



FIRST METHODIST "CLASS-MEETING" CALLED BY THAT NAME.

TWO GATHERINGS.

The class-meeting is one of the earliest institutions of Methodism. It must have been a great joy to Wesley to go around to these gatherings of God's people and hear them tell of the love of Christ in their hearts. Our picture shows the first of these that was called by the name of "class-meeting."

The other picture represents a gathering of a very different nature. John Wesley was rounding a hill one day, when some one warned him of a mob gathered on the other side to attack him.

"Turn back, I beg," said his warning friend.

But do you think Wesley was afraid? Nay, he knew he was the King's messenger, and that God would protect his servant, and bravely went on in the discharge of his duty.

WESLEY'S PARENTS.

John Wesley's father was the Rev. Samuel Wesley, a clergyman of the Church of England. The Wesley family for many generations was of considerable importance. The name, sometimes spelled Westley and also Wellesley, was an exceedingly honourable one, and had been borne by men who were conspicuous in various spheres. Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, belonged to the Irish branch of the family. Our John Wesley's grandfather was also John Wesley, and his great-grandfather was Bartholomew Wesley. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were clergymen, but his grandfather and his great-grandfather lived during the English Commonwealth, and after the Commonwealth was overthrown and Charles II. ascended the throne they were ejected

from their churches and compelled to suffer severely because they were Nonconformists, and would not take the oath prescribed by the "Act of Uniformity" to never favour "the alteration of the government either in church or state."

Samuel Wesley, the father, was a distinguished scholar, author, and poet, and a forceful man in public affairs and in ecclesiastical circles.

John Wesley's mother, Susannah Wesley, was a daughter of the noted Nonconformist divine of London, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Annesley, and was his twenty-fourth child. Dr. Annesley's grandfather was the Viscount Valentia, and his uncle was the first Earl of Anglesea. Susanna Annesley, therefore, was a lady by both birth and breeding.

John Wesley's parents had nineteen children. Two children, one called John and the other Benjamin, died in early infancy, and the fifteenth child was baptized

John Benjamin, but he signed himself John Wesley.

In view of the stock from which the family came, and in view of the character and accomplishments of both father and mother, it may be said in the best sense that John Wesley was well-born.

DAVY'S BATTLES.

Davy was studying history; and as he read of the great generals and the battles that they had fought, he longed to be a man, and do some great thing himself. "Oh dear," he said; "a fellow has to wait so long, and learn a lot before he can begin."

"You are mistaken, Davy," said his sister Ella; "there is a battle for boys and girls, as well as for men and women."

"Our Sunday-school teacher told us that," said Davy.

"You must fight with yourself, Davy, when you don't want to obey mamma, and when you feel angry. Make yourself obey. I wish that you'd try."

"I believe that I will, sis," said Davy.

"I'll give you a verse that will help, Davy," said Ella: "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

—Sabbath-school Visitor.

A MORNING PRAYER.

Through the night thine angels kept
Watch beside me while I slept;
Now the dark has passed away,
Thank thee, Lord, for this new day.

North and south, and east and west,
May thy holy name be blessed!
Everywhere beneath the sun,
As in heaven, thy will be done!

Give me food that I may live;
Every naughtiness forgive;
Keep all evil things away
From thy little child this day!



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