

EXPLANATORY PREFACE.

THE present pamphlet would not have appeared, had the request contained in the following note been complied with—a note addressed to the President, and read by him to the Conference:—

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TUESDAY MORNING,
June 13th, 1854.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I herewith enclose you the draft of an Address to the Governor General in favour of Victoria College.

In regard to the publication in the *Guardian* of the documents which were read to the Conference yesterday, I do not intend to discuss the questions to which they refer, or to reply to anything that may be said on the subject—having done what I believe to be my duty in regard to it. But I should wish the Church to know the reasons which have influenced me on this occasion—especially as I believe them to be both Wesleyan and Scriptural. As I have for thirty years contributed to all the funds of the preachers and Church, without receiving or expecting to receive a farthing from them, and from the period and kinds of labours I have performed in the Church, and from my wish to live in connexion with it, I think my letters of resignation might at least not be withheld from the members of our Church. If any expense attend the publication of the correspondence between us, I will defray every farthing of it.

I do not think any other member of the Conference is called upon to do as I have done—my circumstances being peculiar. But I do not wish to be wronged and blackened by misrepresentations; I only desire that my brethren and old friends through the land may be permitted and enabled to read my own reasons and views on this the last occasion of my official intercourse with them.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

E. RYERSON.

The Reverend ENOCH WOOD,

President of the Conference.