

## Address

### TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST NEW CONNECTION CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Having been spared by a gracious providence to meet in our twenty-first Annual Conference, we would renew to you our assurances of unwavering attachment, and profound respect. The confidence we at first placed in you, as the Parent Body has by a train of circumstances been strengthened and matured; and most devoutly do we thank Almighty God that ever in his providence, he directed your missionaries to Canada. The very happy connection existing between us, we hope may long remain, and prove a means of preparing us for a closer and happier union in heaven, where we shall be united in closer, sweeter bonds "Never to be broke off again to all eternity." It is a pleasing feature of the christian religion, that while it suppresses all boisterous, and irregular feelings, it develops the more amiable and benevolent dispositions of the soul, and predisposes its subject to the friendship, and eminently prepares them for the Society of Heaven. Thus connected with you by the ties of christian friendship, as well as by the obligation of gratitude under which we are laid to you, we rejoice to hear of your prosperity, and most earnestly do we pray that the Great Head of the Church may abundantly bless your efforts, and make you a thousand times as many more as you are.

Our present Conference has been one of the most interesting character we have ever yet held, and has been more extensively occupied than any previous session in important measures, affecting our extension and increase. As might be expected, the increase of our numbers as well as our business in Conference, tended to increase the general interest of this session; and while warmth and interest has characterized the discus-

tion of many subjects, obtain among the great object of our mission, and to advance of opinion may yet all were agreed through our entire Psalmist's exclamation, "it is for pleasant." The committee appointed by the General Conference, experienced great want of ministers. Though our General Superintendents are several, we want several to meet the present emergency. "Truly labourers are few, harvest that he would his harvest." Our movements are in proportion as our truth and polity is understood. In the family, it is admired another anxious to enjoy the word of God, and same privileges which another is opening to the establishment of openings being more numerous. The number of Ministers to the greatest inconvenience. Many calls as possible many of our Ministers are in haste; and dividing their own stations have suffered. The arrival of Mr. [Name] is a great addition to our staff. We greatly lament that circu-