

THE ANSWER
OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,
TO THE
ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :—

With great pleasure we now reciprocate your fraternal greetings. We felt ourselves greatly honored by the kind words emanating from so distinguished a branch of our common Methodism as the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. The visit of your worthy representatives, Rev. Wm. R. Clark, D.D., and Rev. Wm. Elliott, was an occasion of great joy. We listened with mingled emotions of delight and admiration to their eloquent addresses, bearing to us the assurance of your deep and abiding interest in our welfare. As well in their pulpit ministrations as in their appearance before our Conference, these beloved brethren in the Lord enriched our minds by their noble utterances, and stirred our hearts by their fervor of spirit.

We have rejoiced with you, in the greatness of your work, in its territorial expansion, its material development, in the millions comprising your congregations, but above all, in the vast number of precious souls gathered to Christ and worshipping at your altars. We have a Conference of two hundred and five ministers, with a membership of twenty one thousand, including probationers, while our min-