

rights, and privileges, and the bigoted partizans, and runaways of the past, who live, know that there is, after all their onsets and faithlessness, a Wesleyan Methodist Church to-day, the main bulwark of Protestantism, liberty, loyalty, and patriotism in Canada. Here is *unity*,—the Wesleyans of Eastern and Western Canada, of the Hudson's Bay Territory, and British Columbia, in cordial fellowship and labour, in connexion with the beloved Parent British Wesleyan Conference. Here is *extent*. After several circumstantial changes in thirty years, Providence has made Methodism a mighty and indispensable agency and institution to Canada,—the area of Wesleyan activities so enlarged, the proceedings of the Conference so effectual, the ministry so increased, demands for additional preachers so ceaseless, and the membership and congregations so spread, it is now felt by many that where there is one, there should be three or more Conferences, in a magnificent British country, where VICTORIA'S benign and unsullied sceptre is yearly augmenting the number and happiness of a grateful population.

My comparisons have had to do with the Minutes of 1830 of ten scanty pages, and the Minutes of 1860 of 130 full pages. Whence these differences? Whence this advancement? The answer is,—The Wesleyans have deemed their Bible and the Spirit of Holiness indispensable, and their Doctrines, Means, Itinerancy, Discipline, and standard Literature fundamental. The Presidency of the Conference, the Co-Delegacy, the General Superintendency of the Missions, and the Chairmanship of Districts, have been, and are, select causes of our ecclesiastical and spiritual diffusion. The Wesleyans have been a hearty, praying, benevolent People. The People have had a scriptural, intelligent, acute, laborious, self-sacrificing, faithful, believing Pastorate. The dying testimonies of venerable, heroic Pioneers have animated the Church. Camp and Special Meetings have remarkably maintained the primitive power and purity of Canadian Wesleyan Methodism. The forest, the shore, the mountain, and the prairie have been glad for the Saviour. God be praised! The Ministerial and Lay elements are harmonious. Old Methodism—not innovation—is of paramount importance to all, and vigilant watchings for daily providential indications. The special call of the Methodists is not revoked. Affectionate union with, and the example, representatives, addresses, appointments, and aid, of British Methodism, have immensely conduced to give our work symmetry, security, exten