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principle, and our determination, in a constitutional way, to oppose the endowment of Religious bodies in Canada. These subjects have been discussed during the present session of our Annual Conference; and with the utmost unanimity the sentiments propounded and defended through the columns of the *Christian Messenger* have been sustained. And it affords us pleasure to state, that while the sentiments of other Religious communities, on these great questions, have deprived them of the confidence of the public, and have scattered the seeds of discord among themselves, our connexion has risen in public estimation, and has become more firmly united together.

New, extensive, and interesting openings for the extension of our cause, far more rapidly than even our present augmented means of usefulness will enable us to occupy, are presenting themselves for our consideration, and urging their claims upon us. The settlement of the unoccupied lands in Canada, though for several years past in progress, to a considerable extent, is undertaken by the Government on a very broad scale. This will vastly increase the demands for men and means; in order that the poor emigrant, who bids adieu to his native land, with its inestimable privileges, may enjoy, as far as possible, in his wilderness abode, the advantages of the living ministry; that while the wilderness becomes literally a fruitful field, the fruitful field, in a moral point of view, may not become a forest.

Contending, however, with opposing influences, and pressing through difficulties which our esteemed brethren in England can scarcely estimate, the extent of the field we occupy, and the increasing demands for a greater number of labourers, urge to greater zeal and diligence: for we can never rest until every part of our Mission is transformed into a cultivated field. To this subject we have directed our attention during the present session of our Annual Conference; and indulge the hope, that by the carrying out of the resolutions adopted, every department of our operations will be conducted in a more systematic manner, and, with the blessing of God, will accomplish more extensive results. It will afford satisfaction to our brethren in England to find, that although the present Conference has discussed a number of questions, intricate and important to the interests