

your faithful labors among the Indian tribes at home your mission in Japan abroad. In this sphere you apply the forces of Christianity to a nation ancient in culture, adult in intellectual development, but youthfully plastic in its love of novelty; in the other, you seek to enlighten and gladden an aged race, wedded to hoary tradition, its vigor worn to decrepitude, whose life belongs to the past rather than the future, and yet primitive, almost infantile, in moral and mental condition. In the one task, you tend the dying embers of the old life in the New World; in the other, you fan the rising flame of the new life which Christian civilization is imparting to the Old World. Wisely have you, by choice of these contrasted tasks, made appeal to various sympathies and found employment for various resources among your people. Mr. Egerton Young's visit to this country has greatly increased our knowledge of and interest in your heroic labors among the Indians, while your own description of your Japanese mission, a description confirmed by many testimonies, compels us to glorify God in your success there.

We pray that, in these and all similar labors which your love for Christ and the world may lead you to undertake, our God may fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We commit this address to the hand of the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., whom we have deputed as our representative to your General Conference. We commend him to your affectionate regard as a brother who has rendered invaluable service to the cause of Methodism in Ireland, and has for nearly twenty years been a member and trusted adviser of our British Conference.

You will be looking forward with interest, as we are, to the Ecumenical gathering of the Churches of our Methodist brotherhood, which is to assemble in the United States next year. We anticipate with pleasure the opportunity which that occasion will afford us, of renewing with you and with the other Churches of the brotherhood, a fellowship more intimate than is afforded by such communications as this.

We pray that the Lord may make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

BRISTOL, JULY 30TH, 1890.

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