

Address to the English Conference.

BRETHREN :—In the good providence of God permitted once more to address you from our Annual Conference, we greet you, affectionately, in the name of the Lord Jesus—yours and ours. The year past has been, in some respects, an exceptional one in the relations we sustain to you, and as affects us, denominationally, in many other respects, not less so; while in the general affairs of both, matters have eventuated which furnish those ever-varying aspects that mark all years alike.

Our sympathies have been aroused, from time to time, by recorded afflictions and death among the standard bearers in our beloved Zion; and these have forcibly reminded us that we ourselves are mortal, and we trust have stirred our souls to renewed consecration to our sacred trust, knowing that "The night cometh when no man can work." The death of Bro. M. Robins claims prominence in the record of our losses, and that, not only arising from his valuable and lengthy ministry among us, but also from the family relationship sustained to many in this "Canada of ours," foremost among whom is the venerable and beloved Brother Paul, whose life our God is still continuing, to the rich advantage of us all. Again, so beautiful a life as that of Bro. John Guard, which peacefully closed immediately after last Conference, though already taken note of by you, we cannot allow to pass without Conference remark. He was a man who loved God, loved his work, loved the Denomination, and loved and was beloved by all his Brethren. His life and ministry were in all respects exemplary; and, cut down at his post in comparatively early life, his removal will long be felt as a loss not easily replaced.

After several years of determined struggle against declining health, the active ministerial life of Brother William Hooper is brought to a close by a well-earned superannuation—request for which we heartily pass on to you, with the assurance that it will not be withheld. A suitable testimonial of the high esteem in which Bro. Hooper is held by his brethren is duly placed upon record. The usual vicissitudes of earth-life have attended us in our ministerial experiences during the past year; and we cultivate the grace to trust where we cannot trace the providential arrangements of Him who cannot err.

Another efficient laborer among us for many years, Bro. Thomas R. Hull, having earned for himself a good report, and rendered himself a blessing to many precious souls and the several stations

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