

The usual ministerial courtesies are very frequently, and in many places continuously, exchanged between their ministers and ours; and were it not for such ill-natured attacks upon our ministers and people by Drs. Carroll and Ryerson, these pulpit exchanges and expressions of fraternal regard would ere long mature in holy bonds of an abiding Christian brotherhood. Ministers of the Canada Methodist Church frequently visit our Conferences, and none are more warmly welcomed than they. Do they ever hear anything in the transaction of our business, or in the warmest Conference debates, offensive to themselves or their denomination? Numbers of these brethren can testify to the heartiness of their reception, and the genuineness of our friendship.

Very many instances personally known to us can be cited where Wesleyan ministers have for years occupied our churches, conducted revival services, organized classes, and enjoyed all desired accommodation for religious worship, through the generosity of our trustees and ministers. Does this prove a lack of brotherly love? Truth and candor, however, compel us to say, that cases where such denominational courtesies were reciprocated are few and far between.

Our press, also, has joyfully noted the prosperity and enlargement of sister Churches, and gratefully and honorably recognized the evangelistic labors and religious triumphs of the Canada Methodist Church. We speak not of these things in a boastful spirit; far from it; we feel ourselves under solemn obligations to do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. The policy of our Wesleyan neighbors for years past has been the very opposite to all this, in regard especially to our denomination. There are, we are glad to believe, individual exceptions in their