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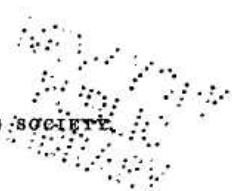
BY ITS PUBLISHING COMMITTEE, AND CONTAINING

SELECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL STATISTICS OF THOSE CHURCHES
FOR THE LAST YEAR;

PARTICULARLY

ALPHABETICAL LISTS OF THOSE CHURCHES AND OF ALL CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS; OF
THE OFFICERS AND STUDENTS OF CONGREGATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES;
THE VITAL STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS DECEASED
IN 1879; LISTS OF THE MARRIAGES, DEATHS, ORDINATIONS,
INSTALLATIONS, AND DISMISSIONS OF SUCH
MINISTERS DURING 1879, ETC., ETC.

BOSTON:
CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.
1880.



BY WAY OF EXPLANATION.

At a meeting recently jointly held by the Provisional and Publishing Committees of the National Council, it was voted that the *Year Book* be published as near the first of January, 1880, as may be, in an abbreviated form; and that it be introduced by a financial statement which, as briefly and exactly as possible, shall convey to all parties interested the essential facts — for the information of the churches, and the correction of rumors which the committees had learned are in circulation. The following statement has been drawn up in compliance with that vote.

The action of the last National Council on the subject of publication included the following points [*Minutes*, etc., pp. 40, 41]:—

1. That an annual compilation of the statistics of the American Congregational Churches — and especially an accurate and complete list of ministers in Congregational fellowship — "should be published under the sanction of the Council."

2. That "the necessary expenses thereof should be met by its constituent bodies."

3. To this end the Council, by unanimous vote, proceeded to request the several State Associations and Conferences "to solicit contributions amounting to one cent per member of their respective churches, and remit the same to the Treasurer of the Council." [This to meet the expense of the *Minutes*, statistics, etc., for 1878, published in 1879.]

4. That if, in compliance with the first vote aforesaid, the Publishing Committee "find it desirable" to issue the statistics for the remaining two years before the next meeting of the Council "for free distribution, one to each church in our fellowship," the Treasurer of the Council be authorized "to ask" from the churches "for a contribution not exceeding one half cent from each member, in each of those years, for that purpose." [This to meet the expense of the statistics for 1878 published in 1879, and of those for 1879 published in 1880.]

On studying carefully this action, the Publishing Committee felt that they could construe the first vote as no other than mandatory, in respect to the official publication by them, for each of the three years referred to, of the annual statistics of the churches and the ministry. It seemed to them that whatever discretion might be committed to them in the phrase, "find it desirable," etc., was not intended to leave to their judgment the main question, whether the statistics of those two years should be officially published or not; but only the lesser question, whether any other prudent way of publication than that of their issue at the expense of the churches, might prove to be open to use. Should they find such, they were at liberty to adopt it. Should they fail to find it, they were left under instruction themselves to go forward and print them; calling upon the churches for the half cent per member which, in view of that contingency, had been voted by the Council. At the same time — the accompanying pecuniary recommendations having been adopted without question, or suggestion of dissent, by the legal delegates of the Congregational churches of the land in that Council assembled — it seemed to the Committee fair to presume that those churches might reasonably be expected honorably to respond to the constructive, and by no means unreasonable or onerous, pledge thus freely given by their authorized representatives on their behalf, and, as from time to time needed, to remit the moderate sum suggested.

The Committee accordingly proceeded, for the general good, to discharge, according to their best judgment and ability, the laborious and thankless duty imposed upon them. They were confronted in the outset by three difficulties

standing in the way of their securing the performance of the work of publication with that economy which in all such cases is especially to be desired. (1) The Council had included within its Minutes, then awaiting publication, so many and so extended papers read before it, as to swell to a thick octavo volume of more than 400 pages, what otherwise might have been scarcely more than a pamphlet. (2) All publication of statistical matter is much more expensive than common work. And (3) the certainty that months must elapse before, under the most favorable conditions, the money could be expected to flow into the treasury for the payment of bills incurred, rendered necessary the resort to long credit, with its accompanying inevitable charge of interest, while at the same time taking away the advantage of securing the lowest cash rates for the work done.

Thus embarrassed, the Committee proceeded, with the following result of expenditure for the first year (1877-8).

Paid A. Mudge & Son, for the publication, distribution, etc., of 4,300 copies of the <i>Minutes</i>	\$2,762 35
The other expenses of the twelvemonth were:—	
Postage	\$4 26
Printing circulars	9 50
Advertising	35 20
Paid W. H. Moore	55 35
S. Wolcott	45 00
C. Cushing	50 00
C. Demond (expenses to Detroit, \$54.81; services, \$50)	104 81
A. H. Quint (expenses and money paid out, \$89.90; services in preparing statistics, and superintending their publication, \$200)	289 90
Interest, etc.	84 10
	678 12
	\$3,440 47

As was last year explained, this was done by pecuniary co-operation with the proprietor of the *Congregational Quarterly*, in whose pages the statistics had for several years been printed, and with the understanding that the right amicably to publish them solely in a *Year Book* thereafter (if deemed advisable) was as fully conceded by him, as it was reserved by the Committee.

When, some months later, the question of what form the publication required by the Council should take for 1878-9 came up, negotiations were held with the proprietor of the *Quarterly*. But it was found that he was not prepared to furnish the Committee with numbers of his journal containing the statistics, except for a larger sum than it would cost them to publish the same in the form of a *Year Book*, while there were some special advantages in the latter shape over the former. The Committee accordingly decided that they ought to publish a *Year Book*. And, in view of the facts,—that ministers especially desire and need such a manual; that to double the issue (the type once being set) would by no means double the expense; and that, were the circulation guaranteed to include ministers as well as churches, important aid could be derived from advertising,—it was voted to print 8,000 copies. This was accordingly done, nine beautiful designs for churches being contributed, free of all expense and ready for binding in, by an eminent architect. A copy of this manual was sent, post-paid, to every church and minister whose name was included within its lists.

In view of the fact that these *Year Books* were thus forwarded gratis to ministers as well as churches, the Committee further ventured to suggest to the churches that it would be welcome were they to contribute for the year at the rate of one cent per member, instead of one half-cent, as in the Council's vote requested.

The expenditures for the second year (1878-9) were:—

Paid A. Mudge & Son, for publication of 8,000 copies <i>Year Book</i>	\$2,528 55
Expense of wrappers, directing, mailing, etc.	74 37
Postage (9c each) on <i>Year Books</i> sent by mail	640 44
Total expense of <i>Year Book</i>	\$3,243 36

The other expenses of the year were:—

Printing circulars, etc.	\$22 39
Postage	4 00
Paid A. H. Quint (money paid out, \$62.50, and work on statistics, etc., \$200)	262 50
Rev. H. A. Hazen, for preparing vital statistics (amount formerly paid him by the <i>Quarterly</i> for the like service)	50 00
	<u>338 89</u>
	\$3,582 25

The total expenditure of the two years has therefore been as follows, viz.:—

1877-8	\$3,440 47
1878-9	3,582 25
	<u>\$7,022 72</u>

Turning to the department of receipts for the same period, the report is as follows, viz.:—

Balance in treasury, October, 1877, from previous year	\$39 60
Received before the resignation of C. Demond as treasurer (15 Jan., 1879), from the churches of thirteen States	2,276 98
Received (since 15 Jan., 1879) by the present treasurer, from the churches of eleven States	1,726 50
<i>Year Books</i> sold	98 65
Net receipts for advertising in <i>Year Book</i> for 1879 (thirty-six pages, and three pages of cover)	702 49
	<u>\$4,844 22</u>

Comparing the two totals of receipts and expenditure, the result is this, viz.:—

Expended	\$7,022 72
Received	4,844 22

Leaving the balance now due the treasurer, without casing interest due on loans \$2,178 50

The above statement will make it apparent to all that if any person have imagined that the Committee—to use the apostle's words—were "making a gain" from their place, or from the churches, such impression is far from the fact. The secretary has received nothing for any services as secretary; while for labor in collecting, compiling, and superintending the publication of the statistics, he has not been paid ordinary compensation for the time employed,—no regard even being had to extra personal expenses of travel, etc., made necessary in printing. It will further be seen that the present treasurer has never charged, or received, one cent in compensation for service, work upon the *Year Book*, expenses, or discomfort occasioned by the heavy burden assumed and borne by him for the sake of what both the Provisional Committee and the Publishing Committee of the Council regarded as demanded by the honor and welfare of the denomination, and, in the end, indispensable to save it from the disgrace of the failure of its commissioned representatives to meet pecuniary obligations fairly incurred by order of the Council.

When the Committee confronted the question of duty as to obeying the vote of the Council in publishing the statistics and "especially an accurate and complete list of ministers in Congregational fellowship" for 1879-80, they were at first disposed to allow the embarrassments of their position to plead their excuse for declining all further responsibility in the matter. But their conviction of the various inconveniences and misfortunes which must follow the failure to put forth any trustworthy list of the American Congregational churches and ministers for the next current year, at last led them to feel that they could report their action to the next meeting of the Council — to occur within the year — with more confidence, — at least of the assurance that they had not spared themselves in the endeavor to do their duty as they understood it, — should they publish, as directed, than otherwise. The necessity of the most rigid economy pressed on the one hand to suggest the cutting down of the issue one half, so as to supply the churches alone. The certainty on the other that to do so would deprive the Committee of all aid from advertising, which, in their judgment, if rightly managed — should the *Year Book* acquire permanence — may be eventually made to discharge a large part of its cost; with the feeling that the ministry would greatly miss it were it withheld from them; at length determined them to issue the volume substantially as last year, but to reduce its cost as much as possible, by leaving out the calendar, all miscellaneous matter, and chiefly — always the most considerable item of expense — the returns in figures of the exact condition of the churches for the twelvemonth reported.

These do not vary very much from year to year, so that approximate information with regard to them can be gathered from the *Year Book* of 1878; while the lists of ministers, with their post-office address — with multitudes, the most valued item of convenience which the statistics afford — become not only valueless, but misleading, if not annually renewed. The summaries have been retained.

They have accordingly prepared the volume which they thus introduce, in the feeling that of two evils they were bound to choose the lesser.

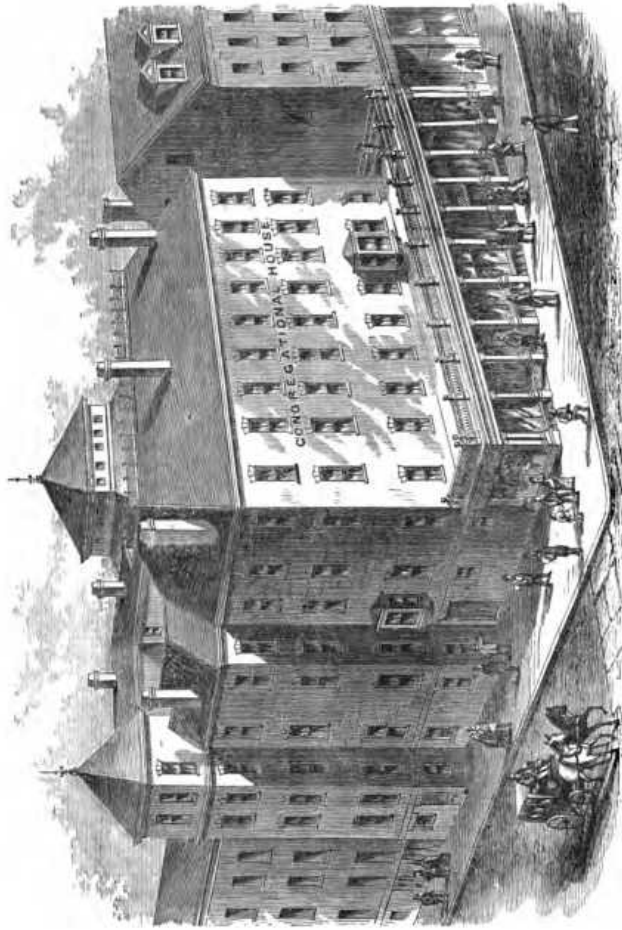
It remains, for the information of all concerned, to append the list of the Congregational bodies by States, with the sums respectively asked from them by the Council in its vote of 1877, with (in parallel column) the amount of their response to the same. It will be seen that no notice has been taken of the Council's action by 24 out of 42; while only 4 of the number have fully responded to both appeals. Connecticut, on the other hand, has generously gone largely beyond her liabilities.

§ 3. In all cases where money has been forwarded, it has been first credited to the earliest claim; and where the sum remitted in 1877-8 was not sufficient to square the account of the State for that year, and it remitted again in 1878-9, enough has been transferred from the second payment to close the first account, and the balance only passed to the credit of the second year. Thus, Ohio sent \$310.10 in 1877-8, and \$111.44 in 1878-9; but as the amount asked of Ohio in the first of those years was \$219.94, that full sum has been credited for 1877-8, and the balance (\$101.60) upon the account for 1878-9. In like manner, Iowa forwarded nothing in 1877-8, but sent \$138.63 in 1878-9; which, by this rule, has been credited upon the former year, leaving \$8.98 due upon it, besides the whole sum for the following year. So California, which sent nothing during the first year, subsequently remitted \$42.63. The call for the first year upon her churches being for \$41.99, that was squared, and the balance of 64c. passed to her credit upon the \$22.24 asked for in 1878-9, leaving \$21.60 due on that account. So Colorado sent on in the first year \$7.10, which, as her dues for the two years amount only to \$5.71, leaves \$1.39 to her credit upon the asking for 1879-80.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	1877-8.		1878-9.		1879-80.	Total asked for same year rec'd.
	ASKED.	RECEIVED.	ASKED.	RECEIVED.	ASKED.	
Alabama	\$6 66	\$	\$3 44	\$	\$4 04	\$14 14
California.....	41 99	41 99	22 34	64	22 67	44 27
Colorado.....	3 06	3 06	2 05	3 44	2 06	66
Connecticut.....	533 08	533 08	270 89	558 52	279 26	
Dakota.....	3 40	3 40	2 09	60	2 05	3 54
Dist. Columbia.....	5 84		2 98		3 00	11 82
Florida.....	41		37		37	1 15
Georgia.....	6 67		3 61		4 02	14 30
Illinois.....	226 63	226 63	113 94	112 86	115 57	115 65
Indiana.....	17 44	17 44	8 40	14 31	8 69	2 78
Indian Territory.....	11		06		06	23
Iowa.....	147 61	188 63	78 51		77 83	165 32
Kansas.....	51 69		26 94		28 79	106 42
Kentucky.....	5 05		2 36		2 82	10 23
Louisiana.....	7 79		4 32		6 52	18 63
Maine.....	203 78	195 85	103 51		106 53	219 97
Maryland.....	1 56		76		78	3 10
Massachusetts.....	874 73	874 73	457 94	425 07	458 94	491 21
Michigan.....	157 29	132 87	84 68		85 81	194 91
Minnesota.....	59 21		31 12		33 09	123 42
Mississippi.....	1 45		71		65	2 81
Missouri.....	37 47	37 17	16 96		18 21	35 47
Nebraska.....	26 31	26 31	14 11	2 05	15 61	27 67
Nevada.....	28		14		15	57
New Hampshire.....	200 12	200 12	101 09	11 12	102 74	192 71
New Jersey.....	32 71		16 62		16 90	66 23
New York.....	322 02		165 58		166 93	654 53
North Carolina.....	2 37		1 42		1 54	5 33
Ohio.....	219 94	219 94	111 44	101 60	114 02	123 66
Oregon.....	6 92	6 92	3 68	1 65	3 93	5 86
Pennsylvania.....	69 13		25 97		28 18	113 28
Rhode Island.....	46 30	46 21	24 37		26 07	50 73
South Carolina.....	2 58		1 25		1 12	4 96
Tennessee.....	4 63		2 22		1 92	8 77
Texas.....	2 94	2 94	1 00	1 61	1 44	83
Utah.....	49		25		27	1 01
Vermont.....	198 80		99 41		100 58	398 79
Virginia.....	1 93		1 07		1 10	4 10
Wash. Territory.....	1 65		1 11		1 30	4 06
West Virginia.....	61		34		41	1 36
Wisconsin.....	132 24	62 12	69 33		66 32	206 97
Wyoming.....	36		23		23	82
Total.....	\$3,655 95	\$2,770 01	\$1,878 41	\$1,233 47	\$1,912 71	\$3,451 46

The Committees respectfully appeal to the churches of States which have thus far, in whole or in part, failed to respond to the Council's request, to send their contributions as desired. Inasmuch as by their legal representatives they did not protest against, or even speak any word in opposition to, the vote under which action has been taken, will it not be a more fraternal and Christian act, even for those who may disapprove of what some have stigmatized as "an unauthorized tax," to assume their fair share with others, until the next Council shall give opportunity for full discussion and action satisfactory to all?

Since the above was in type, Connecticut, first and alone, has generously forwarded \$273.21 as her due for 1879-80; making her total contribution \$1,364.81, or \$282.08 more than the Council suggested for her churches.



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