

PASTORAL ADDRESS

*To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church,
from the Canadian Conference.*

VERY BELOVED BRETHREN,

At no preceding Conference of our Denomination has your Representatives enjoyed greater happiness than at the one held in the City of Kingston—whether in reference to the beauty of the season, the hospitality of the people, the order preserved in the Assembly, or the success of the Moral and Religious Services which resulted in the conversion of souls.

In the investigation of our work, which was anxiously pursued by your Delegates, thankfulness was expressed for an increase of Membership and Churches erected, and other evidences of prosperity; but feeling of regret came over us when it was ascertained that many of our useful and beloved friends had passed away from amongst us by death and removals; and that several Brethren who had long laboured in our Ministry had to succumb, through age and infirmity, and other controlling causes. During the year, some of our Ministers have had to suffer by affliction and deficient salaries, but they have borne their trials with that fortitude and resignation which was to be expected. In consequence of the Connexional Funds being overdrawn, unless our Membership and adherents come up to the point of giving *as God has pros-*

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