

bless the Church and the King; and grant us truth and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, forever and ever."

Looking toward his beloved brethren the dying veteran was heard to say, "Farewell," and then as Bradford was repeating, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and this heir of glory shall come in!" he entered "without a lingering groan" into the joy of his Lord.

## John Wesley's Generosity.

BY THE EDITOR.

"I THINK I have something here that will interest you," said Rev. Dr. Kelly, Book Steward of the English Wesleyan Church, to the writer, about nine years ago, as an hour was being spent in looking over some curiosities at the Methodist Book Room in Castle Street, London. He handed me John Wesley's personal account book, in which were recorded his receipts and expenses for several years. The last entry was evidently written by the trembling hand of an old man. It consisted of the following words:

*"For upwards of eighty-six years, I have kept my accounts exactly. I will not attempt it any longer, being ant-*

to have absolutely no love for money, and regarded it simply as a means of doing good.

His habits of generous giving began when he was a student at Oxford. It was one of the rules of the "Holy Club" to give away, every year, whatever of their income remained, after they had provided for their own actual necessities. When John Wesley's income was £30 he lived on £28 and gave away £2. When his income rose to £60 he still lived on the £28 and gave away £32, and when he was in receipt of £90 he still appropriated the original amount for his own use and bestowed the remaining £62 upon the poor. In 1782 he spent £5 19s. for clothes, and gave away £738. It is estimated that he gave £10,000 during his life.

When he was 63 years old, a lady left him £1,000, probably the largest sum he ever had in his possession at one time. In reference to it, Wesley simply wrote, "I am God's steward for the poor." To the poor it was so speedily given, that when, a year later, his sister, who had been deserted by a worthless husband, applied for some of it, he wrote back: "You do not consider, money never stays with me; it would burn me if it did, I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible lest it should find a way into my heart."



JOHN WESLEY'S DEATH.

*igned with the continual conviction that I save all I can, and give all I can; that is all I have.*

The aged preacher evidently made a mistake in regard to the number of years during which he had kept accounts, or else must have commenced at a very early period in his life. The other part of the statement, however, is absolutely correct. Probably no man ever lived who rose so completely superior to that mammon worship and avarice which are the sunken reefs upon which so many a vessel of human life is shattered, as John Wesley. He seemed

When he was charged with having £700 out at interest, he replied: "I never put six pence out to interest since I was born, and never had £100 of my own since I came into the world."

When asked by the Commissioners of Excise to pay a tax on his silver plate, he replied by letter: "I have two silver spoons at London, and two at Bristol, that is all the plate I have, and I shall not buy any more while so many around me want bread."

He left six pounds to be divided among the six poor men