

## ADDRESS OF REV. W. M. PUNSHON, M.A.

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On Wednesday evening, July the 26th, an open session of the Wesleyan Conference was held in the Free Trade Hall, in Manchester, to hear the addresses of the representatives of affiliated Conferences. The hall was filled to overflowing with an eager audience. After the representatives of the Irish and French Conferences had spoken—

The SECRETARY said that he had now the great pleasure to introduce to the President and to the Conference a beloved brother, who appeared amongst them as the representative of the Canadian Conference—the Rev. William Morley Punshon, M.A.

This announcement was received with great applause, the whole of the immense audience rising and cheering the rev. gentleman.

The PRESIDENT, addressing Mr. Punshon, said: Every heart in this assembly goes with that cheer. We have watched your career in the great and glorious country to which your path has been so mysteriously directed. We rejoice and give thanks to God for the honour which He has put upon you, and the work he has enabled you to do. We see you amongst us again with thankfulness to Him, and with feelings of unspeakable affection and joy towards yourself. We have never lost sight of you; never forgotten you. You have been one of ourselves. Your name has been called over as a member of this Conference every year since you left us. Your name has been called over to-day. I rejoice that it will appear on the records of this year as present in our deliberations, and on your own account I greet you in the name of the Lord, and on account of that noble Church at the head of which it has pleased Him to place you during the last three years.

The Address of the Canadian Conference was then read and accepted; and the Rev. W. Arthur, M.A., Dr. Rigg, and G. S. Rowe were appointed a sub-committee to prepare a reply.

The Rev. WM. MORLEY PUNSHON was, on rising, greeted with much enthusiasm, the whole audience standing and cheering, while some waved hats and handkerchiefs in token of welcome. He said he had, on behalf of the Canadian Conference, to thank the honored fathers and brethren assembled for the