

ADDRESS

OF THE

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

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

Assembled in our Annual Conference, it is our pleasing duty to convey to you the assurance of filial affection and reverential regard which we cherish toward the parent body.

In the relation we sustain to you, we need not say with what satisfaction we have treasured up the affectionate and judicious counsels, embodied in your reply to our last Address. The names of your honoured men are with us as household words; and, in days of feebleness and trial, it is a source of strength and encouragement that, in ecclesiastical organization, we occupy no isolated position, but form part of that great section of Christ's militant Church which He has signally honoured and blessed.

The communications of the Rev. Dr. Pickard and the Rev. James England, our representatives in your last Conference, have gladdened our hearts. The unity and harmony which prevail among you, the evangelical character of your agencies, the increase of your membership, the efficiency of your Educational Institutions, the extension of your missions at home and abroad, and the consolidation of your various interests, — give evidence of prosperity and progress, in which we truly rejoice.

To us, the year has been one of more than ordinary anxiety. The numerical returns of the last Conference were the subject of careful and conscientious inquiry, and the occasion of earnest and prayerful resolve. Along our rocky coasts, in sparsely-