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Of the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church, to the Methodist New Connexion Conference, in England.

DEAR BRETHREN.—Through the mercy of the great head of the Church, we have again been permitted to meet in our Annual Conference. Our proceedings have been characterized by Caution, Firmness, and Order. The Returns from the different Circuits, do not present so favourable an account of our prosperity as we could wish; the past has been a year of peculiar trial and difficulty. In the first place, many of our Ministers have met with severe afflictions in their families; in the second place, some have been unable (for want of health) to travel; and in the third place, we have suffered materially owing to the ungenerous and unprincipled conduct of men who have no longer a name amongst us; nevertheless, from a multiplicity of circumstances, we have strong grounds to believe, that the great work of saving souls is progressing, and although our Minutes will shew a decrease in numbers; our Connexion, notwithstanding, is increasing in popularity, influence, and strength.

For the generous support you have rendered us both in *means* and *means*, we would present you our heartfelt thanks. We feel honored in being united with a body of men so liberal and scriptural in their principles as the Methodist New Connexion. This Union has been productive of the most happy consequences in this country,—it is owned by the great head of the Church. By the pouring out of his spirit upon many of our Missions a vast amount of good has been effected, many souls sunk in ignorance and sin, debased by vice and the slaves of a bigoted superstition, have been enlightened, saved from sin and blessed with a sanctified nature and a happy life.

Our truly laborious and much esteemed Superintendent, has been a great benefit to the Connexion in this country—his work was of the most laborious and difficult character yet, with holy zeal and a Christ-like benevolence, he has gone forward