

Rev. J. Wesley Clarke, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the following Report :

BROTHER MODERATOR AND DEAR BRETHREN :

Grace be unto you, and Peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father we are permitted to meet again, and to greet each other in this our sixty-first annual Conference. The occasion suggests to us the rapidity with which time passes, the numerous and marked changes which it produces, and the importance of its improvement.

Twenty-two years, with all its opportunities have passed since this church has had the pleasure of extending the hand of welcome and hospitality, for the entertainment of the members of this Body.

Your Secretary, in behalf of the Church, and himself as the pastor, would herewith convey to you, each and all, our kindly wishes and a cordial welcome to our hearts and to our homes.

Having reached the end of another ecclesiastical year, it is for us to examine the record of our work, that we may better understand what our ministers and churches have been doing; and more fully recognize and appreciate the Divine favor, which has been towards us in plenitude. For the strength given to many of the churches, for the blessing of revival, and for the salvation of sinners, let us devoutly thank God, but for our lack of interest in, and consecration to the work, let us humble ourselves before Him, and resolve, by Divine grace, to more perfectly imitate the pure life of Christ who is our example, and who, when He was on earth, "went about doing good."

Entrusted to us is the care of a hundred and fifty churches, situated in nearly every County within the Province. While some of them are strong, numerically, financially and spiritually, others of them are weak, and in need of the undelayed attention, the faithful and prayerful consideration of this Conference. And may God grant unto us wisdom and help, by means of which we may, at this session, arrange to supply all our weak and discouraged churches with the regular ministry of the Word.

Brethren, our responsibilities are great, but we should face them with the courage and confidence of the Apostle Paul, who said : "We can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth us."

Never, during all our history did we have so many Ministers as now—and seemingly never were more Ministers needed than now, and yet, by order of the "All wise God," two of our number have, during the year, gone from the toils and cares of earth to the joys and rest of heaven. Rev. Edwin Garrity passed peacefully away at his home in Woodstock, in the month of June