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with a net-work of Sunday-schools all over the land, and doors, great and effectual, opening on every side,—we have before us a prospect as hopeful as any church could desire. Realizing at once the magnitude of the work, and the greatness of the responsibility, we cast ourselves upon the “exceeding great and precious promises for grace to be faithful to our trust.”

Desiring that you should be fully informed in regard to affairs, we have appointed the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., President of the Conference, and the Rev. David Savage, our representatives to your Conference. These honored and beloved brethren will convey to you our fraternal greetings, and inform you, by word of mouth, of the condition and prospects of our various connexional interests. We pray that their visit may tend to promote the spirit of Methodist unity, and prepare the way for continued fraternal intercourse between your church and ours.

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE  
RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF DUFFERIN,  
K.P., K.C.B.,

*Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the Ministers and Lay Representatives constituting the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, including also the Islands of Newfoundland and Bermuda, now convened in the city of Toronto, do, on the occasion of this our first organization, desire for ourselves and on behalf of the numerous congregations which we represent, to convey to