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PIONEER PREACHER AND HIS WORK.

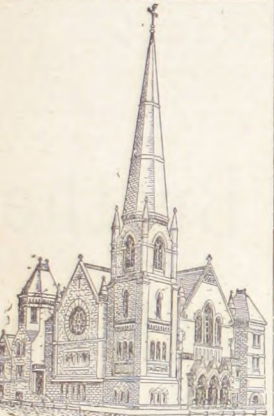
How Wesley Struggled to Introduce the Gospel—Devotion of the Early Settlers—First Methodist Church in America.

Pioneer Preachers. JOHN WESLEY experienced the very first disappointment of his life in his vain endeavor to preach to the Indians when he came to America with Gov. Oglethorpe in 1736; but his following were wonderful workers among the wilds of the world, second only in missionary endeavor to the Catholics and Moravians.



John Whitfield crossed the Atlantic thirteen times, and journeyed incessantly through the colonies from Georgia to Maine like "a flame of fire," reviving "the great awakening" of Edwards. Mrs. Barbara Heck, who came to New York in 1760, called the founders of American Methodism. Capt. Thomas Webb, who had with Wolfe scaled the Heights of Abraham at the storming of Quebec, was one of the first preachers, and he conducted services in full uniform, with his sword lying on his reading desk.

Francis Asbury, a very young man, was appointed by Wesley as the first head of the American ministerial itineracy in 1771. Meager are the details of their labors for the church, but wonderful their accomplishments. The first Methodist conference was held in Philadelphia July 14, 1773. There were nine preachers present, and there



TRINITY CHURCH IN DENVER, COL.—FINEST METHODIST EDIFICE IN AMERICA.

was a return of membership of 1,160, divided as follows: New York, 180; Philadelphia, 180; New Jersey, 200; Maryland, 500; Virginia, 100. The Revolutionary War and Methodism were providentially coincident. During the war it quadrupled its ministry and membership and ranks fourth among the dozen recognized Christian denominations of the country.

Barnaby McHenry, who entered the field in the year 1789, had the honor to be the first Methodist preacher raised west of the Allegheny Mountains. At this time Asbury and his preachers had to travel with armed convoys, and pursued their mountainous routes in hand of their lives. Their fare was the coarsest (game and Indian corn), their only habitations the cabins of the settlers nesting in the shadows of stations or block-houses. They had no money except the contributions brought by Asbury from the poor brethren of the East, and their clothing was common and tattered. Their congregations gathered in the stations with arms, with sentinels patrolling about to announce the approach of savages, and the meetings were not infrequently disturbed by calls to arms and the threatening war-whoop. The population was generally though not universally of the rudest character, much of it liable to sink into barbarism, with reckless adventurers as recruits, had it not been for the gospel borne from settlement to settlement by these unpaid self-sacrificing men. In the light of to-day itinerancy was a providential moral provision for the exigencies of this vast, new western world, barricaded from Christian civilization of the Atlantic States by the mountains. Among the giants of those days were Charles Elliott, the Indian missionary; Jesse Walker, who invaded Missouri with Methodism; Messrs. Finley Jacob, David Young, and Samuel



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Parker, in Ohio, and Peter Quinn, who wandered all over the West. It is said that the real pioneer of the Methodist Church in Illinois was Capt. Joseph Ogle, who came in 1785, and the first Methodist preacher was Joseph Lillard, who formed a class in St. Clair County in 1793. The next preacher was John Clark, who left South Carolina on account of slavery in 1796, and is said to have been the first man who preached the gospel west of the Mississippi in 1798. Hosea Riggs was the first settled minister (1796-1841), and Benjamin Young the first circuit rider.



THE CIRCUIT RIDER.

Another great and substantial pioneer preacher was the Rev. Peter Cartwright, of Sangamon County. He was received as a preacher in 1804, and continued as a traveling circuit rider for twenty years through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, and in 1824 settled in this State. He was a believer in muscular Christianity. He was once interrupted in preaching by the bully of a tough community who wanted to know if Mr. Cartwright could "do" miracles. The stalwart preacher said he could cast out devils, and sniting the action to the word threw the bully through the door into outer darkness and went on with his sermon.

Faith in the Family. One of the most intelligent women, the mother of a large family of children, was eminently a woman of faith. She never heard the tramping of her boys' feet in the house, or listened to their noisy shouting in their play, or watched their unconscious slumbers, without an inward, earnest prayer to God for wisdom to train them. She mingled prayer with counsel and restraint; and the counsel was the wiser and the restraint was the stronger for this alliance of the human and divine elements in her instruction and discipline. And at length, when her children had become men and women, accustomed to the hard strife of the world, her name was the dearest name they could speak; and she who had fed their bodies from her own spirit's life, who had taught their feet to walk, their tongues to speak and pray, who illuminated their conscience with the great light of righteousness and duty, held their reverence and love, increased a thousand-fold by the remembrance of an early education that had its inspiration in the faith of God, and its fruit in the noble lives of upright men and women.

How It Happened. A small boy had a dog that was rough, as most small boys dogs are, and a young girl who lived next door had a kitten, sly as all cats are. One day the small boy came nonchalantly into the girl's presence and after some desultory conversation, he said: "You know my dog Barca and your cat Darling?" "Yes." "Well, my dog had a piece of meat, and he thought your cat was going to take it away from him." "Thought!" exclaimed the wise girl. "What made you say the dog thought? You know dogs don't think, they instinct?" "Well," said the boy, "I don't care whether he thought it or instinct it, but anyhow he killed your cat!"

Goodish Girls. At the close of a long prayer by a father who had prayed for a poor family, his son said: "Father if I had as much wheat in the barn as you have, I would answer that prayer myself." A MINISTER was asked if his church was united. "Yes, all frozen solid." It is strange how a man will himself admit he is a fool, yet if anyone else tells him so he will get hopping mad right away.—Boston Herald.

"BRETHREN," said the old minister, "the people that now stand outside the church door and laugh will be the ones that will stand outside the gate of Heaven and weep."

MEN who get religion merely to keep themselves out of hell are not worth saving.—Rev. Thomas Dixon, jr.

WHAT the church needs to learn and do right off is to organize the litters. There is a hallelujah chorus in the penitents if we only know how to make them sing it. CONTEMPT is what we feel for the men who commit the sins we have no inclination for. A POLITICAL Reason—"How did Joseph come to be a great ruler in the land?" asked the superintendent. "Please, sir," said the boy, "because he wore a coat of many colors."—New York Sun.

Consult the Boy. The truth is, as Mr. P. T. Barnum suggests, the boy himself should have something to say about his mental training when he comes to the "parting of the ways." If he is a lover of books, has an imagination easily kindled, cares little for manual labor, by all means send him to the college or the technical school. If, on the contrary, he cares little for books, looks outward rather than inward, then it becomes a serious question when the education of that boy in the schools should stop. Benjamin West took the hair of the cat and proceeded to make a brush with which to paint. Why, then, as Mr. Barnum says, should he be put in a dry goods store or a bank? Nature by this token foretold that he should be an artist; and we want no method of education on the one hand, or of suppression of learning on the other, to veto a boy's natural place in the human scheme of activities.

This leads us to say that until topics of study and methods of work are clearly terminated mainly by the age and conditions of his pupils in determining the kind and amount of work to be done. In almost every direction there is an attempt to do too much in the early years of school life. This is particularly seen in the more abstract studies—arithmetic and grammar. There has been a change for the better in the grammar, but in arithmetic we still kick against nature. The German boy is thoroughly grounded in the elementary processes of his arithmetic. His work with numbers has been of such nature that when he reaches college, and what few applications to business he has, very little time is lost by errors of calculation. At 13 years, while he is still at work on his numbers, he begins his geometry; not a book manufactured for the college student, but simple, elementary. It is right here that the continental boy soon plows ahead of the American boy. While the latter is throwing his time away over problems and topics that should be reached later on, if at all, the French and German boy is at work on the elementary parts of other branches of mathematics. Also, the amount of time squandered in the American grammar school through the ignorance or conceit of American supervisors of instruction—Popular Educator.

The Difficulty of Living. When I see a woman scrubbing or bending over the washtub who was created with an artist's tastes and a poet's song in her heart; when I see a bright woman, in whom the drollery and sparkle of youth die hard, amid a life of druggery and unrest; when I see a woman patching trousers and darning socks who was intended by nature to reign the crowned queen of some high vocation when I mark the pallor and the lines of tell-tell care on the cheek that in girlhood outblushed June's sweetest rose, or note how the hands that once drew divest music from obedient levers have warped and twisted in the faithful performance of homely duties, I feel like kissing the faded cheek and folding the poor hands in a reverent grasp, for I tell you, though she may sometimes falter by the way, though fretful moods may sometimes overtake her, not queens of more royal in the inheritance of their purple robes, not cloistered saints folded away from the world's turmoil so faithful, not dog martyrs so brave—for it is not dying that tells, says a writer in the Chicago Herald. To die is easy enough—but living! there's the test. Anybody can die, but ah, the infinite difficulty of living.

Not Entirely Correct. A subscriber writes to the New York Sun as follows: I have a dispute with a friend about a silver dollar and a silver dollar. I say that this Government is bound by a treaty of 1776 to keep the picture of the ruling sovereign of England on its coins, and so the present has Queen Victoria's face on it. My friend says I'm all wrong. Please decide.

To this the editor replies: You're not entirely correct, Pat; in fact, you're a little wrong. To tell the truth, Pat, your contention needs considerable changing before it will be correct; in fact, it needs to be altered entirely. If, now, you were to say there was no great breach between the United States and Great Britain in 1776—that was the beginning of the Revolution, Pat—and that there never was a treaty which bound the United States to keep the face of the reigning sovereign of Great Britain on its coins; and that we never have kept the sovereign's head on our coins, and that the head on the silver dollar is not Queen Victoria's head—then, Pat, you would be right. As it is, Pat, you're wrong. Whew!

Both Hands at Once. Gwing to the popularity of typewriters, penmanship is becoming a lost accomplishment among business men, but one gentleman of this city writes letters with both hands at once, says the New York World. He is E. C. Cockey of the Western Union Building, and he consented to show a reporter how to make a manifold machine of himself. "After endless practice," he said, "I at last found that I was capable of writing with both hands at once, and in this way I have done considerable writing of a business nature. Of late years, however, all my writing has been done by dictation to a stenographer." Mr. Cockey drew a pad from a drawer in his desk, and taking a lead pencil in such hand as he wrote the reporter's name toward the right with the left hand and toward the right with the right hand. "This is one way of writing it," said Mr. Cockey, "but perhaps you would like to see it written this way," and he wrote the name upside down with both hands. Finally he wrote a long sentence simultaneously with both hands.

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A Warbling Girl. A lady says that she recently heard a young girl of 14 years "whistle" as her people called it, but "warble" it really was, for she kept her mouth slightly open, and the lips merely trembled, the notes being formed in the throat, the center of it working as a bird's does when singing, and the sound produced was exactly like those of blackbirds and thrushes. She warbled several airs to pianoforte accompaniments faultlessly and most beautifully modulated; and so powerful were the notes that her grandmother, who was excessively deaf, could catch every one, without the slightest effort, in another room a little distance off; in the same room some notes were deafening, when she poured them out at the forte parts. She had been self-taught entirely from "whistling" to her doz and sitting in the window to "warble" to the birds.

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