

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

As Pastors and Teachers, we greet you in the Lord; giving thanks to God who hath called us to be his people who were not a people. "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Deeply solicitous for the interests of truth and holiness in our sin-smitten world, we earnestly desire that every one of you, with ourselves, may walk worthy of God, who hath called us unto his kingdom and glory. "For this cause, also, thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men; but as it is in truth the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." Appreciate highly the preaching of the Divine word. As frequently as possible be found in the house of God. Here expect the unction of the Holy One, who will guide you into all truth, and remember that the truth essential to salvation is found alone in the sacred scriptures. From no other source can we learn the nature of sin and the way of salvation. Have faith in God's Book. The strongest evidence possible of the Divinity of the Bible is found in the hearts of those who have realized by blessed experience, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Keep yourselves in the love of God, and all the wily efforts of the great deceiver and his agents—false teachers—will not be able to move you away from the hope of the gospel. No dangerous errors will find a lodgment in your intellect while the heart is established with grace.