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APPENDIX X.

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## THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

LONDON CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST  
CHURCH OF CANADA

TO THE

METHODIST CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE.

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

“Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” This apostolic benediction loses none of its beauty and fitness because of the frequency with which it is employed to introduce our annual salutation to the Churches under our care. The words do not fall from our lips as empty sounds, meaning nothing, but embody our most ardent desires concerning those over whom the Chief Shepherd hath made us overseers.

We cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in our prayers, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God.”

The times and the seasons are all fraught with useful lessons, the experiences of every hour having a moral significance which ought not to be overlooked; but there are certain occasions distinctly marked out in which it is a solemn duty to pause and by the providence of God consider the years of the right hand of the Most High. Such an occasion we deem the present. We have passed through another year of toil for the Master. The record thereof is exceedingly gratifying. The sower and the reaper have rejoiced together, and many precious sheaves have been gathered for the garner of heaven. Almost every Circuit has realized a Pente-