

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE

OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF EASTERN BRITISH
AMERICA TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

Unmeasured and most grateful has been the delight with which we have listened to your truly welcome address, heightening our admiration of, and attachment to, you whose sphere of honourable and successful endeavour lies within the ancestral home of our world-embracing Methodism.

In those indubitable tokens you continue to receive from Him with whom is the “residue of the Spirit,” that the God of our fathers is with you in your domestic and foreign enterprises, in the interest of a soul-saving Christianity, we do exceedingly rejoice; and shall more confidently than ever pray, that He who alone doth wondrous things, may, through your brightening future, be the shield of your help, and the sword of your excellency.

To emulate your unswerving adherence to “the truth as it is in Jesus,” amid the unreasonable rationalism and grotesque formalism of the ritualists of the present day shall be our holy ambition. We aspire after no higher honour than that which attaches to self-denying, zealous, and faithful Methodist preachers, and are resolved, by the help of God, to achieve, for ourselves a place among those who, having turned many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

The Session of our Conference, now rapidly approaching its close, has been one of uninterrupted harmony, affording many seasons of more than ordinary spiritual refreshment.

Our beloved President, the Rev. Matthew Richey, D.D., has sustained the honour, and discharged the duties, of his official position with all that administrative ability, and Chris-

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