

## ADDRESS

OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

BELoved FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—

With unabated affection we once more address you from our Annual Conference, and greet you fraternally in the name of our common Lord.

The toils of the year are past, and we rejoice together in the loving-kindness of our God; "Our labor has not been in vain in the Lord." The word proclaimed by us in much weakness has been accompanied with holy unction and Divine power, and throughout our whole Connexion we have been favored with showers of blessing, and now we come together "with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us." 439 have been added to our ranks during the past year. "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place."

One brother has reached us from you who has entered upon his ministerial labors amongst us very acceptably, and of whom we cherish the highest hopes. In addition to these we have accepted 6 additional candidates for our Ministry. Our strength is increasing, our field enlarging, our numbers rapidly multiplying and our prospects brightening every year.

During the past few years we have suffered much through the financial embarrassments of the country. We have experienced great difficulty in the maintenance of our whole staff of laborers and the retention of all our circuits and missions, but through the self denial of the former and the enterprising liberality of the latter, and above all, through the blessing of Jehovah, we have not only kept our ground but have made most encouraging progress. We have struggled through our difficulties and now we may sing—

"Out of all the Lord  
Hath brought us by his love;  
And still he does his help afford,  
And hides our life above."

Several new chapels have been erected during the year; our members are manifesting great interest in the comfort of their ministers by providing suitable parsonages; and all our funds are in advance of last year, while in our Mission Fund especially there have been displayed many noble instances of liberality.

We rejoice to hear of the great revivals with which God has been pleased to bless some of your circuits. Such news thrills our hearts with joy. Surely we ought to humble ourselves before God that we are not more humble, more earnest, more faithful, more enterprising, more fully consecrated to the work of salvation, that we might enjoy richer and more frequent and extensive revivals.