

## POSTSCRIPT.

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I deem it but right, both to the Committee and to myself, that an explanation should be given of the delay that has occurred in the preparation and publication of this Report.

In the summer of 1876 its preparation was entrusted to a Brother, who, having had the work in hand for some months, and owing to continued illness having made but little progress, was called to rest.

Thereupon M. W. Bro. Seymour kindly undertook the task of completing the Report, but had only prepared a few pages, when he was compelled, owing to failing health and pressure of official duties, to call to his aid R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, who was asked to prepare the Review from New Brunswick to Wyoming, both inclusive, M. W. Bro. Seymour believing that he would be able to bring the work up to the point at which R. W. Bro. Robertson was to commence.

R. W. Bro. Robertson speedily finished his portion of the Report, but the continued ill-health of M. W. Bro. Seymour, prevented his completing the link between "Iowa" and "New Brunswick."

At the annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes in February last, R. W. Bro. Robertson was again asked to come to the rescue, and he, without delay, finally completed the Review.

The Report for 1877 is now in course of preparation by R. W. Bro. Robertson, and will be issued during the coming summer.

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*Grand Secy.*

Hamilton, April 15th, 1878.