

passions of war were let loose. *Now*, we meet to feel we are a people "at rest and quiet." The battle cry and call to arms of twelve months' since are heard not amongst us. Danger then felt to be near has been succeeded by a grateful sense of security; and the hour that brings to you this our message of brotherly greeting will also communicate the important fact that as a people we are taking position—worthy position we hope it may prove—amongst the nations of the earth. "Righteousness," saith the Word of the Lord, "exalteth a nation." In this view our work as a Christian community we feel to be of paramount, of vital importance. Our mission in common with that of other churches is to leaven society with the truth—that truth of which its divine embodiment declared that as men knew it, it would make them free. O may we, in separating to our several fields of privileged toil, be baptized for our God's assigned work of "spreading Scriptural holiness over this land." May we go forth to shine as lights in the world in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

We gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and aid we are ever receiving from you in the fulfilment of these our obligations. The annual grants appropriated to Canada from your General Mission Fund, strengthen our hands to an extent you cannot, at so great a geographical distance from us, appreciate. Nor less do we value the assistance rendered us through the good offices of your representative, the worthy Superintendent of this Mission. We have received him from you as from God. His brotherly bearing and wise suggestions have given increased interest and efficiency to our Conferential deliberations and decisions, and his visits and ministrations on many of our Circuits during the year have been accepted by us as most timely and valuable. For the onerous responsibilities of his position may the "arms of his hands be made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob."

We regard it also as matter for grateful recognition that we are still favored with the presence and sojourn amongst us of the late Superintendent of this Mission, and that we are thus permitted to avail ourselves of the counsels and services of one whom we honor for his work's sake.

The reports which have reached you of the measure of success attending the employment of our evangelic agencies during the year must have gladdened your hearts. Though we cannot report as large accessions to our membership as our hearts could have desired, we feel thankful for that enlargement of our borders, which the statistical returns of this Conference indicate.

It is also noteworthy as a sign of improvement amongst us that many of our Circuits are according a much more generous