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OF THE

CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

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REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We had become prepared for the assurance contained in your letter to us of the cordial welcome extended by your venerable body in its last assembly to our esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. RICHEY, by the statements he made to us preparatory to the reading of your letter. The consideration extended to him we know how to transfer to ourselves, and we are thereby greatly encouraged. Our purpose is by the grace of God never to forget your kindness, and never to be unworthy of it.

Our hearts have been greatly cheered by hearing of the large increase in your Societies. For successive years the great Father of Spirits has granted to you, as workers together with Him, many souls for your hire,—returning numerical prosperity to such a degree as you have lately enjoyed may well be taken as a divine attestation of the continued meetness of original Methodism for the Master's use. If this be set over against the times of humiliation and trial of a few years ago, it will powerfully tend either wholly to efface the recollections of these days of anxiety and loss, or to cause them to be remembered with commingled gratitude and hope.

We know that you will rejoice to hear that the Lord has been with us in our Circuit work during the year, and that so signally that we are enabled to inform you of an increase of members on every District, amounting in all to 1,305, besides more than 2,000 still remaining on trial. All our