

PREFACE.

THE Niagara Bible Conference is precisely what its name implies. It is a meeting for the study of the Bible, and for nothing but the study of the Bible. Every man who leads attempts at least to prove every point he makes by the authority of Scripture ; and it is not uncommon to give in each study forty, fifty or more texts and passages of Holy Writ, which are read by the student or repeated by the leader. These are put down in note books, and taken down for future examination and meditation. It has been frequently said by ministers of the gospel that they hear more Scripture at these conferences in one week than they heard in theological seminaries.

The Conference this year was the best and largest yet held. The attendance of young men was much larger than any former year, and the committee announces that next year, the Lord willing, some of the teachers will remain two weeks to help young men who are anxious to study the Word, and are willing to be subject to its instruction, and it is expected that many will avail themselves of this rare and remarkable opportunity to search the Scriptures. Young men who desire to attend can correspond with Rev. W. J. Erdman, Asheville, North Carolina. It is hoped that this arrangement will be promptly and widely made known.

It has been determined to incorporate the Conference under the laws of Canada, and in order to guard against future apostacy, (if the Lord should tarry), the statement of doctrinal belief, adopted some years ago, will be embodied in the act of incorporation. Of course no human measures can wholly prevent the inroads of error and the wiles of the devil ; but it is a comfort to know that