

TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the
bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

Another year has brought us, in its annual round, to the period when in Conference assembled, we present you our usual pastoral address. With gratitude to Almighty God, we can inform you, that the angel of death has not been permitted to lay his hand upon any of us during the year.—While the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon day," are walking through our land, and spreading their ravages over many parts of the earth, our lives and health have been mercifully preserved.

It is with no ordinary degree of satisfaction, that we still witness "the pleasure of the Lord prospering in our hands." The divine blessing has, during the year, accompanied our feeble efforts, in the vineyard of the Lord, and has resulted in the addition of many souls to our numbers, by happy conversion to God. This cheers our hearts, and we are thereby encouraged still to labor, and suffer, and trust in the living God, from whom the increase cometh, and without whom we accomplish nothing.

The borders of our Zion are still enlarging, new fields of labor are still inviting us to enter upon the work of cultivation, and in the providence of God, the way is opening before us for greater usefulness, and that branch of the church with which we are connected, is called to aid, in no small degree, in the great work of evangelization, in our highly favored land.

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