

in great weakness of body, which in the latter part of the month became so absolute as to confine him to his room. It is however, remarkable that he suffered very little pain, never complaining of any during his illness, but once of a pain in his left breast; and during this whole period he enjoyed a grateful sense of the divine mercy. The consolations of that Gospel he had so long preached to others, sustained him in the trying hour of approaching dissolution; and though his labours had been arduous and useful, yet the language of his soul was,

“ I the chief of Sinners am,
But Jesus died for me ”

and “ There is no way into the holiest, but by the blood of Jesus.” More than once he exclaimed “ The best of all is, God is with us ! ” and several times did he repeat

“ I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers :
My days of praise shall ne’er be past,
While life and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures ”

On Wednesday morning, March 21, 1791, this Man of God,—this Pastor of thousands,—this latest Apostle of the Lord Jesus entered into the joy of his Lord. A marble tablet was erected to his memory in the City Road Chapel, London; but when marbled eulogies shall become obliterated—when brazen inscriptions shall be no more legible than if they had been traced in water—when even “ eternal pyramids ” shall want a stone to shew they once were ruins, an ever-during memorial shall be raised in the grateful remembrance of vast numbers “ which no man can number,” associating with the operations of a gracious Providence in the extension of true Christianity, the venerated name of JOHN WESLEY.

When Mr. Wesley died there were in the Methodist connexion 80,000 members of society and 312 travelling Preachers and since his death, the work, which some foretold would come to nought, has rapidly extended. At the present time the numbers in the Societies are, in

Great Britain,	256,272
Ireland,	22,899
And on Mission Stations under the direction of the British Conference	43,849
Making a total under the care of the British and Irish Conferences of	323,020
Those under the care of the U. S. Conference amount to	548,593
————— Canadian Conference	12,563
Making a grand total of	884,176

members, besides the travelling Preachers, which amount to 883 in Great