

hope and expectation we have again given him charge of your Mission. We have, also, appointed Messrs. Rolston and Brown to labour among you in word and doctrine. Their approved piety and zeal encourage us to hope they will prove a blessing in those places to which the finger of God may direct their labours.

We need not remind you that the past year has been to us a season of severe trial. Ireland has been ravaged by famine and pestilence, and England has drunk deep into the cup of sorrow. The depressed state of trade and commerce, together with the high price of provisions, have subjected millions to the most painful privations. All classes in society have felt these awful calamities, and many of our own people have suffered in common with others. This has crippled our resources, and paralyzed our best energies in many places. Some of our dear people have been denied the means of supporting the cause of God as in days past. Others have been driven to seek the means of subsistence in places where we have no interest, and not a few have left our shores for distant lands. Yet, amid all, we have cause for thankfulness. We can sing of mercy and of judgement: unto thee, O Lord, will we sing.

The present Conference has been distinguished by the unanimity and love which ought to characterize all such assemblies. Its public services have been numerously attended, and gracious influences have rested on them.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

WILLIAM BURROWS, *President.*

E. W. MAKINSON, *Secretary.*

HANLEY, May 31st, 1847.

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