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Of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Members of the
Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church.

Through the mercy of a kind Providence, we are once more permitted to assemble at our Annual Conference. As the members of Conference, ministers, and lay representatives, according to our usual custom, we would address you; and we would do it with meekness and love, desiring to imitate the example of our blessed Lord and Saviour, in his salutation to his disciples, we say—
“Peace be unto you.”

We are happy to state, that during the whole of our Conference the utmost harmony prevailed amongst the brethren. We never recollect meeting together at any former Conference, nor at any meeting for the despatch of business, where the spirit of love and unity was more prevalent. Our religious services were seasons of great refreshing, and we trust will lay the foundation for a good work during the coming year on the Crosby Circuit.

All our circuits underwent a strict examination as to their state; and although the result of that examination obliged us to record a great deficiency in the number of our members, yet we are not discouraged. We think that substantial reasons may be assigned why we have suffered loss in our numbers. With us the past year has been one of unusual trial. One of our dear ministers, Owen Campbell, has been taken from us. He was a young man of great promise. His loss we regard as a great calamity. Another of our ministers has been

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