

influence, are exceedingly attractive. We have profited by his faithful and practical exposition of Divine verities, fraught with heavenly unction. We have marked with high admiration his conduct in the Presidential Chair, distinguished by patience, equanimity, urbanity, and a perfect mastery of all the questions submitted to our consideration. He bears away with him our lasting esteem and christian love, accompanied by our earnest supplications that the Great Head of the Church may preserve his valuable life through many happy years, to bless with sagacious counsel and the graceful exhibition of mellowed and manly piety, the grateful denomination which he has so faithfully served. Thrice happy shall we be while he is providentially spared for the performance of active public duty, to welcome him from year to year as the honoured occupant of the office he so worthily fills.

We are gratified at the selection of the REV. DR. RICHEY, to sustain the important office of Co-delegate—an office which his eminent pulpit abilities, his varied acquirements, his long-trying fidelity to the church of which he is an ornament, and his experience gathered in high office in the Canadian Methodist Church, qualify him honourably and usefully to fill.

We have been greatly refreshed in spirit, and aided in counsel, by the presence of the Rev. ENOCH WOOD, President of the Canadian Conference, and his Co-delegate, the REV. JOHN RYERSON—their public ministrations, their personal bearing, and their sagacity in Conferential deliberation—the fruit of rich and varied experience in important positions, were alike most pleasing and profitable. We feel deeply grateful to these distinguished ministers of our church, for the interest they manifested in our affairs, and their efforts in our behalf.

And now, Rev. and dear Fathers and Brethren; on this occasion so momentous to us and the numerous societies and congregations committed to our pastoral oversight—standing upon the threshold of our new career, not knowing what may befall us, but with faith in our mission to mankind, and high expectations of rapid enlargement upon every side—permit us to assure you of our profound attachment to all that is distinctive in the glorious Creed, and the effective Discipline of our common Methodism.