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Dictated.

Dear Brother W. G. ...

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My dear Sir:

Your letter of June 28th is at hand, for which please accept thanks. I deeply sympathize with you in the sentiment you hold, and my own mind is all at once concerning the course of this, one of the greatest questions yet before the American people. My speech at General Conference, though for the most part a brief recital of subordinate facts, did not meet with great opposition on the part of the Southern people, and but a few men in the North who sympathized with their sentiments. I was greatly surprised at the unanimity of the action of the General Conference, however, as I well know, the sentiment of even opposing that body and the general indifference of many more, but the tide was so strong that they could not resist it and it was well for our Church that this action was taken. I have read with interest your memorial to the English Mission Conference, and also to the General Conference. In regard to the latter, I think it ill not to send the Conference in time for action, as the signature of an early date - something near, say 1890.

But your memorial reached us earlier I think it would have received  
proper consideration. Action had been taken before it came, if  
it came at all before adjournment.

I cannot, however, feel that neither the Republican party  
or the Methodist Church is dealing by the editorial and as loyally  
and firmly as they ought. We must do what we can to change the  
sentiments. I shall be happy to distribute some of the copies  
of the Liberty Bells Broadsheet as I may have opportunity of  
placing them where they will do most good.

With sentiments of esteem, and wishing you large success  
in your great work, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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