

ADDRESS
OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE,
TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Through the infinite mercy of God we have been permitted to meet again in our annual Conference, after a year that will long be remembered in this Province; a year characterized, on the one hand, by the mania of wild speculation, sad disclosures of public and private fraud, and that fearful financial crash which almost buried commerce in ruins; and, on the other hand, by that conscious feeling experienced by thousands, that in the tide of iniquity and storms of calamity, God only can be his people's "anchor, refuge, sun and shield"—that sense of sin before Jehovah—that deep solicitude to be washed in the blood of Jesus, and that mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit which has so gloriously visited this western world, perhaps unequalled since the day of Pentecost. From all, we must say,

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.

Out of the chaos of a mysterious year God has graciously brought forth a new and better state of things; hence our prospects in this province were never so bright as at the present moment. In the glorious revival which visited America, we have not been passed over; 718 precious souls have been converted and enrolled in our churches; 565 as members, and 153 under its watch care. What reason for gratitude for the past, and united and personal dedication afresh to God, and full resolve to labor for his glory. While, especially his hand is opening to us a great door, which no man can shut, in the North West of this great continent, occupied hitherto by the Hudson Bay Company, and which is now filling with amazing rapidity by emigration. This will call for renewed and enlarged efforts, both by the churches in our father-land and Canada. We cannot stand still, that would be death; we must, and by the grace of God we shall, urge on in the open path of duty to glory, and scatter broad-cast the seed of divine truth over this vast wilderness, and confidently look forward to the time when North America shall become a fruitful garden, and, in its turn, send forth the heralds of salvation to other lands.