

PASTORAL ADDRESS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

Primitive Methodist Church,

BY THE

CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED,

We, your Ministers and Representatives, in Conference assembled, beg to assure you there is no duty we more willingly and pleasantly discharge than that of addressing to you our yearly epistle. From the position we occupy, and the intimate relation we sustain to you, we cannot but feel deeply interested in your spiritual state, and cherish an ardent solicitude for your increasing prosperity. It will be our constant effort to labour for your advancement in the divine life, and the furtherance of your joy in Christ the Lord. We are the more encouraged to do this from the inspired assurance, "our labour shall not be in vain;" and from the success with which the Head of the Church has blessed our labours in the past year: four hundred and thirty-nine precious souls have been added to our number, over and above supplying the deductions occasioned by deaths, removals, and declensions in piety. This fact is a cause of deepest gratitude to us, and should operate as an incentive to increased devotedness in the holy work of saving souls.