WES, MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Speech of the Rev William Arthur, Delivered at the Leeds Missionary Meeting.

CONCLUDED. But some will say-Might we not have one or who has his character to make—not a needy certainly. "And what is his salary?" Preciseman who is without employment and ready to ly nothing at all. (Laughter.) "But does he catch at anything-not an incompetent man who not hold several other offices in the Methodist could not live by his own business. He must be Body ?" Yes, he does. "What is his salary?" a man of ability, and in a station of life to guar- Precisely nothing at all. (Hear, hear, and much antee to the Methodist Society that the £100,- laughter.) Yes, Sir, that great and pre-emi-000 a year shall be safe in his keeping. (Hear, nent man, at this day, having served the Methohear.) You must get a layman, then, of some dist Connexion fifty years, standing in the fore experience, of some station in society, and great ranks of our Protestant Christianity, as a venetalents added to it. You find such a layman, rable man of wisdom and talent-standing with and you offer to him the situation of your financial secretary. He would probably ask the question which Methodist Ministers are not in the habit of asking-what is the salary? (Hear, stands calm and dignified in his poverty. (Loud hear.) And supposing you were to reply " Sawhy, the same as a London preacher." " And supposing I shall get old in the service, and obliged to retire, what shall I have as a retiring allowance, for I could not save anything out of my income?" Weil, the answer would be-" you will have the allowance of a supernumerary preacher." I think, Sir, that the gentieman would say-" I fancy I can do rather (Hear, hear, and laughter.) I think you would find at the very threshold of in my own mind, when I have been compelled such a negotiation, that there would be no lavman fit to take our work who would do it for the (Hear, hear.) He would think that be could do better for himself and his family classwhat. That point may be tried over and over min, but I believe you will not find such a leyinan. But then, others may say-ought not some of the secretaries to be changed? Perhaps some of them ought. I am not going to may yes or no. Let us just illustrate this matter. told him he should have his diploma in London Suppose we all belonged to a fire brigade, and there was some little doubt amongst us that the driver of the fire engine ought to be changed, and that we ought to have a new one. Supposing one said to the rest-" We are called out dism to sacrifice this flattering offer. Dr. Buntto a fire, but we must not go, until we have got a new driver." "What," says another, "not go, but there is a private house on fire." "No "Well that may be," again replies the other, "I Church, and some to the Dissenters. (Hear. don't care if all the parties in the town are burnt | hear.) He has seen one individual begin with to death: until we have got a new driver, I Methodism, at the same time as himself, and now ling agents, rents and taxes of secretaries's houses, and repairs, &c., of secretaries' houses -There are four secretaries to manage our large ling agents, and other matters and costs of ma- to raise up a mist and a foam, and to dry mothe and all, to the very foot of Christ's cross, and as

this question of salaries, I have been put on the course, shall stilly borne along with a fair necessity of a more minute explanation. I made wind and a strender, carrying with her to a statement the other day, at a town in this distriet, that has been thought to be really incredi- ble riches of Christ. (Cheers.) No, the time ble. The statement was this: Dr. Bunting, at its not come when we have any thing to fear. the head of the establishment, has an income (Hear, hear.) I am very glad to hear of the precisely what I shall state. He has a house to general meeting of the committee to which our live in, and coals and candles found, and in cash, President has alluded. Any thing that will two lay secretaries? I am perfectly ready to coming into is own hands, exactly one hundred tend to the strictest scrutiny of the question I listen to that proposal. Very well, the first post and fifty wounds a year ! (Sensation.) "But," am glad to hear of. The more sitting the betwill be that of financial secretary, to receive and said a person, "Has be not some other income ter. The harder you strike the rock, the surer disburse an annual income of £100,000. What from some other quarter—is he not president of you will be it is solid; and so with this Society layman will you appoint? Not a young man the Theological Institution?" Yes, he is, most the more you sift it, and the more unassailable one foot on the grave, and another on the Methodist territory that he has loved so well, while off! No. Every loyal Methodist heart will say, cheers.) I am here, Mr. President, to say that not fall off. I appeal to one and all here prethere is not, in all the churches of Christendom. one man, after fifty years of service, and at the wavered, and who have felt throughout that head of a great and powerful body, with an in- there is nothing to find fault with but such as is come like that. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) I incident to all human institutions, and such as confess that this question of the Secretary's sa-lean he set right without any attempt to inter lary has been the only one in the whole of this fere with God's great work. (Hear, hear.) I round of topics that has touched my temper, and I really felt shame before men of other denominations-positive shame and indignation arising to make a formal answer to such wretched and paltry charges as these. (Cheers.) What do I know of Dr. Bunting? Why, Sir, fifty years ago, that man was in the town of Manchester, with a widowed mother. He was then the pupil of Dr. Percival, the most eminent physician of that town. It was proposed that he should be a Methodist Minister, but Dr. Percival took such an interest in his future prospects, that he without any-expense, and he further undertook to introduce him to a practice in Manchester of \$700 a-year, with a prospect of extension. But his mother and himself had that love for Methoing has served Methodism for fifty years, and, year by year, he has been sacrificing for himself and his family, say five hundred pounds in matter for that," rejoins the other, "I won't the shape of income. (Hear, hear.) And dustir without a new driver." "But parties may ring all this time, he has seen first one, and then be burnt to death in bed," says the remonstrant. another, go off from Methodism, some to the won't stir a single inch." Now, what would the sitting calmly and comfortably, the pastor of an honest firemen think of this? Would they not Independent church, with a salary of \$800 alook at the man with horror. (Hear, hear.) year. (Hear, hear.) There is another of these And if language is inadequate to describe the interested men, whose name I ought not to indignation we should feel at the man who could omit, -I allude to Mr. Hoole. (Hear, hear.)- the African race stop not the supplies." Samu- tellectuals." calmly look at his fellow creatures burning to I know that, about ten years ago, the East India el Harsley, in India, what say you? "If you A few weeks ago I furnished him with a comdeath, without rendering the slightest assistance. Company, the mest munificent masters in the stop the supplies God will stop your consola-unless he could get some paltry view of his own world—offered to Mr. Hoole the professorship of tions." Walter Lawry, in New Zealand, speak, style, the purport of which was to deny the validconceded to him, -if, I say, such a man as this Tamul. The duties were exceedingly light, and and say shall we stop the supplies? "Stop the ity of his accusations, to require that his prod would be looked at with horror, who art thou, he had an opportunity of making a salary of supplies! Feejee is not yet converted." (Sen- should be presented to his readers, and that dark spirit, who comest amongst us, whispering \$800 or \$1,000 a year, but certainly \$800; and sation - a voice on the platform, " And the spi- might have an opportunity to rebut it, so that to us to stay the waters of life, until some of our he, Sir, in order to fill an office of great labour measures are carried? (Loud applause.) Where and responsibility, made his bow to the East In- Hunt! he was my fellow-student, and if he were his columns. The communication was rejected. does that spirit come from, that would have us dia Company, and continued in the position of sit down and allow immortal souls to be lost for our Financial Secretary. (\* Hear, hear, and ever, until we have obtained our own way? - cheers.) When these are the facts, if some un-This spirit carries on its front its own eternal known men, in a newspaper, will get up an atblackness,- but I am satisfied that the proposal, tack upon Ministers like those I have meationlet it come from what quarter it may, will be ed, charging them with being interested and unrolled back with indignation, from the heart of scrupulous, are the great Methodist people of this great multitude, as from the heart of their | England to tolerate it? (Exclamations of "No," Lord above, and that the revulsion of their and much cheering.) Is this the encourage-Christian sympathy will send forth a new gush | ment that Methodists are to hold out to young of charity, so that the barriers set up to stop the men, who are looking before them, who have the supplies will be borne down by a stronger tide | world to choose, who know what the Charch of Missionaries, Missionaries." (Loud cheers.) of liberality than ever flowed before. (Loud England would give them, what the Dissenters cheers.) We will not stop. But again, it may would give them, what they could earn by tabe said, have not the secretaries too much sala- lent in other places? (Cheers.) Are they to 1y? That has been already met. Now, I will toil as Methodist preachers all their lives, and just take the reports of two societies. I have having attained the age of three-score years and heard it said of the London Society,—" Why ten, never having had an opportunity of saving these accounts are made up as if they were on a penny, and with no prospect but the pittance purpose to puzzle us." They have gone through of a supernumerary, to meet the requirements the fire, and now, here is their report, after the of old age? And is the Methodist body, when sifting, trying, and all the rest of it. They have, some unknown man, in a newspaper, calls them according to the tables of Dr. Harris, -- and interested, instead of scorening him with a genthough the figures are altered, the proportions erous indignation, to lead him their ear? ere about the same,-163 Missionaries; we have (Shouts of "No," and great cheering.) No, I done little, come forward now, though you may suf-367. Now, I will take out of that report of believe it will not be so. I believe there is too fer in so doing. Sir, you see the feeling of this ours, for the last year, the items of salary of se- much of justice, and generosity, and the fear of great assembly; we are going to make such a cretaries, salary of clerks, salary of the travel- God, and the love of right, among our people, collection as we never had in Leeds before that any person, not well informed on these subjects, may be led away for a moment. Per- us all remember that we have been standing face gentlemen is a type of the feeling generally exists. Missions, but two to manage their smaller ones; sons not accustomed to watch the course of pull- to face with death, watching if his stroke would and remember that theirs are comparatively ea- lie agitation, will believe what they find in print; fall on those closest to us, or haply on our own Free Church, as to the rude and unceremonics silv managed, for & Missionary has his salary, and specious addresses will carry away unsus- head, but by the merciful providence of God we and they have no more trouble with him. This pecting people for awhile. But wait awhile. is not the case with us. We have allowances of Facts will do their work. Truth will tell its your children .- mothers, that are left to your general utterance, the PRESBYTERIAN William one sort or other in many separate items which tale, and truth will have the ascendancy. There little ones - sons and daughters that see your will have to change his course, or to assemble greatly increases the labour of management, was an appeal made-God defend the right! parents still at your head, young men, whose new name

it will prove. (Hear, hear.) You see, Mr President, how the heart of that great assembly is beating. You feel the rising of a noble indignation; many see that they have been practised upon, but that is a secondary consideration; God's blessed work has been assailed, an attempt has been made to stay the Missionary work all over the world, to snatch from the heathen their bread of life. (Hear, hear.) The parties who are making this attempt said that Leeds would fall off. ("Never.") Leeds fail no, no. (The audience here responde 1 to this sentiment with great enthasiasm.) Leeds will sent. I appeal to you whose minds have never appeal to you who have, in some measure, been deceived and alienated, and I call upon you to ask your own hearts whether you have endeayoured, by searching and by prayer, to guard yourselves against temptation and the influence of evil counsel, and if such has not been the case I charge you in the presence of God, to repent. and do " works meet for repentance." hear.) You who have been loyal all the way through, give more largely than you ever did. Supposing we could gather the whole world be- tersan Wilness, since he thought proper to infore us-supposing we could bring all mankind face to face, who will say "stop the supplies." an Church. It would seem that the Wilness Pius IX, would say, stop the supplies; the cardinals, the priests, and the archbishops of popery would say, stop the supplies; the Brahmins ously assaulted, and in so imagining he reckored of India would say, stop the supplies; the Buddhist priests from Ceylon would say, stop the sup- excellent periodical by an unanticipated resplies: the slave dealers of Africa would say, tance, he resorts to "unworthy and reproceful, stop the supplies; the Mandarins of China, the villefications," instead of endeavouring " ... great lords of Mohamedism. would say, stop the rational, sober, or christian way, to answer am Shaw, in South Africa, what say you, shall they are "popish," we stop the supplies? (Shouts of "No, no.") &c. Yourself he characterizes as a man of " het Thomas Freeman-do you say, stop the sup- wrath," "petulance," "vituperative language, plies? No, but as you value the salvation of human souls, and the peace of human hearts, increase the supplies. (Cheers.) Edward Fra-ser, in the West Indies, come with thy swarthy withholds from them your reasonings, and your face and negro bair, and say shall we stop the masterly refutation of his slanderous aspersions supplies? "By the wrongs and the hones of Pity that he should thus "full short in his in rit of John Hunt.") Yes, and the spirit of John both sides of the case should be heard through now listening to my voice—perhaps he is lis- without even an intimation in his Notice to Cortening and hears me asking shall we, the Metho- respondents that any thing of the kind had been dists of England, stop the supplies? I can hear offered for insertion! My letter in The Wohis well-known voice, with a new angel tone in legan brings him out, with an admission that it, repeating the text which was so much his fa- I am a "highly respected Weslevan Minister." Waterhouse-shall we ask him whether we are receiving even-handed justice" from you. He to stop the supplies? Would be not repeat from beyond the veil, the words he uttered just name to meet him in discussion. I accordant

as he was passing within it,-" Missionaries, No, we will not stop the supplies. The Mo-thodists of Leeds will not stop the supplies. As let had been taken up, leaving them still to infer to those gentlemen around me, who have thoroughly understood the question, they will double their contributions. But I want the mass of the people: I want the hearts of our working men and working women. (Hear, hear.) I should rejoice to see a hundred pounds made into two hundred, but I could not be content if the penny be not made into twopence. (Cheers.) You who have never given silver before give it to night. God's cause is assailed; and you who have hitherto to permit such things. I can easily understand (Hear, bear.) Let us solemnly draw nigh and the gentlemanly letter of the Rev'd Dr. King stand before the Cross of our Redeemer. Let and his colleagues. If the disclaimer of the are yet spared. Fathers, then, that are yet with friendly Churches, and should that feeling have Take their charge for secretaries, clerks, travel- and God will defend the right. This attempt | hopes have not been blighted,-let us come, one naging Missions, not half the extent of ours, and streams of benevolence will fail, and our Missi- we have seen Him giving Himself for us, let us it is \$2,659. Ours is \$2.166 (Hear.) As to onary barque, instead of being impeded in her with heart and voice exclaim-

" Too must to thee I cannot give. Too much I cannot do for thee; Jet all tay I ve, and all thy grief. Grav'n on my heart for ever be."

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a judicious variety in each number is the secret of paper popularity and sectulations. 

For the Wesleyan.

Now it being impossible that any man, of what gitte, parts, or learning soever, should be able to maintain or make good the cause of a weak week toneous opinion, especially against an adversary of equal ability and insight into the cause with himself. by solidity, pregnoncy, or clearness of argument whether from the Scripture or otherwise; hence of frequently comech to pass, that when the patiens of such a cause fall short in their intellectuals, and solo icty of discourse, to keep the head of it above water, they supply that which is wanting in their understandings with those which abanadeth (upon such a temptation) to their will an affections, I mean with passion and with unworth on I reproachful villifications, +ither of the person of their adversaries, for not concerning in judgment with them, or of their arguments, which they are not uble in a ritional, sober, or christian way to an sweet."-[Goodwin's Redemption Redemed]

REV'D AND DEAL SIR.

The unchanged truthfulness of the above quotation from a valuable polemical work, written two centuries ago, has been made painfully apparent in the editorial columns of the Presty pugn the doctrines and economy of th in agined that his ipse dixit would suffice to seal the condemnation of the system so unceremoniwithout his host. Finding himself met in your supplies; and the prince of the powers of dark- your arguments. To the doctrines and economy ness would seal the counsel of all. But, Willi- of Wesleyanism he applies offensive epithets-" dangerous," " arbitrary.

vourite while on earth, "Thou shalt love thy but he excuses his rejection of the communication of the communicatio neighbour as the self." And the spirit of John tion referred to on the ground that he was "not reiterates his charges, and challenges me by sent him the subjoined communication, proporing to do so, but this likewise he rejects, will that he was left without an opponent, and that his criminating charges are unanswerable. And this editor blusters about " even-handed justice," and about "facing arguments fairly and honourably"!

Should you think proper to publish the sub joined article it may serve to show that The Wilness in rejecting it shrinks at last from honourable conflict, while he makes a pempour parade of his prowess. After so disingennous course, it appears to me that he may, with perfect safety to Weslevans and others assailed, left to himself, and to the corrective influence of such rebukes as were last week administered in ing among the ministry and membership of the assaults of that Journal upon neighbouring and

I am. Rev'd and dear Sir. Your's truly. EPHRAIM ETANS Halijux, Nova Section, Dec 12th, 1849.

CORRESPONDENCE.

that branch c. Ch. ist's Church with have the happiness to be asso laced.

I am unable to discover the force of jection to allow my former communica before your readers, "on the groun your apprehension you were not received handed gastice from The Wesleyan

OECEMBER 22.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian

Adverting to your "observations" of

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re paest a place in your columns, to unprovoked and un ustained at who is

noticed with care and candour the The Wesleyan, and think that you e der "even-handed justice" to that . alleging that you " have been dragged stage, into this dispute or altercation, by reason of its insinuations and petul appears to, me that The Wesleyan h remarkably good temper with you, ar sented for your consideration not " in but manly and christian arguments. But were all you allege against yo porary borne out by facts, is that a why you should refuse me permission

disclaimer to the criminating and charges of teranny brought by you Weslevan Conference, and of pop against "the whole system" of We true ! Is it " even-handen justice spread evil reports to hold ap some caristian worshippers to contempt a the to " when he public against t ters, as danger as me . - and then to mission to one of them to repudiate ges, or to ask for prosed that any of dergy, or standard writers, ever tan pish tenets ascribed to them? A communication contained, as you ke most remote allusion to The Wesley per. It referred to the assaults in upon Wesleyan polity and doctrine fensive communication, it might, a would have been written bad The not been in existence. To many o ers our doctrines are little knows polity they are not conversant. Before were arraigned and accur. d. I wish -to say " Nor GULLTY," and dema acquittal. Your sense of "even-han led you to refuse permission, and to readers und a the impression that thing to offer in contravention of y and thus secure our condemnatio

But to come to the matter in now stands the case? You designant rative act of the Weslevan Confer law which authorized it, as unse tyrannical. I protest that neither the other is open to such designat quire the evidence. You declar whole system of Arminianism, as to Wesleyans, is nothing but Pope This also I deay, and er halv call to Now, here is no "wrath," no " pu "insimuation," no "vite perative 1 propose to join honorinable is no your own declared terms. Will y them? You have challenged me le the public, thus : -

"We say to Mr. Evans, ' Give Fko justice, face the argument fairl, ably?"

Laccept the challenge, and sh spot, whenever " the argument' face. In the mean time, I must re timate that you have not yet I sing but unsupported assertion.

"Let him plainly and distinct! he to aks of the Act of 1835, still Book of the Wesley in Conference shall be in a position to go into the • • "Then we shall be in to grapple with you, and to sho conceive, consists the superiority anism over Wesleyanism in mis pline.

I cannot conceive how the st opinion on what you call "the A misnomer by the way) can assist a position in which you ought to fore your scathing condemnation Long ago you declared the Conference adorded you an opp hibit Presbyterianism in as favo trust to Wesley mism, as that in before placed it relatively to I and In lependency ;--- for you have all verneighborts during your self-oustituted consor-general c He vere vereza be er ly put thety to that Mr. E are we "At just in its processions, principle, of there's got reficient in. The interest has been to a Patier," v se og you joy. I r quet et "The white salpert The boot van basing. No .s " Lace" poor argum al. which are the grand three products of