

welcome Address, that the work of God's grace prospers among you, and that whilst you mourn the loss by death of only one of your number, the accessions to your ranks have been numerous. May there never fail you a succession of "faithful men," teaching Apostolical doctrine, and animated by the Apostolical spirit, not counting their lives dear unto themselves, so that they might "finish their course with joy, and the ministry, which they have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God!"

We observe with great interest the proposal to unite in one organization all the Methodist Churches now under the care of your own and the Canadian Conferences, and trust that you will be able to report to us next year that the negotiations relative to this important subject have been brought to a happy and unanimous conclusion.

The visit of the brethren connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States we hail as a token of the friendly feeling of that large and influential body of Christians towards yourselves and us; and we hope, in accordance with the cherished wish of the venerated Wesley, that the essential unity of all the Methodists throughout the world will become increasingly manifest.

We very sincerely sympathize with you in the loss which you have suffered by the destruction of your Academy at Saakville; but hope that even this calamity may be overruled for good, and that having obtained larger buildings, free from debt, you may have better means than hitherto for the successful prosecution of your educational labours. We are one with you in the importance which you attach to the religious training of all the youth of your charge. We are persuaded that when all those on whom this solemn responsibility devolves prove faithful in the use of their opportunities, and rely upon the blessing of God with that faith which His pro-