

In connexion with you we were born and nourished ;—in connexion with you we have laboured and prospered ;—and from your example and liberality, and the counsel of two of your venerable Bishops; and several of your highly esteemed Preachers, we have derived assistance and advantages which have enabled us greatly to extend the work of God in this new country, and the grateful recollection of which will never be effaced from our minds.

When the full period arrived in 1828, in which the welfare, harmony, and safety of our Church rendered it expedient for us to be organised into a separate independent body, you candidly took into consideration our local circumstances, and generously complied with our wishes—and at the same time continued to us the expression of your kindness and liberality. That separation, however, was not on our part, any more than a separation of Doctrine, or discipline, of motive or of affection, but only of political, geographical and ecclesiastical boundary ; still with you we are one heart, in aim, in doctrine and discipline. Under the influence of this conviction and feeling, we sought to obtain a General Superintendent from your Connexion and made successive application to no less than four members of your Conference to fill that highly important office over us. But all our applications were unsuccessful, and our efforts to establish and settle our economy were fruitless. In this unsettled state of anxiety and suspense we have been involved for the last five years ; during which time we have been with difficulty but mercifully preserved from agitation, division and encroachment. Providence has at length opened the way for the settlement of our economy upon a permanent foundation. By the large influx of British emigration to this Province and especially of persons who had been connected with Methodist Societies and congregations in Great Britain and Ireland, the attention of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London was particularly attracted ; and a