

dents have been instructed in the doctrines of Christianity, as they were understood by our fathers, and of this number three have, with all the advantage of this training, been appointed to the active work.

The subject of the union of the two Conferences, which is not now before us for the first time, has engaged our deepest interest. We have appointed a Committee to act in connexion with a similar Committee of your body with a view to accomplish this grand object. And when the details of a plan of union shall be laid before us, under the strong impulse of hope that all the Methodist Bodies in British America shall soon become one in Church polity, as they are one in Christian faith, we shall give to them our most prayerful consideration.

We have appointed as our Representatives to your next Conference, the Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., Ex-president, and the Rev. Duncan D. Currie, our Secretary, brethren honored and beloved for their many valuable services to our Church, who will convey to you our fraternal salutations, and communicate such further information respecting our work as may be of interest to you.

The Rev. E. Botterell, whose increasing infirmities have compelled him to retire from the active work of the pastorate, is also commended to your affectionate regard.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

*Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference.*

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

St. John, N. B., June 30, 1871.