

that which formerly succeeded, so your work out of the pulpit is also much increased. You are now required to address public meetings: you must take hold of church building schemes: and that natural feeder, the Sabbath School, will require your *closest attention*, to preserve the rising youth from being lost to the church of God, and the teachers from becoming weary in well doing. Then, there is the field of PASTORAL VISITING, which if neglected will be fatal to your success. And here I would intimate that the active spirit of competition is not limited to the market; it runs high among the churches: and to keep up with other Denominations, you will require to row with double oars, and steam at full speed.

In this connection, whilst I advise the repudiation of bigotry, I would urge you to be heart and soul with your own people, and lovers of all who hold the truth in the form of sound words. It has been suggested among some ecclesiastical politicians that there should be only *one* METHODIST CHURCH in Canada—that all should be bolted together, and one grand frigate launched on her triumphant course; but whether this bolting or "*absorption*" would answer all the purposes contemplated, is to me very questionable. However, all that I advise on church politics, as the progress of time brings up their various phases, is for you to exercise your judgment, and earnest prayers that measures may be rightly adjusted, to secure the spiritual advantage of our country. As I hold that our church is the *child of Providence*, having a *special mission*,—not originating in *division*, nor a branch riven from any parent stock—I say, guard its ancient land marks from being obliterated.

And here let me urge you to be faithful to your professed principles. Do not adopt new-fangled notions; nor, by riding certain *hobbies*, disturb the minds of your people, and sow *dragon's teeth*. Keep the unity

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