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Another Pawson Letter

Dr John A Vickers – Editor The Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland

The letter dated Bristol Feb. 26, 1773 was written by John Pawson to Matthew Mayer, the son of a prosperous Cheshire farmer and an outstanding local preacher who ranged widely throughout Lancashire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

The Long Eighteenth Century

Rev John Munsey Turner, Methodist Minister and College tutor (retired) and Historian

The article examines the ecclesiastical researches of Professors Norman Sykes, Geoffrey Best and others in the church and the state in the eighteenth century

The Revival of Religion 1923-1926

The article points to the need for research to be undertaken in the significant national revival in religion during the first half of the 1920’s

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John A Hargreaves  *Benjamin Ingham: Preacher amongst the Dales of Yorkshire, the Forests of Lancashire and the Fells of Cumbria* by H. M. Pickles (H. M. Pickles, Coventry 1995) pp. 152 £6.95

E Dorothy Graham  *The Arminian Methodists* by William Parkes (The Wesley Fellowship 1995) pp. 50 £4.00

**Part 2 May 1997**

**John Fletcher and the Trevecka Revival**

Edwin Welch, Honorary Archivist, Chestnut College Foundation.

The founding and development of Lady Huntingdon's College and estate at Trefeca Isaf, Talgarth, Wales for the training of students with a commitment to evangelism and paedobaptism is explored.

**The Music of Samuel Wesley on Record:**

Philip Olleson, Lecturer in Music, Department of Continuing Education, University of Nottingham.

The recent growth of interest in the music of Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) has resulted in recordings of many of his works. This article surveys Wesley's output and discusses some of the recordings available.

**Methodists and Tractarians**

Peter B. Nockles, Special Collections, John Rylands University Library of Manchester

The article reviews the impeccable systematic treatment of the Wesleyan response to the Oxford Movement in Mats Selen's book *The Oxford Movement and Wesleyan Methodism in England 1833-1882*

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C. H. Goodwin  *The Holiness Revival of the Nineteenth Century* by Melvin E. Dieter  (*Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Maryland, USA 1996*) pp219 £56.05


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**All Together Now – The United Methodist Church 1907 - 1932**

Roger F. S. Thorne Methodist Lay Worker in Exeter

The article looks at the United Methodist Church 1907-1932 as the creation of committees and conferences. What the United Methodist Church inherited and what it made of its inheritance.

**The Methodist New Connexion in Leeds (part 1)**

D Colin Dews, Secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the Wesley Historical Society and Archivist of the Leeds Methodist District

The emerging radical element in Wesleyan Methodism in Leeds which was led by Robert Oastler (1748-1829), the Kilhamites and others is reviewed.
Book Reviews by


Clive D Field Bedfordshire Chapels and Meeting Houses: Official Registration 1672-1901 Ed Charles Edwin Welch (Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, Volume 75, 1996) pp. x + 231. £15.00

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John A Vickers Goodwill on Fire: Donald Soper’s Life and Ministry by Brian Frost (Hodder & Stoughton, 1996) pp. x + 324 £20.00

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Leeds and the Methodist New Connexion (part 2)

D Colin Dews, Secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the Wesley Historical Society and Archivist of the Leeds Methodist District

The impact Alexander Kilham ‘New Itinerancy’ which opened its first Conference at Ebenezer Chapel, Leeds is examined. The development of the Methodist New Connexion in Leeds and other places is reviewed. The impact of some of the leaders on local political life is highlighted.

Diana Thomas of Kington – An Early Methodist Lay Preacher

Brian C. Redwood Archivist (Retired) Hertfordshire

Diana Thomas (1759-1821) was an early Methodist Lay Preacher. Her diaries for the year 1809 and 1810 give an insight into her preaching appointments, the distances she travelled to take services and the people she met and heard,

Charles Wesley Junior’s Copy of the Life of M. de Renty

James Dale

Whilst researching in the Cambridge University Library Rare Book Room a copy of The Holy Life of Monr. De Renty translated by E. Sheldon and comparing it with John Wesley’s abridgment An Extract of the life of M. de Renty comments in ink opened up a new facet of the Wesley family. One of the ink written comments is ‘Like my uncle John’s Methodist classes.’
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John A Hargreaves *Religion and Political Culture in Britain and Ireland from the Glorious Revolution to the Decline of the Empire*. by David Hempton (Cambridge University Press, 1996) pp. xii + 191. £10.95

C. H. Goodwin ‘Gracious Affection’ and ‘True Virtue’ according to Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley by Richard B. Steele (Scarecrow Press 1995) pp. xvi + 423 £57.50


Edward Royle *John Wesley at Whitestone Cliff, North Yorkshire, 1755*, by Roger G. Cooper (Borthwick Paper No, 91 University of York, 1997) pp. 25. £3.00

David Tripp *Historical Dictionary of Methodism* Ed Charles Yrigoyen Jr and Susan E. Warrick (Scarcrow Press, Lanham and London 1996) pp. xxv + 299, $47.00

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**Significant Inroads into ‘Satan’s Seat’ – Early Methodism in Bradford 1740-60**

Dr Simon Ross Valentine Head of Religious Studies, Bradford Grammar School, Tutor in Yorkshire Nonconformity, University of Bradford

The impact of the early Methodist preachers and pioneers John Nelson (1707-1774), John Bennet (1715-1759) and William Darney (1709-1784) ON Bradford is reviewed.

**Those ‘Mad Methodist’ Magazines**

Marsh Wilkinson Jones, Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois, USA

Religious periodicals and Methodist influence in the Victorian Prelude is assessed under John Wesley’s editorial control. From 1804 the direction which reflected the theological attitudes changed under the editorial control of Joseph Benson (1749-1821).
Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – 1997
Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University
A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 1997

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John A Newton  *John Wesley and Marriage* by Bufford W. Coe (Associated University Presses Inc, London 1996) pp.177  £27.00


G. E. Milburn  *Memoirs of a Primitive Methodist*  by Henry Green (1855-1932) Ed Winifred Stokes  (Durham County Local History Society 1997) pp. 44 with maps and illustrations. £4.00


Part 6 October 1998

**Joseph Agar Beet and the Eschatological Crisis**

David Carter
Insights into the theology of the 'The Wesleyan Systematic theologian' Joseph Agar Beet (1840 – 1924) are examined. His outstanding contribution to Christian Theology is re-examined and assessed.

**Conversion amongst female Methodists 1825-75**

Dr Linda Wilson, Associate Tutor, Wesley College, Bristol
The article analyses the obituaries of females in the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine and the Primitive Methodist Magazine for the years 1850 and 1870
Book Reviews by


Henry D Rack William Grimshaw of Haworth. by Faith Cook (Banner of Truth Trust, 1997) pp. xv + 342. £18.95

