

PASTORAL ADDRESS,

*To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church,
from the Canadian Conference.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

We greet you as fellow-labourers and sufferers in the gospel and tribulation of Jesus Christ.

Another year of labour in the Master's work is over, and we rejoice in the assurance that it has not been in vain in the Lord. In many parts of the connexion successful revivals have occurred, and many souls have been given to crown our joy. After covering the losses sustained by removals to distant fields, where as yet we have no means to reach them, we are still enabled to report an encouraging increase. The financial returns indicate much health and vigor, being nearly two thousand dollars advance in missionary funds and a still better show in annual income. It is with much pleasure that we note evidences of increased liberality on the part of our people. Our Toronto friends have done wonders in this respect, and deserve special commendation. During the year none of our ministers have been removed by death, but the exigencies of the work demand more men than seem at present available. The door stands open to young men whose hearts are alive to the work of saving souls. This question of sustaining our work by a capable ministry has pressed so seriously upon the Conference, that after calm and full deliberation, it has determined to establish in Toronto a Theological Institute, under the personal superintendence of one of our ministers, whose business it shall be to deliver lectures, and to place promising young men in training for the effective discharge of their duties. In sympathy with this purpose, \$300 have been offered by Toronto alone, and other sums have been promised, to which the Conference recommends that \$600 be added by voluntary contributions throughout the Church in Canada. As all Stations are interested in obtaining efficient ministers, it is hoped that they will heartily cooperate in providing the means. A competent committee will arrange all the details, and set the Institute in immediate