

Delegates—Continued.

THIRD DISTRICT..	{ CHARLES BARTLETT, GEORGE R. ATHERTON, GEORGE KNOX, CLERK.
FOURTH DISTRICT.	{ LEONARD SLIP, RICHARDSON WEBB.
FIFTH DISTRICT.	{ BENJAMIN PALMER, T. W. SMITH, GEORGE WORDEN, CLERK.
SIXTH DISTRICT.	{ ROBERT MCLEOD, GEORGE MCCREADY, CLERK.
SEVENTH DISTRICT	{ M. T. BREWER, JAMES SMALL, WILLIAM PETERS, CLERK.

Recording Secretary.

B. J. UNDERHILL, ESQUIRE.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM PETERS.

The Conference being organized, and the names of the members present read by the Clerk, the Corresponding Secretary was called upon to read his Annual Report, which was as follows.

ANNUAL REPORT.

BRETHREN, HONOURED AND BELOVED IN CHRIST—

Another year is gone; and by the index of our progression to eternity, we are impressively reminded of the brevity of human life, and the rapidity with which we are passing away. Our lives, with their increasing solemnities and responsibilities, are hastily growing shorter. The time has come when we are again permitted to meet face to face in another Annual Meeting.

Devoutly recognizing the hand of a wise and superintending providence in thus permitting us, so favourably, to meet in this, our THIRTY-FIRST General Conference, we sincerely pray that we may be presided over by Him whose law is love; and that while our souls may be refreshed by the renewal of Christian affection, we also be especially blessed, and wisely directed, in all our doings and deliberations; that our coming together may result in increasing the spirituality of our ministry, the purity of our Churches, and the efficiency of our entire denominational interests.

Like many of its predecessors, the last year has been marked by the various vicissitudes of unerring wisdom among the nations of the earth. In some directions peace has prevailed, and liberty and christianity have steadily progressed; in others, national commotions and cruel wars have raged to a fearful extent, and, for the present, seem to have militated against the prosperity of religious enterprises. But whatever has been the conflicts and changes among the nations, our confidence in the rectitude of the Divine government, remaineth sure; while the exemplified utility and purity of our holy christianity more ardently endears it to our hearts. While "clouds and darkness are around about Jehovah, righteousness and judgment are the habitations of His Throne."

Although the legitimate object of our organization is not material nor political—it aims not at giving national institutions nor political constitutions to the world; yet it does seem to me befitting the occasion, that we should express to Almighty God our hearty thanksgiving that we do live under the

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