

## THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

### OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE

Members of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

“Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The near approach of the close of our fifteenth Annual Conference reminds us of a pleasing duty,—that of addressing you in our collective capacity, as your religious and spiritual circumstances, and the state of our work generally, may require. We “watch for your souls, as they that must give account,” that “we may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” We “have no greater joy than to hear that” our “children walk in truth.” “For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.” The present session has been marked with great solicitude for your interests, unanimity in its decisions, and christian affection in its spirit. We wish that the fraternal and hallowed bonds which exist among you, and between you and us, which already are close, may be closer still; and rendered so by a plenitude of love from Him who is the God of love. Ours is a brotherhood providentially and specially existing for the preservation, defence, and promulgation of “the form of sound words,” and the diffusion of “scriptural holiness.”

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