

THE ANSWER

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

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :

It has given us unfeigned satisfaction to receive your deputation to us of the Rev. Humphrey Pickard, D. D., your justly esteemed Secretary, and his highly gifted companion, the Rev. James Narraway, A. M.

With a body of Christian Ministers such as yours, to whom our deepest sympathies flow, as animated by a common faith and working for a common object with ourselves, we are always pleased to interchange fraternal greetings. But when, in addition to an interesting and edifying letter, personal communications are given, so varied in information, and so inspiring in appeals as those supplied by your valued Brethren, then is the satisfaction greatly heightened, and the benefit of such interchanges placed beyond a question.

Your expectation was fully justified that "in these brethren beloved" we would recognize claims and qualifications which, as they amply entitle them to your "confidence and esteem as able ministers of Jesus Christ," would "not fail to secure for them from" us "a corresponding reception." That reception, for their own sakes, as for yours, we have gladly given them; and trust that for many years they may be spared to employ in your portion of the Lord's vineyard, their cultivated and consecrated talents.

We joyfully recognize in your communication particulars of your history and condition, eminently characteristic of our highly prized Methodism; especially as they demonstrate that "the faith once delivered to the saints" is, in its purity and power, your abiding and animating rule of action. We are not, therefore, surprised, by the tidings which from various