

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE CONFERENCE

TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
IN CANADA.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN :

By the good Providence of God, we have been permitted to meet in our Annual Assembly, for the oversight and adjustment of the interests and affairs of our beloved Zion. We are grateful for the mercies and blessings of the past year; and we again affectionately address you, in our collective capacity, for the suggestion of those principles and duties which we deem pre-eminently and unceasingly important.

In the recollection of the events of the past year, it behoves us to acknowledge, with gratitude, our renewed obligations to Almighty God. While we have to mourn, with hope, over the loss of some of our beloved people, employed in the defence of our government and country, we are thankful that foreign invasions have been but few and temporary, and that civil insurrection has not been re-attempted. Spiritually, also, we have not been forgotten by our Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit has been graciously shed upon many parts of "the field;" the ministrations of divine truth have been rendered successful; the prayers and intercessions of many of our people have been heard and answered; the Church has been edified; and perishing sinners reclaimed and saved. We, therefore, feel that gratitude and love demand a fresh