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Editorial Notes.

VERY soon the Methodist church in all parts of the world will join in memorial services commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wesley, and it is our intention to give short sketches of his life from time to time during the memorial year. The walls of Westminster Abbey contain a plain tablet on which is inscribed John Wesley, M. A., born June 17th, 1703, died March 2nd, 1791. These simple sentences are also engraved on the tablet. The first is: "I look upon all the world as my parish. The second is: "The best of all is, God is with us." And the third the words of Chas. Wesley: God buries his workmen but carries on His work."

How can we begin ever so brief a sketch of John Wesley without first paying tribute to the memory of the mother of Methodism, Susana Wesley? The world owes much to its mothers, but the mother of the Wesleys laid the foundation of the church in the early training of her sons. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." The subject of our sketch was the tenth child

of Samuel and Susana Wesley, and is described as a very thoughtful, studious, calm and self-possessed boy. He writes of himself that he lived a most unsatisfactory life from a religious standpoint, until about the age of twenty-two years, he performed certain duties such as reading of the scriptures morning and evening and saying his prayers." But during these years of university training he was developing traits which enabled him to cope with the doctrinal questions which have been of so much moment to the church. His skill as a logician was extraordinary and it was recognized by him as a providential gift.

At the proper time, when the ground was ready for the seed he read Taylors "Holy living and dying" and Thomas A. Kempis "on the Initiation of Christ" and his conscience was aroused he resolved to adopt a new method of living, his taste led him to the life of a catholic recluse but turning to his mother he was assured by her that God had better work for him to do, he also listened to the advice of another who urged upon him the fact that the bible knew nothing of solitary religion. Wesley never forgot these words. They perhaps forecast the history of his life. In 1725 he took Deacon's orders, two years after that he became his father's curate and preached much but saw no fruit of his labor, after two years spent as curate he returned to Oxford and the "Holy Band" having been organized he was at once sought to join them and from his natural ability to lead was soon recognized as the leader.

Infidelity was rife in the university had the Methodical ways of the little band and called forth in derision from a student the name of Methodist which has been committed to Ecclesiastical History.

THOSE who had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Dr. Farrar of Albany, N. Y. during his recent visit to our city will not soon forget the earnest words to us as Christian Endeavorers. He is a man who thinks deeply upon the questions that are so perplexing in our times, and believes "We are living in a grand and wondrous time, in