

staff of Professors and otherwise, for conducting the Students through an entire course of Collegiate instruction.

We would endeavor to express to our Fathers and Brethren our sense of the favor conferred upon us, as a youthful Connection, at a critical period of our history, and when questions of momentous interest to our Church in these Colonies were awaiting decision, in the appointment of the Rev. W. B. Boyce to be President of our Conference. Mr. Boyce was not unknown to us; in connection with the Kaffir Missions, and the Australasian Conference, his name was familiar. But his ability in presiding over our deliberations, practical sagacity, clear insight into the most intricate details of business, and thorough acquaintance with every subject bearing upon our entire economy, have exceeded our most sanguine anticipations.

We have also been favored with the presence of a deputation from our elder sister Conference in Canada, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Stinson, President, Rev. Richard Jones, Co-Delegate, and Rev. John Gemley, Secretary of the Canadian Conference. The presence of these honored Ministers of Christ has been a source of great encouragement to us. We have been delighted with their able and richly evangelical ministrations in the pulpit; we have greatly profited by their counsels and admonitions; while their narrations of early struggles, of rapid progress, of glorious triumphs, and of future prospects, have tended to confirm our confidence, and to deepen our conviction in the wisdom and excellence of our ecclesiastical system, and in the future destiny of Wesleyan Methodism.

We have great pleasure in requesting that the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., to whose faithful labors, sound judgment, and high integrity of character, we are deeply indebted, may be President, and that the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, A. M., may be Co-Delegate, during the ensuing year.

Having been informed that our beloved President, the Rev. Mr. Boyce, cannot be in England in time to represent us, we request that the Rev. Wm. Arthur, A. M., be our representative at the British Conference.

We cannot refrain from expressing our deep sense of the loss sustained by you in the recent death of one of the Princes of our Israel—one whose connection with the