

we are determined inflexibly to maintain. We thank you for your brotherly sympathy with us in the heavy loss we have sustained in the decease of our late President, the Rev. W. L. Thornton, M. A. We do not wonder that, during his brief labours among you, you should have learned to honour and love him; and you will not wonder that upon us, with whom he has been so long and so closely associated, his sudden removal has produced a most sorrowful impression. Our hearts bow in submission to Him who gave; who adorned with such peculiar excellence; and who now hath taken away. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The prosperity of your important Educational establishments, and the extension of your Home work are causes of great joy to us. But we are especially disposed to glorify God in you, as we mark your continued devotion to that Missionary work which is the peculiar glory of Methodism. We observe with great interest the labours of our brethren in British Columbia and the Hudson's Bay Territory, and in your Indian, French, and German Missions. We track the footsteps of their untiring zeal with our sympathy and prayers; and we shall cheerfully render them such assistance as is in our power, so long as this is necessary. If we anticipate the time when such assistance shall be dispensed with, it is because we desire to leave you all the glory of their success, while we bend our efforts to other, though not more important spheres of labour. We still desire to feel, in the spirit of our devoted Founder, that "the world is our parish;" and we long to spread yet more widely the knowledge of our glorified Redeemer.

Our Conference has been marked by great harmony and mutual love. We have many causes of rejoicing.

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