

From the columns of the *Christian Guardian*, and the valued communications from a member of your body to our own Conference organ, we derive, from time to time, much, at once to refresh and improve us. We covet earnestly your best gifts, to the edifying of the Church; and especially do we desire, as we have opportunity, and up to the measure of our resources, to emulate, in our allotted sphere, your well directed *evangelistic* zeal. That characteristic we regard as pre-eminently the glory of Canadian Methodism; and our fervent supplication is that the Lord may continue to create upon every dwelling place of your Zion, and upon your assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, and that upon all the glory there may be a defence.

In the new and interesting field of missionary enterprise opened to you in British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, we mark, with gratitude to God, the encouraging success of your incipient operations. Such tokens of the Divine favour, and the animating anticipations they naturally awaken, are well fitted to cheer the heart of our old friend and fellow-laborer, Dr. Evans, and to sustain him amid the solitudes and labors of his present responsible position.

The work of God amongst us, we rejoice to be able to state, is, in all its departments steadily progressive. We refer you with confidence to our deputation for information on any aspect of our cause in which you may feel an especial interest; and shall be most happy and thankful to secure from you, as an elder sister in the great Wesleyan family, any councils or suggestions you may be pleased to offer in relation to the great interests which it is our common object to promote.

Hoping that you may, at your convenience, reciprocate our official expression of respect and affection, and cherishing a grateful remembrance of the invaluable aid rendered us by your former deputations, in laying the foundations of our ecclesiastical edifice; we close with the devout wish that the great things which the Lord has already done for you may prove to be but the first-fruits of an abundant harvest.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., *President.*

*Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 27th, 1859.*

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