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Farewell to a Missionary.

How, kindred, friends, and country,—these
Are things with which we must depart;
From time to time, our land and sea,
We bear them with us in our heart;
And yet, 'tis hard to feel resign'd,
When they must all be left behind.

But when the pilgrim's staff we take,
And follow Christ to farthest shore,
Gladly for him we all forsake,
On, on, and on, and on,
Till hallowed nature mourns her loss,
The spirit glories in the cross.

It is no sin, like man, to weep,—
Even Jesus wept at Lazarus' dead;
Or yearn for home beyond the deep,—
He had not where to lay his head;
The patriot's tears will be condemn'd
Who grieved over Jos. Jernsalem!

Take up your cross, and say—"Farewell!"
Go forth with the camp to Him,
Who left his throne with men to dwell,
Who did not shine in every eye;
Ours not, as the dead themselves will bear,—
To rise and shine in every eye.

Hear, and come forth to the new;
—Then while the Gentile courts they fill,
Shall we your Saviour's words stand true?
—How, kindred, friends, and country still,
Is earth's last desert you left behind.

British Conference.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICA.

From the London Standard.

The President called on Dr. Hannah,
as Representative from the British Conference
to the General Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church of America, to give
the Conference a statement of his mission.

Dr. Hannah, on rising to address the Conference,
was received with cordial and fraternal
cheers. He stated that on the 5th of
April last, his beloved companion, Mr. Johnson,
and himself took their departure from
Liverpool by the ship Africa for New
York, where they arrived, after a safe and
prosperous, though somewhat stormy, voyage
of four-and-twenty days. They reached New
York on the 12th of April, and were most
kindly received. From the moment they
landed, they felt so at home in the United States,
they had abundant evidence of the kind
reception which, for the sake of his brethren
of the British Conference, they might expect
to receive, and which they did receive.

On the day after their arrival, they entered
their public duties. His esteemed
friend, Mr. Johnson, preached a Missionary
sermon in the morning, at Seventh Church,
while he himself preached in Mulberry-
street Church; and in the evening Mr. Johnson
preached in Mulberry-street Church,
while he himself preached in a Missionary
meeting in the same Church, the venerable Dr. Bangs
in the chair. After the collections at these
services, Mr. Johnson and himself were both
made life members of the Missionary Society
there. He met the Ministers of New
York and Brooklyn on Monday, at one of
their weekly meetings, at which, besides
other matters of business, theological
questions were discussed. His esteemed
friend, Mr. Johnson, was the first to
address the Ministers with great kindness
by Dr. Bangs, and joined them in one of
their theological discussions. The question
was the importance of preaching Christ in
every sermon; and he used not say that he
took the affirmative of that question. They
both received exceedingly kind attention
there. Associated with honored friends,
who again gave them a hearty welcome,
they next day went over the large and
noble building of the American Bible Society,
where everything relating to the
books was done upon the premises, where
they got up books, both cordially and
cheerfully, and which was exerting a mighty
influence in the western world. He had
the honor of being appointed the Delegate
of the British and Foreign Bible Society
in England, to the American Bible Society,
but was, at the time of the annual
meetings at the General Conference, one
thousand miles distant from New York.

He had in that city, met with a large number
of friends. He trusted that the Conference
would not suppose he was referring to him
self in the narrative he was then giving.—
He appeared there with his dear colleague as
Representatives of the British Conference,
the affection shown to them had been
affection, and they were the first to
show them whom they represented. He had
been much struck with the former improvement
of New York since his former visit to the
United States. That city now contained
about 700,000 souls, and while there was
nothing in New York, there was also much
to be seen in the city, and many of the
most happy memories. They next went to
Philadelphia, and then for a short time to
Washington, afterwards falling back upon
Baltimore, which had been termed the garden
of the following Lord's-day, and had
the honor of preaching in Light-street Church,
the meeting-house of that Church in which
he preached in Baltimore on his former visit
to America, and in the evening at Moly-
brien Church. Mr. Johnson after preaching
the morning had, on his own earnest
desire, been appointed to preach to the colored
people in St. Paul's Church in the evening,
and he had under the same name, that
preacher nor the people were very silent
of that occasion. They were very faintly
startled on their long and earnest course,
passing along the skirts of Virginia and Mary-
land, on both sides of the beautiful Potomac.
Starting next morning, also by railway cars,
for the mountains, lakes, or rivers, they
ascended the mighty Alleghenies, still in
railway cars, and at last found themselves, 2,
700 feet above the level of the sea. In
their course they had marked the progress
of civilization, and seen one of its first
fruits in log huts on one of its first
servants the name of Doctor somebody.—
They proceeded over the vast mountains

range until they arrived at the noble river
Ohio. The next day they pursued their
course, and went through the state of Ohio
until they found themselves in Cincinnati,
where they were treated with courteous
attention. The next day they had only to
travel 11 miles, in stead of 200 miles and
more, their average daily travel, and away
they sped to what had been called the city
of railways—Indianapolis. They found
that their residence while there was to be
at the house of the Hon. Joseph A. Wright,
Governor of the State of Indiana, a member
of the Methodist Church, from whom
they had received kind attention which
they could never forget. The State's
House of Legislation was lent for the
sittings of the General Conference. They
had arrived there on the 1st of May. It
was their introduction to the Conference
was formal, he might be misunderstood; it
was as free as nature and affection. At
the General Conference, the venerable
Senior Bishop Waugh was in the chair; a
man of apostolic simplicity and kindness,
one whom their venerable founder would
have delighted to honour. Bishop Waugh
introduced them to the Bishops and next to
the General Conference, where were present
some from California, some from Oregon,
others from the far west—several of
them brown, weather-beaten laborers of
Christ. On being introduced to them, the
whole Conference rising up to give them a
welcome, they spoke of the state and progress
of Methodism in England, of their affec-
tion towards them, and their desire for closer
relations between them, and for perpetual
peace between the two churches and the
two countries. In answering to the response
given by the assembled Ministers to these
sentiments, he felt that it was the response
of the largest religious community in the
United States. That great body of Chris-
tian people were not likely to desire war
with Great Britain. America, he was bold
to say, did not desire such. They were
cordially invited to take their seats in the
Conference by the Bishops, and to take part
in the deliberations of that assembly, and
remained there nearly three weeks. They
both preached the next Lord's-day. In the
afternoon at that day, after preaching in the
morning he attended a large sacramental
service, at which Bishop Waugh presided,
and delivered a sacramental address—it
was a solemn and happy service. In the
same church, his friend Mr. Johnson preached
the same evening, with all his heart, on
the character of God as revealed to Moses.
The brethren were well satisfied that they
had done what they wished to do, and so it
was formally requested by resolution the
next day that they should both preach, on
some week day, before the General Confer-
ence. He presented to that effect, and
on the subject of man's reconciliation
with God, and Mr. Johnson on the fullness
of Christian privilege. Of the expressed
estimation of those services he could not
speak. Great affection had been shown in
their persons to the brethren whom they
represented. He presented also from
Germany and Canada. He witnessed the
introduction to the General Conference of
an Indian chief, which was a scene of amaz-
ing emotion. Some years ago that chief
had been a wanderer in the wilderness.—
He could not, of course, understand the
English language, but he was, with the exception
of two or three words, relating to the ever-
lasting name of Jesus; but the address was
afterwards interpreted. At length, after suc-
cessive sessions, which were orderly, Chris-
tian, and of the deepest interest, the hour
of their departure came, and they prepared
for their last journey to the Conference.
He should like, almost, to pass over that
scene. They were called upon to address
the Conference, amid great emotion, and
they both did so with the abundance of full
hearts. Bishop Waugh at length proposed
that the General Conference should take
leave of them by rising up at once, and offer-
ing up a silent prayer. That was a mo-
ment he could never forget. It was not an
easy matter to get away; they were so
loved by friends on all sides, until the
very last; but on the evening of that day,
they escaped from the kindness of Indian-
apolis, which they should remember all their
lives, thankfully rejoicing as they left their
last night, when their mission was so happily
accomplished. They went across the White
River, passing through Terres Hautes and
Vincennes to St. Louis, on the Mississippi,
and ascended that sublime and beautiful
river, with its windings, its bays, its islands
covered with foliage, and its forests
on each bank, for the space of one hundred
and seventy miles. Then they passed
through the State of Illinois, and some of
the largest prairies, and arrived at Chicago,
which city, twenty years ago, had no exist-
ence. It was situated most advantageously,
containing a population of one hundred thou-
sand people, and was flourishing to an ex-
traordinary degree, paralleled. His inform-
ant, Mr. Williams, their own Mr. Wil-
liams, he meant, and their own still in affec-
tion, though now joined to the Methodist
Episcopal Church of America,—with Dr.
Dempester, had told him of the Biblical In-
stitute, or Theological Institution, which was
to be established at Cranston, eleven miles
from Chicago, chiefly through the instru-
mentality of an exemplary person lately de-
ceased, Mrs. Garrett, whose gift of property
for its endowment is now worth £100,000,
owing to the rise in the value of property
at Chicago, which now surpasses that of
the most flourishing cities in the world.
From that place they had their longest jour-
ney on one day to Detroit, on which they had as
former occasions to suffer the slight incon-
venience of the railway cars going off the
rails; but they soon raised up the delin-
quent carriages, for Americans never lose
their self-possession, and arrived safely at
Detroit, where they were perfect strangers.
There the Captain pointed out a little is-
land which he said was a British island,
and which, he must be allowed to say, gave
him uncommon joy, because British. They
then proceeded to Buffalo, where the next
General Conference is to be held. They
went along to the suspension-bridge, a mile
below the falls of Niagara—a river which
comes out of Lake Erie calm and beautiful
—an image of placidity, and which, having
flowed twenty or thirty miles, swells
into a gradual commotion of waters, in con-
sequence of the shelving bed of the river
descending layer after layer. These are
the rapids, and they become more and more

rapid until the scene is one of perfect con-
fusion. At length the river, three miles
across in that place, rolls against a large is-
land—Goat Island—and on the one side
flows past the American shore, and on the
other, the Canadian side. At the falls of
Niagara, the river becomes narrowed to half
a mile. He held that all true sublimity was
calm, and the great falls of Niagara were
calm. They descended in calm majesty,
the white foam ascending, and the beautiful
circular rainbows floating around them.—
The body of water in the falls amounted
to 670,000 tons per minute. He seemed
still to hear that voice of solemn music
which they created, like one of the great or-
gans of the universe. There he began
to feel himself somewhat indisposed. The
friends of Toronto gave them the meeting,
and proceeding to the place where the river
Niagara flows placidly into the blue and
bright lake of Ontario, an image of a good
life, in its peaceful beginning, and after its
trials and commotions, its peaceful close,—
and crossing Ontario, the arrived at the fair
city of Toronto, where they preached the
next day, which was the Sabbath. They
saw some old friends, had large congrega-
tions, and entirely forgetting all bodily ex-
haustion, preaching with all their heart
and soul. The next day, they had an oppor-
tunity of examining the city, and the great
school establishments, under the care of Dr.
Egerton Ryerson. He had also the mourn-
ful pleasure of paying a last visit to Peter
Jones, who desired to have the Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper, which was accord-
ingly administered to him. The dying Mis-
sionary gave a most delightful testimony of
his uninterrupted peace from the first hour
of his sickness, declaring that all his pros-
pects were bright, and that "not a cloud
did arise." He left him knowing that he
would see him no more. Mr. Johnson, as
since that passed away, was in the same
state, and he was not likely to be revived.
He proceeded the next day with Mr. Enoch
Wood, whose kindness, with that of his fam-
ily, he should always remember, passed
the thousand islands of the river St. Law-
rence, and continued their course until they
reached Brockville, where the Canadian
Conference was to be held, and some of
those sittings they attended. He preached
before the Conference that evening, to a
large and attentive congregation, and next
day they took their departure from brethren
of great fidelity and promise, and proceeded
to Montreal. From there they went to
Aulac, where Mr. Johnson preached the
first time, in order to go to Boston,
for they had scarcely ever been separated
day or night from the beginning,—and he
went forward to Rhinebeck, to spend the
Sabbath with the most worthy daughter of
Frederic Garretson. He preached at
Rhinebeck in the evening, and on the
afternoon at a beautiful church on Hill-side,
obtained principally by the efforts of the
accomplished widow of Dr. Olin. There also
he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's
supper,—the first time that it was adminis-
tered at that place. On Monday morning
he returned to the railway station, where
Johnson, along with true as steel, and they
proceeded to New York. At the special
request of the Ministers he preached on the
evening before his departure in the largest
Methodist church of the city, to a crowded
congregation; and afterwards the brethren
and friends, who were gathered there, gave
him and his colleagues a most affec-
tionate farewell. Friends then crowded round
them in large numbers, and by hundreds
looked them by the hand. On the day fol-
lowing, accompanied by the vessel by many,
they embarked for England in the same
steamer-ship in which they had gone to
New York, and they were all well, and
were icebergs in the sea floating to and fro,
but these had their interest, and Mr. Johnson
sketched them, as he did also some other
objects and scenes which they viewed together.
At length old, dear Ireland—appeared
in view, then North Wales, then the Isle
of Man, under which they sped, and in
length, resting the pilot on board, they
fired their rockets into the sky, doubled the
Black Rock, discharged their artillery, and
sent anchor in the Mersey, on Sunday night,
June 22nd, after having journeyed, by sea,
lake, river, and land, upwards of 10,000
miles in eleven weeks and a day. There
were two things which he wished to perpe-
rate most distinctly and deliberately. First,
publicly, and in the midst of his brethren,
he would offer his most devout and grate-
ful acknowledgments to Almighty God, for
his preserving and supporting goodness and
mercy; and secondly, he wished to offer his
most earnest thanks to the Conference for
appointing for him so agreeable and so effec-
tive a colleague as Mr. Johnson. He had
found him ever kind, ever able, ever ever;
and as for the first difference of feeling be-
tween them, that had yet to come. By this
long journey together, friendship had been
cemented between the closest and the
strongest ties, which he believed would
never be loosened. As to the mission itself
he had not chosen it, but had undertaken it
at the request of his brethren; and he
hoped that such missions would be continued,
for they were most important to the interests
of the church and the world. He was
thankful to find that the General Confer-
ence were present in the General Conference,
and that they attended and learned Ministers
to attend the British Conference of 1857,
as its representatives, viz, Bishop Simpson
and Dr. McClintock, and he had only to ex-
press his hope that they would receive from
the Methodists of this country such a wel-
come as was given in America to himself,
and to his "guide, philosopher, and friend,"
Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was then called upon by the
President to address the Conference, and on
coming forward was cordially greeted by his
brethren. He said that he was then in cir-
cumstances similar to those in which he had
not unfrequently found himself as a speaker
with Dr. Hannah. He was called upon to
speak when all that was necessary to be
heard had been said, and when the thunder
of his friend's real eloquence was still re-
sounding in the ears of an excited assembly.
It must be evident to all present, that as the
Doctor had gone step by step through the
entire course of the mission which they had
endeavoured to fulfil, there was little space

left for him to tread upon. Indeed, with
such giant foot-prints everywhere in view,
he hardly knew where to put his tiny feet
even for a few moments in which he might
try to add a few fragmentary notices to the
truthful and comprehending narrative just
given. He would remark, however, from
his own experience and observation, that he
could fully sustain and corroborate the state-
ment just made concerning the brethren, the
friends, and the General Conference in the
United States of America. Greater kind-
ness, cordiality, respect, and affection, could
not possibly be shown by one section of the
church of Christ, or by one section of Meth-
odism, to the members of another, than were
shown to them. And it was not only in
formal receptions and farewells, such as Dr.
Hannah had spoken of,—though, as it must
be plain, they were not mere formalities,
but were in some instances overwhelmingly
affecting and sublime,—but from the begin-
ning to the end of their sojourn in the States,
—from the first moment of landing at the
large and flourishing city of New York, to
the moment of embarkation for happy old
England, and that both in private and in
public, the most respectful and loving atten-
tion had been shown to them. It was evi-
dent that the very high veneration and re-
gard was held towards the parent body of
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daughters across the Atlantic. Everywhere,
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