George Street

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, A Jubilee is, as a rule, an occasion for rejoicing, and when your minis-

ter headed a deputation to me on the your Church, I gladly acquiesced.

what I am about to say.

Although you no longer call yourselves Wesleyans, but Methodists, your Church owes a debt of gratitude adopt numerous health rules.

point to religious history, had really mental teaching of Christianity." carried, I understand, by a two-thirds any conscious intention of producing Reviewing the life of the Great majority. Is this not likewise enthose subsequent world-circling and Evangelist one is at a loss whether couraging? stirring results which many of the to admire more those famous words deepest thinkers of the present day of his "The world is my parish," or far as I am aware, that Wesley ever SIR W. L. ALIARDYCE AT A do not hesitate to give him credit for. that thrilling message uttered short- formally left the Mother Church. It garded by contemporaneous writers ene people in all the world, and that an interesting

public during his lifetime went so

as a man of distinctly advanced it is their full determination so to views, while a certain section of the continue."

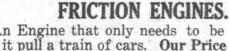
That dying declaration with its 24th October and in-ited me to be far as to believe him to be a fanatic. clarion cry has a special significance present at the Jubilee Celebration of To-day our focus is a very different for each one of us gathered here this one. Matthew Arnold has summed up evening to celebrate the Jubilee of Before the interview was over it the character of that great evangel- this old Wesleyan Church. But it has was brought home to me that I was ist in the four simple words "a gen- likewise a direct application to every of one blood and all nations of the expected to deliver a short address, ius for Godliness." Wesley, by his Methodist wheresoever recident. It and Mr. Fairbairn in explaining that example and his teachings, laid the is an appeal that cannot be lightly ual way has a sacred duty to perform the words "Wesleyan Church" were foundations of a much-needed spirit- set aside or disregarded, and I am to his fellow man, that no one has a written over the main entrance, un- ual revival, and, at the same time, satisfied that were it possible for right to live to himself alone, and consciously gave me the keynote to although probably unconsciously, be- John Wesley to be in our midst tocame one of the main pillars of our night he would at once recognise the contentment is through service to national life, a veritable Empire trials and the needs of present day others. Builder. To-day Methodism has over humanity, the outcome in great meas-56,000 Anglo-Saxon Ministers in its ure of the destruction, suffering, and to John Wesley which will I trust pulpits, and its adherents exceed misery, engendered by the Great War never be forgotten. And in this con- 32,000,000. And not the least impres- and be wishful to suggest a palliative. ing that does not often enter a place nection I could not help remember- sive and significant fact is this, that Might he not even go so far as to tell of worship, but to whom the occaing last month, when presiding at a one hundred and thirty-two years after us that not only all Methodists, not sion of the Jubilee of this church has meeting in the Methodist College Wesley's decease the Church he only all Christians of whatsoever awakened memories of the past, Hall at which those two gifted Health founded is a hundred times stronger denomination, but every human unit touched a chord that has long re-Welfare workers, Mrs. McIntyre and than when he passed away. But, im- comes within the category of "one mained unstrung, and brought back Miss Hall, gave most helpful and in- mense and wonderful as these achie- people in all the world," and that the the remembrance of days of yore structive lectures on health culture, vements are, John Wesley is respon- antidote to our troubles is more when with his 'ain folk' he attended that it was John Wesley who said, sible for something greater still. brotherly love, more consideration service regularly. Or it may be that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." His work and ministration from 1738 for others, more service, more unity. the voice of conscience, or even idle He likewise urged his followers to to 1791, when he died, created an And is there not encouragement to curiosity, prompted him to be present awakening of the religious life of the be obtained in the reflection that at on this occasion. But whatever the On this interesting and historical people of England, which was to the great Lambeth Conference of An- cause or influence that brought him. occasion when you celebrate your have the most far reaching results. glicans in 1920, held 120 years after he hopes, although he himself would Jubilee, it occurs to me that it would Wesley not only reshaped but he Wesley's death, the important ques- be the last to admit it, that he may be appropriate were we to try and recreated the conscience of the countion of the reunion of the churches hear something helpful and practical, realize for a few minutes what sort try. By what methods, process, or came prominently to the front and something that may fit in with his and manner of man this John Wesley means did he achieve this titanic a moving appeal was made by the particular case and afford him the was who founded this wonderfu, and colossal result? He invented no Bishops to all Christian peoples, both opportunity to pick up the old trial. new doctrine; he added no new truth within and without their communion, It is not improbable that he may have Looking back two hundred years to Christian knowledge. He himself for a united fellowship, Is not the an intense yearning to get nearer to to the period when John Wesley lived draws aside the veil, and with a approach to such a fellowship or nature and in surveying the miraculand worked, and to the extraordin- charming simplicity reveals the sec- union by way of mutual deference to ous works around him feel that he is ary spiritual revival for which he ret as follows:-"I simply teach the one another's consciences? At the getting nearer to the Great Creator was directly responsible, it is diffi- plain old religion of the Church of late General Assembly of the Presby- Himself. Should there be such an cult to believe that the man himself, England," and added, "truth which terian Church in Canada the adoption one here to-night, permit me on this,

At the time referred to, and indeed, ly before he passed away, "Declare is not really material to the question long after his death, Wesley was re- to all men that the Methodists are of unity and I merely mention it as hering not only that the Master made that the highroad to happiness and

One word in conclusion. It may be called, "We of the Never, Never," by

an Australian authoress, Mrs. Aeneas Gunn. The scene is laid right in the heart of the Great Australian or Minister within a thousand miles. The Boss and his wife, a few camp hands and others, are lounging in the sun-flecked shade the embodiment of lazy contentment. There is general agreement with Dan, the stockman, that "Sunday wasn't a bad institution for the man had no objection to doing a loaf now and then." Conversation had become spasmodic, and not worth the energy required to utter it. The cattle grazed, the Bromli kites hovered and wheeled in the sunshine, the sweet scents and rustling sounds of the bush became fainter and fainter, as half-absorbed, thoughts melted in to a semi-unconsciousness. The sil-

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that there is someone in the large assemblage gathered here this evenalthough he gave a new starting were merely the common funda- of the report on Church Union was the Jubilee of this Wesleyan Church, to repeat the advice given in a book Continent. It is Sunday, no Church

ence, however, was again broken by Dan who, lazily altering his position, said "Never was much at religion myself, but Mrs. Bob was the one to make you see things right off. Can't seemed as though you'd only got to hoe your own row the best you can,

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