

to be reconciled to God, imagine, that, in little more than half a century, the little one would become a thousand, and that a Conference would be organized in British America, of which the scene of his juvenile evangelism, should be the spiritual as well as a geographical centre. Little did the venerable WILLIAM BENNETT—compelled by affliction, more than thirty years since, to retire from the ranks of the effective Ministry—conceive, that he would be spared to witness in these Provinces, so signal a development of the Cause, to which were consecrated, with unsparing labor, the zealous energies of his youth. According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought !

The perfect unanimity of judgment among the Ministers, with which this change has been brought about, is matter of unfeigned congratulation ; and affords, under the circumstances, we are constrained to believe, indubious indication of the presence and approbation of Him who is “ the author of peace and lover of concord.” Nor, there is the strongest reason to conclude, is it less acceptable to our people. The addresses presented to DR. BEECHAM by the respective District Meetings which he attended, and the consentaneous resolutions adopted by the brethren, expressive of entire acquiescence in the general principles of the Plan proposed as the basis of our Connexional organization, were in every place distinctly echoed by the communications, both oral and written, addressed to the Deputation from the British Conference, by many official and influential lay friends. The issue of this movement is with God ; and on that point we are free to acknowledge, we entertain no painful apprehension, but on the contrary the most elevated hopes ; whilst, in the meantime, it is most gratifying to know, that all the parties most deeply interested in the measure, are “ like-minded, having the same love, being of one soul, of one mind.”

Coeval with the important change now effected in the ecclesiastical relations that have hitherto subsisted between us and you, the beloved people of our pastoral charge, is the origination of an entirely new class of reciprocal obligations, on the practical recognition, and faithful discharge of which, must, under the Divine blessing, mainly depend

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