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THE Annual Report which we now present like the year through which we have passed is shadowed with clouds, as well as brightened with sunshine. The long continued depression of business has pressed more severely upon many of our Congregation than in any previous year, and inability to obtain employment has driven many of our members and adherents from the city, while death has removed some who for many years have been faithful and consistent members of the Congregation. But these trying and sorrowful events are mitigated by the thought that those who have been disjoined from us by certificate have gone to strengthen the church in other localities, and those who have been removed by death have shown us anew with what peace and hope and triumph the followers of Jesus die, and have left to us a memory that is fragrant with faith and love, so that being dead they still speak to us. The members