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Volume 52

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Part 1 February 1999

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

Geoffrey Milburn *Modern Methodism in England 1932-1998* by John Munsey Turner (*Exploring Methodism* series Epworth Press 1998), pp.116, £9.95

David Carter *The Scripture Way of Salvation*. by Kenneth J Collins (Abingdon Press 1997) pp.256, \$18.95

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

Some Lincolnshire Methodists by William Leary, (William Leary 1998), pp.vi + 65 £2.40

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

J. Arthur Rank. The Man Behind the Gong by Michael Wakelin (Lion Paperback 1997) pp.248 £6.99

Three Colleges. Primitive Methodist Secondary Educational Venture by E. Dorothy Graham (8th Chapel Aid Lecture 1998) pp.56 3.50

Part 2 May 1999

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 expelled 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).

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature 1998 – Silver Jubilee Edition 1974-1998

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 1998

Book Reviews by

Richard Sykes *The Moravian Church in England, 1728-1760* by Colin Podmore (Oxford Clarendon Press, 1998) pp xv + 332. £45.00

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

Christian Socialism: Scott Holland to Tony Blair. The 1998 Scott Holland Lectures by Alan Wilkinson (SCM Press 1998) pp. 302 £14.95

- John A Vickers *Methodist Theology* by Thomas A Langford (Epworth Press, 1998)
pp. 112 £9.95
- 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 and 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 outlines the beginnings and development of the Methodists in Alderney from the visit of Adam Clarke in 1787 to 1815.

The Making of an early Bible Christian Circuit. Continued from volume 52 part 2

Dr Oliver A Beckerlegge, Methodist Minister and historian.

Book Reviews by

Clive D Field *Doctor of Souls: A Biography of Dr Leslie Dixon Weatherhead* by John Charles Travell, (Lutterworth Press, Cambridge 1999) pp.327 £19.50

Geoffrey Milburn *Beyond the boundaries: Preaching in the Wesleyan tradition* Ed Richard Sykes (Westminster Wesley Series No 8. Applied Theology Press, Oxford 1998) pp. 154 £9.95

Part 4 February 2000

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

John A Newton *Divine Compassion: The Intercession of our Lord. Charles Wesley's Hymns Today* by Arnold Cooper (Wesley Historical Society Publishing Office – Alfred Taberer – Bankhead Press 1998) pp. 93. £6

Martin Wellings *Friends of Religious Equality. Nonconformist Politics in Mid-Victorian England* by Timothy Larsen (The Boydell Press, Woodbridge 1999) pp. 300 £40.00

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

D Colin Dews *Ploughboy's Progress: the Life of Sir George Edwards* by Noel G Edwards (Centre of East Anglia Studies, University of East Anglia. 1998) pp. 156 £10.00

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

Part 5 May 2000

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 Quantitative 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

Dr Clive D. Field, Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 1999

Book Reviews by

Peter B Nockles *Methodism and Education 1849 – 1902: J. H. Rigg, Romanism, and Wesleyan Schools* by John T. Smith , (Clarendon Press 1998) pp.258 £42.00

Henry D. Rack *Transforming Words. The Early Methodist Revival from a Discourse Perspective*, by J. P. van Noppen, (Peter Lang, Bern, Berlin, Frankfurt, New York, Paris, Wien, 1999) pp. 248. £26.00

John Munsey Turner *Halifax, Town and City Histories.* by John A Hargreaves (Edinburgh University Press 1999) pp. 274 £18.00

John A Vickers *Wesleyan Theology CD-ROM* (Fletcher-Long Books, Birmingham) £39.99)

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

Part 6 October 2000

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

Alan P Sell *A Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland* Ed John A Vickers (Epworth Press 2000) pp.438 £30.00

Brian G. Powley *Methodist Spirituality* by Gordon S. Wakefield (Epworth Press 1999) pp. 128 . £9.95

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

Norman Wallwork *Windows on Wesley: Wesleyan Theology in Today's World* Ed Philip R. Meadows (Applied Theology Press, Oxford 1997) pp ix + 175 £9.50

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

Donald H Ryan *It crossed my Mind* by William Leary, (William Leary 1998) pp. 62 £2.50