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## Introduction.

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The first Canadian conference of Christians of all denomina-  
tions was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, from Monday afternoon,  
October 21st, until Friday night, October 25th. There were three  
sessions every day; the first from 9 o'clock till 12 o'clock; the  
second from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. The first hour of the morning  
session was devoted to prayer and praise, when the requests for  
prayer and notes of thanksgiving were read. The first half-hour  
of the afternoon session also, was set apart for prayer and the  
answering of questions. These were a good preparative for  
the separate sessions. The evening session took the form of  
an Evangelistic Meeting. There was a large attendance both of  
ministers and laymen—not only from the city, but from almost  
every quarter of the country. Overflow meetings to accommodate  
the multitude that came at night, were held in the Richmond  
Street Methodist Church and in Knox Presbyterian Church. The  
last meeting of all was held in the Metropolitan Church, which  
was filled to its utmost capacity.

The spirit that animated the brethren and characterized the  
proceedings from beginning to end was that of love. And the  
object around which everything moved, and to which everything  
led, was CHRIST; the living, present, personal Christ. If we were  
asked what the Conference was all about, our answer would be  
given in one word, “Christ.” And it may easily be imagined what