

you make of withdrawing from the Methodist ministry be ever received, it must be with the concurrence of the collective conference; or should the question require immediate attention, that of its executive committee. I shall be glad to see the enactment of any regulation which will promote the usefulness of our church to the benefit of a large and intelligent class of adherents now receiving no recognition beyond their contributions to our institutions; and also the adoption of practical measures by which the youth baptized by Wesleyan Ministers may be more personally cared for, and affiliated to our ordinances. Your distinguished ability and matured experience eminently qualify you as a safe legislator and councillor on such grave questions, which by some cannot be separated from ancient usages greatly blessed to the growing spirituality of true believers, without injury to the visible character of the church. After so long and useful a career, your separation from our conference and work would be a connexional calamity. You stand among the few in Canada to whom the present independent and legal position of the Wesleyan Church stands deeply indebted. Future generations of ministers and people will partake, imperceptibly to themselves, of the advantages a few of the more gifted and noble-minded brethren struggled and contended for against so many obstacles. You are as capable of remedying anything wrong, or supplying anything wanting *within* the Church, as you were many years ago, to overcome impediments to her usefulness *without*.

I am, Reverend and Dear Doctor,

Your affectionate Brother

And Fellow-labourer,

(Signed)

ENOCH WOOD.

Rev. E. RYERSON, D. D., &c., &c.

III.—COPY OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY DR. RYERSON, AND NEGATIVED BY THE CONFERENCE— JUNE, 1854.

Resolved,—

- 1.—That no human authority has a right to impose any condition of membership in the visible church of Christ, which is not enjoined