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Upon a little platform the show has just begun. With the leopard boy from Asia and the living skeleton. Who even has the bulge, you see, on Sidney Smith (not Jones). Who assured his lady visitor, in very solemn tones, That he often laid aside his flesh and cooled off in his bones.



And then the monstrous giantess, looking so fat and flabby, In a dress of gold and tinsel that has grown extremely shabby. We cannot keep from thinking, as we gaze upon the mass, Of the well-known scriptural passage that says, "All flesh is grass." And, if that statement is correct, as sure as we are sinners, If crops should fail, the elephants need never want their dinners!



And Captain Costentius, the famous tattooed man, That splendid illustration of the decorative plan, The poor man had been shipwrecked, when far away at sea, And rescued by some savages in eighteen fifty-three, And the wretches then adorned him—just as the pictures show him— With a cuticle So beautiful His mother wouldn't know him.



And the beautiful Circassian, from the countries of the east, Where woman is regarded little better than a beast; Where nothing is too sacred to be lightly bought or sold, And any lonely bachelor can get a wife for gold. We wonder why these ministers, who travel half their lives, Have never loved these charming girls, and brought them home as wives. We conclude they've not invested in the fascinating creatures. For a very obvious reason—there's no discount to the preachers!

Exchange: An Indiana man assented to his daughter's marriage in the following note attached to the marriage license: "Mr. — has permission to go ahead. The girl is not of age, but she is so deadset that we have caved."

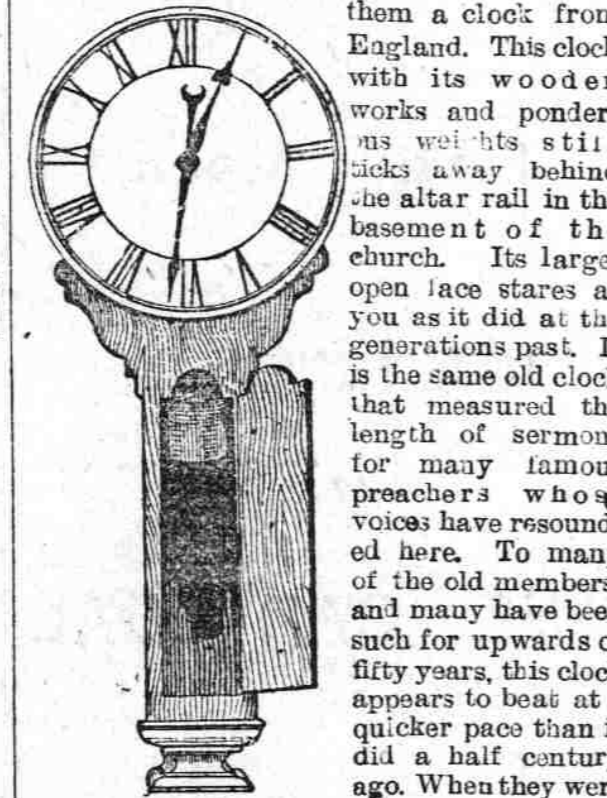
THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

A Shrine Which Marks the Birthplace of American Methodism. [Special Correspondence.] New York, Nov. 4.—One hundred and nineteen years ago, on or near the very spot in Park place where these lines were written, stood the humble little one-story house of Philip Embury, and here, on Oct. 30 of that year, was held the first Methodist service in America. The congregation on that day consisted of four persons—Mr. and Mrs. Hick, a laborer, and a colored woman. Mr. Embury was a carpenter, and a native of that green isle that has sent more Christian missionaries through the world than probably any other land. Embury had been converted to Methodism through the exhortations of John Wesley on one of the latter's visits to Ireland. The anniversary of this first meeting at Embury's was recently celebrated by a jubilee at the John Street Methodist church, in this city, which is built on the site leased by Embury for the first Methodist Episcopal church in America. After that memorable meeting at Embury's weekly meetings were held in a rigging loft in Horse and Cart lane, now William street. Among the "dissenters," as they were then called, who congregated in this loft was a Capt. Thomas Webb, a British soldier, who afterwards figured with Embury and Hicks as the leading zealous workers in the interest of the church. Their honest, earnest efforts soon drew around them too large a congregation for the rigging loft, so they leased a plot of ground on John street, on which their carpenter prospector, Embury, built a substantial structure 42x60 feet in dimensions. This he dedicated on Oct. 30, 1765.



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE IN AMERICA, 1768.

From this church Capt. Webb went out as a missionary and organized churches in Philadelphia and Baltimore. To here also came emigrants from the old country, who settled around the church, soon making up a prosperous congregation. They purchased the property for \$600 in 1770. In 1773 Francis Asbury began his ministrations here as pastor, and before the close of his career he is said to have preached possibly 17,000 sermons of the genuine old-fashioned lengthly order, and ordained no less than 8,000 preachers. So this church may truly be called the cradle of Christianity as preached by Wesley. Though Wesley did not honor New York with his presence during his visit to America he watched with interest the progress of this John Street church. In 1779 he sent them a clock from England. This clock with its wooden works and ponderous weights still ticks away behind the altar rail in the basement of the church. Its large, open face stares at you as it did at the generations past. It is the same old clock that measured the length of sermons for many famous preachers whose voices have resounded here. To many of the old members, and many have been such for upwards of fifty years, this clock appears to beat at a quicker pace than it did a half century ago. When they were young men and maidens they still remember how painfully slow its hands moved during the sermon hour, but now, though these very same hands are credited with keeping as correct time as ever, they appear to spin around in "meeting" time.



There are many other relics retained with reverential care by the present congregation. There is still in use the altar rail built by the first pastor. There is a beam from the William street rigging loft, and books and cards used at the first church. There is also the first organ, which was a French one about the size of an ordinary melodeon, and a dangerous innovation it was considered at the time of its introduction. Under the basement of the present church rests the bones of many of its earlier members, and in its walls many memorial tablets inscribed to memory of past bishops, pastors and prominent members.



THE PRESENT JOHN STREET CHURCH.

The present church was built in 1841 and is the third erected on the site of the one built by Embury. It is one of the places of interest pointed out to sightseers coming to the metropolis and to Methodists it grows in interest from year to year as the first mile stone in their wonderful growth, as the very cradle of their creed on this side of the Atlantic. Notwithstanding the marvelous spread of this denomination and the wealth of its members throughout our city and country, it is not at all creditable that this, its first church in America, is obliged to beg for its very existence. At this recent jubilee anniversary of the birth of American Methodism, after the justly merited congratulations on the progress of the church and a recital of the glorious history of this old structure, a pathetic appeal was made for funds to keep it alive. Its founders left, besides the church, two stores as a source of revenue. These have been sold to meet obligations. Now the old church stands like a parent deserted by its children, many of whom are more than favored with wealth. This is not as it should be. Some readers of this article could without much inconvenience endow this little church so that it would remain not only a memorial to themselves, but a monument to Christianity in America. S. H. HOPKIN.

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The mother took the little sufferer to the country, hoping that the pure fresh air might be beneficial, and Dr. —, of Lumberton, was called to treat the case. He pronounced it Eczema, and did all he could for it, but to no purpose, any more than to check the fever to which the disease subjected the boy.

"At the first frost the victim was again removed to the city, and immediately Dr. — was called and he pronounced the disease 'Pupura,' and prescribed accordingly, feeding up the disease on iron and other minerals until the babe's mouth became so sore that for two weeks it did not nurse. A friend suggested as a last hope and resort

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