

Confidential Address.

To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church, in connexion with the Canadian Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED :

Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We address to you our annual message of congratulation and greeting. You will join with us in devout thanksgiving to God, that so many of us are spared to witness the close of another connexional year. The divine providence has continued to us its protection; we have been saved from sufferings and death; and are permitted to offer our united thank-offerings at the footstool of the King of Kings "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *He is* good; for His mercy endureth forever." We are the monuments of that mercy. It has watched over our lives; it has defended us from evil; it has been round us like a wall of fire reaching to the ground; rising to the heavens. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker." We ask you to unite with us, in one sincere uplifting of our hearts to the Infinite Father; let your spirits blend with ours in worship; as you have shared with us in mercies.

We, your representatives, met in annual Conference in the City of Toronto, on the sixth and following days of the month of June. The brethren, into whose hands you had committed the high stewardship of conference delegation, proved themselves worthy of the trust. The business was attended with diligence, and executed under a deep sense of responsibility to God and to the people of our charge. The discussions were sustained with great ability, courtesy and Christian spirit. We entertained different feelings and opinions; but the utterance of these was without bitterness and with Christian dignity. The religious services were well supported. The society, and choir, and officials of the Alice Street Church, manifested the deepest anxieties to make our visit to the city a success—religiously and socially—and they succeeded. The brethren appointed to sustain the various public services, were helped of God; and the exercises were crowned not only with abundant

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