

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN CANADA, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BAY QUINTE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

Another year has passed away, and we are again permitted to present to you our annual Epistle.

In reviewing the occurrences of the past year, in connection with our pastoral relations with you, our feelings partake both of the pleasing and the painful. Pleasing, while we recognise the kind dealings of our Heavenly Father with us—"your servants for Jesus' sake"—in sparing our lives, so that not one of our number has fallen by death—Painful, while we reflect upon those endearing associations, with our several flocks, now dissolved, perhaps to be renewed no more till we meet in that better world, the home of all God's family.

We rejoice to inform you, that, notwithstanding the embarrassments under which we labor, in some sections of the work, as a whole, our progress is onward; and we are more than ever convinced, that in proportion as we rigidly adhere to the *principles and practice of primitive methodism*, in just such proportion *will* be our prosperity. Suffer us then, Dear Brethren, to urge upon your consideration the importance, nay, the indispensable *necessity* of a *close and practical observance of those excellent rules contained in our Book of Discipline*; and which, *next to the Bible*, should regulate our conduct. We should never forget the great object of our uniting together, to watch over one another in *love*; and, to help each other work out his salvation. But, while we urge you to the vigorous use of all the means, as if all depended upon

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