

of a sanctified intellect, and the most fervid glow of a purified heart. Richard Watson and Robert Newton among the honored dead, and Jabez Bunting pre-eminent among the living, with other only less distinguished names, shed lustre upon our pathway to the altar of Missions, whence to us and ours, through long and eventful years, have emanated blessings innumerable and invaluable.

Yet though it affords to us so much satisfaction, to give utterance to our gratitude for the fostering care and the generous support which have been accorded to us by you in the past, we are of opinion that the time had fully arrived to place the work of God among us in these Colonies on a more comprehensive and commanding basis, when your respected Deputation reached our shores.

We cannot adequately express to you how high was our gratification when in our District Meetings, soon after his arrival, the precise character of the proposals with which he was charged was made known to us. During our Session in Conference, where those proposals have been more fully discussed and more closely studied, in their various bearings and consequences, our satisfaction has been rendered still more lively. We recognised in the plans submitted to us by your Deputation conclusive evidence of the enlightened liberality of sentiment, and of the generous Christian benevolence by which you were animated, in desiring us to occupy a position in which union and harmony, order and spiritual freedom should combine, to enable us to extend our common faith in all its purity and power to the farthest outskirts of our wide field of labour,—and to transmit it as a prized heritage from our fathers, sacredly inviolate, to the remotest posterity. We have adopted the plans laid before us by your Deputation, in the construction of our Conference, and we have taken such steps as are practicable at this moment, for the establishment of those Connexional Funds needful for the vigorous prosecution of our work.

We esteem it peculiarly providential, that at the period of our entrance upon a new and more elevated phase of ecclesiastical life, we should be in possession of such a noble and well-tried Institution, for the thorough education of our youth of both sexes, as that of the Mount