

through the land. In this matter supply creates demand. Books make readers. People assimilate the mental food they live upon; the Church, therefore, cannot afford to be indifferent as to what that food shall be. We, as our fathers did, must write books, print books, distribute books, and push the sale of books, and that, not for profit, but for the Church's sake and for the Lord's. We exceedingly rejoice to see the prudent maturing of your organizations, and the wise development of your financial arrangements. We mark, with happiness, your increasing vigor. Vitality is more than forms. Laws—even ours—without life, were vain things; but laws guiding life are important. Methodism, conservative, yet not rapid, will easily adapt itself to every speciality of your country. The history of our affiliated Conferences and allied Churches has shown that our system, like the bark of a tree, can expand without rending, and even shelter the broadening life that dwells within.

The warmth of your loyalty to the British Throne, and the brotherhood you cherish for the British people, delight us; but, above all, we are gladdened by your enlarged Missionary spirit and growing zeal for the glory, and successful service in the cause of our common Lord.

We have much pleasure, in accordance with your request, in appointing the Rev. Henry Pope as your President, and the Rev. Samuel W. Sprague as Co-Delegate, for the next year.

And now "the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, as we do toward you: to the end He may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness