

carefully through after his return from Conference, as he entered upon the duties of another ecclesiastical year. He often spoke of his indebtedness to the books above named, particularly the latter.

By his marriage he became related to the Rev. John Pawson, a man whose saintly life is not forgotten even at the present hour. Entire sanctification was a constant pulpit theme in those days. Mr. Wesley took great pains to inculcate the preaching of this doctrine, and he always said that wherever there was a declension of the work of God, it arose from the lack of preaching on this theme. It is well known that the labours of the early Methodist preachers were truly herculean, for not only did they preach nearly every night in the week, but also at five o'clock in the morning, so that two services per day were a common exercise. To us in modern times this seems astonishing, but the men were equal to the task; they were Mr. Wesley's "flying squadron," as for the most part they were either preaching or going from place to place on horseback. They were hardy pioneers, giants, whose earnest, indefatigable labours converted the moral deserts of England into the garden of the Lord. Never could they have endured such privations, and performed such labours as fell to their lot, if they had not been men of more than ordinary piety. Mr. Entwistle lived in the enjoyment of holiness of heart, and often met in band with one or two preachers and a few select friends, who were accustomed to unbosom their minds to each other, and on such occasions were very minute in stating their experience of the deep things of God. Thus their hands were strengthened, and they became "workmen that needed not to be ashamed." Revivals were common events in those days, without the modern appliances for effecting them. If Mr. E. went to Conference without an increase in the membership of the previous year, he gave himself to great searchings of heart, as he felt sure there was something wrong when he could not gather some precious sheaves into the garner of the Lord.

Mr. Entwistle endeavoured to live a life of constant piety. He lived wholly by rule, and each day was accustomed to plan some mode of holy living which would prove an incentive to his piety and enable him to perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord. He spent much time in private prayer and devotional reading of the scriptures, especially early in the morning of each day, when there is less probability of being disturbed by persons who set no value on time,