

We assure you of our continued and increased interest in all that pertains to your growth and prosperity as a part of the great family of Methodism. One in ancestry and filial relationship to the Parent Body—one in doctrine, discipline and untiring zeal for the salvation of souls, we feel that your sorrows are our sorrows, and that your triumphs are our triumphs. In the words of our honored and venerated Founder, your mission and ours is "to spread scriptural holiness over the land;" and never recreant to a trust so sacred, we shall never fail of the divine blessing, and surely never fail of success in our great work.

You have, no doubt, watched with great interest the initiatory steps which have been taken toward a Union of the different Methodist Bodies in Ontario and Quebec; and we hope the day is not far distant when, upon a basis broad and strong, that Union may be consummated. And while, by the Act of Confederation, the Ministers and people embraced within the boundaries of your Conference are now subjects with us of one Dominion, we confidently look forward to the time when, beneath the flag of that Dominion, there will be but one mighty Methodist organization, with its voice of praise and prayer, and the proclamation of a free and full salvation by a living ministry, reaching from the shores of the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific Ocean; and we have great pleasure in informing you of the appointment of a Committee to confer with a deputation from your Conference, with the view of accomplishing so desirable an object.

Recognizing, as you do, the value of secular

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