

"to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled at Belleville, this twentieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and forty.

EGERTON RYERSON, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in Conference, avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by our present annual meeting, to offer to your Excellency our most respectful and cordial congratulations on your assumption of the Government of the Canadas, and to express our grateful satisfaction in having witnessed the repeated assurances of Your Excellency's gracious intention to frame measures and administer the government for the equal benefit of all classes of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects.

In this expression of our feelings and sentiments, we are confident we give utterance to the feelings and sentiments of more than eight hundred congregations under our Pastoral care, including from seventy-five to one hundred thousand souls.

We gratefully acknowledge the benevolent exertions which Your Excellency has employed to promote an equitable and satisfactory settlement of the ecclesiastical affairs of this Province; and now that the Judges of England have decided in favour of the lawful and equitable claims of other Protestant denominations than the Church of England to participate in the advantages of the Clergy Reserve provision for the support of the Protestant Religion, we hope the objects of