

consider the privations, persecutions, and sufferings which this good minister had to endure during his earthly pilgrimage of more than four score years, we are amazed at his fidelity to Christ, and the firm integrity he maintained, even after he was ejected from his living in 1662. He died about 1680, hunted by his foes, honoured and beloved by his parishioners, aged eighty-five years.

His only son, and only child we believe, was born in 1636—John Wesley, A.M., of New Inn Hall, Oxford, where he took his degree, having studied under the famous John Owen, D.D., then Vice-Chancellor of the University. He left Oxford about 1658, and at the age of twenty-two returned to his father's residence, and began to preach to a congregation he gathered at Weymouth, when a vacancy occurred in the parish of Winterburn-Whit-church (the writer has a large photograph of the church before him). John Wesley was examined by Oliver Cromwell's "triers," and having passed with approval, was appointed by them the minister to that parish, in May, 1658. The value of the living was £30 a year, and on that pittance he commenced his public ministrations, and the same year he married the daughter of the Rev. John White, the patriarch of Dorchester—a notable man, an author, and a member of the Westminster Assembly of Divines. This excellent lady lived to a great age, had a large family, was many years a very poor widow, and during her later years, her son, Samuel, allowed her £10 a year out of his small income, to keep her from actual want. She died in a village near Coventry in the year 1710. Her husband, the Rev. John Wesley, endured sorrow, losses, persecutions, privations, and imprisonments of the most painful character. The writer of this record has recently secured the manuscript account of one of his trials, never before known, which he may some day publish. He was ejected from his living in 1662, and afterwards led such a life of poverty and sorrow as brought him prematurely to the grave in 1678, when he was denied the right of burial in the graveyard of his former parish, and was secretly buried at night in the village of Preston, Dorset. The names of five only of their children have been discovered: Timothy, born April, 1659; Elizabeth, born in January, 1660; Matthew, born in May, 1661; Samuel, born December, 1662, and Thomas, date unknown. Samuel became the Rector of Epworth, and the father of the Revs. JOHN and CHARLES WESLEY, the FOUNDERS of METHODISM.