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merge our native school into that of the Wesleyans of Perth, whose ample funds from England enable them to maintain a greater number of pupils; and that the funds hitherto devoted to native education in Fremantle, be transferred to the endowment of a free school for European children.

To the plausible, but surreptitious scheme of the Wesleyans Satance raised a decided objection, (private - and no small difficulty did I encounter in persuading our people) that by such a "procedure, we may discover, when too late, that in attempting to shun the Scylla of Popery, we have dashed our precious charge against the Charybdis of Dissent; and thus robbed our children of the high and holy principles which we have inherited, through the Church, from our fathers.

To yield to the measure proposed by the Government would be a sad alternative indeed. The native children in Fremantle have been educated under the nurture and admonition of the Church; her catechism and other Formularies have been their text-books since they were first taught to kiss the English tongue; and, now that they are able to mingle their voices with that of the people of God in the Sanctuary, and join in the responses of our beautiful Liturgy, and comfort themselves amongst us as members of the Church who need not be ashamed; must we cast them off, and constitute them aliens, and disinherit them from the blessings and privileges of our holy Communion? God forbid. Though cast down, as touching this matter, we are not in despair. I have made it a subject of prayer to the Almighty, and now I come forth and lay my appeal before the heads of the Church.