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THE PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

A calling-list of Presbyterian students at the University of Michigan, compiled by the student-secretary of the Tappan Presbyterian Association in the earlier part of the college year 1894-95, contained 401 names.[1] This list, while exact as far as it went, was not complete even for the quarter in which it was made; had it been complete it could not be taken as accurately representing the attendance of Presbyterian students for the whole year, because not including accessions of new students between the Christmas vacation and the following July.

In 1892-93 a partial religious census of the students at the University was taken by the Students' Christian Association.[2] Out of 2,808 students in attendance 487 were not reached by the census-takers; among the 2,321, or nearly six-sevenths of the entire number, whose religious preferences were ascertained, 407 Presbyterian students were registered.

It is the unanimous opinion of the men best able to judge of this matter that 475 is a conservative estimate of the number

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[1]See Table I., p 28.

[2]See Tables XI.-XIV., pp 42-43 The difficulty of taking a complete religious census will be understood when one considers not only the magnitude of the task, but also the fact that it has not been possible to set aside funds for the purpose; the data were gathered by students whose time was quite fully occupied with their University work.