OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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RESOLUTIONS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

I. That the thanks of this Conference be given to the retiring President and Secretary, for the ability and good nature with which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

II. That Bro. I. Ashley be allowed to retain the same relation to this Conference which he now sustains, so long as he maintains a good moral character.

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III. That while this Conference agrees to leave Bro. I. Ashley's name on the list of Preachers as a Supernumerary, it is with the distinct understanding that he has no financial claims, either for himself or family, on the funds of the Connexion because of the continuance of this relationship.

IV. That we hereby express our deep sympathy with Bro. J. J. Rice, in his heavy affliction, resulting in the death, immediately after the last Conference, of Sister Rice. We devoutly thank God for the grace that enabled our departed Sister to triumph in death, and our Brother to bow in submission to the Divine Will, in his heavy affliction.

V. That as Bro. Holmes's health has so far failed that he feels unable to take charge of a Circuit at present, and has no hope of being able to resume the responsibilities of the ministerial office, at least for some months to come; and desires, accordingly, to be be relieved for one year; we therefore place his name on the list of Supernumeraries, allowing him to choose on what station he shall be set down. And we hereby tender Bro. Holmes our deep sympathy in his severe and protracted affliction, including the death of his little boy. While we are thankful that, through a kind Providence, our Brother is so far improved as to enable him to be with us in our Annual Conference, we hope that, by the Divine blessing. he may continue to improve in physical strength, and be enabled still to render the Denomination valuable aid.

VI. That this Conterence expresses its deep and prayerful sympathy with Brother and Sister Guard, in the present afflicted condition of our Dear Brother, and in Sister Guard's anxiety as to what the issue of her husband's sickness may be, as well as in her fatigues and painful watchings by his sick bed. We earnestly pray, in submission to the Divine will, that Brother Guard may be speedily restored to his health and work; that God will sustain Sister Guard in her present anxiety and sorrow, and overrule this painful dispensation to their mutual good; and further, that should the great Father summon our dear Brother to his