it was let alone, and it passed off; and so it will be with Methodism, no doubt.'

"'But, uncle,' I said, 'those Methodists do not scourge themselves nor any one else. They only preach to the people about sin, and the judgment-day, and our Saviour.'

"'And the people sob, and scream, and faint, and fall into convulsions,' said Harry, turning on me.

"'Of course,' said my great-uncle, 'we are not Papists. Fanaticism will take another form in Protestant countries; and as to ignorant men preaching about sin and the judgment-day, what have they to do with it? I preached them a sermon on that subject myself last Lent, in St. Mary's, and no one sobbed, or fainted, or was at all excited.'

"'But, uncle,' I said, 'the people who are to be hanged at Tyburn, and the Yorkshire colliers, cannot come to hear you at St. Mary's.'

"'However little it might excite them!' interposed Harry.

"'Is it not a good thing, uncle,' I continued, 'that some one, however imperfectly, should preach to the people who can't come to hear you at St. Mary's, or who won't?'

"'Preach in the fields to those who won't come to church to be taught!' said my great-uncle; 'the next thing will be to take food to the people at home who won't come to the fields to work, and beg them to be so kind as to eat!'

"'But, dear uncle,' I said, 'the worst of it is, the people who are dying for want of this kind of food don't know it is hunger they are fainting from. You must take them the food before they know it is that they want.'

"'Nonsense, Evelyn,' he said; 'if they don't know, they ought. I have no notion of pampering and coaxing criminals and beggars in that way. Everything in its place. The pulpit for sermons, and Tyburn for those who won't listen. But how should young women understand these things? There is poor John Wesley, as orderly and practical a man as ever was seen before he was seized with this insanity or imbecility. The times are very evil; the world is turned upside down; and this fanatical outburst of Methodism is one of the worst symptoms of the

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