

in numbers, but we are not discouraged, for never, probably, in our history, were we favored with more signal tokens of the Divine presence than now. But never were our difficulties so great. The excited character of the age tends to foster religious unsettlement and indifference, while the activities of other Churches, especially the Established Church, were never so energetic or well organized as now. We are consequently girding ourselves for new enterprises, and devising new and unconventional methods in order to reach classes as yet but partially touched, desiring to be "made all things to all men, that we might by all means save some."

We have deputed as our representative to your approaching General Conference our beloved brother, the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., the Principal of our Children's Home and Orphanage, an able and honored minister, whom we commend to your fraternal esteem and confidence.

And now, Brethren, rejoicing in your present prosperity and praying for your future success, we commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

DAVID J. WALLER, *Secretary*.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

VENERABLE AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We, the Ministers and Laymen, the members of the sixty-eighth Conference of the Bible Christians, representing the Churches of "our faith and order" in England and Australia, assembled at Southsea, this 27th day of July, 1886, in acknowledging the Address of your last General Conference, wish to convey to you the pleasure the sentiments contained therein afforded us, and our cordial reciprocation of your noble and touching expressions of affection and goodwill.

As the seal of God's approval has been so signally set on the union of the Methodist Churches in Canada, it seems quite unnecessary again to review the circumstances and events which led up to it, or even to refer, except for purposes of explanation, to the honest differences which arose between some of you and ourselves during the negotiations. The goal of success was reached with

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