

REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA TO THE
FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCO-
PAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We have received with unfeigned gladness your fraternal greeting brought us by your honored representative, the Rev. Wm. S. Studley, D.D., and we have listened with great pleasure and profit to his warm-hearted and eloquent words of Christian friendship and sympathy. We cannot forget our early and intimate relations with American Methodism. The memory of your apostolic Bishops, Asbury and Hedding, and of many others of the zealous missionaries of your Church to what was then the wilderness of Canada, is still gratefully cherished among us.

We rejoice greatly, beloved brethren, in your prosperity, and magnify the grace of God in you, and are thankful to God for the kindly relations which subsist between our two Churches and our two countries. This international friendship, we believe, is fostered and strengthened by the exchange of Christian greetings between the Methodisms of Canada and the United States. Our fraternal delegate, the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D., will convey to you the expression of our loving regard, and will more fully recount the progress of the work of God among us.

And now, beloved Fathers and Brethren, we wish you God-speed in the name of the Lord. May the grace, and wisdom, and prosperity, so abundantly vouchsafed you in the past, still more and more abound to you in the future; till your sacred mission shall be fulfilled in the spread of Scriptural Holiness throughout the entire land.