

Family, which makes in our day these sacred dispatches necessary to and from the east and west, and north and south. The sending of a Representative to the English Conference, and several Representatives to the Conference of Eastern British America, are important and pleasing acts. The Pastoral Address, though long enough for these days of celerity, has throughout a golden vein of Scriptural truth, Wesleyan principle, and Christian love, and must be a profit to the Societies wherever officially read by the Preachers. We are much gratified, too, with the brotherly unanimity with which the elections were made; and only an official Methodist knows the support derived from a noble majority; and the President of the Conference, Co-Delegate, Secretary of the Conference, and Editor of the *Christian Guardian* will discharge their high functions sustained by the cordial confidence of the Conference. The re-election of so many Chairmen is indicative of wisdom and good feeling. The numerous votes of thanks show that the Conference was courteous and grateful. The welcome visit of Methodist Ministers from the States is expressive of a common origin, and yearnings for the accomplishment of the same glorious object.

There was grief at the loss, and the joy of grief that God's goodness had so long put off the loss, when the Rev. Dr. Wood announced to the Conference the death of Mr. Farmer, and the Rev. Dr. Stinson, the President, and other Ministers, added their full-hearted testimonies to his, and a resolution of condolence was passed; and the tears of many on the occasion tell that the pulsations of Home Methodism reach, and thrill, and subdue the distant affiliated Conferences. The Wesleyans have

laid their mystic cable across the Atlantic and every sea, and the telegrams received and sent are messages of love and sympathy. It is asked,—Who will take Mr. Farmer's place, and be as generous? This gives us little concern while we are Wesleyans for the glory of God. Just at the moment of this loss to the Wesleyan Connexion the Rev. William Arthur and Mrs. Arthur have become possessed of a £40,000 legacy, and it is said they have at once given £3,000 to the London Wesleyan Chapel Building Fund, £1000 to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, and £1000 to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Thomas Farmer's death will increase the number of young Thomas Farmers.

The caution of the Brethren on the subject of a division of the Connexion under a General Conference, develops the essential conservatism of the Canada Conference. The change is not conceded at present. This is a safe postponement, not an absolute settlement of the question. The agents of Wesleyanism are united and indefatigable. Their boundaries are yearly extending. What will be the result in a few years? The ample, the spiritual, the beautiful cheers now: the full sublime awaits the popular and energetic Canada Conference.

Why do the statistics and spiritualities of the Conference year after year, notwithstanding several old and thoughtless secessions, and much zeal in other bodies, prove advancement? We have none of the fancies of Swedenborg in our creed to satiate the desire of the curious. We have no Mohammedan sword to coerce into submission. We have no Papal inquisition to punish the dissentients. No mint to bribe. We allow of no tampering with our