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### MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHURCH.

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BELOVED BRETHREN,—Again are we permitted to send to you our fraternal and affectionate greeting. Twelve more months of earthly toil and trial have passed away, and, thankful to the God of all grace for his providential care over you and us, we call upon you to join us in ascriptions of praise to Him for his unmerited goodness.

It affords us much pleasure to inform you that our present Conference is the largest and most gratifying we have yet been permitted to witness. In its deliberations and debates, wisdom and love were delightfully blended, and whilst every subject open for consideration was discussed with freedom and ability, it was pleasingly manifest that difference of opinion did not create alienation of heart.

A divine and love-inspiring influence appears to have pervaded the entire assembly, and by its constraining power to have drawn the hearts of the brethren into one.

It is our painful duty to record the deaths of two of our beloved ministers. Brother Hammersley who, fresh from the father-land, had but just entered our ranks; and the long-tried, dearly-beloved, and venerable Hales, have fallen by the hand of death. But we sorrow not as those without hope. The brethren we mourn were faithful till death and are doubtless now rejoicing before the throne above.

The ministers present appear to enjoy a continuance of physical energy, and what is infinitely more valuable and important, the love of Jesus in their hearts. The religious services of the Conference have been seasons of spiritual power and profit. The Lord has been in the midst of his people, and has caused the light of his countenance to shine upon us. The past year, we presume, has been to you all a year of unparalelled trial, and financial gloom. In many respects your faith in God has been severely tested, but in the midst of all your troubles the Lord has sustained you, and we call you to join us in raising an Ebenezer to his praise. He has favored us with a general

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