

The British Provinces have lately been threatened with an invasion of a strange and unparalleled description. A conspiracy of wicked and most unreasonable men, for the accomplishment of a wild political enterprise, which had no rational relation to Canada, has made extensive preparations to invade and spoil our fine Province. But the courage and patriotism of the people of Canada has been more than equal to the emergency. The annoyance and expense thus caused have been considerable; but it is exceedingly gratifying that we have had such a manifestation of the sentiments and character of the people of this province, of their British feeling, their Christian patriotism, and their manly energy and courage. In the prompt resistance and speedy suppression of this infamous enterprise, which might have become formidable, Divine Providence has evidently favoured us, and encouraged us still to trust in His care and protection. We are confident that the members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church will never be found wanting in zeal, whenever their country and their Bible need their services; in the present instance some of them have been distinguished in the defence of our frontier, and one of them was the first to give his life in the public cause. Doubtless the chief object of the invaders was to create some cause of difficulty between the two nations; but it is to be hoped that all Christian people in both nations will avoid all cause of mutual irritation, and make all reasonable allowance for each other, and that they will unite, under a strong sense of duty, in endeavoring to restore and perfect a good understanding between the two great nations to whom God has chiefly entrusted the peace, progress and evangelization of the world.

The present year will ever be memorable, for the celebration of the Centenary of Methodism in America. The past hundred years of Methodist progress has been as remarkable as any century in the history of the Christian religion.