

and if, in this crisis, you rally round our connexional standard in her aggressive efforts upon the growing population of our country, you will strengthen the confidence, and cheer the hearts, of your Executive.

There are times when all professed love must culminate in heroic action and self-denying effort; that time is now upon us.

Now, dear friends, gird on the armor, and come willingly to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Bring your offerings of prayer, money, and sympathy. We cannot expect rich revival influence and baptisms of the Spirit, while any duty is, knowingly, left undone. The entire consecration of all our powers and talents to Him who

gave all for us, is reasonably demanded at our hands: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Finally, Brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Amen.

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### Address to the English Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

The lapse of time having again brought about our annual gathering, we once more fraternally greet you. Although many of us are personally unknown to you, and you to us, we rejoice in our Denominational kinship to you, and we more greatly rejoice in that we claim a higher relationship, as partakers with you of the same spiritual life, and as being children of the same Divine Father. Some of us cherish ever-pleasant recollections of past intercourse with many of you, and with not a

few of the now sainted ones, who have passed away from this land of the dying, to the life eternal. Ours is no formal greeting, therefore, brethren, beloved in the Lord.

With us, no very stirring events have marked the year that has just now ended. United among ourselves, we have largely had "peace in our borders," and, in a good measure, "prosperity within our gates." The aggressive movements of previous years, in the opening of new fields of labor, have not been continued,—not because