

(4) That ample provision should be made for the due punishment of unfaithful parents and guardians who are parties to wrongs against minor girls under their charge;

(5) That the laws of Canada in this respect should be made at least as severe as the laws of England now are.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable Body will be pleased to pass an Act embodying the foregoing provisions;

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

By order and on behalf of the General Conference of Methodist Church,

E. B. RYCKMAN, D.D.,  
Secretary.

A. CARMAN, D.D.,  
General Superintendent,

#### APPENDIX C.

A few weeks after the Statement made to the Presbyterian Church was distributed, that thunderbolt, "The Maiden Tribute," shot forth by Mr. William Thomas Stead, the editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, burst over England and electrified the civilized world. One immediate effect was the prompt passage through the Imperial Parliament of the bill referred to on pages 14-17, amended almost beyond recognition, and couched in terms more effective and workable than the most enthusiastic promoters of moral reform dared even to hope for.

The protective provisions of this bill (Imp. Act, 48-49 Vic. chap. 69) may be briefly summarized as follows:—

The age in the section (4) answering to our 39 (*vide* page 11), is now thirteen years against ten years here.

The age in section 5, answering to our 40, is now sixteen years against our twelve years.

The age in section 7, answering to our 44, save that evil intent must also be proved, is now eighteen years against our sixteen years.

The equivalent of our section 42 remains unchanged; there, as