

**Wesley's Discretion.**

While Wesley was never wanting in courage in dealing with mobs, he was, nevertheless, discreet. On one occasion he found that in providing for his preaching at Pocklington his friends had selected an open yard instead of a room. On visiting the place he observed, as he writes, "It was plentifully furnished with stones; artillery ready at hand for the devil's drunken companions." He decided not to preach there and later the service was held in a large barn.

**Curiosity Rebuked.**

In many places where Mr. Wesley appeared there was great anxiety to see him, and doubtless many went to hear him preach, simply through curiosity. On one occasion several ladies called at the house where he was staying and sent word that they wanted to speak to him. He immediately went to them and said: "I believe, ladies, that the maid mistook you only wanted to look at me. I do not expect that the rich and great should want either to speak with me or to hear me, for I speak the plain truth—a thing you little hear of, and do not desire to hear."

**Trapped.**

The attitude of the English Church clergy was almost unanimously one of hostility to Wesley. One rector specially warned his people against hearing "that vagabond Wesley preach." One Sunday, after preaching, Mr. Wesley dropped into this clergyman's church, dressed in his canonicals. Seeing that he was a minister, the rector asked him to preach, which he did. After service the rector asked his clerk if he knew who the stranger was. The clerk replied, "Sir, he is the vagabond Wesley, against whom you warned us." Instead," said the astonished rector, "we are trapped; but never mind, we have had a good sermon."

**His Name Went In.**

"Michael Fenwick," Wesley says, "was often hindered from settling in business because God had other work for him to do. He is just made to travel with me, being an excellent groom, valet-de-chambre, nurse, and, upon occasion, a tolerable preacher." Mr. Fenwick, who was ambitious, one day complained to Mr. Wesley that, though constantly travelling with him, his own name was never inserted in Wesley's published journals. The next number of the Journal contained the following: "I left Epworth," wrote Mr. Wesley, "with great satisfaction, and about 1:00 preached at Clayworth. I think none were unmoved but Michael Fenwick, who fell fast asleep under an adjoining hayrick."

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