

THE ANNUAL PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE MINISTERS
OF THE BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE TO THE
MEMBERS OF THEIR SEVERAL CON-
GREGATIONS.

Once more the time of the year has come about when we, the pastors of your churches, present to you who are the members of our congregations our annual address. We send you greeting, and pray you God-speed in every good cause.

On our part we desire to commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. We would approve ourselves to you especially in long-suffering and meekness, in diligence and faithfulness, not as lords over God's heritage, but in love serving one another.

But while we feel it to be our duty to be ensamples to the flock, we remind you that your influence is very great over us, as well as ours over you; and we beg your sympathies in our afflictions, your assistance in our needs, and your patience in our infirmities. As we sincerely desire to serve the Church of God, we look to your godly counsel and to your sanctified learning, wisdom, and wealth to support and forward our efforts. Oh, let your prayers ascend to God day and night, that we may be pastors after His own heart, and feed the Church which He hath purchased with His own blood.

There are a number of matters which we might specify as being worthy of your attention in connection with the life and labors of the Church, but to enumerate these is now impossible. We would, however, direct your notice to the increasing demand in our country for higher education, and to the rising cry from the ends of the earth for the gift of the Gospel. Besides education and evangelization, there is one more demand, and that is holiness, and holiness is the foster-parent of both modern education and evangelization.

Every enterprise of our Church is good, and is doubtless essential to the greatest good of the land. Our missionary societies, both the general society and the woman's society; our educational institutions, including schools for boys and girls together, ladies' colleges, theological and art colleges; our publishing interests; our connexional funds, especially the Superannuation Fund—all these enterprises of our Church are essential to our stability and to our progress. To these branches of our work let us then be loyal. A divided sympathy is a grievous impediment to success. Remember, we are members of a Church whose constituency extends from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the River St. Clair, and from Lake Ontario to the Pacific Ocean. We are not segregated congregations dotting the land like small principalities, but we are one homogen-