

largest city in the New World, it was soon destined to be planted, by the same means, in the waste places of the country. John Wesley, at the solicitation of Captain Webb and other Methodists in America, had sent from England as missionaries, to carry on the good work begun in New York, Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor, the pioneers of an army of twenty thousand Methodist preachers on this continent.

To those Philip Embury readily gave up his pulpit, and shortly after, in 1770, removed with his family, together with Paul and Barbara Heck, and other Palatine Methodists, to Salem, Washington County, New York, near Lake Champlain.

It is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that shortly after Embury had introduced Methodism into New York, another Irish local preacher, Robert Strawbridge by name, was the means of its introduction into the Province of Maryland. Like Embury, he preached first in his own house, and afterwards in a humble "log meeting-house," the prototype of thousands such which were destined to rise as golden candlesticks amid the moral darkness all over this vast continent.

Captain Webb had the distinguished honour of being the founder of Methodism in Philadelphia, and its zealous propagandist in many other places on the Atlantic seaboard.

The honour of preaching the first Methodist sermon in Baltimore, says Dr. Daniel, belongs to John King, an English local preacher, who landed at Philadelphia in 1769. Finding that a large field was here open for the Gospel, he felt moved to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry, and at once offered his services to the society in Philadelphia, and desired of them a license to preach. While the brethren hesitated about the matter, King made an appointment to preach in the Potter's Field, and there demonstrated his ability by a rousing Gospel sermon among the graves of the poor.

His pulpit on the occasion of his first advent at Baltimore, was a blacksmith's block as represented in the accompanying picture, the topography of which was studied from the location itself. The shop stood on what is now Front Street. The foot-bridge here shown spanned the stream near Jones' Falls. The mansion in the distance is Howard Park, at the time the residence of Colonel John Howard. These grounds now comprise one of the finest portions of Baltimore, containing, among other notable