

2. PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE

Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church
of Canada to the Members of the Churches
under its care.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

We salute you with sincere affection, seeing you "have obtained like precious faith with us;" so that we gladly recognise you as "fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel, whereof" we are made ministers "according to the gift of the grace of God, given unto" us "by the effectual working of his power."

"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you," "that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment," and that you may be "filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

In addressing you for the first time in our capacity as a Conference confederated with the Methodist Church of Canada, we avail ourselves of this fitting opportunity to offer our grateful acknowledgments to the great Head of the Church for His distinguished goodness in the auspicious inauguration of this new era of our Church history; and we trust, that, under His continued blessing, the career upon which we have so hopefully entered, will be more than ever, bright with promise and instinct with life.

You will be pleased to learn that the work of God, within the limits of this Conference, is progressing favourably. Every department is prosperous. Not an inconsiderable portion of our work is Home Missionary in its character. We are breaking up the fallow ground, preparing for a future harvest; yet our toil is not unremunerative in immediate results. Need is found for the seed-basket and the sickle. Souls are won to Christ, more or less, in every part of the Island, as well on the older Circuits, as on the stations more recently occupied. A succession of faithful men has been continued for the maintenance of the Ministry.