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**Primitive Methodist Camp Meetings in Shropshire**

Esther J. Lenton Music Graduate, Oxford University

The article looks at the main features of Primitive Methodist Camp Meetings in Shropshire in the nineteenth century. The assembly of hearers, Love feasts, hymns, music, social Class, sites and opposition are reviewed.

**Charles Wesley Junior: A Portrait by John Russell**

Peter Forsaith, Westminster College, Oxford,

The oil on canvas of Charles Wesley Junior (1757-1834) by John Russell R.A. (1745-1806) is analysed. The other Wesley family portraits by Russell are highlighted.

**Book Reviews by**

Donald H. Ryan *The Art of Piety – The Visual Culture of Welsh Nonconformity*, by John Harvey (University of Wales Press – Cardiff 1995), pp.102, £10.95


E. Alan Rose

*James Hamilton of Dunbar, Physician and Preacher* by Margaret Batty (Wesley Historical Society 1998) pp.iv +68 £2.75


*Miscellany 1* (Chapels Society 1998) pp. iv + 73 + illus. £7.00


*Three Colleges. Primitive Methodist Secondary Educational Venture* by E. Dorothy Graham (8th Chapel Aid Lecture 1998) pp.56 £3.50
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**The Wesleyan Reform movement in Derbyshire**

David A Barton, Librarian (retired) and author

The article examines the growth of support in Derbyshire for the three Wesleyan ministers James Everett, William Griffiths and Samuel Dunn who were expulsed by the 1849 Wesleyan Conference.

**Methodism and the American Revolution**

Robert Glen, Professor of History, University of New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

An overlooked letter of Thomas Rankin (1738-1810), one of Wesley’s preachers and Superintendent of the Work in America (1773-1778) has come to light. It gives new insights into the growth of Methodism in America and his attitude to the American rebels.

**The Exeter Reform Committee**

Roger F. S. Thorne J.P., Methodist Local Preacher, Officer of the Wesley Historical Society

The spread of the Methodist reform movement in the West Country following the 1849 Wesleyan Manchester Conference expulsions is re-examined. Reference is made to the United Methodist Free Churches in the South West and the Wesleyan Reform Society in Exeter.

**The Making of an early Bible Christian Circuit.**

Dr Oliver A Beckerlegge, Methodist Minister and historian.

The opening of the Bible Christian mission in Bristol is reviewed along with the work of one of the first Bible Christian female itinerant preachers Elizabeth Dart (1792-1832).


Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

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John Munsey Turner  *Confidence in Mutual Aid – A Biography of the Methodist Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association 1849-1999* by Alan Parker  (Methodist Publishing House 1998) pp. 386. £10.00


*Susanna Wesley: the complete Writings edited* by Charles Wallace Jr (Oxford University Press, 1997) pp. xv + 504. £47.50

Kenneth Lysons  *Children of the Manse* by Ruth G Rees (Church in the Market Place Publications, Buxton, 1998) pp. 40 £4.00

**Part 3 October 1999**

**The Wesleyan Reformers in Norfolk**

Norma Virgoe Historian who has written widely on East Anglia Nonconformity

The 1849 Wesleyan Conference expulsion of James Everett for ‘contumacy’ and the cases of Samuel Dunn, Daniel Walton, John Burdsall and James Bromley were reported *Norfolk News*. The article records the unrest among the Norfolk Wesleyans and the progress of the Wesleyan Reformers in Norfolk.

**The Scope of London ‘Methodism’: Walter Wilson’s Evidence**

John C English, Professor of History, Baker University, Kansas, USA

Dr English analyses *History and Antiquities of Dissenting Churches and Meeting Houses in London, Westminster and Southwark*. by Walter Wilson Volumes 1 to 4 (1808-1814) and the unpublished data for volume 5. The manuscript entitled *Methodist Places*, which is in Dr William’s Library, London, is the source of much of the data quoted end examined and gives a valuable insight of Methodism in the late Georgian period.

**Gideon’s Army – 200th Anniversary**

Arthur C. T. Mignot, Methodist Minister (retired) Crown representative to the States of Alderney and chaplain to the Alderney Militia.

The Methodists in the Alderney Militia in the 1790’s were nicknamed Gideon’s Army. The article outline the beginnings and development of the Methodists in Alderney from the visit of Adam Clarke in 1787 to 1815.

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**Wesleyans and Calvinists in Harmony: The Welsh Hymn Book of 1927**

Dr Lionel Madden, formerly Head of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

In the 1920’s a Welsh language hymn book for the Calvinistic Methodists and the Wesleyan Methodists was being discussed. The article shows that the planning, production and final result is of interest not only to the Welsh language congregations but also to the wider context of British Methodism.

**The Making of an Early Bible Christian Circuit.** Continued from volume 52 part 3

Dr Oliver A Beckerlegge, Methodist Minister and historian.

**Book Reviews by**

David Carter  *Martin Luther and John Wesley on the Sermon on the Mount* by Tore Meistad (Pietist and Wesleyan Studies No 10 Scarecrow Press, Inc 1999) pp.352 £52.25


Roger Thorne  *Wesley in Scotland. The Journeys of the Rev. John Wesley A.M. Illustrated with Maps* by George Davis (George W Davis 1999) pp. 49. £3


Donald H Ryan  *Forward with the Past* by William Leary, (William Leary 1996) pp. 46 illus. £2.50

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**The Wesleyan Reform Movement in Bradford – a story of two divisions**

J Gordon Terry, Head Teacher (retired) Methodist Local Preacher

In the late 18th century there was a recurrent conflict within Wesleyan Methodism between the orthodox view that all authority was vested in the Conference and the ministers and
the lay viewpoint which desired a wider involvement in decision making. The article examines some of the consequences of this division of opinion and its outcome.

**Sidelights on the Victorian Wesleyan Ministry. The Diary of Charles Prest, 1823-75 - A Quantitive Analysis**

Dr Clive D Field, Librarian and Director of Information Services and Associate Member of the Department of Modern History, University of Birmingham

The diary of Rev Charles Prest (1806-75) A President of the Wesleyan Conference and the first full-time General Secretary to the Wesleyan Home Mission and Contingent Fund is analyzed.

**Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature 1999**

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**Book Reviews by**


K. F. Bowden  *Tuned for praise: the story of Methodist hymn-books and their revisions in the 20th century from Wesley's Hymns to Hymns and Psalm*, by Brian F Spinney (Brian F. Spinney 1999) pp. 40 £2.75

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**Context and Content of Mid-Victorian Wesleyan Ecclesiology**

David Carter MA M Litt

The distinctive Wesleyan ecclesiological thought that emerged from the 1860 to 1880 is examined. The traditional Wesleyan and creative theology of the leading ecclesiologists
James Rigg (1821-1909) and Benjamin Gregory (1820-1900) are set side by side and their differences and harmony are highlighted.

**Methodist Excise Officers**

Dr Barry J Biggs, Principal Lecturer in History, Eaton Hall College (Retired)

The work and influence of some Methodist excise officers in the 18th and 19th century is explained.

**Book Reviews by**


Geoffrey R. Senior  *A Methodist Life* by Oliver A. Beckerkegge (Teamprint, Loughborough, 2000) pp. 180  £10.00


Paul Ellingworth  *English Spirituality in the Age of Wesley*, Ed David Lyle Jeffrey (Grand Rapids, Michigan)