

remuneration to ministerial labor than heretofore. In this particular the former times most certainly were *not* better than these. "The liberal have been devising liberal things and by liberal things they shall stand."

We have hailed with delight and gratitude the story of gospel triumph which has reached us from dark and degraded China, that far distant field of your missionary operations; in this as in all your successes, your glory is our glory, your joy is our joy. We beg to call your attention to a resolution in the Minutes of our present proceedings expressive of our sympathy with you in the undertaking you have there so nobly enterprized and are so nobly sustaining.

Our spirits have been truly refreshed by the cordial advances which, under the leadership of your venerated President, have been made by you as a people toward other sections of the great Methodist family. We long for the day when in your land, in our land and in all lands—the scattered tribes of our Methodist Israel shall be gathered together—to be "one fold under one shepherd."

The discussions of our present Conference in the disposal of its business have been marked by unusual vigor, not wanting, however, we trust, in a spirit of brotherly forbearance. Our religious services have been made precious by the Master's presence.

Nor do we fail to remember you—beloved fathers and brethren—in our approaches to the throne of grace, met in council as you are, at the same time with ourselves, that God would direct you into the knowledge of His will. With earnest prayer that he would "create upon every dwelling place of your Zion and upon her assemblies a cloud, and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, and that upon all your glory there may be a defence." We subscribe ourselves yours, in the bonds of a common salvation,

(Signed,)

J. B. KERSHAW, CHAIRMAN.
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