

Annual Address.

THE CANADIAN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members and Friends of the Primitive Methodist Church:

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS: We have just concluded our 23rd Conference. Great peace and harmony prevailed among your representatives; each and all were anxiously solicitous, to do their best to promote the welfare of our beloved Zion. The venerable Rev. G. Lamb, from England, was chosen president of our Conference. He conducted the business of this important connexional court with prudence, dispatch, and impartiality; and yet, at the same time, showed marked respect to the opinions of Canadian brethren and the usages of this land. He will return home with our best wishes and prayers for his safety and prosperity. We also trust his visits to our stations, though very brief, will promote the good both of ministers and their congregations.

We are thankful to the great Head of the Church for the success with which we have been favored during the past year, and are encouraged to expect still greater prosperity in the year upon which we have now entered. To secure this, ministers, office-bearers, and members must renew their consecration to God. It is only as we are imbued with the Divine Spirit that we can successfully engage, in any department of the Lord's work. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," is an injunction as binding on all the royal priesthood now as it was on the Aaronic priesthood of old. And only so far as the members of our churches are seriously devoted to God can they do the work to which they are called. The first thing that is wanted to enable us to answer the end of our heavenly calling is true holiness of heart. Let us then, by faith, lay ourselves upon that altar which sanctifieth the gift, however unworthy, that is laid thereon, and expect that the sacred fire of Divine approval will fall upon it; and that, henceforth, we shall be entirely the Lord's. "Whether we live we live to the Lord, or whether we die we die to the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die we are the Lord's." Let this become the experience of the ministers and members of our churches, and it will be manifested

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