

TO THE CONFERENCE
OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
IN
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

We were glad to hear of your state, and to receive the kind words sent to us by the hands of your representative, Rev. Henry Pope, Jr. His able, interesting, and very cordial address gave us the highest satisfaction, and we respond with the deepest sympathy and love. We rejoice in the fraternal union that exists between us, and all the members of the Methodist family in Great Britain and her Provinces. We regretted very much that the venerable and excellent Dr. Richey could not, as we had hoped, visit us again, but Mr. Pope endeared himself to us by his christian bearing, and his eloquent and excellent address. It has pleased God to afflict us greatly during the last four years in the removal from us of many of our most eminent men, but his mercies have abounded towards us, and we rejoice in the rapid extension of our work in every part of our vast field. Our membership has increased two hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred and forty-two, and our churches two thousand one hundred and thirty-nine since our last General Conference, and our people have contributed for church buildings, \$5,256,615 a year during the same time, and every department of our work has been sustained with increasing liberality. In our country the prejudices of caste are rapidly giving way, and christian fellowship is extending over all nationalities without respect of per-