

## V.—REPLY TO THE FOREGOING LETTER.

(COPY.)

REV. AND DEAR DOCTOR,—

The purpose you aim to accomplish can be effectually secured by a different resolution to that introduced yesterday; if you will stay and hear what the brethren may say about the appointment of a large committee to take up this subject before I lay your resignation before them, I shall feel much gratified. I again say, I look upon your proposed withdrawal with deep sorrow, and must say, I cannot bring myself to believe that on such grounds you can be justified in taking so serious a step.

If the separation cannot be avoided, you will be kind enough to send the letter referred to, as you remember I handed it to you since coming to Belleville. Again, I entreat you, my dear friend, to withdraw your resignation. Excuse this scrawl, as I write in the midst of Conference business.

Very respectfully,

And affectionately yours,

(Signed,)

ENOCH WOOD.

REV. DR. RYERSON.

P. S.—I find I have the letter; but would still wish you would attend and hear what the Conference may say.

(Signed,)

E. W.

June 10th, 1854.

## VI.—LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

(COPY.)

MONDAY MORNING,

BELLEVILLE, June 12th, 1854.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

In accordance with the request contained in your affectionate note of Saturday, I attended the Conference, instead of pressing the reading to it of the letter which I had addressed to you on Saturday