

PASTORAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Members of the Primitive Methodist Church,

BY THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

We once more, with joy and gratitude, avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by our Annual Meeting in Conference to address you on matters pertaining to your spiritual welfare in this life, and your eternal well-being in the life that is to come. Being appointed by the Great Head of the church to watch for your souls as they that must give account, we therefore invite your attention—first, to your high and holy calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Before entering upon this part of our delightful work, suffer us to say, that our recently closed Conference has been one of general peace and kind brotherly love. Our new system of stationing involved some difficulties at the outset, but those difficulties were soon overcome, and our plan of stationing has, we believe, given general satisfaction. Our connexional increase has not been what we could desire; nevertheless, the Great Shepherd has increased us, and will increase us yet more and more. On a careful review of the state of our church in this country, we discover real cause of gratitude to Him whose sweet intonations are, "I will never leave thee." Our ministers we believe are devoted men, and strongly attached to that system of enlightened

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