

And now, dear Brethren, in conclusion let me express the earnest hope that the Lord will be continually present with you, to bless and guide you in all your deliberations, and that your assembling together may be for the highest good and advancement of the Church and kingdom of our Lord upon the earth, and its influence continue to be felt, as it has in times past been felt, throughout the whole extent of the Church universal among men.—In the name and on behalf of the Canada Association,

I am, beloved Brethren,

Yours in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ,

(Signed) EDWIN GOULD.

(Countersigned) F. W. TUERK,

President Canada Association.

No. 14.

To the President of the Association of the New Jerusalem Church in Canada.

DEAR SIR,—

In the Appendix No. 5 of the Ecclesiastical Report Mr. Gould's letter is more strongly recommended to the attention of the Church.

In reply to preaching and worship and what it should be, Mr. Gould says "the pulpit must elaborate the Word and the ritual." No doubt others, to their own satisfaction, have answered this question. I think the Lord in his Word has revealed all about it. I therefore will simply give my experience of New and Old Church preaching, and point to the truth, why the principles of the New Church find so little favor with most men. I have heard but eleven of the preachers of the Church; their general theme was repentance, and the endless love and mercy of the Lord, to his fallen creatures, with the exception of one, where a mere effort was made, to produce a dazzling word-picture, or a fine phrasiology. I have seen more than "sympathy" under the preaching of the New Church. The Lord's love and mercy were so conspicuous that the emotion of the speaker often was such that utterance became difficult, and at various times the tears of self-abasement and of joy were visible. The acts produced thereby will never be erased from my mind. Nearly forty years ago, when revivals were in their zenith, I attended a protracted meeting which lasted three weeks, where not only "the clanking of

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