

four we spent in reading to those whom each of us had taken in charge, or in speaking to them severally as need required. At four were the evening prayers, when the children were catechized and instructed. From five to six we again used private prayer. From six



JOHN WESLEY'S TEA-POT.

to seven I read in our cabin to two or three of the passengers. At seven I joined with the Germans in their public service. At eight we met again to exhort and instruct one another. Between nine and ten we went to bed, where neither the roaring of the sea nor the motion of the ship could take away the refreshing sleep that God gave us."

#### Not a Half-Hour Preacher.

It is a question whether John Wesley's preaching would be exceedingly popular with a considerable portion of our modern church-goers who become positively indignant if the sermon exceeds thirty minutes. Mr. Wesley frequently preached from one to two hours to audiences of thousands who stood in the open air during the whole service. His experience at Cardiff, Wales, is thus described by himself: "At six almost the whole town came together, to whom I explained the

#### Wesley's Relation to Amusements.

On the subject of amusements Wesley had what would now be considered rather strict ideas. He not only condemned theatre-going, dancing, and card-playing, but discountenanced the reading of novels and even newspapers. He was sensible, however, in suggesting "a more excellent way" by pointing out some substitutes for what was discountenanced. He advised those who desired diversion to "read useful history and elegant poetry, or several branches of natural philosophy." He also recommended music and philosophical experiments. Many people now regard such methods of recreation as rather tame, but it would be a great deal better for our young people if these pursuits were more generally followed. The card-playing, dancing young man or woman is generally an ignoramus, as those who like these things seldom have much taste for reading.

#### The Guineas Went Quickly.

An eminent artist once asked Wesley to have a cast of his face taken, and he would pay him ten guineas. He at first refused, but finally consented and took the money. On leaving the house, he saw an excited crowd surrounding an auctioneer who was selling the furniture of a poor debtor, even the bed upon which the poor man was dying. Wesley rushed into the crowd and asked the amount of the debt. "Ten guineas," was the answer. "Take it," said Wesley, and let the man have the furniture again. I see why God sent me these ten guineas."

#### A Personal Worker.

Like his Divine Master, Mr. Wesley was always looking for opportunities of doing good by the wayside, and he never despised a congregation of one, although he

principles of Christianity. If he found himself in company with unconverted people on a stage-coach, at a hotel, in a shop, or on the street, he was sure to speak with them on the subject of religion, and he scarcely ever entered a home anywhere without dealing personally with the members of the family and the servants.

#### A Broad-Minded Man.

Mr. Wesley was noted for his catholicity of spirit. In his sermon on "The Right Heart," he said: "I ask not, therefore, of any man, Are you of my church, or of my congregation? I do you receive the same form of church government? Do you join in the same form of prayer wherein I worship God? I inquire not, do you receive the supper of the Lord in the same posture and manner that I



JOHN WESLEY'S PULPIT, OXFORD.

do, nor whether you agree with me in the manner of administering baptism. Let all these things stand by, we will talk of them if need be at a more convenient season. My only question at present is this: Is thine heart right? If it be, give me thy hand."

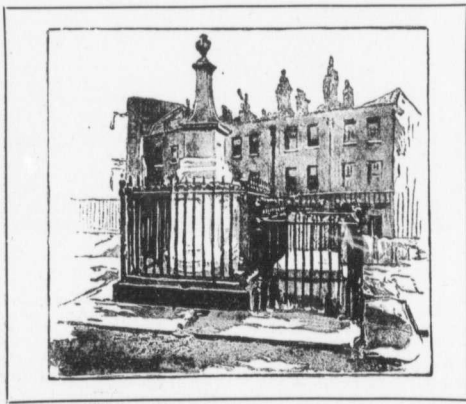
#### Remarks on Music.

At one place where he preached in the church, Mr. Wesley raised the music by saying in his Journal: "I was greatly disgusted at the manner of singing. (1) Twelve or fourteen persons kept it to themselves and quite shut out the congregation. (2) These repeated the same words, contrary to all sense and reason, six or eight times over. (3) According to the shocking custom of modern music, different persons sung different words at one and the same moment; an intolerable insult on common-sense, and utterly incompatible with any devotion."

It is evident that some of the anthems now rendered in our churches would not have suited Mr. Wesley.

#### Read on Horseback.

Wesley managed to read a great deal and travel immense distances by juggling on both operations at once. He read a great many volumes of history, poetry, and philosophy on horseback. One thing he noticed as somewhat peculiar was that his horse never stumbled while his rider was reading. Mr. Wesley's explanation of this was that he always rode with a slack rein when engaged with a book, and a horse is not so apt to stumble when given the free use of his head.



JOHN WESLEY'S TOMB, REAR CITY ROAD CHAPEL.

last six beatitudes; but my heart was so enlarged, I knew not how to give over, so that we continued three hours." The probabilities are, however, that if he had been preaching to the same people every Sunday, much greater brevity would have been observed.

so frequently had the opportunity of addressing thousands. As a personal worker John Wesley was a splendid model for Christians of to-day. On his way home from Georgia he discovered on board the ship an ignorant negro boy, and began at once to instruct him in the