

PREFACE.

THE YEAR BOOK is again sent out to the Churches to tell its story of Denominational activity during the past year and of gratifying success in almost every department of our work.

In coming to its compilation with a fresh hand, and without an item of material previously prepared, the Editor found it very laborious work to get it issued in season, and especially so on account of delay in forwarding matter designed for its pages. He would most respectfully request more consideration in the future in this regard. Lack of uniformity in the statistical part of Associational Letters has been very embarrassing. It is nearly impossible to have correct returns in the YEAR BOOK, except through the Associational channels. We have spared no pains to make them as complete as possible.

Some new features have been added. It will be seen that the total membership of our Churches is 33,252, and that 2,930 were baptized during the year.

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