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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