

## ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

**BELoved FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—**

We feel it would be matter for profound regret should our customary annual message to you from this field of our common operations ever degenerate into a mere detail of routine, but hope that—as now, so ever—in thus addressing you, from the abundance of the heart the mouth may speak.

Many precious bonds serve to establish a community of feeling and interest between us. Partakers alike of a personal salvation, we are one in Christ Jesus. Sympathizing in our views of Christian truth and doctrine, we hold fast the same form of sound words; and in our acceptance of Scriptural guidance for the regulation of the affairs of Christ's Church we are further agreed. Personal friendships also largely contribute to that unity of spirit in which we feel joined to yourselves. Two respected brethren of your ranks had successively the oversight of the work in this land; their names are household words amongst us, their influence is still felt in our borders. Other dear brethren now bearing the burden and heat of the day with you once labored side by side with us. Others of your number some of us have seen in the flesh, have seen to respect and love. Still, a large proportion of the members of both our Conferences must expect to be personally strangers to one another in time. Our first meeting, face to face, will be where "a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, shall stand before the throne and before the Lamb." Till then

Love us, though far in flesh disjoined,  
Ye followers of the Lamb,  
And ever bear us on your mind,  
Who think and speak the same.

You on our minds we ever bear,  
Whoe'er to Jesus bow,  
Stretch out the arms of faith and prayer,  
And lo! we reach you now.

We have cause for devout thanksgiving that we meet as a Conference under circumstances that contrast so favorably with those of our last year's gathering. *Then*, our land was wet with the freshly spilled blood of brave men fallen in their country's defence; consternation had seized the public mind; the

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