about the Society or debts. It is AFRICA that is in need, not the Society! Our duty is to the 20,000 natives that can be reached from Cisamba, and not to the Society that forwards the money.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

We wish to tender our congratulations to the Woman's Board for their prosperity during the year, and thank them for co-operation. Their persistence and well-organized methods stirred the women of our churches, and their faithful efforts to pick up the small sums from many givers, is a constant education.

We also record our delight at the magnificent centenary celebration that the London Missionary Society is holding this year. God has used this pioneer society for splendid achievement, in bringing the nations under gospel influence. Her missionaries are on the pages of fame, and their names are inspiring our generation to nobler endeavor for the kingdom of Christ. We pray that she may be found even more useful in the decades to come, and that her achievements may be greater than in any time past.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD M. HILL,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT AND FRIENDS :—

The year ending the first of June, 1896, has been, in spite of the prevailing hard times, the very best year financially that the Society has ever had. The year before was our previous best year, and a very encouraging one too; but this year we have done about thirty per cent. better, increasing our total from \$2,416.00 to \$3,121.88; that is, an increase of seven hundred and five dollars. It is the first year that we have passed the \$3,000 mark; and your Treasurer, though not musical, felt like singing the doxology, when that mark was reached. The increase is to be found in the Cisamba Building Fund, \$655.00; and in the legacies from the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hall Rogers, \$268.00; Mr. McKechnie, of Sherbrooke, \$90.00; and Mrs. J. T. Wallis, Humber Summit, \$4.00. Mr. Henry Burgess, of Tilbury, has also made Mrs. Burgess a Life-member by paying \$40.00. These made the increase, as the regular contributions from the churches were, in almost every case, smaller than last year. The comparison by Provinces, with last year, is as follows:—

	1894-'95.	1895-'96.	
Ontario.....	\$ 890.95	\$1,161.32	a gain of \$270.37
Quebec.....	1,185.85	1,206.60	" 20.75
Maritime Provinces..	234.12	263.04	" 29.82
Miscellaneous.....	105.58	480.02	" 374.44

Making a net gain in all the provinces, though no receipts have come in from the North-West and British Columbia.

Now what have we done with this? We have paid all expenses for last year. We have reduced our debt to the American Board nearly \$1,200.00, and it now stands at \$802.24. We have invested \$237.00 in printing, an advertisement that has more than paid this year, and will give compound interest in years to come. We have sent over three hundred dollars to Mr. Currie, for the support of boys at the Industrial School, including some gifts for himself personally. We have sent \$100.00 for the maintenance of two native teachers in *India*. We have sent \$95.00 for the relief of the Armenians; though

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this represents only a small part of the gifts of our people, as many have yet to learn that all such gifts, whether intended for any special fund or place, should be sent through your Treasurer, who forwards them as desired. Also, we have paid \$41.49 for Mr. Currie's life insurance.

The value of buildings and stock at the Cisamba Station has increased about six hundred and sixty dollars; and the little church at Cisamba has a balance to its credit of twenty-four dollars. Five shares of the Cisamba Building Fund were also taken by Mr. Currie and his wife, the money being earned by the sale of cattle for rubber, and the sale of the rubber at the coast.

There are some dreams so delightful that one hates to leave them for reality; and some time in May I dreamed a dream that I was sorry to find only a dream, though I pray it may soon come true! I dreamt that on casting up my books for the year, I found the total to be over \$10,000.00, and said to myself, "Well, our people ought to give a *hundred thousand* at least; but still this is not bad! How much does it average?" Dividing roughly by the number of our members, I found it would average \$3.00 per member, and said as I closed the books, "Our people are beginning to wake up." Well, I was sorry when I woke up and found again the real figures. Still we are doing better than we have done; and, including the foreign gifts of the Woman's Board, our average is 51½ cents per member for Foreign Missions.

The churches averaging over \$1.00 per member were St. Andrews, \$7.72; Tilbury, \$3.33; Emmanuel, Montreal, \$2.25; Calvary, Montreal, \$1.85; Howick, \$1.93; Calvary, Kingston, \$1.44; Sherbrooke, \$1.27; Danville, \$1.04; and Immanuel, Hamilton, \$1.00. Ten averaged over seventy cents per member, seven over fifty cents, twenty-seven over twenty-five cents, twenty-eight from that down to one cent; and twenty-six churches, with 1,536 members, gave nothing at all, either through our Board or the Woman's Board.

We are yet a long way from what we ought to be; but still the dawn at least is coming. The Y. P. S. C. E. has taken hold of the foreign work, along the lines of proportionate and systematic giving, and from many of our churches I hear of monthly prayer-meetings for Foreign Missions; and where they pray they *pay*; and let me say I believe the reverse is also true, and that where they do not pay something, they never pray either.

Now what of the prospects? We still owe our friends of the American Board eight hundred dollars, and we want twenty-three hundred dollars at least to pay this debt and one year's expenses. But this debt is nothing to the debt we owe the world to give them the Master's glad news! We are looking forward to sending out a medical missionary to help in the work at Cisamba. If a married man, it will cost us nearly two thousand dollars to get the equipment, pay travelling expenses, and buildings necessary. Then we will need at least three thousand a year, undesignated, to pay the expenses of the station. We want to do more than that even, for we want *two* stations of our own, at least. So brethren, with thanksgiving to God for what He has done, let us go forward to better work, praying that our consecration of life, prayer and money in the years to come, may be such as to magnify Christ, our Lord and theirs, though as yet they know Him not.

WILLIAM T. GUNN,

Treasurer.

Cowansville, Que.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1895-'96.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Brought forward.....		\$ 88
Contributions during year :		
Ontario.....	\$1,161 32	
Quebec.....	1,206 60	
Maritime Provinces.....	263 94	
Miscellaneous.....	480 02	
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For Home Missions.....		10 00
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		\$3,122 76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. B. C. F. M. Expenses of Rev. W. T. Currie, 1895.....		\$1,047 23
“ A. B. C. F. M. to reduce debt.....		1,187 60
“ “ “ for Rev. W. T. Currie, Industrial School, and personal gifts to him.....		305 55
“ Armenian Relief (A. B. C. F. M.).....		83 62

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Paid Armenian Relief (Witness Fund).....		12 10
“ A. B. C. F. M., for teacher in India.....		40 00
“ London Missionary Society “ “		60 00
“ C. C. W. B. M., Miss Melville's expenses.....		7 00
“ C. C. M. S.....		10 00
“ Insurance, Rev. W. T. Currie.....		41 49
Printing Account.—		
YEAR BOOK.....	\$31 00	
Ladder of Honor.....	8 75	
Congregationalist.....	20 00	
Mission Sketch	55 12	
Financial Statement.....	2 50	
Envelopes and Circulars.....	18 83	
Cisamba Building Fund Certificates, framing and postage.....	100 88	
		237 08
Paid Banking Expenses, Postage, etc.....		17 80
“ Travelling Account, Dr. Farnsworth to Union....	10 00	
“ Executive Meeting.....	6 80	
		16 80
“ Engraving photos, for Mr. Currie.....		20 00
“ Balance on hand.....		36 49
		<u>\$3,122 76</u>

Audited and found correct,

Sgd. { D. R. McCLURE, } *Auditors.*
 { F. E. DRAPER, }

ACCOUNT OF C. C. F. M. S. STATION AT CISAMBA ; EXPENSES
 JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 31ST, 1895.

Copy of Account rendered by A. B. C. F. M. Mission Treasurer.

Dec. 31, 1895.

Salary Rev. W. T. Currie and wife.....		\$950 00
General Expenses of Cisamba Station, Repairs.....	8 16	
Educational and Evangelistic.....	11 94	
Mission Correspondence.....	4 33	
		<u>24 43</u>
Half of.....	\$ 24 43	12 21
Salary of P. Kamerman for '95, [Two-sixteenths]..	655 34	81 92
Annual Meeting Expenses [Two-sixteenths].....	24 82	3 10
		<u>\$1,047 23</u>

WM. T. GUNN,
Treasurer.

Cowansville, Que.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADA CONGREGATIONAL
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

BARRIE.

	Junior C. E.	1 13
	Prayer Meeting Collections....	10 00
Church	\$ 6 50	
Prayer Meetings.....	6 70	
Sunday School.....	4 32	
Total.....	\$17 52	

BELWOOD.

Sunday School.....	\$ 5 00
C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Total	\$15 00

BOWMANVILLE.

Total.....	\$ 9 41
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BRANTFORD.

Mrs. Brophy.....	\$ 1 25
“ Cutmore.....	1 25
Miss Goold.....	1 10
Mrs. Hollinrake.....	1 00
“ Hartman.....	1 00
J. T. Mills.....	1 25
Mrs. Jno. T. Ott.....	7 00
“ J. H. Oldham.....	1 25
C. Sanderson.....	1 00
W. H. Shapley.....	1 25
Mrs. J. Thompson.....	4 00
James Wilkes.....	9 00
Mrs. Jas. Wilkes.....	4 50
Miss A. Wilkes.....	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Wisner.....	4 00
“ W. S. Wisner.....	1 50
Miss E. Wickens.....	1 00
Henry Yeigh.....	5 00
Small sums.....	90
Bible Class.....	5 00
Sabbath School.....	9 45

Junior C. E.	1 13
Prayer Meeting Collections....	10 00
Total.....	\$73 83

BURFORD.

S. S., Building Fund.....	\$10 00
C. E., “ “.....	10 00
C. E., “for boy”.....	15 00
Total.....	\$35 00

COLDSPRINGS.

Church.....	\$16 00
“For Armenia”.....	3 00
V. P. M. S., Building Fund	10 00
Total.....	\$29 00

EMBRO.

C. E., “for boys”.....	\$25 00
C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$35 00

FOREST.

CENTRAL.

Local Union C. E., “for Armenia”.....	\$19 35
Sunday School.....	1 19
J. Costello.....	2 00
Rev. S. J. Hindley, M.A., Ph.D.	2 00
Miss F. B. Rawlings.....	2 00
“ M. M. Hindley.....	2 00
“ M. Livingston.....	1 00
W. Scott, Jr.....	1 00
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Four friends.....	1 00
Small sums.....	5 15
Total.....	\$37 15

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Ch., Building Fund..	\$10 00
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FROME.

Church	\$ 3 00
C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$13 00

GUELPH.

C. E., "for boy".....	\$15 00
Prayer Meeting Collections....	13 36
Mrs. Boul't's Class.	4 00
Miss Hodgskin's Class.....	2 35
Friend.	5 00
Sunday School.....	5 38
Total.....	\$45 09

HAMILTON.

FIRST.

Y. W. M. B., "for boy".....	\$12 00
C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
A. Alexander.....	4 00
Rev. Jno. Morton.....	2 00
David Aitchison.....	2 00
Jno. Duff.....	2 00
Geo. Street.....	2 00
Mrs. J. C. Bale.....	1 00
" Thos. Bale.....	1 00
Mr. Greenaway.....	1 00
Robt. Robertson.....	1 00
Chas. Duff.....	1 00
C. P. Moore.....	1 00
Total.....	\$52 00

IMMANUEL.

Prayer Meeting and Thanks- giving.....	\$18 96
Sunday School.....	5 00
Ch., for Armenia.....	4 10
Total.....	\$28 06

HOWICK.

Sunday School, Building Fund.	\$30 00
Church	22 00
Thanksgiving.....	3 62
Total.....	\$55 62

HUMBER SUMMIT.

Church	\$13 00
Legacy, Mrs. Wallis.....	4 00
Total.....	\$17 00

KINCARDINE.

Church.....	\$ 6 35
Rev. C. E. Bolton	2 00
Total.....	\$ 8 35

KINGSTON.

BETHEL.

Church, "for boy".....	\$15 00
" Building Fund	10 00
"	12 56
Total.....	\$37 56

CALVARY.

Church	\$ 5 00
" Building Fund	10 00
B. W. Robertson	50 00
Total.....	\$65 00

LANARK.

Church	\$15 43
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Y. L. M. S. and Sunday School, Building Fund.....	\$10 00
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LONDON.

FIRST.

Sunday School.....	\$15 00
C. E., Building Fund.....	20 00
Junior C. E.....	4 00
Total.....	\$39 00

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 Sunday School.....\$ 4 05

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MAXVILLE.

Sunday School, Building Fund..\$10 00

MIDDLETON, ROSETTA AND
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Total.....\$26 60

OTTAWA.

Y. P. S. C. E., "for boy"....\$15 00

PINE GROVE.

Rev. H. Bentley.....\$ 5 00

Miss Bentley..... 1 00

Total.....\$ 6 00

PLYMPTON.

Church.....\$5 65

PARIS.

Collection, 1895.....\$10 00

Sunday School, Building Fund. 10 00

" " "for boy"..... 12 00

C. W. Finlayson..... 10 00

Total.....\$42 00

RUGBY.

Church.....\$ 5 90

SCOTLAND.

C. E., Building Fund.....\$10 00

" "for boy"..... 15 00

Church..... 8 00

Total.....\$33 00

STOUFFVILLE.

Total.....\$ 1 00

ST. CATHARINES.

Christian Endeavor.....\$10 00

STRATFORD.

Sunday School.....\$ 9 25

TORONTO.

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C. E., Building Fund.....\$50 00

Church..... 24 50

J. Hamilton..... 10 00

Total.....\$84 50

BOND ST.

Mrs. Hay's class.....\$ 3 75

Miss Laura Currie's Class, for

Building Fund..... 10 00

C. E., for Mr. Currie..... 3 20

Total.....\$16 95

NORTHERN.

Church, Building Fund.....\$10 00

Church..... 81 82

Total.....\$91 82

OLIVET.

Sunday School, Building Fund..\$10 00

Church..... 10 00

Friend, "Armenia"..... 2 00

Total.....\$22 00

DOVERCOURT

C. E., Building Fund.... ..\$10 04

BROADVIEW AVE.

Church.....\$ 4 47

" Building Fund..... 10 00

" "Armenia"..... 3 27

C. E., "..... 5 00

Total.....\$22 74

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TURNBERRY.

C. E., "Armenia".....	\$ 5 00
Rev. H. E. Mason, Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$15 00

VANKLEEK HILL.

Miss Annie McKillican.....	\$ 2 00
W. E. McKillican.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 3 00

WOODSTOCK.

W. M. S.....	\$10 00
Rev. A. F. McGregor.....	2 00
Sunday School.....	1 00
C. E., "for boy".....	15 00
" Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$38 00

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

AYER'S FLAT.

Church.....	\$ 2 00
Boynton " Building Fund.....	1 50
" Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$13 50

COWANSVILLE.

Sunday School.....	\$ 3 11
Church.....	19 61
C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Total.....	\$32 72

DANVILLE.

C. E., Building Fund.....	\$10 00
Christian Endeavor.....	17 00
Church.....	24 65
" Armenia.....	54 00
Total.....	\$105 65

FITCH BAY.

Church, Building Fund.....	\$10 00
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FRANKLIN CENTRE.

C. E., Building Fund.....	\$10 00
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GRANBY.

L. M. S., Building Fund.....	\$10 00
C. E., " ".....	10 00
Christian Endeavor.....	8 60
Church.....	51 56
Total.....	\$80 16

MONTREAL.

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Mrs. Madleys Class, "for boy".....	\$ 2 50
Prayer Meetings.....	20 23
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Leet.....	10 00
Thos. Moodie.....	10 00
J. E. Cribb.....	3 00
Rev. W. H. Warriner.....	2 00
Thos. Costen.....	2 00
John A. Currie.....	1 00
H. T. Garlick.....	1 00
A. E. Hanna.....	1 00
John Leslie.....	1 00
J. B. Owens.....	1 00
L. W. St. Pierre.....	1 00
Two at \$1.....	2 00
Six at 50c.....	3 00
Small sums.....	3 65
Total.....	\$64 38

CALVARY.

C. E., Building Fund.....	\$10 00
Miss Arthur's Class, Bd'g Fund.....	5 25

S. S., "Teacher in India".....	60 00
J. R. Dougall.....	25 00
Rev. E. M. Hill.....	12 00
T. B. Macaulay.....	10 00
F. E. Dougall.....	15 00
Miss Dougall.....	7 00
C. Cushing.....	5 00
Miss C. Richardson.....	4 00
" Edith Cochrane.....	3 50
" J. Smith.....	3 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright.....	2 50
J. C. Luttrell.....	2 00
Mr. Rowell.....	2 00
Mrs. P. Campbell.....	2 00
Dr. S. G. Dougall.....	1 00
Mrs. Toller.....	1 00
" Jones.....	1 00
A. Kerr.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan.....	1 00
Miss Fitzpatrick.....	1 00
" Jean Dougall.....	1 00
" Ritchie.....	1 00
" Cairnie.....	1 00
G. W. Jones.....	1 00
A. Powter.....	1 00
Small sums.....	6 21
Junior C. E.....	2 00
Prayer Meetings.....	7 64
Interest.....	34

Total..... \$196 59

EMMANUEL.

Sunday School.....	\$20 00
Christian Endeavor.....	10 00
Miss J. Arnot.....	1 00
Rev. W. M. Barbour and family	5 00
A. Birles.....	2 00
C. R. Black.....	2 00
Misses Blackader.....	2 00
Mrs. E. G. Brooks.....	1 00
D. Campbell.....	2 00
Miss Cochrane.....	1 00
Mrs. P. H. Cowper.....	1 00
" L. Cushing.....	1 00
Rev. E. C. Evans and family.....	10 00
W. Gamble.....	2 00
Dr. D. F. Gurd.....	5 00
Chas. C. Gurd.....	1 00
B. J. Harrington.....	2 00
R. C. Jamieson.....	2 00
G. R. Kearley.....	1 00
Mrs. Hay.....	2 00
J. B. Learmont.....	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Leishman.....	1 00

Miss K. M. Lighthall.....	1 00
G. Lyman.....	5 00
H. Lyman.....	10 00
Mrs. H. Lyman.....	10 00
H. H. Lyman.....	10 00
J. McIntosh.....	10 00
Mrs. J. McIntosh.....	3 00
A. Moir.....	5 00
Mrs. G. W. Morrison.....	3 00
Mr. and Miss Moss.....	2 00
Mrs. G. Mowitt.....	1 00
Wm. Reid.....	5 00
W. M. Reid.....	5 00
Mrs. Ross.....	10 00
H. Sanders.....	2 00
Mrs. Sanders.....	1 00
" J. Savage.....	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Stevenson.....	5 00
Mrs. J. F. Stevenson and family	5 00
J. B. Sutherland.....	2 00
A. H. Thomson.....	2 00
Miss H. Thompson.....	1 00
Mrs. S. M. Walker.....	2 00
C. T. Williams.....	5 00
Anonymous.....	3 50

Total..... \$194 75

POINT ST. CHARLES.

Sunday School.....	\$29 00
Church.....	11 00

Total..... \$40 00

SHERBROOKE.

Miss Mitchell, "boy".....	\$12 00
Miss Mitchell's Class, Building	
Fund.....	10 00
Junior C. E., Building Fund.....	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 00
Legacy, M. McKechnie.....	90 00
E. Hargrave.....	10 00
A. S. Hurd.....	10 00
S. F. Morey.....	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard.....	5 00
J. E. Mitchell.....	5 00
Mrs. M. J. Mitchell.....	5 00
" H. J. Morey.....	5 00
Miss S. A. Mitchell.....	3 00
W. Blue.....	2 00
Mrs. R. Mitchell.....	2 00
A. C. S.....	2 00
W. H. Abbott.....	2 00

Miss M. F. D.
T. M. Cowan.
T. M. Craig.
Mrs. Hawes.
S. W. Jenckes.
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Miss E. Sutton.
J. G. Robertso
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CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Miss M. F. Dickinson	1 00	Sunday School "for boy"	15 00.
T. M. Cowan	1 00	" " "Mr. Currie" ..	15 00
T. M. Craig	1 00	Church	147 10
Mrs. Hawes	1 00		
S. W. Jenckes	1 00	Total	\$197 10
S. S. Class No. 5	1 00		
Miss E. Sutton	1 00		
J. G. Robertson	1 00		
Anonymous	3 50		
Total	\$200 50		

WATERVILLE.

ST. ANDREWS.

Sunday School, Building Fund. \$20 00

Mission Boxes	\$10 00
C. E., "for boy"	20 00
Pastor's Class, "for boy"	10 85
C. E., Building Fund	10 00
Church	10 40
Total	\$61 25

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

BEACH MEADOWS.

Building Fund

BROOKLYN.

S. S., Building Fund

W. M. S., "for boy"

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CHEBOGUE.

"Busy Bees"

Church

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C. E. and Juniors, Building Fund

Christian Endeavor

Junior

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KESWICK RIDGE.

Church

Sunday School

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LIVERPOOL.

Christian Endeavor

W. M. S., for Miss Melville's Expenses

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MARGAREE.

"For boy"

MILTON.

W. M. S., Building Fund

Christian Endeavor

Prayer Meetings

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Christian Endeavor

ST. JOHN.

Mrs. Dearborn's Class, "boy"

Church

S. S., Building Fund

Total

SHEFFIELD.		Small sums.....	1 10
Church	\$25 11	Total	\$11 56
TRURO.		YARMOUTH.	
Church Collection.....	\$ 6 81	W. M. S., for teacher in India.	\$40 00
Mrs. Wood.....	3 65		

 MISCELLANEOUS AND PERSONAL.

Collection at Union, 1895.....	\$ 8 71
“ N. S. and N. B., 1895.....	4 90
Payment for “Mission Sketch” from Paris, Chebogue, Georgetown, Ottawa, Hamilton, 2nd, Forest (Shore), Franklin Centre, Listowel, St. Andrews, Frome, Wing- ham, Sherbrooke, Forest (Central).....	6 04
Friend, St. John, “boy”.....	20 00
Rev. W. T. Currie, for engraving, photos, etc.....	20 00
Estate Mrs. Elizabeth Hall Rogers.....	268 27
G. W. Higginson, Hawkesbury.....	1 10
Deacon Clare, L'Original.....	1 00
Mrs. H. Burgess, Life Membership, per Mr. H. Burgess, Tilbury	40 00
Rev. A. W. Gerrie, Building Fund.....	10 00
H. Langlois, for Mr. Currie.....	25 00
Rev. W. T. Currie, Building Fund.....	50 00
American Presbyterian Church S. S., Montreal— Building Fund.....	\$10 00
Regular.....	15 00
	25 00
Forwarded to Home Missionary Society— Margaree Church	\$ 5 00
London, 1st Church, Christian Endeavor.....	5 00
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THE CANADA
Congregational Woman's Board of Missions.

List of Officers for 1896-97.

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Vice-President at Large.

MISS DOUGALL, "WITNESS" OFFICE, MONTREAL.

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Corresponding Secretary.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board was held in the First Congregational Church, Kingston, on Thursday and Friday, June 4th and 5th. The President, Mrs. Macallum, presided.

Reports were read from the various Branches, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, by the presidents, if present; Mrs. Nasmith and Mrs. Sanders reporting for branches not represented, or otherwise reporting. The reports of both Secretary and Treasurer were very encouraging.

Miss Lyman of Montreal, formerly of Bombay, spoke to the ladies on the life of a Hindu woman. On Friday afternoon she spoke to the children; and in the evening addressed the public meeting, on "Mission work in Bombay."

On Thursday evening, Rev. E. M. Hill gave his interesting illustrated lecture on "Mission work in Africa," for which he was tendered a special vote of thanks.

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

The Business Committee recommended the following items, which were adopted:—

1. That the Misses Melville, our missionaries, be retained.
2. Thank-offering in auxiliaries at thanksgiving time.
3. Balance of Miss Melville's outfit to be paid from general fund.
4. That \$15 be paid the *Congregationalist*.
5. That we erect a stone on Miss Clarke's grave at Cisamba, to cost \$30.
6. To repair roof of mission house at Cisamba; cost \$50.
7. To give \$600 to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.
8. To continue *Monthly Leaflet*.
9. To print 1500 annual reports.
10. To use the Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Fund to erect a hospital in Cisamba.

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11. To ask auxiliaries to make special collection for Armenian Relief Fund.
12. To make a change in Article 3 of Constitution.
13. To add a department of "Systematic Giving."
14. That Mrs. Macallum be asked to visit the Auxiliaries.
15. That the C. C. W. B. M. adopt the Quebec Branch "Missionary Library."
16. To urge Auxiliaries to pay more attention to Junior work.

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. Thanks to God for His blessing on our work.
2. Thanks to the Kingston friends for their hospitality.
3. Congratulate Mrs. Sanders on the success of the *Leaflet*.
4. Appreciation of the value of Miss Lyman's addresses.
5. Sympathy with Mrs. Macallum in her anxiety for her children in Turkey.
6. Sympathy with Mr. Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Carter, in their bereavement.

 FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Home Missions	\$ 300 92
Foreign "	592 96
Monthly <i>Leaflet</i>	121 92
Special Objects	783 47
Fees and Undesignated	667 07
Annual Meeting Collections, 1894-'95	43 55
Interest on Bank Account to January, 1896	16 17
	\$2,526 06
Balance from last year	988 89
Total	\$3,514 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. C. M. S. Home Missions	\$ 600 00
" " " Home Mission Debt "	10 00
Salary, Miss H. Melville	475 00
" " M. Melville	316 67
Outfit, "	147 46
Travelling Expenses "	400 00
Medical and School Work	13 00
Cisamba Church " Communion Set "	22 00
C. C. F. M. S., Rev. W. T. Currie and B. F.	40 25

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CONGREGATIONAL
PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY

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

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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 persons 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 the 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-fifths of the amount of the premiums paid in by him.

IV.—RE-ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any member returning 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.

1. An annual meeting to be held in place as that reported from the Directors elect general business.

2. Special meetings to be held at any meeting of the Society.

3. Beneficiary Members shall be entitled to vote.

4. In cases where the Directors shall constitute a vote.

1. The first meeting of the Directors (five members) to be elected annually.

2. The I. O. O. F. Chairman, Deacons, and Standing Rules Committee to be incorporated into the subject to the approval of the Directors.

3. They shall be eligible for election and assume the duties of the office.

1. The functions, Subscriptions, and Members, and the amount of the same.

2. The amount of the contributions for the general fund and Orphans' fund, and the amount contributed by each member, to be so applied.

3. The names of the members of the Society's Branch, and the name of the Branch.

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In the case of the members, and the amount of the same, if the amount of the same is not sufficient to cover the arrears, the amount of the same shall be paid by the member.

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 & 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:—

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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 12 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 12 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 not be sufficient for the claims of annuitants it shall be proper to supplement that Fund from the Charitable Fund.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of the meeting of the Provident Fund Society, Montreal, Zion Church, Thursday, June 11th, 1896. The meeting opened, Mr. Charles Alexander being in the chair.

Rev. W. T. Gunn was appointed Minute-Secretary, and Rev. W. F. Clarke led in prayer.

Mr. Thos. Moodie then presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report; the Financial Statement being taken as read. It was moved by Mr. Moodie, seconded by Rev. John Wood, and carried:

That the report be adopted and printed in the YEAR BOOK.

Moved by Mr. Henry O'Hara:

That the churches be requested to give one collection per year, on or about the first of January, to the funds of this Society.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. John Wood, and carried:

That the Secretary ask the Business Committee of the Union for a few moments, to present the claims of this Society to the Union.

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Moved by C. R. Black, seconded by Rev. Jno. McKillican, and carried:


That this Society does not approve of the proposed amalgamation with the proposed new Union.

The present Board was then on motion re-elected; a cordial vote of thanks to the Board, and especially to the Secretary, being unanimously carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. John Wood.

W. T. GUNN,
Minute Secretary.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

HE Directors in presenting the Thirty ninth Annual Report, have to regret that there is still a decreasing interest taken in the Society by the churches, as shown by the reduced amount of subscriptions; and there is not a disposition on the part of the younger brethren in the ministry to become members of the Society; and perhaps this latter is the cause of the former.

As a rule, the churches whose pastors are or were members, subscribe annually to the funds.

We would again urge the ministers to make themselves acquainted with the working of the Society, and see what a cheap and safe insurance it is.

Mr. John Porteous has again remembered the Society, and made Mr. Daniel Porteous a Life Member by the payment of twenty dollars.

The Rev. D. Macallum has come on the Retiring Ministers' Branch as an annuitant, making the third: one member has withdrawn as a beneficiary.

The surplus this year in the Widows' and Orphans' Branch is 19 cents more than last year, and in the Retiring Ministers' Branch, \$216.41 less.

The Board has again considered the Amalgamation scheme of the various Societies with the Union; and sees no reason to change its decision of last year, which was against the scheme.

The following churches having made collections for the Society this year, are entitled to be represented by one delegate at the annual meeting:

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

Frome	\$ 3 10	Kingston, Calvary ...	\$ 5 00
Lanark	7 20	Montreal, Emmanuel	22 00
Montreal, Zion, "	5 30	Personal Sub., Miss Horton,	
Hamilton, First	15 00	Port Perry	2 00
St. Andrews	5 00		
Brantford	13 48	Total	\$81 31
Cowansville	3 23		

RETIRING MINISTERS' BRANCH.

Maxville and St. Elmo	\$ 8 00	Kingston, Calvary	\$ 4 00
Martintown	1 50	Pt. St. Charles	4 20
Lanark	7 20		
Montreal, Zion, "	5 25	Total	\$35 15
St. Andrews "	5 00		

The list of beneficiaries in the Widows' and Orphans' Branch is the same as last year; 16.

In the Retiring Ministers' Branch, two less; leaving 5.

Annuitants in Widows' and Orphans' Branch, same; 6.

Annuitants in Retiring Ministers' Branch, one more; making 3.

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES, W. AND O. BRANCH.—16.

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

RETIRING MINISTER'S BRANCH.—5.

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

ANNUITANTS, W. AND O. BRANCH.—6.

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Rev. J. Unsworth. Rev. R. K. Black. Rev. D. Macallum.

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

THOS. MOODIE,
Sec.-Treas.

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Statement for Year ending 31st May, 1896.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BRANCH.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 153 04
Collections.....	81 31
Mr. John Porteous, to make Mr. Daniel Porteous a Life Member.....	20 00
Interest and Dividends.....	1,307 90
Beneficiaries.....	116 00
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	\$1,678 25

Disbursements.

Paid Annuitants.....	\$ 640 00
" Expenses.....	60 14
" Loan R. M. B.....	300 00
Balance cash on hand.....	678 11
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	\$1,678 25

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Collectons.....	\$ 101 31
Interest and Dividends.....	1,307 90
Beneficiaries.....	116 00
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	\$1,525 21

Disbursements.

Paid Annuitants.....	\$ 640 00
" Expenses.....	60 14
Balance to credit on Revenue.....	825 07
	\$1,525 21

Assets.

540 Shares Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. Stock at \$25.....	\$13,500 00
14 Shares Real Estate Loan Co. of Canada, valued at.....	385 00
Mortgages.....	3,500 00
Loan to Congregational College of Canada.....	500 00
Cash on hand.....	678 11
Total.....	\$18,563 11
Assets, 1895.....	17,738 04
Increase.....	\$ 825 07

RETIRING MINISTERS' BRANCH.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$1,751 49
Collections.....	35 15
Interest and Dividends.....	450 82
Beneficiaries.....	52 00
Loan to W. & O. B. repaid.....	300 00
	\$2,589 46

Disbursements.

Paid Annuitants.....	\$ 225 00
" Expenses.....	95 49
" Mortgage.....	1,400 00
Balance being cash on hand.....	868 97
	\$2,589 46

Assets.

56 Shares Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. Stock at \$25.....	\$1,400 00
13 Shares Real Estate Loan Co. valued at.....	357 50
Mortgages.....	4,400 00

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Loan to Congregational College of Canada.....	952 11
Cash on hand.....	868 97
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Total.....	\$7,978 58
Assets, 1895.....	7,761 10
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Increase.....	\$ 217 48

THOS. MOODIE,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

(Signed) C. T. WILLIAMS, }
ARCH. WRIGHT, } *Auditors.*

MONTREAL, 31st May, 1896.

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MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

A public meeting of the Shareholders was held, in connection with the meeting of the Congregational Union, in Zion Church, Montreal, on Friday, 12th June, at 4 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Copp, President, in the chair. Rev. Dr. Sims offered prayer. Rev. G. E. Read acted as Minute Secretary.

Rev. W. W. Smith, Secretary, read Report of Directors, and the Financial Statement for the year ending 27th May, 1896.

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Rev. W. F. Clarke moved, Mr. Charles Cushing seconded,—

“That the Report now read be recommended for adoption at the Annual Meeting; with the proviso that the paragraph relating to Amalgamation of the Society be made to correspond to the action of the C. C. Missionary Society, and the College, as passed this morning.” Carried.

Moved by Mr. S. P. Leet, seconded by Rev. W. T. Gunn,—

“That the thanks of the Publishing Company be presented to Mr. Charles Duff, for his faithful and efficient services as Editor of the *Congregationalist*.” Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Duff this Resolution of the Company.

The meeting then adjourned: notice being given of the Annual Meeting in Toronto, 19th June.

G. E. READ.

Minute Sec.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Publishing Company was held in the office of Messrs. H. O'Hara & Co., 24 Toronto Street, Toronto on Friday 19th June, 1896; the President, Mr. John C. Copp, in the chair.

The Secretary read the Report, as amended at Montreal; and also the Financial Statement, duly audited.

Moved by Mr. E. Yeigh, seconded by Mr. Geo. Pim,—

“That the recommendation of the informal meeting in Montreal be carried out, in the adoption of the Report and Financial Statement.” Carried.

A discussion took place regarding the *Congregationalist*.

In the matter of the election of Directors, it was moved by Rev. W. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. Yeigh,—

“That the Secretary of this meeting cast a single ballot for re-election of the former Board of Directors.”

This was carried; and the Secretary cast a ballot accordingly; and the following were declared by the Chairman to be elected; viz:—Rev. Charles Duff, Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Rev. John Morton, Mr. James Smith, Mr. H. O'Hara, Mr. J. C. Copp, Mr. Geo. Pim, Mr. E. Yeigh, Mr. H. W. Barker.

The meeting then adjourned.

W. W. SMITH.

Secretary.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors are pleased to meet the Shareholders this year, with virtually a balance on hand. [Some amounts to come in, being more than enough to meet the small deficit reported. SEC.]

We desire to urge the matter of the larger circulation of the *Congregationalist*. We hope every church will not fail to keep in commission a local agent and correspondent, to procure subscribers and secure renewals, and send brief punctual notices of affairs connected with the church. The voice of the *Congregationalist* does not reach our churches as it should. In the interest of every department of our denominational work, it is important that the reach of the paper, as a medium of communication be extended. We would suggest that each church subscribe for a copy of the *Congregationalist* to be forwarded to the Church-Secretary; this copy to be considered by him the property of the church; from which paper all official Notices, and matters of denominational interest are to be communicated to the church. With this suggestion carried out, it would be possible, through the columns of the *Congregationalist* to speak, directly and pointedly, on behalf of our Societies or enterprises, to every Congregational Church in the Dominion.

The YEAR BOOK has met with better support this year: in consequence, we have a profit of \$33, instead of a loss of \$26, as last year, on the publication. A number of churches now order parcels of YEAR BOOKS, paying for them out of the church funds, and distribute them among the families of the church. As yet however, only a minority do so; many still asking for individual orders among their members, at 15c. each. But the former is by far the better plan, and we hope it may become general.

We have pleasure in acknowledging, with thanks, the co-operation of the College, the Missionary Societies, the Provident Fund, and the Woman's Board, in contributing to the Editorial Expense fund, in return for services rendered them in the Editorial and News columns of the *Congregationalist*. Also, to several private friends, for like co-operation.

Rev. Charles Duff, who has conducted the *Congregationalist*, without remuneration, for eighteen months, is at present in Nova Scotia, and may possibly remain there. In consequence, it may become necessary for the Board to make new arrangements for Editorial service.*

*Mr. Duff's resignation was received a month later.—SEC.

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In the matter of the proposed amalgamation with the Congregational Union and other Congregational Societies, we desire to concur with the Union, the College, and the other Societies, in appointing Mr. J. C. Copp and Mr. H. O'Hara, to represent this Company, and form part of a Joint Committee, to consider the whole question, and report at the next Annual Meeting of the Union and of the various Societies.

The official Annual Meeting must be held in Ontario, as the company do business under an Ontario charter; and while the Reports will be read, and the Shareholders consulted, at the Union meetings in Montreal, the legal reception of the Reports, and the election of Directors will take place in Toronto, on Friday, 19th June, 1896.

The thanks of the Company are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to Rev. Charles Duff, Editor; and to various Brethren in the churches, for services rendered to the Editorial and News columns of the *Congregationalist*.

The Financial Statement, duly audited, is herewith presented. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. SMITH,

Secretary-Treasurer.

St. Catharines, Ontario,
June 2, 1896.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH MAY, 1896.

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

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1896.		YEAR-BOOK ACCOUNT.		
May 27—	To Sale of Year-Books.....	\$105	67	
	" Cash for inserting Reports.....	284	00	
	" Cash from Advertisers.....	20	00	
				\$409 67
1896.		SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.		
May 27—	To Cash for S. S. Supplies.....			118 08

1896. GENERAL SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

May 27—To Stock paid and Miscellaneous.....	\$10 10	
" Cash for Editorial Expense Fund:—James Goldie, \$5; C. C. Missionary Society, \$25; C. C. Foreign Missionary Society, \$20; C. C. College, \$25.....	75 00	
" Balance due Treasurer at date.....	67 05	
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1896. YEAR-BOOK ACCOUNT.

May 27—By Printing Year-Book.....	\$233 00	
" Paid Engravers.....	5 25	
" 500 Circulars.....	2 50	
" Express, \$6.10; Postage, \$22.14; Draft, 25c.; Expenses of Editor, \$5.28; Boxing and freight, \$1.80.....	35 57	
" Editor's Salary.....	100 00	
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1896. SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

May 27—By Paid for S. S. Supplies.....	\$88 81	
" Postages, Money Orders, etc.....	5 70	
" Commission to Manager, 10% on \$118.08.....	11 80	
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1896. GENERAL SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

May 27—By Balance due Treasurer, May 27, 1895.....	\$108 86	
" Postage, Bank Interest, etc.....	7 21	
" Newspaper notice—Annual Meeting.....	1 50	
" Paid for Editorial Expense Fund.....	75 00	
" Secretary—Expenses, 3 Board meetings.....	4 70	
		197 27
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W. W. SMITH, TREASURER.

Audited and found correct,

G. W. HODGETTS, Auditor.

St. Catharines, May 29th, 1896.

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Mr. H. O'Hara, Toronto.....	\$10 00
Mr. J. C. Copp, Toronto	10 00
Mr. James Goldie, Guelph.....	5 00
Mr. C. R. Black, Montreal.....	1 50
C. C. Missionary Society.	25 00
C. C. College, Montreal.	25 00
Foreign Missionary Society.....	20 00
Woman's Board of Missions.....	15 00
Provident Fund	10 00
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DISBURSEMENTS, 1894-96.

Expenditure for Editorial work	\$80 00
Postages and Petty Disbursements.....	2 50
Balance Cash in hands of Editorial Committee.....	39 00
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PREFACE.



IN this Twenty-fourth Annual Volume, we desire to draw special attention to the Address from the Chair by Mr. Leet, to the Letter to the Churches, and to the interesting Reminiscences of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Union by Mr. Cox, Secretary. The resignation of Rev. Principal Barbour, and the cheering statement of the Treasurer concerning the finances of the C. C. Missionary Society, are also important and suggestive.

We trust this issue will be found interesting and helpful among the churches, and that it will be promptly taken up and circulated. It is issued for the purpose of being read and studied and referred to; and this object can best be attained by churches promptly ordering copies for circulation.

The Editor hoped to have this issue out earlier than ever before; but when the last week of August has arrived, with the Statistics of the Churches not yet all in hand, it is impossible to more than equal former dates of issue.

WILLIAM WYE SMITH.

St. Catharines, Ont.,
August 26th, 1896.



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MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.—TABLE NO. 1.

No.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Present Settlement.	WHERE TRAINED.	RELIGIOUS SERVICES.						CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Y. P. S. C.					
						Average Attendance.	Stations (not churches).	Average Attendance at Stations.	Total under Pastoral care, Children included.	Additions.	Removals.	Remaining.	Relative.	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.		
1	Winnipeg, Central.....	Hugh Pedley, B.A.....	1877	1888	Con. Coll. Can.....	900	1100	1100	1100	11	8	1	11	2	77	147	224	2	22	316	199	377	3	30	15	70	70	70	70
2	Portland St.....	D. H. Jacobs.....	1880	1895	Birmingham, Eng.....	130	6	6	6	2	1	1	1	44	56	100	65	11	135	110	85	3	30	15	30	15	15	15	15
3	Winnipeg, Maple St....	J. C. Watt, B.A.....	1889	1895	C. C. C.....	325	300	300	300	17	10	1	11	72	72	144	2	33	451	309	462	3	100	15	106	1063	354	228	107
4	Brandon.....	H. E. C. Mason.....	1889	1895	C. C. C.....	400	500	500	500	17	10	1	11	193	275	533	2	33	451	309	462	3	100	15	106	1063	354	228	107
	Totals for Manitoba and B. C.....					1755	1900	1900	1900	17	10	1	11	193	275	533	2	33	451	309	462	3	100	15	106	1063	354	228	107
	Totals for Ontario.....					10843	860	16707	342	107	54	129	10	90	1959	3082	6104	399	183	456	4265	3194	2538	106	1063	354	228	107	107
	Totals for Quebec.....					2980	9	325	6200	57	58	20	64	1	99	610	927	1962	39	95	125	961	838	848	13	254	88	70	2
	Grand Totals.....					15578	24	1185	24807	416	175	75	204	13	189	2762	4284	8599	440	278	614	5677	4341	3848	122	1417	457	208	13

* * These totals are exclusive of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; which see.—Ep.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—TABLE NO. 1.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.	S. SCHOOLS.	Y. P. S. C. E.	BAV-TSMS.					
on	Principal	Child-	Additions.	Removals.	Remaining.	Relative.			

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

No.	NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	No. of Church Edifices.	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.	Local Church Objects.	Union.	Canada Congregational Missionary Society.	College.	Foreign Missions.	Other Denominational Objects.	General Benevolent Purposes.	Total Amount Raised for all Purposes.	Increase.	Decrease.	Amount of Missionary Grant.
1	Beach Meadows	1869	1	Wood	150	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	No	No	\$600	\$500	\$600	None	\$120	\$9	\$20	+	\$10	20	10	\$997	150	15	112
2	Brooklyn	1809	1	Wood	250	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	4000	2000	4500	None	500	5	20	18	20	20	10	\$697	150	15	112
3	Cheboguen	1767	1	Wood	250	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	No	1000	2000	3000	None	274	5	20	20	16	16	4	819	150	15	112
4	Economy	1877	1	Wood	250	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	No	3000	750	4000	\$750	520	5	28	6	18	18	18	600	150	150	150
5	Hemford	1877	1	Wood	200	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	No	No	350	350	350	None	26	1	5	5	6	6	5	31	75	75	75
6	Keswick Ridge	1826	1 1/2	Wood	300	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	No	3000	1200	4200	None	710	10	23	15	7	4	5	773	250	250	250
7	Kingsport	1760	1	Wood	300	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	No	3000	3000	3000	None	300	3	16	7	16	25	9	830	250	250	250
8	Liverpool	1761	1	Wood	150	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	2000	2000	2000	450	920	5	4	7	16	16	5	982	15	15	15
9	Maitland	1874	1	Wood	150	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	No	2000	2000	2000	None	20	3	4	7	16	25	5	20	15	15	15
10	Manchester	1874	1	Wood	150	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	No	600	600	1200	None	200	2	17	17	4	4	230	150	150	150	
11	Margaree	1822	1	Wood	200	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	No	4000	1000	5000	None	200	2	9	9	3	3	431	150	150	150	
12	Milton	1855	1	Wood	400	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	2000	400	2400	400	50	2	2	2	3	190	200	30	30	100	100
13	*Noel	1875	1	Wood	250	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	900	400	1300	None	90	2	5	5	5	20	20	200	200	200	200
14	*Pleasant River	1846	2	Wood	400	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	700	400	1100	None	50	2	5	5	5	5	80	726	726	726	726
15	Selma	1875	1	Wood	200	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	10000	700	10000	None	50	12	101	50	5	5	50	2183	726	726	726
16	St. John	1844	1	Brick	400	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	No	3000	1600	8000	None	1900	2	10	10	12	12	33	1005	140	140	140
17	Sheffield	1763	1	Wood	200	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	1000	1000	1000	100	541	4	35	10	10	12	18	86	140	140	140
18	S. Maitland	1875	1	Wood	100	Yes	No	Wood	Yes	No	Yes	2000	3000	2000	1000	10	4	35	10	12	12	13	627	170	170	170
19	Truro, N. S.	1891	1	Wood	150	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	18000	3900	21000	640	1889	10	57	22	50	10	25	2113	170	170	170
20	Yarmouth	1848	1	Stone	350	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	18000	3900	21000	640	1889	10	57	22	50	10	25	2113	170	170	170
Total		21 1/2	21 1/2	4500	4500	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$59100	\$11150	\$70250	\$3190	\$9050	\$70	\$430	\$166	\$215	\$206	\$186	\$10437	\$1097	\$1643	\$924
OTHER CHURCHES.		1846	2	Wood	4500	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$59100	\$11150	\$70250	\$3190	\$9050	\$70	\$430	\$166	\$215	\$206	\$186	\$10437	\$1097	\$1643	\$924
Miltown		1846	2	Wood	4500	Yes	Yes	Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$59100	\$11150	\$70250	\$3190	\$9050	\$70	\$430	\$166	\$215	\$206	\$186	\$10437	\$1097	\$1643	\$924

*No report. Last statement and probable appointments given. †For correct report see Treasurer's Statement in Year Book.

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19) Truro, N. S.	1391	1	Wood ..	150	Yes	Yes	Wood ..	2000	2000	2000	2000	1000	541	4	35	10	12	12	13	13	627	18	187
20) Yarmouth.	1848	1	Stone ..	350	Yes	Yes	Wood ..	18000	3600	21000	1000	640	1989	10	57	22	50	10	25	2113	170	.....	.....
Total	21½	2	4500	\$59100	\$11150	\$70250	\$3190	\$ 9050	\$70	\$430	\$166	\$215	\$296	\$186	\$10437	\$1097	\$1643	\$924
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QUEBEC.—TABLE NO. 2

No.	Name.	Date of Organization.	Number of Church Edifices.		Material of Church Edifices.	Number of Sitzings.	Registered?	Insured?	Parsonage?	Registered?	Insured?	Value of Church Edifices.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value 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.	
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1	Aver's Flat, Beulah.	1889	2	Frame	350	Yes	Brick..	Yes	\$2800	\$2800	\$251
2	Brigham.	1873	1	Brick..	200	Yes	Yes	4000	\$1200	5200	565	9	20	\$300	\$159	
3	Covansville.	1852	1	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10600	2000	12000	\$1400	900	8	40	\$79	\$30	\$60	\$10	15	574	205	.....	.....
4	Darville.	1832	1	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9000	2570	11500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300	.....	\$109	.....
5	Durham ..	1837	1	Frame ..	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200	.....	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Eaton ..	1835	1	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....	2000	.....	412	6	20	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Fitch Bay.	1859	1	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500	700	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Franklin Centre ..	1832	1	Stone..	.....	200	.....	.....	Frame..	Yes	.....	1200	.....	13000	.....	440	5	6	15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Granby ..	1830	1	Brick ..	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10500	2560	13000	625	2827	5	83	77	55	78	100	7	671	.....	.....	.....
10	Metbourne ..	1837	1	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	Brick..	.....	.....	6500	1500	8000	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Montreal, Zion ..	1833	1	Stone..	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29238	.....	29238	12000	5435	15	58	58	70	60	7	7	671	.....	.....	.....
12	Emmanuel.	1875	1	.....	.....	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75000	.....	75000	17000	6194	33	459	502	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Calvary.	1877	1	Brick ..	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20000	.....	20000	.....	2248	16	110	145	171	172	45	33	7444	.....	.....	.....
14	Pt. St. Charles	1891	1	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6000	.....	21000	Some	1102	6	20	37	10	23	2791	72	4102	102	.....	262.50
15	Sherbrooke.	1835	1	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15000	.....	15000	2175	2625	10	72	90	79	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Stanstead, South ..	1818	1	Frame ..	.....	250	.....	.....	Frame..	Yes	.....	7500	2500	10000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	St. Andrews ..	1838	1	Brick ..	.....	200	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	4000	.....	4000	.....	457	13	5	15	210	18	59	36	811	91	.....	.....
18	Waterville.	1862	1	Frame ..	.....	150	.....	.....	Brick..	Yes	.....	4250	2250	6500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224688	15150	230838	36100	23556	117	911	1041	813	439	3031	312	32618	5231	3048	737.50

NOTE.—See Note below Manitoba.—D. S. H.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.--TABLE NO. 2.

No.	CHURCHES.		CHURCH PROPERTY.										CHURCH FINANCES.										Amount of Missionary Grant.			
	Name.	Date of Organization.	Material of Church Edifices.	Number of Church Edifices.	Number of Sittings.	Registered?	Insured?	Parsonage?	Registered?	Insured?	Value of Church Edifices.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value 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.
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	Brick	900	Yes	Yes	Brick...	Yes	Yes	\$28000	\$5000	\$33000	\$15850	\$4606	.....	\$100	\$87	.....	\$37	.....	\$60	\$7274	\$1798	.....	.....
2	“ Maple St.....	1890	1	Frame.....	250	“	“	.....	.....	.....	4000	.....	4000	.....	900	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	961	.....	\$639	225.00
3	Brandon	1889	1	“	450	“	“	.....	.....	.....	5000	.....	5000	2300	1350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	1600	.....	.....	250.00
4	Vancouver, B. C.....	1888	1	“	500	“	“	.....	.....	.....	19000	.....	19000	9000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for Manitoba and B. C.....			4	.....	2100	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	56000	5000	61000	27150	6856	13	100	87	.....	37	.....	95	9835	1798	639	475.00
Totals for Quebec			19	.....	5900	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	224688	15150	239838	36100	23556	117	911	1041	\$813	439	3031	312	32618	5231	3048	737.50
Totals for Ontario			72	.....	24347	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	542730	29100	571830	164849	46605	170	701	831	725	634	1078	1052	67410	5589	7043	1875.00
Grand Totals.....			95	32347	26	823418	49250	872668	228099	77017	300	1712	1959	1538	1100	4109	1459	109863	12618	10730	3087.50

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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 next annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th June, 1897, in First Congregational Church, Kingston, Ontario, at 9 a.m. *Chairman* for 1896, Mr. Seth P. Leet, Barrister, Montreal; *Chairman* for 1897, Rev. John Ingham Hindley, Ph.D., Forest, Ontario; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Rev. John P. Gerrie, 90 Langley Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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

II. NEWFOUNDLAND.

Ministers.—Rev. G. Ward Siddall, St. Johns; Rev. John Squires, Pool's Cove; Mr. Gillingham, Twillingate; Mr. Beer, Random.

III. GREAT BRITAIN.

1. ENGLAND AND WALES.—Formed in 1831. *Chairman* for 1896, Rev. J. Morlais Jones; *Chairman* for 1897, Rev. Chas. A. Berry, D.D., Wolverhampton; *Treasurer*, William Crossfield; *Secretary*, Rev. W. J. Woods, B.A., Memorial Hall, Farringdon St., London, E.C.

2. THE UNION OF WELSH INDEPENDENTS.—Embraces ministers, deacons and delegates from churches and from quarterly meetings. *Chairman*, Rev. D. M. Jenkins, Liverpool; *Secretary*, Rev. J. Williams, Hafod, Pontypridd.

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3. SCOTLAND.—Composed of ministers and delegates from the churches. *Chairman*, 1896-97, Mr. J. R. Sandilands, Glasgow; *Secretary*, Rev. W. Hope Davison, M.A., 30 George Square, Edinburgh.

4. EVANGELICAL UNION OF SCOTLAND.—*President* 1896, Rev. Alexander Brown, Aberdeen; *Secretary*, Rev. George Gladstone, 38 Newark Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow.

5. IRELAND.—*Chairman*, Rev. J. Lyon, Carrickfergus; *Secretary*, Rev. James Cregan, Knock Croom, Belfast.

6. CHANNEL ISLANDS.—*Chairman*, Rev. Edgar Mann; *Secretary*, Rev. F. C. Skegg, St. Helier, Jersey.

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1. VICTORIA.—*Chairman*, 1896, Rev. E. Taylor; *Secretary*, Rev. J. J. Halley, Congregational Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne.

2. NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Chairman*, 1895-96, Rev. W. J. L. Closs, B.A.; *Secretaries*, Rev. James Buchan, Sydney, and James Brown.

3. QUEENSLAND.—*Secretary*, Rev. T. E. Pierce, Southport.

4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Formed in 1850. *Chairman*, Rev. T. Kyte; *Secretary*, W. Penry Jones, Adelaide.

5. WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—*Chairman*, Rev. W. T. Kench; *Secretary*, Rev. W. H. Peters, Freemantle.

6. TASMANIA.—*Chairman*, 1896-97, G. W. Sharp; *Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Simmons, Hobart.

7. NEW ZEALAND.—*Chairman*, 1896-97, Rev. W. M. Fell; *Secretary*, John Bowden, Auckland.

V. AFRICA.

1. NATAL.—*Chairman*, 1896, Rev. C. Thomson; *Secretary*, Rev. John Fernie, Durban.

2. SOUTH AFRICA.—*Chairman*, Rev. A. Vine Hall; *Hon.-Secretary*, Rev. J. Pritchard, Port Elizabeth.

VI. WEST INDIES.

1. JAMAICA.—*Chairman*, Mr. J. J. Bowrey ; *Secretary*, Rev. J. J. Kilpin Fletcher, Williamsfield.
2. BRITISH GUIANA.—*Chairman*, Rev. R. B. Lander ; *Secretary*, Rev. T. J. Toddings, Georgetown.

VII. UNITED STATES.

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.—Organized 1871. Meets every third year. Next meeting in Portland, Oregon, Oct. 8, 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. James H. Warren, San Francisco ; meets October 6th, 1896, at Sacramento.

CALIFORNIA, Southern General Association.—*Registrar and Treasurer*, Rev. James T. Ford, Los Angeles. Meets October 13th, 1896, at Claremont.

SOUTH DAKOTA Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. W. B. Hubbard, Armour. Meets May 18th, 1897.

NORTH DAKOTA, General Conference.—*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. Chas. H. Phillips, Jamestown. Meets September 8th, 1896.

ILLINOIS, General Association.—*Registrar and Treasurer*, Rev. John B. Fairbank, Waverley. Meets May 17th, 1897, at Waverley.

INDIANA, General Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. N. A. Hyde, Indianapolis. Meets May 11th, 1897, at Komoko.

MASSACHUSETTS, General Association.—*Secretary*, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Auburndale. Meets May 18th, 1897, at Worcester.

MICHIGAN Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. John P. Sanderson, Detroit. Meets May 18th, 1897, at Saginaw.

MINNESOTA, General Association.—*Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. S. W. Dickenson, 699 Ravine Street, St. Paul. Meets September 15th, 1896, at Fairbault.

NEW YORK, General Association.—*Secretary*, Rev. James Deane, Crown Point. Meets May 18th, 1897, at Canandaigua.

OHIO Association.—*Registrar and Treasurer*, Rev. John G. Fraser, D.D., Cleveland. Meets May 18th, 1897, at Sandusky.

VERMONT, General Convention.—*Corresponding Secretary*, John M. Comstock, Chelsea. Meets June 8th, 1897.

WISCONSIN Convention.—*Permanent Clerk*, Rev. Henry A. Miner, Madison. Meets September 29th, 1896, at Antigo.

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 1895-96:

Contributions from Churches.....	\$3,862 39
Woman's Board of Missions.....	600 00
Nova Scotia Invested Funds.....	414 04
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Special Collections, Contributions, etc.....	284 96

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The Society has also three special funds, amounting in all to \$75,382.89, the interest of which alone can be used ; and for the special purposes designated.

The officers for the year 1896-97 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, \$3,121.88 ; expenditure, \$3,086.27. Officers : S. P. Leet, Esq., B.C.L., Montreal, *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, \$18,563.11. Retiring Ministers' Branch, \$7,978.58 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, Esq., 30 St. John St., Montreal, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

4. CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Incorporated in 1874 ; composed of stockholders of five dollar shares. Publications : *The Congregationalist and Canadian Independent*, weekly, \$1.00 a year, office 5 Jordan St., 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* and *Editor* of the YEAR BOOK ; Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Toronto, *Editor Congregationalist*.

5. CANADA CONGREGATIONAL WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—Mrs. D. Macallum, Maxville, Ontario, *President* ; Mrs

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Robert Freeland, Bowmanville, Ont., *Corresponding Secretary*; Mrs. Sanders, 125 Mackay, St., Montreal, *Treasurer*. Balance from last year, \$988.89. Receipts \$2,526.06 Total, \$3,514.95. Disbursements, \$2,677.77. Balance on hand, \$837.18; of which \$277.74 is designated. The Misses Melville (2) are supported as missionaries, at Cisamba, West Central Africa; salary \$475 each a year; a Canadian Scholarship in the American Girls' School, Smyrna, Turkey, \$70; a grant of \$600 to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; and the *Monthly Leaflet*, constitute the regular work of the Beard.

6. NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Connected with the Colonial Missionary Society, England. Headquarters in St. Johns. Missionary Churches established in four of the outports. Rev. G. W. Siddall, St. Johns, Nfld., *President*.

7. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—Formed as an auxiliary to the C. C. Home Missionary Society. Last year also made grants to the Foreign Missionary Society. Officers elected, July 1896:—*President*, Mrs. Jenkins, Yarmouth, N.S. *1st Vice-President*, Miss M. Sykes, Keswick Ridge, N.B. *Secretary*, Miss Ida Barker, Sheffield, N.B.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. S. W. Burns, Shelburne, N.S. *Treasurer*, Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, St. John, N.B.

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, E. C.

2. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AID AND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—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

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the English-speaking population of Wales, Expended last year in grants for Home Missions, £28,358. Rev. W. F. Clarkson, Memorial Hall, Farringdon St., London, E.C., *Secretary*.

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. £117,500 has been raised for providing additional religious accommodation in London. Upwards of £30,000 has been expended during the last twelve years, in relieving distress, in connection with the "Outcast London" special Fund. Chairman for 1896, Mr. Andrew Pye Smith; Rev. Andrew Mearns, *Secretary*, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.

4. PASTOR'S RETIRING FUND.—£140,000 has been distributed to about 580 ministers. Annuitants, 163; annuities, £6,132. Rev. R. T. Verral, B.A., Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E.C., *Secretary*.

5. PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND.—Life-membership is secured by payment of £21, or not less than £2 2s. annually. Annuitants, 67; annuities, £1,027. 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 four district committees. Expended in grants to churches, £1,015. Rev. W. Hope Davison, M.A., 30 George Square Edinburgh, *Secretary*.

1. MINISTERS' PROVIDENT FUND.—Established in 1859, to secure pastors, in connection with the Union, on their being disabled for ministerial duty, an annuity of £40, as the funds allow. Annuitants, 11. Income £799; capital, £14,334. John McFarlane, Glenbourne, Oswald-road, Edinburgh, *Secretary*.

3. MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.—Admission of beneficiaries on payment of two guineas, with annual subscription of one

guinea. The widow or family of a deceased minister, until the youngest child is fourteen years of age, is entitled to receive £10 per annum. Granted last year to twenty-two widows and seven aged brethren, and one family of orphans, £500. Rev. W. J. Cox, Dundee, *Secretary*.

4. CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Organized to promote fraternal 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*.

5. E. U. HOME MISSION.—Instituted by the Annual Conference of the Evangelical Union in 1853. Rev. James Davidson, Tillicoultry, *Secretary*.

6. E. U. MINISTERS' PROVIDENT FUND.—Income, £330; invested funds, £6,944; aged ministers receive £50, and families of deceased ministers £60 per annum. Rev. George Gladstone, 38 Landsdowne Crescent, Glasgow, *Secretary*.

IV. IRELAND.

1. THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF IRELAND.—The denominational Missionary Society of the country, and is organized to promote its evangelization. Rev. James Cregan, Knox Croom, Belfast, *Secretary*

2. PROVIDENT FUND.—Entrance fee, £10; an annual subscription of £2. Amount paid annually to disabled ministers, or to widows, or to the children (if no widow), till they reach fourteen years of age, £40. Invested funds, £3,800. W. W. Cleland, 48 Wellington Park, Belfast, *Secretary*. The committee are endeavoring to raise £5,000 as the minimum of capital.

3. THE IRISH EVANGELICAL SOCIETY.—The Society's operations extend from North to South. Eighteen churches, with ninety out-stations. Receipts, £1,300. Expenditure, £2,152. *Secretary* (England), Rev. R. H. Noble, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E. C.

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V. AUSTRALASIA.

1. CONGREGATIONAL MISSION AND UNION OF VICTORIA.— Churches assisted to the extent of £1,121. 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., Sydney, *Secretary*.

3. MINISTERS' RETIRING FUND FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.— Managed by Committee of Congregational Union of N. S. W. Total investments, £7,500. Income, £409.

4. HOME MISSION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.— Under the direction of the Congregational Union and Home Mission of South Australia. Rev. W. Penry Jones, Adelaide, *Secretary*.

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. Capital, £11,932. A. M. Strongman, Melbourne, *Secretary*.

6. PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.— Capital, £5,279. R. M. Steele, Adelaide, *Hon. Secretary*.

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

VI. UNITED STATES.

1. AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.— Organized on a Catholic basis, for Foreign Mission work. For facts, see 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, 198, with 6 colleges and 117 schools. Missionaries, 649. Income, 1895, \$307,547; expenditure, \$337,334. A. F. Beard, D.D., F. P. Woodbury, D.D., and C. J. Ryder, D.D., *Corresponding Secretaries*, Bible House, New York City. H. W. Hubbard, Esq., *Treasurer*.

3. THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.—Successor to "The American Congregational Union," Its object the erection of houses of worship and parsonages, through grants and loans. It has aided in the erection of 2,659 houses of worship, and 524 parsonages. Expended, 1895, \$159,639. Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D., 59 Bible House, New York City, *Cor. Sec.*

4. CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Is the recognized Congregational Home Missionary Society in the United States. The total receipts for the year are \$777,747 in cash, besides clothing and books. During the last year, 123 churches were formed, and 12,135 members added; many of them on profession of conversion. The missionaries of this Society, numbering 2,038, have under their care 186,843 Bible and Sunday school scholars. Rev. Joseph B. Clark, D.D., Rev. Wm. Kincaid, D.D., Rev. W. Choate, D.D., *Secretaries*. Office, 34 Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

5. CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.—Organized to 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. Income for the year, \$67,835. Rev. Geo. M. Boynton, D.D., *Secretary*; M. C. Hazard, *Editor*.

☞ 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.—The number of young men aided in their studies for the ministry since 1816 is over 8,000, and the number now receiving assistance is 380. Income, 1895, \$141,189. Rev. John A. Hamilton, Congregational House, Boston, *Secretary*.

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VII. AUSTRALASIA.

In Australia and New Zealand there are 8 Congregational Unions, 326 churches and branch churches, 221 ministers, including a number without pastoral charge.

VIII. EUROPE.

There are a few Congregational churches in France, Russia, Germany, Italy, Spain and Belgium; and 12 churches have been organized in the Austrian Empire within the last two years.

IX. 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) 27 churches and preaching places. In South Africa there are 81 churches and stations, and 53 ministers, 9 of them without pastoral charge.

X. WEST INDIES.

The Jamaica Congregational Union includes 39 churches and stations, and 8 ministers. In British Guiana, the Congregational Union there comprises 45 churches and 11 ministers.

XI. 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.

XII. CHINA.

In the Chinese Empire, in addition to the churches sustained by the London Missionary Society, are 2 Union churches, one at Shanghai and one at Hong Kong.

XIII. MADAGASCAR.

The total number of churches affiliated with the London Missionary Society is 909. Every one of these has a school connected with it. In addition to these, there are in the capital itself a college for training evangelists and pastors, with 31

students; three high schools for boys and two for girls. Total Congregational churches, 1300. Ordained native pastors, 828; native preachers, 3,495; regular hearers and members, 341,000; in the Normal School, 350 pupils; in the High Schools, 400 scholars; in the 4,600 day schools, 46,501 scholars. Many districts are in a very disturbed state at present, and hundreds of chapels have been destroyed, and many missions scattered during 1896.

XIV. 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 marvellous 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.

XV. HAWAII.

These islands contain about 60 Congregational churches, with a membership of 7,000. The Theological Institute at Honolulu 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, 1895, is £184,075, including "Centenary Fund"; and the expenditure, including that on account of the Centenary Fund, \$160,253. British missionaries employed, male 196, female 65; ordained native pastors and evangelists, 1429; preachers, 6708; other teachers, male and female, 1275. Church members, 94,285; adherents, 408,147; Sunday schools, 1228; scholars, 54,791. Day schools, 2667; scholars, 125,812. Native contributions, 1894-5, £30,966 3s. 6d.

2. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions reports 20 missions, 1,265 stations and out-stations, 572 missionaries and assistant missionaries, 3,107 native laborers, 461 churches, 44,413 members, 1,165 Christian schools, 53,000 pupils in mission schools. Appropriations for 1896, \$580,000.

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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, 124 Churches, 43 Preaching Stations, with about 10,245 Members, as follows :

<i>Provinces.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Ontario	75	15	58	6104
Quebec.....	18	8	19	1962
Nova Scotia.....	17	9	13	919
New Brunswick	4	9	5	460
Newfoundland	4	1	3	200
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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, 362 churches, mission rooms and stations, with 220,447 sittings.

There are 49 County Associations, 2,816 ministers (including London as above); seating accommodation for 1,626,865 persons; 4,594 churches and mission stations.

III. SCOTLAND.

1. Scotland has one Congregational Union, 97 churches, of which 5 were without pastors. There are 5 ministers' associations, 110 ministers, of whom 19 are without pastoral charge. 37 preaching stations and halls.

2. One Evangelical Union, formed in 1843, with 91 churches, of which 6 are vacant; 92 ministers, of whom 7 are not in pastoral charge.

IV. IRELAND.

Ireland has one Congregational Union; 27 churches; 28 ministers, of whom two are without charge; 96 preaching stations, at which the various ministers preach, assisted by lay preachers.

V. CHANNEL ISLANDS.

One Congregational Union; 11 churches, in four of which the services are in English, the others in French; 10 ministers, 3 without charges.

TOTAL.—The *English Year Book* for 1896 says, "The number of churches and mission stations reported in the several county returns for England and Wales is 4,428. Adding to this, as was done for the last nine years, 166 stations known to be supported by individual churches, a total is reached of 4,594." The same authority gives 125 as the number of churches and stations in Ireland. The *Scottish Congregational Year Book* gives 97 churches, and the *Evangelical Union Annual* (Scotland), gives 91 churches. Following these authorities, we have a total of 4,907 Congregational churches and mission stations (as reported) for the United Kingdom.

VI. UNITED STATES.

The total number of Congregational Churches in the United States, as reported in the *Year Book* for 1896, is 5,482; Ministers, 5,347, of whom 172 were in the foreign field, and 1,759 not in pastoral office. Number of church-members, 602,557; in Sunday Schools, 754,437; Christian Endeavor Societies, 3,825; Members of C. E. S., 219,112. In S. S. work, 468 of the Superintendents are women.

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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.

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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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

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Letters from places in Canada and the United States covered by envelopes having printed thereon a REQUEST that the letters be returned to the sender if not delivered within 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 Postage Union countries, two cents each. Reply cards, for Canada only, two cents each. Nothing must be attached to a Post Card.

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 1 cent per lb.

THIRD CLASS MATTER.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Transient newspapers for any place in Canada or United States, 1 cent per 4 oz. ; but a paper not more than 1 oz., will go for $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

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 European countries, 1 cent per 2 oz.

Circulars, typewritten, 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 1 cent per 2 oz. No packet must exceed 2 feet in length by 1 foot in width or depth. The limit of weight for Canada, United Kingdom and United States is 5 lbs., for other Postal Union Countries, 4 lbs. Limit for single book (Canada), 7 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 1 cent per 4 oz., and the limit of weight 5 lbs.

PATTERNS AND SAMPLES.

Bona fide Patterns and Samples of Merchandise, not exceeding 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.

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.

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| “ Joseph Unsworth, 1874. | Seth P. Leet, Esq., 1896. |
| “ Charles Chapman, M.A., 1875. | Rev. John I. Hindley, Ph.D., 1897. |

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Brandon, Man.	" Bethel, Ont.	Stouffville, Ont.
Brantford, Ont.	" Calvary, Ont.	Stratford, Ont.
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Cold Springs, Ont.	" South, N.S.	" Dovercourt, Ont.
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Edgar, Ont.	Melbourne, Que.	" Parkdale, Ont.
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Embroy, Ont.	Milltown, N.B.	" Zion, Ont.
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CONGREGATIONAL RECORD FOR CANADA.

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 JULY 1, 1895, TO JULY 1, 1896.
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I. ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

- Rev. H. E. Mason, ordained at Turnberry and Howick, Ont., June 11, 1895.
 Rev. Albert Margrett, installed at Watford, Ont., June 14, 1895.
 Rev. George Fuller, installed at Stratford, Ont., June, 1895.
 Rev. H. W. Mote, D.D., installed at Wingham, Ont., July 16, 1895.
 Rev. A. Secord began work at Barrie, Ont., July, 1895.
 Rev. J. W. Hindley, installed at Embro, August, 1895.
 Rev. Einion C. Evans, D.D., began work, Emmanuel Church, Montreal, Sept., 1895.
 Rev. James Shipperley began work at Margaree, Cape Breton, Oct., 1895.
 Rev. James W. Pedley began work in London, Ont. (First Church) November, 1895.
 Rev. H. C. Mason began work at Vancouver, B.C., Nov., 1895.
 Rev. Jonas Bushell began work at Victoria, B.C., Nov. 20, 1885.
 Rev. Wilberforce Lee, installed at Toronto (Olivet Church), Feb. 27, 1896.
 Rev. John Scholfield began work in Zion Church, Brantford, Ontario, April, 1896.
 Rev. Frank J. Day, ordained at Sherbrooke, Que., May, 1896.
 Rev. J. D. McEwan, installed at Stouffville, Ont., May 21, 1896.
 Rev. Matthew Kelly began work at Listowel, Ont., May, 1896.
 Rev. G. Trotter Carr began work at Stratford, Ont., June, 1896.

II. RESIGNATIONS, ETC.

- Rev. J. B. Silcox, resigned Emmanuel Church, Montreal, July, 1895.
 Rev. Norman McKinnon, resigned St. John, N.B., July, 1895.
 Rev. A. W. Richardson, resigned Brantford, Ont., July, 1895.
 Rev. James Shipperley, resigned S. Maitland, Noel and Selmah, N.S., August, 1895.
 Rev. Daniel Macallum, resigned Maxville, Ont., Sept., 1895.
 Rev. Sampson Nicholls, resigned Olivet Church, Toronto, Nov., 1895.
 Rev. J. A. Shanton, resigned Stouffville, Ont., Nov. 1895.
 Rev. R. Hopkin, resigned Listowel, Ont., April, 1896.
 Rev. Thomas Hall, resigned Point St. Charles, Montreal, April, 1896.
 Rev. J. W. Goffin, resigned Edgar, Dalston and Rugby, Ont., May, 1896.

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III. CHURCH EDIFICES, ETC.

Zion Church, Montreal ; corner-stone laid, June 25, 1895.
 Paris Church, Ont., re-opened after renovation, Sept., 1895.
 Opening services in Zion Church, Montreal, Nov. 3, 1895.
 Broadview Avenue Church, Toronto, opened Nov. 21, 1895.
 Watford Church, Ont., re-opened after renovation, Nov. 1895.
 Hopetown (Co. Lanark, Ont.), new church opened, Dec. 8, 1895.
 Newmarket Congregational Church building (sold to Society of Friends, and
 in use by them), destroyed by fire, Jan. 15, 1896.
 Zion Church, Warwick, Ont., re-opened, May 31, 1896.

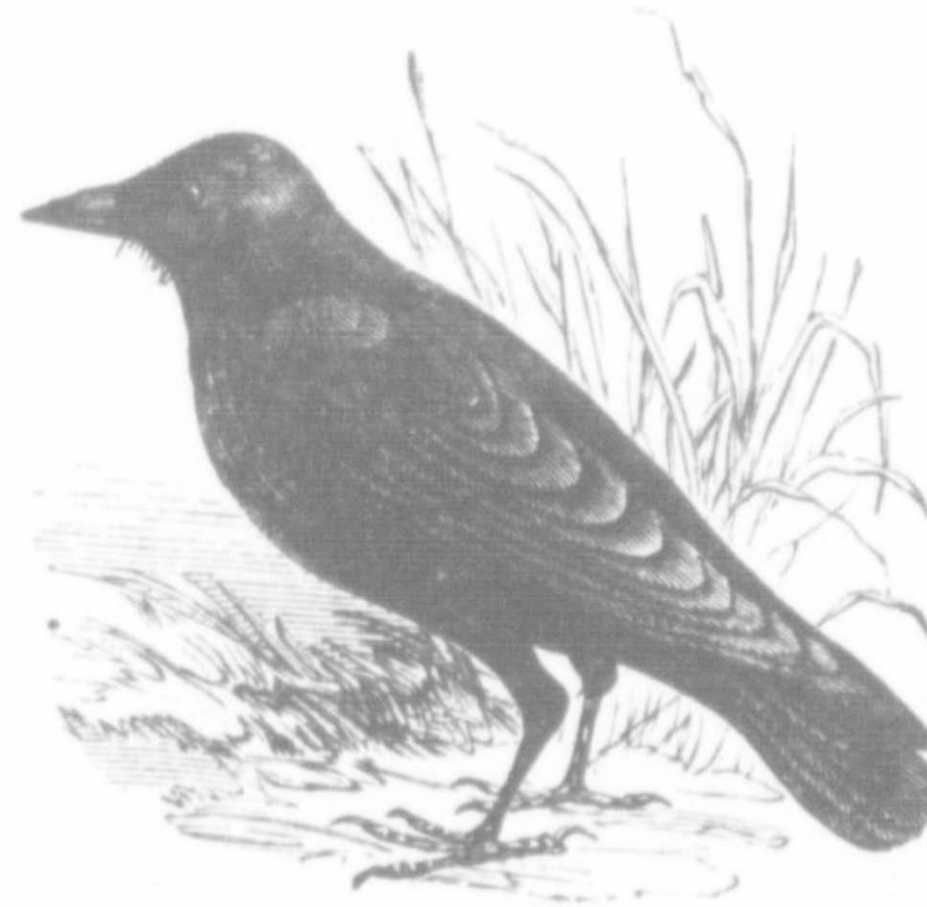
IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Congregational Union, N. S. and N. B., Forty-eighth annual meeting, Liver-
 pool, N.S., July 4, 1895.
 Women's Missionary Society, N.S. and N.B., Annual Meeting at Liverpool,
 N.S., July 5, 1895.
 Congregational Church building, Liverpool, N.S., destroyed by fire, Aug.,
 1895.
 Eastern Association, Nova Scotia, met at Lower Selmah, Sept., 6, 1895.
 Western Association, Ontario, met at Listowel, Oct. 8, 1895, and at Paris,
 April 14, 1896.
 Opening Session of Congregational College, Montreal, Oct. 3, 1895.
 Toronto District Association met in Bowmanville, Oct. 22, 1895, and in
 Toronto, Jan. 14, 1896.
 Victoria, B.C., First Congregational Church organized, Nov. 20, 1895.
 Pine Grove, Ont., Farewell meeting to Miss Jeffery (going as missionary
 to India), Dec. 29, 1895.
 First Sabbath services, Westmount Mission, Montreal, Elm Hall, Montreal,
 Jan. 19, 1896.
 Quebec Branch, Woman's Board of Missions, annual meeting, Danville,
 March 10, 1896.
 Farewell to pastor, Rev. D. Macallum, Maxville, Ont., March 27, 1896.
 Tenth Annual Meeting Woman's Board of Missions, Kingston, June 4, 1896.
 Congregational College, Montreal, closing exercises, April 9, 1896.
 Congregational Union, Ontario and Quebec, forty-third annual meeting,
 Zion Church, Montreal, June 10, 1896.
 Westmount Cong'l Church, Montreal, corner-stone laid, June 2, 1896.

V. DEATHS.

Mrs. Susan M. Walker, Montreal, died March 26, 1895.
 Mr. Charles Whitlaw, Paris, Ont., died July 13, 1895.
 Mr. William S. Armstrong, Speedside, Ont., died August 15, 1895.

- Rev. Richard Tutin Thomas, England, died August 16, 1895.
 Rev. George Cornish, LL.D., Montreal, died August 18, 1895.
 Mr. James Stephens, Bowmanville, Ont., died Sept. 13, 1895.
 Mr. Sidney B. Paterson, St. John, N.B., died at Montreal, Sept. 19, 1895.
 Miss Jennie McIntosh (eldest daughter of Rev. William McIntosh) Ottawa,
 Ont., died Sept. 21, 1895.
 Mrs. W. W. Copp (widow of late W. W. Copp), Toronto, died Sept. 29, 1895.
 Mrs. Joseph T. W. Wallis, Humber Summit, Ont., died Sept. 29, 1895.
 Mrs. Ellen E. Robbins, Yarmouth, N.S., aged 86, died Oct. 21, 1895.
 Mr. Lachlin McFayden, Forest, Ont., died Nov. 3, 1895, aged 76.
 Mrs. Sarah Phillips, Margaree, Cape Breton, died Nov. 4, 1895.
 Mrs. Wilberforce Lee (returned missionary), Cowansville, Que., died Nov.
 15, 1895.
 Mrs. Eleanor McClellan, wife of Mr. John Hugh McClellan, Alton, Ont.,
 died Nov. 16, 1895.
 Mr. A. M. Wattson, Forest, Ont., died Dec. 2, 1895.
 Mr. Malcolm McKechnie, Sherbrooke, Que., died Dec. 30, 1895, aged 80.
 Miss Libby Scott, Barrie, died in Toronto, January 18, 1896.
 Mr. Horatio Nelson Jackson (father of Dr. S. N. Jackson, late of Kingston,
 Ont), died at Cote St. Paul, Montreal, Feb. 18, 1896.
 Deacon David E. Metcalfe, Eaton, Que, died Feb. 24, 1896.
 Mrs. Sylvester Coates, Eaton, Que., died April 15, 1896.
 Mrs. Wm. R. Climie, Bowmanville, Ont., died June 25, 1896.



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Embros,	Hamilton, Imman'l,	Scotland,	Woodstock,
Forest,	Kincardine,	Speedside,	Watford.
Frome,	Listowel,	Sarnia,	26 churches.
Fergus,	London, 1st.	Stratford,	

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LONDON DISTRICT ; BRANTFORD DISTRICT ; STRATFORD DISTRICT ;
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London, 1st,	Paris,	Listowel,
London South,	Burford,	Wingham,
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	" Calvary,		Cold Springs.

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" R. Hopkin.	" F. J. Day.

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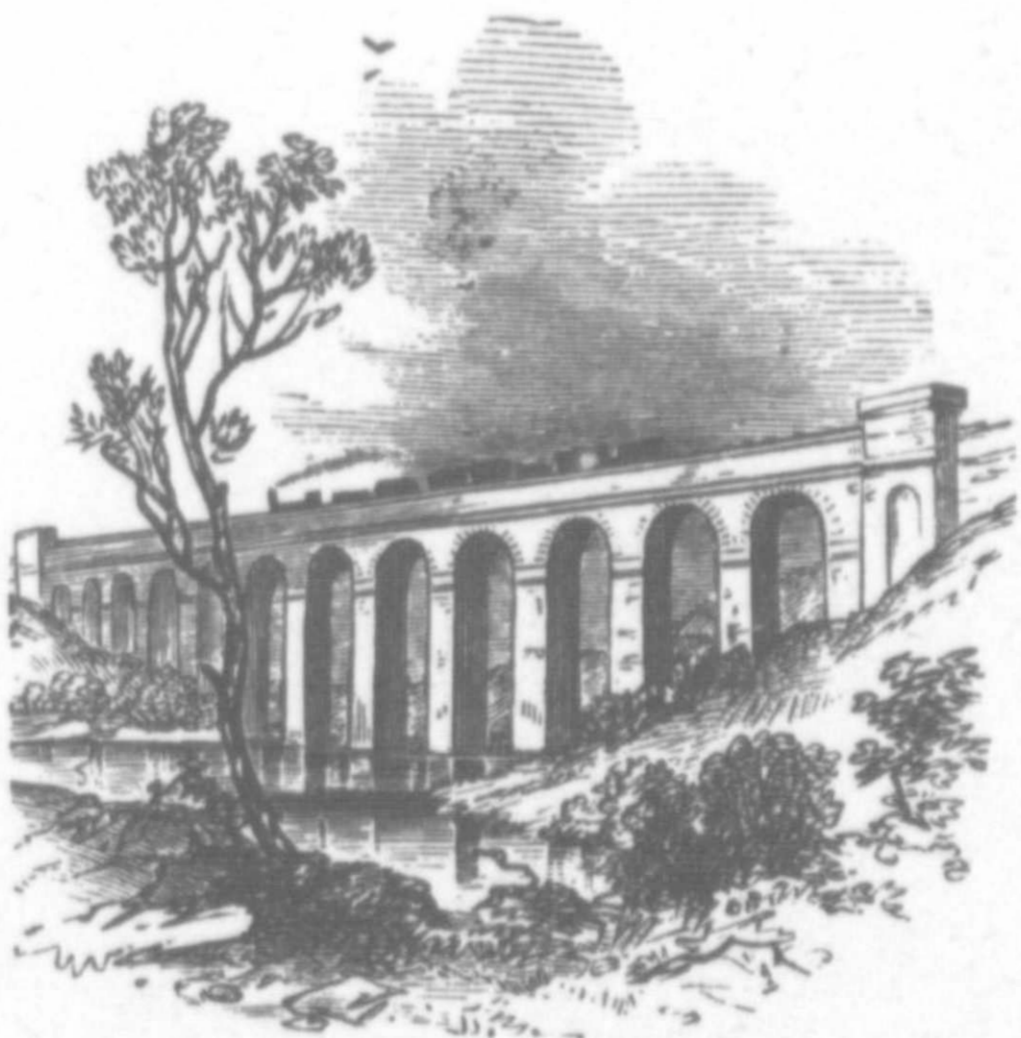
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CONGREGATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

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1. Congregational College of Canada	Montreal, Quebec1839	5 y'rs	3	18
2. New College.....	London, England.....	1696	5 "	4	43
3. Western College.....	Plymouth, "	....1752	6 "	4	26
4. Cheshunt College.....	Cheshunt, "	....1768	4 "	4	33
5. Yorkshire United Indepen- dent College.....	Bradford, "	....1756	6 "	5	27
6. Hackney College.....	Hackney, "	....1803	5 "	5	37
7. Lancashire College.....	Manchester, "	....1816	6 "	8	48
8. Mansfield College.....	Oxford, "	....1886	3 "	6	33
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	31
12. Independent College	Bala-Bangor, "	....1842	4 "	4	34
13. Theological Hall.....	Edinburgh, Scotland..	1811	5 "	2	12
14. Theological Hall (E. U.)...	Glasgow, "	....1843	5 "	4	17
15. Victoria College.....	Melbourne, Australia..	1861	5 "	2	..
16. Camden College	Sydney, "	....1863	4 "	2	17
17. Congregational College.....	Adelaide, "	....1890	4 "	2	3

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; and in the South, six chartered institutions conducted by the American Missionary Assciation, which are not given below.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>Founded.</i>	<i>Course.</i>	<i>Pro-Stu- fes'rs. dts.</i>	
1. Andover Seminary.....	Andover, Mass	1808	3 y'rs	8	46
2. Bangor Seminary.....	Bangor, Me.....	1816	3 "	6	47
3. Chicago Seminary.....	Chicago, Ill.....	....1858	3 "	13	150
4. Hartford Seminary.....	Hartford, Conn.....	1834	3 "	12	40
5. Oberlin Seminary.....	Oberlin, Ohio.....	1835	3 "	9	63
6. Pacific Seminary.....	Oakland, Cal.....	1869	3 "	7	28
7. Divinity School (Yale).....	New Haven, Conn.....	1822	3 "	8	86



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THE UNION OF 1896.



THE forty-third annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, was held in Zion Church, Montreal, 10th June, 1896. Not in the Zion Church building so long known to us, which remains in a dismantled state, as left by the fire, but in a substantial and comfortable building on the higher ground farther from the river, at the corner of Mance and Milton Streets. As some one said, "You go up Bleury Street, till you get about to the top level; and then it is one block to your right." Professor Warriner (Professor of

Biblical Literature), of the College, is the pastor. I could not help thinking how young men develop under our kindly Canadian skies, when recalling a Saturday evening long past, when he, a stripling, not perhaps quite through his "teens," came out to Pine Grove to preach for me, while I was to take his pastor's place for the day in Northern Church, Toronto. A little afraid to try his unfledged powers at home, he did very well in my country pulpit; and received at the close of the service a piece of well-intentioned advice, which he was wise enough not to follow. A deacon's wife, learning who he was, and that he intended to "enter the College in the fall," told him, "Don't you do any such thing—wasting your time there! You can preach good enough now! Go right into the work!" But from the day he entered—and afterwards in the quiet parsonage at Toronto, and then in that octagonal snuggerly in Bowmanville, he took up Greek and Hebrew as specialties. The man with a specialty is the man who succeeds, nowadays! I often told him his proper place was in a Professor's chair; and a Professor's chair was soon insinuatingly tilted toward him! and he fills it well and gracefully!

But by this time the brethren have got pretty much to their seats, and we must forego our chatting. Mr. S. P. Leet, Barrister, of Montreal, the chairman for the year, conducted the opening hour of prayer, 9 to 10 a.m. After formal organization,

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Standing Committees were appointed; and the Annual Report was read by the Secretary. The deaths of the year were tenderly referred to: Mr. Charles Whitlaw, of Paris, Ont.; Rev. Prof. Cornish, Montreal; Mr. H. N. Jackson, Montreal; and others. Various suggestions to expedite business were made reference to.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

The closing words were: "We protest in the strongest terms against all attempts to restore in Manitoba a condition of things, under which a section of the people were left to a large extent uneducated."

THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Made a good showing. With the aid of £150 from the Colonial Missionary Society, England, they have wiped off their deficit reported last year; and for the first time since 1883, had a balance in hand.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

On Wednesday evening, June 10, the church was well filled and the chairman, Mr. Leet, delivered the Annual Address from the chair. It dwelt on "Neglected Opportunities." A thoughtful presentation of an important subject. It will be found in full in its proper place, in this volume.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

The hour for prayer before business in the morning was ever a most profitable season. The hour on Thursday morning was led by Rev. J. K. Unsworth. His short address on "The Contemporaneous God" was admirable. He showed how easy it was to think of God acting in ancient times; or in "1688"; but was not God equally speaking and acting in 1895 and '96? God sent and spoke through David, and Isaiah, and John Baptist; and among ourselves we recognize him as having spoken to us through Lillie, and Wilkes, and Roaf, and Marling, and Climie, and Duff; but does he not speak to us to-day through our contemporaneous brethren, Sims, and Hyde, and Hill, and Black, and Pedley, and Morton?

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OUR U. S. BRETHERN.

The three visitors from the United States, Rev. Drs. Hawes, Baker and Fitch, not only conveyed the salutations and good wishes of the Triennial Council of U. S. Congregationalists, but were full of wise counsel and encouragement. Their presence was a decided gain in the profit as well as pleasure of the meetings.

AMALGAMATION.

Though debated on several days, and under several "Society" auspices, the chief discussion on the proposed amalgamation of all our Societies and the College with the Union, so that they would be all under the supervision of the one body, instead of acting under independent control—was had at the meeting of the Home Missionary Society. The outcome of the discussion was, that without pronouncing for or against the scheme, the Society appointed its chief officers as a Committee, to form part of a Joint Committee, if such should be thus appointed by the Union and the other Societies; to whom should be left the whole question; to report next year. The Union, the College, and the other Societies followed the precedent thus set; and the Joint Committee of about twenty members will meet during the year to consider the matter. It is confidently believed that some wise scheme of co-operation will be marked out, which, whether it assumes the form of amalgamation or not, will bind all the Congregational interests and Societies in closer union.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

While the Home Missionary Society had a clean balance-sheet, and was patiently carrying on its special work, the Foreign Mission was likewise reported in an encouraging position. A fully-trained Medical Missionary was needed in Cisamba, in Africa; but meanwhile the work, both in its secular and spiritual aspects, was going steadily forward.

THE COLLEGE.

The death of Dr. Cornish, so long the Classical Professor, and more recently the Chairman of the College Board, was fittingly referred to. Dr. Cornish was one who grew upon one

on acquaintance. His promptness, his almost military exactness, carried beneath it a warm and sympathetic heart; and those who knew him best loved him most. Later in the day, and most unexpectedly to most, came Rev. Principal Barbour's resignation; to take effect next June. He did not wish to embarrass the Board; and he wished to finish his senior class: hence the twelve months' delay. His (then) ten years' occupancy of the chair will always remain a cherished tradition of the Congregational College. The finances had met the needs of the year; though a floating debt incurred in the years immediately past, still remains. Where are the rich men, to add their gifts to a noble Institution?

THE PUBLISHING COMPANY,

for the first time in ten years at least, was out of debt. The *Congregationalist* and YEAR-BOOK were discussed. The most pressing need with both was admitted to be a better support among the members and adherents of the churches. The suggested and altogether reasonable ratio set by the company has not yet been reached—our Church Paper, and our Year-Book, each circulated in the churches to the number of one-third of the membership. An active young person as Agent and Correspondent in each church, (so long urged, and so little acted upon!) would settle the whole matter.

SOME EXCELLENT DELIVERANCES

were made. The only regret was, that there was so little time to discuss them. On Temperance; on the Labor Question; on Sabbath Observance; on Ministerial Education and Ordination; on closer fellowship with the American Churches. Some of these are to be further considered by standing committees.

"OUR PROMOTED COMRADES."

A deeply interesting hour was spent on Friday morning, (and continued for a little on Saturday,) over the deaths of the year. With a touch of genius, these were called on the official program, "Our Promoted Comrades." Many tender allusions were made to our friends who had fallen by our side, and whose warfare is past. These will be found named in the Union Minutes, and more or less spoken of in the "Record" for the year, or under the heading of "Obituary"—in this volume.

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CORNER STONE.

On Saturday afternoon, late, the Corner Stone of a new church in Westmount, a rising suburb of Montreal, was laid. Rev. Robert Hopkin, pastor. The Mayor of Westmount, F. W. Evans, Esq., Rev. Hugh Pedley of Winnipeg. S. P. Leet, Esq., and Rev. J. Clark Murray, D.D., (Presbyterian,) spoke. The church, organized this year, has encouraging prospects.

SABBATH.

Many pulpits were filled by our brethren. Rev. William Johnston of Toronto preached by appointment of the Union in Zion Church in the morning; and in the evening Rev. Hugh Pedley preached by arrangement of the church. Both were deeply interesting discourses. The Lord's Supper was observed at the conclusion of evening service.

GATHERING UP THE CRUMBS.

There were many things worth remembering: and it may be replied, "If worth remembering, then worth recording." But our space is limited. The luncheons in the basement, presided over by the ladies of the combined churches, were a most pleasant feature: the best dish (where all were good!) being the informal meeting with so many new and old acquaintances. The hospitality of the churches was hearty, and appreciated. The young brethren were full of zeal; the elders full of good counsel. A little more time might have been given to verbal reports from the different churches—always an interesting feature in representative gatherings; but two extra days to the sessions next year will allow more of that. There was little changing of Rules; balloting for chairman without nomination being the principal change resolved on.



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Obituary.

MR. CHARLES WHITLAW, PARIS, ONT.

REV. W. H. ALLWORTH, LANSING, MICH.



WE have looked in vain in our Congregational paper for some obituary notice of Mr. Whitlaw, of Paris, lately deceased. We therefore send these reminiscences of his life and character, gathered during seventeen years of pastoral experience in Paris, during which time Mr. Whitlaw was an efficient deacon and treasurer of the Congregational church there. How long before and after that time he held that official relation to the church we cannot tell. Mr. Charles Whitlaw, who died 13th July, 1895, was born in Montreal, 1823, of Scotch parentage. He came to Paris, Ont., when he was but in his 22nd year, and soon evinced the qualities of a first-class business man. In 1847, he established the flour mills on Grand River St., which he conducted himself until 1878, when he took Mr. A. H. Baird into partnership with him. During this thirty-one years in which the mill was under his sole control, it was a trying time for millers, requiring consummate skill and prudence to keep from dangerous speculations on the one hand, and loss for lack of enterprise on the other. Mr. Whitlaw gained during this period a merchant miller's experience, sometimes gaining large profits, then again losing by the sudden fluctuations in prices, such as required a prophet's eye to foresee. During these years of business changes, Mr. Whitlaw proved himself to be possessed of great business ability. Being diligent, prompt, and upright, he inspired the confidence of his fellow-citizens, both as a merchant and municipal officer. Seventeen times he

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was elected to fill the Mayor's chair, and for many years served faithfully on the Board of Education. He manifested an intense interest in everything that contributed to the growth and prosperity of the town.

Many went to him for advice and help; the needy found in him a friend. It may be said he sent none empty away. As a deacon in the church he was wise and faithful, a helper to his minister, and held in high esteem by his coadjutors in office. As a Sabbath-school teacher, he gathered around him a large class of young men, and spared no pains in giving them correct Bible exposition. For many years he held the office of superintendent of the Sunday school. He was liberal in his benevolences to the church objects as well as to other public claims. On one occasion, after experiencing serious reverses in business and heavy losses, he was known to have expressed his gratitude for what he had given away in objects of beneficence. This, he said, is nearly all I can say I have really saved. Mr. Whitlaw was known by the denomination to which he belonged far beyond the precincts of his own town and church. At the Congregational Union meetings he was generally prominent at the gathering of the College and Missionary meetings, and will be missed not only as a contributor but as a frequent and efficient chairman there. He took interest in all the schemes of the denomination. For many years he was an active worker in the temperance cause, and did much to secure a prohibitory law, and make it a success. He was always courteous and respectful to all, and usually won from others the consideration which he extended to them. We have heard him held up as an example to young men, as one who neither drank intoxicants, nor smoked, or employed anything but courteous and clean language, carefully avoiding coarseness and slang. He was polite in his behaviour to all. No man is faultless here; but we have never met a man so generally respected and loved, or so well deserving the honour thus put upon him, in the church, in the town, and the community who mourn his loss, and sympathize with his family in their bereavement. He leaves two sons and two daughters, and a beloved wife, and a memory that will be fragrant many days to come.

REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.,

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Prof. Cornish was born at Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, England, in 1828. He was educated at Highbury College, London, taking his degree of B.A. from London University in 1855, being shortly afterwards ordained as a Congregational minister. In 1855 he came to Canada, and was for a year or two pastor of the Congregational Church in Milton, Queen's County, N.S., during which time or previously, he was associated with the Rev. F. Tompkins, M.A., LL.D., now of London, England, in carrying on the educational work of Gorham College, at Liverpool, N.S. The institution, which was founded in 1848, was endowed by Mrs. Gorham, with something like \$12,000, and was aided by an annual grant from the Colonial Society of London, of £250 sterling, its object being the education of young men for the ministry, in connection with the Congregational Churches of N.S. and N.B. It was opened in 1850; and was subsequently, after several years of usefulness, consumed by fire, but never rebuilt. In 1857, he was appointed Professor of Classical Literature at McGill University, Montreal, which position he held until his resignation last spring.

As an educationist he was pains-taking and conscientious. The undergraduates esteemed him for his high sense of honor and probity, his unswerving obedience to duty, and his sincere interest in their behalf. He did not, perhaps, immediately win upon the regard. There was a reserve in his manner which had no place in his spirit, which was, when reached, found to be singularly simple, unselfish and genial, as well as manly, tolerant and straightforward. He was sagaciously prudent; his advice was weighty.

When the Congregational Theological Institute in Toronto, moved to Montreal, and became the C. C. of B. N. A., Dr. Cornish rendered valuable services as Professor of Greek Exegesis, laying down the work only very recently. But he still remained a member of the faculty and Secretary of the Board, until a few years ago, when he was elected its Chairman, which honorable position he retained until the end came. He was a deacon and an active member of Zion Church while that was the sole Congregational Church in Montreal. When Emmanuel Church was formed, he transferred his membership to it, and served as its Secretary from that time until his death.

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He was a member of the Normal School Committee of Montreal, and for some years a member of the Committee of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec. He gave lifelong service as Secretary of the Bible Society. Its business he completely grasped and gave punctilious attention to its every detail. In addition to being Secretary of the College Board, he became its President and that of the Missionary Society. In 1871, he was made Chairman of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; he was a representative of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec in the International Council, which met in London, England, in 1891, and a glance at the records of that body shows how heartily and ably he performed his part; all of which offices he filled with the same ability and conscientious attention as that which he gave to every position which he occupied. As a minister he was thoroughly evangelical and earnest. Always willing to fill a vacancy in Emmanuel Church, his voice has been heard as a spiritual teacher with much profit. He lacked the abandon which is essential to popular eloquence, but his mind was robust and his discourses models of strong sense.

It was, however, in his home life that the man was best known to the members of his family and an intimate circle of friends who shared his deepest confidence. He loved to bring his intimates to his library, of which he was proud, and with them discuss the questions of the day, an important book, the great things of life and destiny. Here he was himself; he threw aside reserve; and here he could be best appreciated.

The deceased, who had been a widower for the past six years, leaves one son, Mr. George Cornish. About ten days before his death, Dr. Cornish went for treatment to the General Hospital, Montreal, where he died, August 18th, 1895.

MRS. JOSEPH WALLIS.

HUMBER SUMMIT.

Mrs. Wallis was one of the Gaelic settlement from the Island of Arran, who first attacked the wilderness in the County of Megantic, Quebec. She had many reminiscences of those early days, when they lived in tents made of blankets two months, till they got houses up, and when Capt. McKillop was the leading man of the settlement, and potato-fields and pasture lands were slowly taking the places of the cedar, black birch, and maple thickets of that rocky region. In after years she became the wife of Rev. Malcolm McKillop; who graduated from the Congregational College in 1858, and who for a few years did good and faithful service in the Lord's cause; dying early in the harness. She lived for some years in Inverness, her old home, caring for her two daughters, till in 1870 she married Mr. Joseph T. W. Wallis, near Woodbridge, Ont. At once she made her presence felt in the quiet, wise, patient Christian work she did in the little church now known as Humber Summit church. So wise and perfect a Christian experience, with so winning a manner of counselling the wayward and establishing the doubting, has scarcely been my lot to find elsewhere. For twenty-five years she taught in the Sunday School there, seeing one after another growing up into the responsibilities of life and into Christian maturity under her moulding hand. After many months of failing and suffering, borne with singular patience, she passed away on Sabbath, 29th Sept., 1895, as she herself said—and which she desired to be used at her funeral—"To depart and to be with Christ, which is far better."

W. W. SMITH.

REV. RICHARD TUTIN THOMAS.

Mr. Thomas will be remembered by the older readers of the YEAR BOOK, as the first pastor of the Northern Church, Toronto; though for the last quarter of a century laboring in England. He was born in Leamington, Warwickshire, in 1842.

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The next year the family left England, and came to Toronto. Converted in boyhood, he joined Zion Church in that city. With some other young men he formed a branch of the "Y.M.C.A.," which has since grown to be so noble an institution in Toronto. He was one also to establish a mission and S. S. up Church Street; which afterwards grew into the "Northern Church." I remember being at their service once, in the little brick school house, where George Hague was the preacher, and good old Rev. John Roaf one of the hearers.

When the new church was fairly on its feet, and Mr. Thomas through his studies in the college, he was (in 1875) called to the pastorate. Here he labored for two memorable years. And just when we were all getting acquainted with him, and had learned to love him, he was struck with disease, and experienced a complete break-down physically. It was thought his only chance was in the milder climate of England, and thither he went. Though in impaired health, he was able to labor on for nearly twenty years in the Old Land; first in London, then at Chishill and Barley, and afterwards at Therfield, Hertfordshire. He died in the house of Rev. T. C. Udall, London, ministered to by loving hands, on 16th August, 1895. Mr. Udall says, speaking of his last moments:

"To our surprise, he again rallied. He said, 'I see you all.' Then, pointing in the direction of the book-case, 'I see Jesus! You must not think this is an illusion; but I am perfectly clear and sane.'"

Mr. Thomas was never married. He was an enthusiastic distributor of tracts, and wrought out an organized scheme of tract-distribution with Mr. Robert Freeland; which has had some blessed results. Mr. Thomas occasionally wrote hymns as well as tracts. One of the former, "We want the world for Jesus!" [See *Canadian Independent*, June, 1887,] has obtained very general recognition, and is sung in many English-speaking countries.

W. W. SMITH.

HENRIETTA FOSTER,

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The decease of Miss Henrietta Foster is a special loss to the social circle in which she moved, to Olivet Congregational Church, to the cause of temperance and social purity, and to the church at large.

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Born at Barnsley, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, in 1835, two or three years of her girlhood were spent at Ackworth School. In this grand old Quaker Institution the first purpose is to instil sound moral and religious principles. Next to this, the chief aim is not to cram the pupils with a smattering of knowledge on many lines, but to *teach them how to learn*. This system of instruction worked well with Miss Foster; her education was never finished. Some time after leaving school her parents came to Canada, and she spent two years at Rockwood Academy with her uncle, the present writer. Armed with ambition and a teacher's certificate, she taught successfully for two or three terms, some thirty miles north of Toronto, and took much interest in an adjoining Sunday school. Attached to her profession and to the people around her, she gave up her own preference, and returned home to wait on her invalid mother. For twelve years she soothed many hours of anguish, and showed her faith to be not so much a matter of emotion as an indwelling power prompting to daily self-sacrifice.

Soon after coming to Canada the family joined the Methodist Church, in which Miss Foster held a place of honor for the work's sake. Some years after the death of her mother, and later, that of her father, she went to St. Catharines to keep house for her uncle, and joined the Congregational Church soon after the opening of his pastorate there. Six years later she returned to Toronto, where she became assistant postmistress in the Yorkville office, a position retained until her decease.

In these varied allotments, her shrewd common sense and business capacity, her habit of close study and keen observation, her reverent spirit and cheerful temper gave her position and influence in the counsels of the W. C. T. U., and were evidence of high and holy purpose in the circles of social, church, and business life, producing results to be known hereafter.

Of course she had her failings like the rest of us. Her force of character and high moral standard made her intolerant of shams, and that intolerance sometimes cast a shadow over a mere difference of opinion with those she loved. But there was steady growth in grace from girlhood to mature age, and in simple faith and consecration, she obeyed the injunction, "Be filled with the Spirit." This fullness of blessing brought great joy under sore losses and trials, and gave her spiritual discernment and insight, because the clearest vision goes with the purest heart. To-day many can bear testimony to the startling

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fitness of a text or word of counsel handed out with a letter from the Yorkville wicket. This baptism with the Holy Ghost, so clearly taught but so rarely enjoyed, is the true secret of her social influence and of her faithful activity in Sunday school, church and temperance service, often in weariness and painfulness.

Two weeks before her death the writer visited her as she slowly rallied from an unusually severe attack. Not many words were spoken, but with clasped hands we took sweet counsel together, and were in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We thought she might survive the summer, but it was not to be. Near midnight of June 3rd, 1896, she suddenly fell asleep in Jesus, her last conscious act being an attempt to stroke the face of her cousin Jane. For years their union in heart and home had been very lovely and pleasant. On the 6th, after impressive service at Olivet, where five or six ministers made wholesome addresses to a large and sympathetic audience, we laid her tenantless clay beside her father and mother. "She being dead, yet speaketh."

W. WETHERALD.

MISS ELIZABETH SCOTT,

BARRIE, ONT.

Miss Scott, whom her friends in their loving familiarity always called "Libby Scott," died in Toronto, 18th January, 1896. She was the daughter of Mr. Alexander Scott, of Barrie, Ont. Miss Scott came to Toronto from the Barrie Congregational Church last summer, and residing for some months in the vicinity of Concord Church made herself acquainted, and soon became an active worker in the church and Sunday school. Her cheerful, ready, loving spirit soon gave her a large place in the affection of those with whom she came into contact, and it was with deep regret we parted with her late in the fall of last year, when she removed from the north western part of the city to a down-town location. On Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., the night of the Toronto District Association Meeting in Concord Church, although feeling too unwell to enjoy the meeting, she came a long distance to be present, partly to meet the Rev. Mr. Secord, her former pastor in Barrie and partly to see her friends

of "Concord" and to spend an evening in the church dear to her heart. That night she was taken seriously ill, and on the Saturday following went to be with Christ, whom, "having not seen," she had so truly loved. Her memory is an inspiration to many in Concord Church. We thank God for having sent her to us even while we sorrow on account of our loss. We who love her and miss her here, sympathize with those who sorrow in Barrie, and especially do we commend to our Heavenly Father her loving parents in their deep bereavement.

Another account from Barrie, says:—The church here deeply sympathize with the family of Mr. Alex. Scott, in the loss of their beloved "Libby," who died in Toronto on Jan. 18th. She was also the beloved of the whole church, and we all feel as if we had lost one of our own. Last Sabbath, Feb. 2nd, we held a memorial service in the morning, when the church was decorated with flowers, which seemed to friends most fitting, as Miss Scott always delighted in beautifying the church with flowers. There was a large congregation. The pastor, Mr. A. Secord, took for his text the words of St. Paul: "Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many that they may be saved. Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ." The speaker brought out very fully the true spirit of the religion of Christ, viz., self-sacrifice that others may be blessed, and concluded by showing how fully Libby Scott had shown forth this spirit. Her life here on earth had only been short, but she had put into it much of love and devotion to Christ. She was always forgetful of self, and ever on the alert to see what could be done to lead to Christ those with whom she came in contact in church life. She forgot no one, but seemed to be filled with a burning desire that each and all may be saved. She really strove "to please all," meeting each with a loving smile, which came from a loving heart, which seemed to be ever going up to God in silent prayer for the conversion of each. She truly gave her life in loving service to others, "not seeking her own profit but the profit of many, that they may be saved." She was specially active in Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work. We believe there are natural causes for every death, but we also believe that God may have taken this earnest follower of His to Himself that those for whom she has worked and prayed may be led to decide for Him. May they take that blessed step now.

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MRS. SUSAN M. WALKER.

Mrs. Walker—*née* Susan M. Wilkes—was born in Birmingham, England, Sept. 27th, 1813, and was, therefore, at the time of her death, in her eighty-second year. Her father, however, having decided to emigrate to America, she, with all the rest of the family, came to Canada, by way of New York, and after a stay of a few months in "York," (now Toronto) became a resident of Brantford, about the year 1821. There she grew to womanhood, married Mr. William Walker (for some years Postmaster of the town), and continued to reside till about the year 1862, when having lost her husband, and her two sons, Mr. Henry W. Walker and Mr. James F. Walker, having gained responsible positions in the Grand Trunk Railway Offices in Montreal, she removed to that city, and on her father's death, made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Birks, till her death.

There was, indeed, a band of noble devoted Christian women in the Brantford church—widows that were "widows indeed"—and Mrs. Walker foremost among them in all the loving and beautiful ministries which such as they know so well how to render. Our Woman's Board had not then been organized, nor our Woman's Christian Temperance Union, but she was deeply interested in both Home and Foreign Mission work, in meetings for Mothers, in Sunday schools (being herself one of our most faithful teachers), and, indeed, in every department of the church's work. And when, in later years, our Woman's Board was organized and the Women of Canada began to band together "for God, and Home, and Native Land," to save their husbands, and sons, and brothers from the curse of the liquor traffic, Mrs. Walker threw herself with all her heart into these new movements, in which she never ceased to take an interest as long as she was spared to the church on earth. The call came at last somewhat suddenly. She had been failing for several months, when an attack of pneumonia, lasting only a week, closed her long and useful life.—[*Condensed from notice in Congregationalist, by Rev. John Wood.*]

MRS. WILBERFORCE LEE.

On Friday, November 15th, 1895, a life went out of our sight that leaves a great void here and makes many hearts weep. It was Mrs. Agnes Carter Lee who was laid in the Cowansville

Churchyard on Monday at 2 o'clock. Only a few weeks ago she returned with husband and child for rest in this country, but more particularly for Mr. Lee's sake. She was well, only worn for a month or so, when she was taken sick at her home in Cowansville. After a week or so she was brought into Montreal for treatment, but she gradually sank away. With much sincerity we weep with those who weep, for she was dear to us all. She was the granddaughter of an old Congregational minister sent out by the Colonial Society, Mr. Mackay, who died at his post in Ontario. She was the daughter of W. P. Carter, from the Cowansville Church, and went out four years ago to be married to Mr. Lee, at Benguella. It was only recently that their special relations were transferred from our Canadian society to the American Board. Bright and beautiful, talented and winsome, she had a deep Christian experience that made her eager to lead souls to Christ. Her wandering mind in the last days was preaching Christ and urging all about her to work for souls. May the spirit and mantle of her yearning for Africa fall on us all.—E. M. H. *in Congregationalist*.



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" T. B. HYDE.	" R. J. McKELVEY.

Place of Meeting.

First Congregational Church, Kingston, Ont.

Preachers.

ANNUAL SERMON, SUNDAY MORNING.

REV. THOMAS SIMS, D.D.

ALTERNATE.

REV. WM. McINTOSH.

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 the 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 such 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,

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and those who furnish evidence of having completed a course of study in the Congregational College of Canada, and having being 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 ministry; (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 recommended 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 the 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.—On Friday evening a Conference on the State of Religion shall be held, at which the Statistical Secretaries shall submit their annual reports; the Chairman and Secretary of the Union, and the pastor in the place of meeting, to be a committee to make arrangements for such conference.

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

8.—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.

9.—The members of the Union shall register their attendance 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 session.

10.—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.

11. 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.

12.—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.

13.—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 not to be made until after the final adjournment, except with leave of the Union.

14.—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.

15.—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.

16.—In order to facilitate the introduction of properly accredited 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 Congregation 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.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE AND CONFESSION OF FAITH.

Adopted by the Union at its Annual Meeting at Ottawa, 8th June, 1886.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.

I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord ; who is of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made ;

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who, together with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified.

II. We believe that the Providence of God, by which He executes His eternal purposes in the Government of the world, is in and over all events ; so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love and obey God, and enjoy Him forever ; that our first parents by disobedience fell under the righteous condemnation of God ; and that all men are so alienated from God, that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin, except through God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return to Him ; that to this end He has made Himself known, not only through the works of nature, the course of His providence, and the consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of the time was come, through Jesus Christ His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the records of God's revelation of Himself in the work of redemption ; that they were written by men under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit ; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teaching and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of His Son ; who became man, uniting His divine nature with our human nature in one person ; who was tempted like other men, yet without sin ; who, by His humiliation, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His death on the cross, and His resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer ; whose sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and reconciliation with Him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after He had risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, as the one Mediator between God and man, He carries forward His work of saving men ; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin and to lead them to repentance and faith ; and that those who, through renewing grace, turn to righteousness, and trust to Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for His sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified, grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and obedience to the truth ; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saving faith ; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace ; that to Jesus Christ, the Head of this kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in faith and conduct ; and that to Him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible and spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches for the

maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches, under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures, and in fellowship with one another, may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the Gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for His Church; Baptism, to be administered to believers, and children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby He confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with Himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and eternal life.

The Union also submit for the use of the churches, in the admission of members, the following

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. [Ps. cxvi. 12-14]

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven. [Matt. x. 32, 33.]

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [Rom. x. 10.]

Dearly beloved, called of God to be His children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here that, in the presence of God and His people you may enter into the fellowship and communion of His Church. You do truly repent of your sins; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Saviour and risen Lord, you consecrate yourself unto God and your life to His service; you accept His Word as your law, and His Spirit as your comforter and Guide; and, trusting to His grace to confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, you promise to do God's holy will, and to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by this church into whose fellowship you now enter, you join with ancient saints, with the church throughout the world, and with us your fellow believers, in humbly and heartily confessing your faith in the Gospel, saying:

I BELIEVE in God the FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in JESUS CHRIST, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the HOLY GHOST; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Then should baptism be administered to those who have not been baptized. Then should those arise who would unite with the church by letter. To them the minister should say]:

Confessing the Lord whom we unitedly worship, you do now renew your self-consecration, and join with us cordially in this our Christian faith and covenant.

[The members of the church present should rise]:

We welcome you into our fellowship. We promise to watch over you with Christian love. God grant, that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. [Hebrews xiii. 20, 21.]

[Jude, 24, 25, is proposed as an alternative benediction.]

RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO COUNCILS.

*Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Union in Montreal, June, 1876,
and re affirmed in 1880 and 1882.*

1. That previous to the formation of a new Church of our order, a Council of pastors and delegates of sister churches should be called by the parties desiring to be formed into such a church, and that statements and documents relating to the proposed organization should be presented to the Council thus formed, and its advice in the matter sought.

2. That in the ordination, recognition or installation of pastors, and in the setting apart of evangelists in or among the churches, the church over whom the pastor is to be placed, or of which the evangelist is a member, should call a Council, before whom shall be laid the call of the church, and the credentials of the paster-elect, or of the evangelist, as the case may be, and the advice of the Council sought in relation thereto.

3. That a Council consists of the representatives of churches, not individuals, and it is expedient that each church consulted should be represented by its pastor and a delegate, and should embrace, though not exclusively, the sister Congregational churches contiguous to the church or people seeking advice.

CHURCHES CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

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

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| Black, J. R., B.A., Kingston, Ont. | Mason, H. C., B.A., Brandon, Ont. |
| Bolton, Charles E., Tiverton P.O., Ont. | Mason, H. E., Wingham, Ont. |
| Brown, J. L., Franklin Centre, Que. | MacColl, Evan C. W., Kingsport, N.S. |
| Clarke, W. F., Guelph, Ont. | McAdie, James, St. Andrews, Que. |
| Claris, William H. A., London, Ont. | McCormack, A., Coldsprings, Ont. |
| Craik, Galen H., Waterville, Que. | McCuaig, J. A. C., Toronto. |
| Currie, W. T., Cisamba, W. C. Africa. | McGregor, A. F., B.A., Woodstock, O. |
| Daley, J. T., B.A., Burford, Ont. | McIntosh, William, Ottawa, Ont. |
| Day, B. W., Granby, Que. | McKillican, John, Montreal, Que. |
| Day, F. J., B.A., Sherbrooke, Que. | McKinnon, J., Pilot Mound, Man. |
| Duff, Charles, M.A., Toronto. | Moore, Churchill, Ayer's Flat, Que. |
| Evans, Einion C., D.D., Montreal. | Mote, W. H., D.D., Wingham, Ont. |
| Fuller, George, London, Eng. | Morton, J., Hamilton, Ont. |
| Gerrie, A. W., B.A., West Torrington,
Conn. | Nicholls, S., Melbourne, Que. |
| Gerrie, John P., B.A., Toronto. | Pedley, H., B.A., Winnipeg, Man. |
| Goffin, J. W., Edgar, Ont. | Pedley, J. W., B.A., London, Ont. |
| Gray, M. S., Laurel, Ont. | Pritchard, W. S., Bowmanville, Ont. |
| Gunn, W. T., M.A., Cowansville, Que. | Read, G. E., Rock Island, Que. |
| Gunner, F., M.D., Listowel, Ont. | Richardson, A. W., B.A., Kingston, O. |
| Hall, Thomas, Montreal, Que. | Salmon, John, B.A., Toronto. |
| Hamilton, D.S., B.A., Montreal, Que. | Schofield, John, Brantford, Ont. |
| Hay, Robert, Eaton, Que. | Sandwell, G.H., New Bedford, U.S. |
| Hay, William, Watford, Ont. | Silcox, E. D., Embro, Ont. |
| Hill, E. M., M.A., Montreal, Que. | Sims, Thomas, D.D., Toronto. |
| Hindley, John I., M.A., Forest, Ont. | Skinner, George, Frome, Ont. |
| Hindley, W. J., Embro, Ont. | Smith, William W., St. Catharines, Ont. |
| Hodgkinson, T., | Swanson, I. J. |
| Hopkin, Robert, Montreal, Que. | Unsworth, Joseph, Toronto. |
| Hyde, T. B., Toronto. | Unsworth, J. K., B.A., Scotland, Ont. |
| Jackson, W. P., Brigham, Que. | Warriner, W. H., B.D., Montreal, Que. |
| Johnston, William, Toronto, Ont. | Watson, W. H., Hamilton, Ont. |
| Macallum, D., Maxville, Ont. | Webb, Thomas, Toronto, Ont. |
| Macaulay, Alex., Middleville, Ont. | Wild, Joseph, D.D., Bronté, Ont. |
| Madill, J. C., Sarnia, Ont. | Williams, B. B., Guelph, Ont. |
| | Wood, John, Truro, N. S. |

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The Forty-Third Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec met with Zion Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, June 10th, at 9 a. m.

Mr. Seth P. Leet, Chairman, conducted the devotional meeting.

The registered attendance gave the presence of the following ministers, delegates and visitors:—

MINISTERS.

Bolton, C. E., Kincardine, O.	Moore, Churchill, Ayer's Flat, Q.
Black, R. K., Granby, Q.	McCormack, A., Cold Springs, O.
Black, J. R., Kingston, O.	McGregor, A. F., Woodstock, O.
Brown, J. L., Franklin Centre, Q.	McIntosh, Wm., Ottawa, O.
Daley, J. T., Burford, O.	McKillican, John, Montreal, Q.
Day, B. W., Granby, Q.	Morton, John, Hamilton, O.
Day, F. J., Sherbrooke, Q.	Pedley, Hugh, Winnipeg, Man.
Craik, G. H., Waterville, Q.	Pedley, Jas. W., London, O.
Clarke, W. F., Guelph, O.	Richardson, A. W., Kingston, O.
Evans, E. C., Montreal, Q.	Read, G. Ellery, Rock Island, Q.
Gerrie, J. P., Toronto, O.	Sims, Thomas, Toronto, O.
Hay, Robt., Eaton, Q.	Schofield, John, Brantford, O.
Hopkin, Robt., Westmount, Q.	Smith, W. W., St. Catharines, O.
Hindley, J. I., Forest, O.	Unsworth, J. K., Scotland, O.
Jackson, W. P., Brigham, Q.	Warriner, W. H., Montreal, Q.
Johnston, Wm., Toronto, O.	Watson, W. H., Hamilton, O.
Main, A. W., Danville, Q.	Wood, John, Truro, N. S.

DELEGATES.

Alexander, A., Hamilton, O.	Hilton, Zeph., Toronto, O.
Alexander, J. L., Middleville, O.	Horsey, H. J., Ottawa, O.
Alexander, James, Melbourne, Q.	Hume, H. E., Ottawa, O.
Black, John, Hamilton, O.	Jackson, Thos., Kingston, O.
Blythe, R. Y., Belwood, O.	Lighthall, W. D., Montreal, Q.
Brown, O. W., Fitch Bay, Q.	Leet, S. P., Montreal, Q.
Copp, J. C., Toronto, O.	McEwen, Peter, Maxville, O.
Craig, Adam, Middleville, O.	McIlraith, A. F., Toronto, O.
Cushing, Charles, Montreal, Q.	McIntosh, D. C., Lanark, O.
Dewar, Duncan, St. Andrew's, Q.	McKelvey, R. J., Kingston, O.
Garlick, H. T., Montreal, Q.	McLachlan, R. W., Montreal, Q.
Hay, Mrs., Watford, O.	McNicol, John, Sherbrooke, Q.
Hawkins, C. W., Fitch Bay, Q.	O'Hara, H., Toronto, O.

Pollock, A. F., Speedside, O.
 Rice, H. G., Knowlton, Q.
 Roper, George, Toronto, O.
 Secord, Albert, Barrie, O.

Scott, George, Toronto, O.
 Watt, R. G., Maxville, O.
 Williams, C. T., Montreal, Q.
 Wright, Mrs. M. J., Westmount, Q.

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

Minute Secretaries.—Rev. F. J. Day and A. P. Pollock.

Business Committee.—Revs. J. R. Black, T. Sims, Wm. McIntosh, J. W. Pedley ; Messrs. C. T. Williams, R. S. Weir and J. C. Copp.

Membership Committee.—Revs. John Morton, C. E. Bolton, J. T. Dalcy, J. I. Hindley ; Messrs. H. O'Hara and John McNicol.

Nomination Committee.—Revs. E. M. Hill, W. H. Warriner, W. H. Watson, B. W. Day, John Wood ; Messrs. R. Y. Blythe and George Roper.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. A. Alexander, R. W. McLachlan and Rev. W. T. Gunn.

Reporter for Canadian Congregationalist.—W. W. Smith.

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

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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Union takes great pleasure in meeting in Montreal, after the usual period of four years. We are indeed pleased to visit this City so familiar to many of us in our student days, and to whom will come in connection with these gatherings, pleasant associations and memories of days gone by. McGill University will be to many of us a centre of attraction, while the Congregational College will be found to have lost none of her claims upon our thoughts and affections. The churches, too, Zion, Calvary, Emmanuel, we remember them all, nor are these latter memories confined to the graduates of the College, since from the organization of the Union the annual gathering has assembled in this city every four years, so that among our churches none are more familiar friends than these three already named.

Of these three, it will not seem invidious to make special mention of Zion, whose hospitality we enjoy at the present time. We recall with gratitude to God, the great power and influence for good which this historic church exerted, not only in Montreal, but also throughout the Dominion. We remember with regret the vicissitudes and trying experiences of more recent years, but rejoice that amidst them all, Zion never was without a light, though at times it seemed a dim and uncertain flame. We look now upon the new, comfortable and commodious home, which was entered into a few months ago; and as we view the many evidences of prosperity about us, our hearts are filled with praise to God, that under the able and faithful ministrations of Rev. Prof. Warriner, Zion is again moving forward with rapid steps toward her former position of power and influence in this city, and in our denomination. We extend to these friends of "Auld Lang Syne" our hearty greeting; and in the pleasant recognition of old friends we are not forgetful of the new ones which have appeared on the scene, to extend the hand of welcome. Four years ago it was the new and progressive church at Point St. Charles; now it is the promising cause at Westmount, under the young and energetic pastor, Rev. Robert Hopkin, for whose labors we pray the richest blessings of God.

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IN MEMORIAM.

At one of the morning meetings last year special mention was made of the serious illness of Mr. Charles Whitlaw, of Paris, who was for many years a familiar figure at former Union gatherings, and a generous supporter of all denominational objects, as well as a citizen prominent and honored in public life. In the death of Mr. Whitlaw a few weeks later a truly good man has been promoted from us.

One month later there was removed from our Honor-Roll a name that has been inseparably connected with Canadian Congregationalism for the past forty years. In many hearts, not only in Congregational, but also in other circles, not only in Canada, but also in other lands, the deepest sorrow was felt when the death of Rev. George Cornish, L.L.D., was announced.

Mention should also be made of the death of Mrs. Lee, wife of Rev. Wilberforce Lee, a former missionary of our churches to Africa. We are pleased to announce a memorial service, when these and other promoted comrades will be remembered.

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD.

AMALGAMATION.—That with reference to the Resolution as per page 151 of the YEAR BOOK, which was referred to the Churches, Associations and Societies for consideration and report, it is recommended that the question be not taken up until Saturday morning, so that the societies interested may have an opportunity to consider the matter in annual meeting between now and that date, and report to the Secretary of the Union.

WORK OF COMMITTEES.

The Conveners of Committees on Prison Reform, Temperance, the Dominion Alliance, Lord's Day Observance, Credentials, Ordination and Church Union, were all notified of their appointment, while subsequent notices were given of their expected reports. These, no doubt, will be presented when called for, and your Committee, therefore, makes no comment on the work and questions coming within the province of the different committees.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

It will be remembered that the three-fold reports, including general church matters, the Christian Endeavor Society, and Sunday School work, were placed in the hands of Rev. D. S. Hamilton; who will present them on Friday evening. We would bespeak for these reports the careful hearing of the Union.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES.

As will be seen by the programme, conferences have been arranged for the consideration of C. E. and S. S. work, by the Committee appointed last year. Rev. A. F. McGregor will preside at the former, and Rev. J. T. Daley at the latter. We trust that much good will be the outcome of mutual counsel in these important departments of church service.

A QUEBEC LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

A communication has been received from the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal, asking for the appointment of a Committee to confer with Committees of other denominations, for the purpose of forming a Lord's Day Alliance of Quebec similar to that of Ontario. We recommend that this be referred to the Committee on Lord's Day Observance.

FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS.

It is gratifying to state that of the delegates appointed to the National Council at Syracuse, Revs. E. M. Hill and W. H. Warriner, were able to attend; and the Union will have the pleasure of hearing from these brethren on Friday morning. The Council, we are pleased to announce, named as delegates to this Union, Rev. Smith Baker, D.D., East Boston, Mass.; Rev. Edward Hawes, D.D., Burlington, Vt.; Rev. F. S. Fitch, D.D., Buffalo, N.Y.; and Rev. H. P. Dewey, Concord. The three first named have signified their intention of being present; while Mr. Dewey, in his uncertainty, has forwarded greetings to the Union. To the visiting brethren has been given a place on the programme, and we assure them of a most cordial welcome to our meetings. Of the delegates selected to convey greetings to the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, we are glad to note that Revs. John Wood, John McKillican and Charles Duff were

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able to respond. We rejoice to welcome Rev. J. W. Cox as a delegate from that Union, who will convey to us the greetings of the brethren by the sea. He, too, is assured of the most cordial reception at the hands of the Union.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

One year ago the Union placed a resolution on record in connection with this matter. Since that time remedial legislation has been before our Dominion Parliament, and is now a question of special prominence. We would recommend that the Business Committee present a Resolution for the consideration of the Union.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

A communication has been received from Rev. H. A. Hazen, Secretary of the National Council of the United States, calling attention to the meeting of the International Congregational Council, which it is expected will assemble in 1899. This Union would place on record its most hearty willingness to co-operate with brethren of other lands, in helping to make the gathering one of world-wide importance, and would instruct our secretary to communicate with Mr. Hazen to this effect.

OUR CLOSING MEETINGS.

We are pleased to announce that on Monday evening, Rev. R. M. Hill will deliver a stereoptican lecture on "Congregational Shrines." It is hoped that all the members may be able to remain for this evening, and that it may be one of the best of the Union. We would recommend that in future the time for closing be extended to Wednesday evening. In placing this report in your hands, we do so with the earnest prayer that in every session there may be recognized the presence of the Master, and that in our deliberations and counsel, we may be directed by the Spirit of God. We pray for the brethren a time of rich profit, and that all assembled may have abundant reason to thank God for the Union of 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GERRIE.

Moved by Mr. H. G. Garlick, seconded by Rev. J. T. Daley, —That the report be received and referred to the Business Committee. Carried.

The following applications for membership were referred to the Membership Committee:—Revs. Harry E. Mason, F. J. Day and W. P. Jackson, graduates of the Congregational College of Canada; Rev. Dr. Evans from Springfield Association, Mo.; Rev. John Schofield, from the Beloit District Convention of Wisconsin; Rev. W. J. Hindley from the Cleveland Congregational Conference, and A. W. Bennet, from the East Hants Ministerial Fraternal Association, England; Bethlehem Church, Westmount, and Welcome-Zion Church, Ottawa.

The following applications for letters of transfer were also referred to the Membership Committee:—Rev. Joseph Colclough and Rev. S. L. Mitchell.

Replies to letters of condolence sent last year were read from Mrs. J. G. Sanderson, Dr. J. S. King and Mr. W. A. Lamb.

A communication from the Single Tax Association was read asking that an "Address to the Churches" from a number of labor organizations be presented officially to the Union. The matter was referred to the Business Committee.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Gladden in reply to the resolution of thanks forwarded him after last Union.

Communications were also received from the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Fitch, Rev. F. H. Dewey, Rev. Dr. Hawes, delegates, and Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Secretary of the National Council of the United States, the last mentioned being referred to the business Committee for action.

WEDNESDAY Evening.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. Sims of Toronto and Rev. John Morton, of Hamilton. The address of welcome was given by Rev. Prof. Warriner, of Zion Church, to which Rev. J. R. Black replied; at the same time introducing the Chairman, Mr. Seth P. Leet, who then delivered the annual address on "A Neglected Privilege."

On motion of the Rev. John Morton the address was referred to the Business Committee for publication, after which the meeting was closed with the Benediction by the Rev. John McKillican.

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THURSDAY Morning.

The devotional exercises from nine to ten were conducted by the Rev. J. K. Unsworth. Mr. Seth P. Leet then took the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman of the Business Committee presented the following amended Resolution for that of last year, concerning the Manitoba School question, which, after discussion, was adopted :—

That, while, on the one hand, we as Congregationalists assert for ourselves, and equally for others, the right to teach what we or they believe to be true, and would not permit the liberty of the subject, in this respect, to be interfered with, we regard public education as a necessary corollary of democratic government, and maintain that it should be enforced by Government. That while we recognize the wisdom and foresight of the Fathers of Confederation in vesting in Parliament the duty of protecting religious minorities in their natural and constitutional rights, we protest in the strongest terms against all attempts to restore in Manitoba a condition of things under which a section of the people of that province was left to a large extent uneducated, and against all attempts at this stage to coerce Manitoba in regard to its educational policy.

The report of the Union Committee was then adopted.

The Business Committee presented a Preacher's List, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed as Standing Rule No. 16 of the Union.

The Membership Committee recommended :

1. That the applications of the Revs. John Schofield, H. E. Mason, W. J. Hindley, W. P. Jackson, F. J. Day ; Bethlehem Church, Westmount, and Welcome-Zion Church, Ottawa be accepted.
2. That the applications of the Rev. A. W. Bennett be left over.
3. That letters of transfer be granted to the Rev. S. L. Mitchell and Rev. Joseph Colclough.
4. That Rev. R. Hopkin and A. Macaulay, who applied for membership last year, be received.
5. That the Rev. J. W. Cox be received as a corresponding member.

All of which was concurred in.

An application for letter of dismissal from the Union for Rev. S. N. Jackson, of Barre, Vt., was referred to the Membership Committee.

A communication from the W.C.T.U. was referred to the Sabbath Observance Committee.

A letter from the Rev. Rolph Duff, withdrawing his application for membership, and two touching the character of W. H. Madill were referred to the Membership Committee.

On behalf of the Union Committee, the Secretary nominated Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A., Ph.D., of Forest, as chairman for 1896. The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot, which was done and Dr. Hindley declared elected.

Moved by Mr. H. T. Garlick, seconded by Rev. J. McKilligan, that the Armenian question be referred to the Business Committee for resolution to be presented to the Union. Carried.

The Rev. Prof. Warriner then introduced the following delegates from the National Council of the United States:—Revs. Edward Hawes, D.D., Frank Fitch, D.D., and Smith Baker, D.D., who conveyed the greetings of the brethren across the line.

It was moved by the Rev. E. M. Hill, seconded by W. F. Clarke, that these delegates be received as corresponding members, and that our cordial reciprocations of their remarks be manifested by a standing vote. Carried.

The Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A., conveyed the greetings of the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The meeting then adjourned.

FRIDAY Morning.

The Memorial Service was held at nine o'clock, and was conducted by Mr. Seth P. Leet. At ten o'clock the minutes were read and confirmed.

The Business Committee reported as follows:—

1. We recommend as a reply of the Union to the communications of the Single Tax, and other Societies associated with them in the Communication:—

That, we, the members of the Congregational Union, in response to the address to the churches from The Single Tax Association, The Trade and Labor Council, The Allied Printers' Trades Council, The International Builders' Employers' Union, The International Association of Machinists, The Toronto Typographical Union, The Street Railway Employees' Union and Benefit Society, recognize with sorrow that there is much in the prevailing social conditions which demands amelioration, and express our sincere sympathy with every effort that harmonizes with Christian principles in the elevation of all classes, and our willingness to co-operate in all efforts consistent with the teachings of Christ: believing that with the growth of true religion there will come a permanent welfare of the people.

2. That the Chairman be thanked for his address, and that he be requested to place it in the hands of the editor of the YEAR BOOK for publication.

3. That standing rule No. 5, be amended by striking out the words "or otherwise after nomination by the Union Committee or other nominations," and inserting the words, "without nomination."

The report was adopted.

The Membership Committee reported progress.

The Nomination Committee presented a list of appointments for Sunday.

The Secretary presented the following communications:—

1. From Rev. H. P. Dewey, delegate from the National Council, conveying greetings. The letter was received, and the Secretary Instructed to reply on behalf of the Union.

2. From Rev. W. J. Watt, applying for open letter of dismissal from the Union. Referred to the Membership Committee.

3. From Rev. W. F. Clarke, concerning the Rev. J. C. Madill. Referred to the Membership Committee.

4. From Rev. D. S. Hamilton, Statistical Secretary, stating his inability to be present. and that his report would be forwarded.

Rev. J. R. Black, Convener of the Temperance Committee, presented the following report:—

Your Committee on Temperance, in submitting its report, has to state that during the past year, in the Province of Ontario, the Temperance movement has been for the most part stationary. The question as to the prohibitory powers of the Province, previously submitted to the Privy Council, was only decided about a month ago, and pending this the Ontario Government refused to proceed further, while the people generally awaited the result before pressing their conviction in the direction of Provincial prohibition. This decision, however, of the highest legal tribunal in the Empire, having been received, and by it, it is known that, at least, prohibition by municipalities is within the constitutional rights of the Province, the work of legal prohibition will be again prosecuted.

In the Province of Quebec also, the delay of the Privy Council's decision served the purpose of those who wished to postpone and shirk their responsibilities in regard to the liquor traffic. Yet there have been some improvements in the legislation in the Province of Quebec. The right of municipal councils to refuse any application for license which has been successfully challenged in the courts has been made explicit in the law. Hotel keepers have been prohibited by statute from taking out a license to sell for medicinal purposes in a locality where a local prohibitory law is in force. The election law has been amended so that in outside cities it is illegal to sell, lend, deliver or supply gratuitously any quantity whatever of spirituous or fermented liquors, either on the day of or on the day preceding an election.

The Privy Council's deliverance, while defining the limits of provincial jurisdiction in relation to the drink evil, makes it plain that not only the power but the responsibility rests with the Federal Government, a circumstance which should intensify the sense of responsibility of all citizens to force this issue on parliamentary elections.

Aside from the legal aspect of this great reform, your Committee regards it as a matter for gratitude and encouragement, that in the work of spreading temperance principles and intensifying temperance sentiment, so many efficient agencies are enlisted. For in addition to the Societies which exist solely to further the interests of the temperance cause, there are the church, in all its branches, the religious and secular schools, young people's societies of various kinds, commercial corporations, and the entire religious and a large and growing percentage of the secular press of our country. By these and other agencies working through state machinery and independent of it, this gigantic evil which is responsible for so much of our pauperism, idleness, misery and crime is being gradually and surely overcome.

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 Government.

2. That it is the duty of Christian electors to make prohibition a direct issue in the choice of representatives to Parliament and to the Legislatures, exerting their utmost political influence to secure the nomination and election of suitable candidates who are consistent prohibitionists, ready to make the question an issue in their election campaign.

3 That, as between the present candidates for parliamentary representation there is a presumption in favor of the men who pledge themselves to prohibition, or a plebiscite with a view to prohibition.

4 That the Temperance cause receive more attention in the municipality, as the unit, so as to secure prohibition in each municipality, and temperance men in the Councils of Quebec, and where the Council, outside of cities is the licensing body.

5. That we express the hope that the members of the new Parliament about to be elected will immediately take steps to abolish the sale of intoxicating drinks from the refectory of the House of Commons, and so show to the people the example of abstinence from all such injurious beverages.

Before it was acted upon, on motion of Mr. Dougall, Mr. Carson, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance was heard, representing that organization. The report was then adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Sims then presented the following report on behalf of the Committee of Ordination :

Your Committee believes that the subject on which they desire to report is one whose importance cannot be over-estimated.

1. The traditions and ideals of Congregationalism call for an educated ministry.

2. The conditions of modern society render it increasingly imperative that its religious teachers and leaders be men of capacity and learning.

3. In the exercise of their congregational liberty, through the medium of small neighborhood Councils, our churches sometimes secure the ordination of men who do not possess the necessary mental equipment for the continuous discharge of the high duties of the pastoral office with credit to the denomination.

4. We recognize that the normal method of ministerial education is by college and seminary training ; and insist that in all cases, not allowed to be exceptional by district associations, candidates for ordination be required to prosecute to a successful completion in the college, one of the courses of study provided by the Canada Congregational College, or to give evidence of having secured equal educational training elsewhere.

5. Inasmuch as men possessing grace and natural aptitudes for the work of the ministry occasionally present themselves for ordination, for whom a course in College is plainly impracticable, but whose services it seems desirable to retain for our churches :—

We recommend that a course of study be drawn up by a Committee of this Union, to be prosecuted by such candidates under the direction of our respective district associations ; and we recommend all our churches and ministers to concur in no ordination, except of candidates who are academically accredited, or who shall have prosecuted such course of study to the satisfaction of the District Associations.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of each District Association, with the suggestion that candidates possessing such qualifications as fit them for prosecuting this study under the direction of any association, may be accredited by such association to preach, with a view to their ultimate ordination ; such credential to be received yearly, and under such conditions as to the local Association may seem best.

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On motion discussion was postponed ; to be taken up as the first order of business on Saturday morning.

The meeting then adjourned.

SATURDAY Morning.

The devotional service from 9 to 10 was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Sims.

The Business Committee reported as follows :—

1. On the Armenian Question. That this Union viewing the continued atrocities committed in Armenia by Turks and Kurds, acting with and without Government sanction, we hereby express our detestation of these gross outrages done on innocent and helpless people. We express deep sympathy with our suffering Christian brethren, and hope that the representative Christian nations may yet find some way to suppress these inhuman proceedings.

2. That the Preachers' list adopted by the Union be printed in the Standing Rules, and known as No. 16.

This report, with the order of business of the morning, was adopted.

The Finance Committee presented its report, which was received and adopted.

The report of the Ordination Committee presented on Friday morning was discussed, and with some verbal changes adopted.

Rev. Hugh Pedley addressed the meeting on the question of "Closer Fraternal Relations with the United States."

On motion by Mr. Pedley, seconded by Dr. Sims, it was resolved :—

That inasmuch as the International Council of Congregational Churches of 1891 was a grand illustration of the possibilities of Catholicity that lie in Congregationalism, we would in the furtherance of this idea, appoint a Committee to confer with the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, in regard to closer relationships between the Congregational Churches of Canada and the United States.

It was on motion of Rev. J. R. Black, resolved that the matter be referred to the Nomination Committee; the following names being suggested for the Committee :—

Revs. Hugh Pedley, John Morton, Dr. Evans, and Messrs. Henry O'Hara and J. R. Dougall.

The Rev. Dr. Hindley on behalf of the Lord's Day Observance Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

1. That this Union deprecates the encroachment of enforced labor upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day, as seen in the running of street cars, railway traffic, work in railway workshops, the loading and unloading of vessels in ports, and also of the many ways pleasure-seekers violate the day.

2. That the Union expresses its sympathy with the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario, in all its efforts to enforce the law against all infringements upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and in its efforts to secure better legislation thereon.

3. We further wish to express ourselves in favor of a Lord's Day Alliance for the Province of Quebec, and that we appoint the Revs. W. H. Warriner and E. M. Hill as a Committee to act with such Committees as may be appointed by other bodies.

The Rev. John Morton, for the Church Union Committee, presented its report, which was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee has had no communication from any church-union committees of sister denominations in Canada, during the year. It believes that there has been general inaction on the part of such committees, not through any absence of fraternal feeling, but apparently because the time is not yet ripe for such formal approachments. But while there has been this inaction in formal communications, there has been no lack of fellowship in spirit, and thought, and work. The members of the various denominations are becoming one in the truest sense, inasmuch as they are reading the same great books, discussing the same great problems, and unitedly engaging in the same labors of love.

The Committee thinks it wise therefor, in the absence of anything more specific, to call the attention of the brethren to some of the signs of union in the Christian world at large.

We begin in our own country. It should be noted that the Methodist church has a standing committee, instructed to be ready to communicate with any similar committee of any other denomination on the possibility of a federation for general work. Other denominations have declared themselves favorable to this arrangement. Such a federation, in the opinion of your committee, is practicable, and would be a saving of labor and of unseemly rivalries.

Going further afield, your committee notes with pleasure that a congress of the Nonconformist churches of England is being formed, to be called "The Free Church Congress." This Congress is in a sense divisive, for it marks the cleavage between the Established and Free churches; but it is also unifying, for it brings into a kind of federation all the Nonconformist churches of England.

Your committee is also delighted to see that union between the Congregational Union and the Evangelical Union of Scotland is now, after long negotiation, certain to become an accomplished fact. The nine students who were expelled fifty years ago, from the Scottish Congregational Theological Hall because they held the resistibility of the Holy Spirit's work, have vindicated their right of liberty, and those who are left of them with the denomination formed around them, are now to form the New Congregational Union of Scotland. If this be a credit to the nine students and their followers, it is even a greater credit to the brethren who have admitted the mistake of the past, and been willing to restore the broken harmony.

Your committee notes with pleasure also, that through the indefatigable Dr. Lunn, the 24th May last was appointed as Church Union Sunday. Each minister in England was asked, by circular, to preach on that day on Union; and specially to call attention to the services rendered to the common cause by some denomination other than his own, preference being given to the denomina-

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tions that have not come prominently before the world. How far the request was complied with, your committee does not know, but it was in the right direction, and would no doubt help to bring about what we all desire.

Your Committee recommends that this Union continue its Church Union committee, and instruct it to hold itself ready to assist by any means in its power to secure a federation of the churches, on the basis of the Jersey Deliverance.

The Membership Committee reported as follows:—

1. The Union referred to this Committee two communications, one from Alex. P. Gerrie, Fergus, and another from Rev. E. Barker, Toronto, pertaining to the ministerial standing in this Union of W. H. Madill. In these communications grave charges are laid against the Christian and ministerial character of Mr. Madill. In view of the charges, and the definiteness with which they are made, we recommend for the sake both of the Union and himself, that a committee be appointed to investigate those charges, and to report at next session of the Union. Committee to be named by the Nomination Committee.

2. The Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., Barre, Vt., applies for a general certificate, and letter of dismissal. It is recommended that the request be granted, and that the Secretary be asked to send a special commendation to Dr. Jackson, in view of his long, prominent, and useful labor among us.

3. Rev. W. J. Watt, Sheldon, Vt., asks for dismissal certificate. It is recommended that it be granted.

4. *Re* request of Rev. R. Duff to withdraw his application for membership, it is recommended that the request be granted.

5. The Union referred to this Committee a communication from Rev. W. F. Clarke, calling attention to the fact that the Rev. J. C. Madill is under discipline in the Western Association, and that he refused to appear before the committee of investigation to defend himself against the charges made against him. It is recommended that a Committee be appointed to deal with the case, and to report at next Union.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented an application from Rev. E. O. Grisbrook for letter of transfer to the Montpelier Association, which was referred to the Membership Committee.

The reports of delegates from this Union to other Assemblies were received, as follows:—

Rev. John McKillican, Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Rev. E. M. Hill and Rev. Prof. Warriner, Triennial Council of the United States.

Rev. Dr. Hindley spoke a few words, thanking the Union for his election to the Chairmanship.

Rev. W. T. Gunn presented a chart on denominational loyalty. It was resolved that such be printed in our YEAR BOOK.

Leave of absence was granted to Revs. W. P. Jackson, J. I. Hindley, and Messrs Craig and Jackson.

Union adjourned, after the benediction.

SUNDAY.

The Annual Union services were held in Zion Church, at 11 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Warriner, pastor. The Annual Union sermon was preached by the Rev. William Johnston, of Toronto, his subject being "The Larger Salvation." At the evening service the pastor again conducted devotions, and the Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg, was the preacher. At the close of this service the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The Rev. W. H. Warriner presided, being assisted by the Rev. B. W. Day of Granby, and the Rev. Robert Hay of Eaton, and Messrs. Thomas Moodie, H. T. Garlick, Henry Woodley and Seth P. Leet, Deacons of Zion Church.

MONDAY Morning.

Devotional services from 9 to 10 were conducted by Rev. A. W. Main.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Business Committee presented the following report, and this with the order of business for the morning was adopted:—

1. That there shall be a conference on the State of Religion, at our Union Meetings to be held in 1897, and that the Union Committee be requested to arrange for the same.

2. That as our time for next meeting of the Union is extended, there be papers and discussions on the following subjects:—(1) "Child Saving"; (2) "Christ in the State"; (3) "Christ in Business"; or kindred topics; and that the Union Committee be instructed to make these appointments.

3. Resolution as to Hymn Books:—

Whereas the importance and desirability of hearty and devout participation in the offices of public worship, and specially in the service of praise cannot be gainsaid, and whereas the unifying power of a common Book of Praise is very great, be it *Resolved*,—That this Union desires to direct attention to the superior excellence of (1) The Congregational Mission Hymnal and Weeknight Service Book; (2) The Congregational Sunday School Hymnal; (3) The Congregational Church Hymnal; all edited by Rev. George Barrett, B.A., and published under the auspices of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and cordially recommends the adoption of these books in the churches.

4. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union receive \$50, as an honorarium for his services for 1896-97, and that this be a first charge upon the Union funds.

On behalf of the First Congregational Church of Kingston, Ont., Mr. R. J. McKelvey invited the Union to meet there in 1897. The invitation was accepted.

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The Membership Committee recommended that a letter of dismissal be granted to Rev. E. O. Grisbrook to the Montpelier Association of Congregational Ministers.

The Rev. E. M. Hill reported for the Nomination Committee, recommending:—

1. *Delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick*—Revs. Churchill Moore and Charles Duff; with power to add to their number.

2. *Lord's Day Observance*—Revs. J. I. Hindley, C. E. Bolton, J. P. Gerrie and A. W. Main.

3. *Church Union*—Revs. J. Morton, J. Wood, W. H. Warriner, C. Duff, E. D. Silcox, W. Johnston, T. Sims, B. W. Day, and Messrs. C. Cushing, H. O'Hara and W. W. Buchanan.

4. *Credentials*—Revs. Prof. Warriner, J. T. Daley, J. Morton, Wm. McIntosh and B. W. Day.

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

6. *Sunday School*—Messrs. Seth P. Leet, W. McCartney, and Rev. W. H. Watson.

7. *Secretary-Treasurer of the Union*—Rev. J. P. Gerrie; with thanks for past services.

8. *Statistical Secretary*—Rev. D. S. Hamilton.

9. *Prison Reform*—Revs. A. F. McGregor and J. R. Black.

10. *Delegate to the Congregational Union of Wales*—Rev. Dr. Evans.

11. *Committee on Temperance and Delegation to Dominion Alliance*—Revs. J. R. Black, J. P. Gerrie, T. Sims, J. McKillican, and Messrs. H. O'Hara, Geo. Scott, Harry Thompson and James Thomson.

12. *Committee on Closer Fellowship with Churches of United States*—Revs. H. Pedley, John Morton, E. C. Evans, A. F. McGregor, and Messrs. H. O'Hara and J. R. Dougall.

13. *Committee on Ordination*—Revs. Dr. Sims, Prof. Warriner, W. H. Watson, J. T. Daley, J. R. Black, and Messrs. J. R. Dougall and A. Alexander.

14. *Union Committee*—Revs. E. D. Silcox, J. W. Pedley, J. K. Unsworth, C. E. Bolton, W. H. Warriner, E. M. Hill, J. R. Black, A. W. Richardson, W. Johnston, T. Sims, T. B. Hyde, J.