

ADDRESS

TO THE

ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Your addresses from the last and preceding Conferences have melted our hearts, and refreshed our spirits. Some of us remember with great pleasure the happy seasons we have had with you at your annual gatherings in England; and though at present the Atlantic rolls between us, we are often with you still in spirit, and feel a bound uniting our hearts to yours far stronger than country or kindred can command. We are one in Christ Jesus.

We heartily approve your exhortation to maintain our original plainness and fervent piety, being fully convinced that we shall be strong and prosperous in proportion to our separation from the world, and to the degree of divine unction we continue to realize. In this country there are greater inducements to worldliness and spiritual apathy than in England. Most people can by diligence and economy acquire wealth, and hence the temptation to pursue it with too much ardour; and, should the love of the world prevail, it must of necessity extinguish the love of God: "For if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." And preachers being men of like passions with others, in seeing their fellow creatures prospering around them, are in danger of drinking into a worldly spirit, and in equal proportion, declining in vigorous, self-denying piety. May our Heavenly Father preserve us from surrounding snares.

The interest we feel in whatever concerns the connexion at home can scarcely be realized but by persons in similar circumstances. Your interest in us may be regarded as the sympathy of the head and heart with one of the members of the body; but should that member be severed, the heart may beat, and the head may govern the remaining members, and at the same time retain their vital energy almost unimpaired. But what becomes of the most amputated member? Under these circumstances you can scarcely estimate the pleasure it would afford us to be furnished with full information respecting the affairs of the connexion at home. We do certainly see what is printed and circulated to the world; but we cannot forget that we stand in much closer fellowship with you than the public at large, and if we cannot be with you in person it would greatly tend to cheer our hearts and increase our fellowship with you, could some means be adopted to lift the veil and show us the affairs of the connexion as you see them yourselves. As a

means of better understanding, not be well if the intervals to visit the meetings, and attend on to endear us to each course.

It affords us no small spreading and prosperity and of their success in last Conference colony, where 14 millions persons meeting in a prosper more abundantly.

We would however period the work has informed, 36 additional ship, though no addition these 7 years; nor by deficiency of funds repeated requests for would have been com chers in England that ther you sent us since tention of the friends and that young men examined in the regular to spend their period supplying the places. We wish, dear brethren lieve our obtaining a England will greatly dissolve ties to the

There has not for try respecting financial heavily on our connexion ciety excites our sympathy the attempt to liquid standing their present object.

And now, dear brethren mighty waters, hoping graciously realized desire yours; and that in an endless and bliss