

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference
of the Methodist Church of Canada,

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REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, 1882,
TO THE ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CON-
FERENCE OF THE AUSTRALASIAN WES-
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your truly fraternal address has given us much satisfaction. The absence of any Delegate from your section of the great Methodist family, while suggestive of the vast extent over which the operations of Methodism are spread, also reminds us that the sympathies of each band of workers know no limit from intervening oceans. Our common relations to an Empire of whose recent successes in diplomacy and in the field its subjects are justly proud, is a bond of union only less powerful than that which we find in the service of our common Lord and Master. Your trials remind us of this oneness; your successes lead to a similar conclusion.

A review of four years' work prompts us to grateful effort. The liberality of our people in the support of missionary, educational, and other departments has been steadily developed. The census returns of 1881 have shewn the adherents of the Methodist faith in this Dominion to be not only the most numerous, but to have increased during the last ten years in a proportion much greater than that of any other; and the preaching of the "great salvation" has been attended by the Divine sanction, both at home and abroad. In our distant Japan mission, and among