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immediately before us here in Canada, leaving us but little time for petty disputes and vain wrangling. Here we have a country to subdue for the Lord—a kingdom to wrest out of the enemy's hands—sheep wandering upon the dark mountains, to be gathered into the Saviour's fold. The soldier, when called into the battle field, has no time to trifle with matters of minor importance; he has to fight. And so too must we, using weapons which are not of man's forging, but taken from the Lord's armoury—the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, the Cross of Christ. We are, I think, agreed on the great essentials of the faith. We all preach alike the doctrines of the Cross, the one all-atoning sacrifice of Christ, the necessity of conversion, the work of God's Holy Spirit as the Teacher, the Quickener, and the Sanctifier of souls. But I should be very thankful if, by a generous and brotherly compromise, we could come to some agreement as to the minor matters which affect our practice; such as the mode of conducting our ordinary public services, our rubrical observances, our postures and vestures in the House of God, and matters of this kind, which, when placed side by side with the salvation of immortal souls, are indeed most trivial. With a view to this happy result, and also to relieve those to whom the length of our present Morning Service is somewhat burdensome, a measure will probably be proposed during the present session. I believe however that if we all resolve to observe strictly the directions of the Church, and to carry out loyally and honestly the spirit of our liturgy, many of our divergencies will at once cease, and a happier and more blessed uniformity will be displayed in our ministrations. There are, I believe, at the present time many outside of the Church's limits, who are showing a desire to draw near to our fold. Nothing is so sure to repel them as the promulgation and practice of extreme views; nothing so likely to attract them as a faithful, honest, and spiritual exhibition of the simple truths which our church sets before us in her