

THE ADDRESS
OF THE
MINISTERS OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF
CANADA
TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH UNDER THEIR
CHARGE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by this our annual assembling together, to present to you our affectionate and Christian salutations, and to address to you such words of counsel as appear to us to be appropriate to the occasion. We are sure you will gladly unite with us in devout thanksgiving to Him who is the Author and source of all blessing, and whose hand has been upon us for good during the year that is past. It becomes us at all times to recognize his hand in the benefits which as individuals and families we enjoy, and to cherish a grateful recollection of his goodness ; the giving of thanks should, therefore, form a prominent part of the private devotions of the closet, and of our daily domestic worship, as well as of the public services of the Sabbath ; but, on occasions like the present, it becomes us, as a section of the Church of God, to unite in a more formal and solemn act of thanksgiving for those general blessings which a benignant Providence has bestowed upon us as a people. It is not the least of our mercies that we have been saved from wide-spread and harmful agitations, that we have been enabled to preserve