

PREFACE.

THE "Year Book" for '97-'98 has not appeared as early as the Compiler anticipated, owing to the late meeting of some of the Associations, and the difficulty of obtaining copy essential to its completion. Foot notes, in explanation of failure to receive new matter, are not pleasant to the reader, and the writer sincerely regrets that notwithstanding promises and repeated correspondence some returns must appear as last year or not at all.

The names of Associational Secretaries of Boards are omitted, as they could not be ascertained until too late for publication. Those desiring to know them will require to apply to the heads of the different departments.

While the records of the past year may not total as largely in some respects as in other years, we trust that the hopeful, prayerful, confident spirit of the last Annual Convention will enable us to write of larger things in the future.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, guard the hearts and the thoughts of His servants in Christ Jesus.

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