

from the lethargy into which for ages she was sunk, as to assert that every form of Christianity shall be legally protected within her bounds, surely no obstacles, which increasing parties may create, or the worshippers of the dead past may throw in its way, shall suffice effectually to hinder the passage of the great measure now before the British Parliament, or prevent the still further application of the just principles upon which it is based.

In our last annual address to you, we referred to a kindred matter, although a local one, viz;—the avowed determination of the Government of Ontario, to disallow, in future; any grant of public monies to Denominational Colleges. We then expressed the apprehension that "more than a little bitterness might be manifested before the question would be finally settled." In this we were not deceived, and accordingly, earnest attempts were made by influential persons to force the Provincial Government to recede from its determination, but with the general sense of the people in its favor it remained firm to its purpose. The right has prevailed.

Our Conference has been on the whole a pleasant one. Old fellow-laborers have had a happy re-union, and felt the ties of a sacred friendship established long years ago grow stronger. Others of us have met for the first time, and here commenced an acquaintance and a friendship that will outlive time. Heart has grown to heart. The Master has been in our midst, and we are happy in His favor, safe in His protection, and honored in His service. Since we have been together we have had "times of refreshing coming from the presence of the Lord," and in separating for our fields of labor, we have the high hope, that if a longer separation shall take place, by any of our number being summoned to rest, we shall meet again at home:—

"Than farewell night! of darkness then no more:
Joy breaks; shines; 'tis eternal day."

With full hearts, dear Fathers and Brethren we greet you; and especially do we greet and sympathize with the dear Brethren who are in affliction and bereavement among you, and earnestly pray that they may be mercifully sustained and comforted, and more, that they may feel assured that their "light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," We desire to assure you of our undying attachment to you all, and of our purpose, through grace, so to prosecute our pilgrimage on earth as to meet you in our Father's house above; for we "know that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ."

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