

THE ANSWER

of

THE BRITISH CONFERENCE

TO THE

ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE

of 1836.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

We have received your affectionate Address with much satisfaction; and rejoice that it so distinctly recognises the great principles which we have so long deemed to be sound and scriptural in themselves, and important to the interests of our Connexion.

Had we ever been inclined to look upon your troubles and difficulties with indifference, the peculiar circumstances in which we have ourselves been placed during the last two years, would have compelled us to regard them with interest, and anxiously to observe their results.

He who can make the wrath of man to praise him, has caused our recent agitations to terminate in a calm and settled peace, and in the acquisition of other considerable advantages to our Connexion;—our discipline is better understood, and more ardently loved both by Preachers, and people; greater uniformity of administration is secured; and we are freed from the influence of a few unquiet spirits, whose love of pre-eminence had made them the constant troublers of our Israel.

Although these unhappy men have succeeded in drawing away from us a considerable number of members in some of the disturbed districts, yet it has pleased God so to bless our labours, that, even in Great Britain, we have a gratify-