In response to your address, allow me to assert the accuracy of its historical statements, endorse the sentiment, and thank you in the nation's name for the fine promise it gives.

Noble sustained as the government has been by all the churches, save with nothing which might, in the least, appear minor against any. Yet, without this, it may fairly be said that the Methodist Episcopal Church, not less devoted than the best, is by its greater numbers, the most important of all. It is no fault in others that the Methodist Church leads more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospital, and more prayers to be heard than any. God bless the Methodist Church! bless all the churches! and bless us by God, who in this our great trial, giveth us the churches.

May 18, 1864

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