

body, but to Jesus Christ and His Church. Let us separate our conceptions of Christianity from all that is circumstantial, sectarian, and human. Neither body have surplus time or energies to devote to the perpetuation of sectarian strife or denominational squabbles. The seal of our apostleship, after all, is not to be found in priority of establishment, but in adaptation, efficiency, and success in the Master's work. People generally are not so much interested as to the precise date of the planting of the tree, as in the quality of the fruit it bears.

The existence of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada is now a fixed fact. We have a hold upon the sympathies of the people that neither misrepresentation nor persecutions can sever. We devoutly pray that contention may speedily cease, and that the happy day may ere long dawn upon our common Methodism, when Ephraim shall cease to vex Judah, and Judah Ephraim, and ministers and people in both communions shall see eye to eye.

The task we have undertaken is now completed, and in taking leave of Dr. Carroll we beg to state that, in accordance with our promise at the outset, we have had no purpose in what we have said to wound his feelings or reflect upon the large and influential denomination to which he belongs, many of whose members and ministers are our cherished personal friends. We have written honestly and earnestly, because we felt it our duty, and we are ready to admit that sometimes we may have expressed ourselves with a degree of sharpness which, for the success of our argument, it might have been better to restrain. We entertain no feelings of personal hatred toward Dr. Carroll or his Church; and, as a proof of the truthfulness of this declaration, we now cordially offer him our hand.