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**Editors**

**Dr David Ceri Jones**

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**ARTICLES**

**John Wesley. Cigarette Cards and his advice on tobacco**

Rev Donald H Ryan M Th, Former Chairman North Wales Methodist District,  
Registrar/Administrator of the Wesley Historical Society,  
Methodist Sites, Museums and Artefacts Advisor

A survey of John Wesley's advice on the medical value of tobacco, his warning of the dangers of smoking. The development of the cigarettes, card and silks and the use of John Wesley's image on to promote tobacco products 1913 -1962.

**Laity in Denominational Leadership; Methodist Vice-Presidents, 1932-2000**

David J Jeremy, Emeritus Professor of Business History, Manchester Metropolitan University Business School.

Unlike the article, on the Vice Presidents of the Primitive Methodist Church in *Proceedings* volume 57 part 6 October 2010, does not attempt a comprehensive collective biography but begins with a thumbnail sketch of the twentieth-century's changing contexts of church leadership and then attempts to assess aspects of the VP position in the Methodist Church between 1932-2000

**NOTICES**

**Annual General Meeting and Lecture 2010 and Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture 2011** Dr John A Hargreaves

**The Wesley Historical Society: Origins and Evolution 1893-2010** Rev Donald H Ryan

**The Constitution of the Wesley Historical Society** Approved at the Annual General Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 held at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

**Wesley Historical Society Conference 3-5 May 2011** Rev Dr David J Hart.

**Book Reviews by**

Boyd Stanley Schlenker *American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists*, by John Wigger (New York, Oxford University Press 2009) pp.543 £27.50

Chris S. Adams *Wesley and Methodist Studies, vol 1*. Edited by Geordan Hammond and David Rainey (Didsbury Press, 2009) pp. 96 £8.

Gilbert D. Braiothwaite *Sarah Biller of St Petersburg: A Sheffield Teacher in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russia* by John Dunstan (York: William Sessions, 2009) pp. 150 £8.99

John A. Vickers *Prim. Aldershot: an account of the Primitive Methodist Mission in Aldershot and the surrounding areas and its links with the Army* by Margaret A Collier and Rosalind M. Sherwood (Stoke-on-Trent: Tentmaker Publications, 2010) pp viii 302: £15.95

Paul Burnham *The Altar's Fire: Charles Wesley's Hymns on the Lord's Supper, 1745 Introduction and Exposition*, by Daniel B. Stevick (Peterborough: Epworth Press 2004) pp 276 £19.99

## **Part 2 May 2011**

### **ARTICLES**

#### **The Wesley Deaconess Order in the Transvaal 1894-1953**

A History of the work of the early Deaconesses in South Africa, the first Wesley Deaconess Mission overseas. In particular the work during and around the Boer Wars but taking the account up to the founding of a Deaconess Order in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and its social and theological implications.

Deacon Dr Ronald Aitchison Joint Editor of the Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society.

#### **Dr Samuel Johnson, the Wesley family and Methodism**

An overview of the similarities, differences and the relationship between Samuel Johnson and John Wesley. Dr Johnson's views on Methodism is examined and his relationship with members of the Wesley family is noted. The link through his freed black manservant's son with Primitive Methodism is highlighted

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### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

David Ceri Jones

*The Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies*, edited by William J Abraham and James E. Kirby. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. xvii + 761. Hardback, £85.00 ISBN 0199212996)

*T&T Clark Companion to Methodism*, edited by Charles Yrigoyen Jr (London: T&T Clark, 2010, pp. x + 602. Hardback, £85.00. ISBN 9780567032935)

John A Newton

*Unexampled labours': Letters of the Revd John Fletcher to leaders in the Evangelical Revival*, edited with an introduction by Peter S. Forsaith. (Peterborough: Epworth Press, 2008, pp. 384. Paperback. £25.00 ISBN 978-0-7162-0605-7)

Christopher S. Adams

Catherine Randall, *From a Far Country: Camisards and Huguenots in the Atlantic World* (University of Georgia Press, 2009, pp. 192, £39.95, ISBN 978-0-8203-3390-8)

Donald H Ryan

Geoffrey Fisher, Geoffrey Milburn and Terry Hurst *The Orphan House of John Wesley* (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2007, pp.20. Paperback. £2.50)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *The Orphan House Wesleyan Schools 1858-1956 Newcastle upon Tyne*. (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2009, pp. 28. Paperback. £3.00)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *Brunswick Place, 1821-1992: Newcastle upon Tyne* (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2009, pp.20. Paperback. £3.00)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *Methodism in Newcastle upon Tyne 1742-2010*, (North East Methodist History Society, 2010, pp. 28. Paperback. £3.00)

## **NOTES AND QUERIES**

**Visiting Fellowships**

**Marriage Records**

### **Part 3 October 2011**

#### **ARTICLES**

##### **Whitefield, Wesley and Wales**

Dr Eryn M. White - Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Welsh History at Aberystwyth University.

##### **Primitive Methodism and the road to Methodist Union 1932 in Wallasey, Cheshire**

Dr Peter S Richards

An assessment of the development of the of Primitive Methodism in Wallasey and its progress toward the 1932 Methodist Union scheme

##### **Wesley Historical Society Annual General Meeting and Lecture 2011**

Dr John A Hargreaves

#### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Robert Glen

*Women and the shaping of British Methodism: Persistent Preachers 1807-1907*, by Jennifer M Lloyd. (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2009, pp. x + 305. Hardback, £60.00 ISBN 978-0-7190-7885-9)

David Ceri Jones

*Enlightened Evangelism: The Life and Thought of John Erskine*, by Jonathan M. Yeager. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. xii + 321. Hardback. £40.00 ISBN 978-0-19- 97255-1)

*Wesley and Methodist Studies*, vol. 2. Edited by William Gibson and Geordan Hammond (Manchester: Didsbury Press, 2010. pp. 138 £8. ISBN 978-0-9552507-3-6)

,Simon Ross Valentine

*Issac Marsden: A Nineteenth Century Wesleyan Evangelist*, by Donald Reasbeck (Doncaster Hexpress Publications, 2007, pp. 159. Paperback £5.00, ISBN 978-1-4276-2905-0)

#### **NOTES AND QUERIES**

**John Fletcher's Letter to Thomas Beale**

**Anniversary Dates 2011-2013**

## **Part 4 February 2012**

### **ARTICLES**

#### **The Prayer of Faith Can Vindicate**

Anthony Tedeschi

Rare Books Librarian at Dunedin Public Libraries New Zealand

A John Wesley letter and a Charles Wesley letter in the Alfred & Isabel Reed Collection in the Dunedin Public Library, New Zealand is transcribed with a note of their purchase history.

#### **Demography and the Decline of British Methodism**

Dr Clive D. Field OBE, Honorary Research Fellow, School of History and Cultures, University of Birmingham and Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester

The first of three articles exploring the demographic history of British Methodism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and its implications for the numerical decline of the Methodist Church. Considers how many Methodists married (a very high proportion) and the age at which they married (with some tendency to defer marriage, potentially impacting fertility).

### **Notices**

**2012 Annual Lecture and AGM & Supporting Programme John Wesley's Chapel. The New Room, Bristol**

### **Proposed Digitization of the Proceedings**

#### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Simon Ross Valentine

*Modern Christianity to 1900 vol 6. A People's History of Christianity*, edited by Amanda Porterfield (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press 2010, pp. xiv + 348. Paperback, £23.99 ISBN 978-0-8006-9724-2)

*Methodism and History: Essays in Honour of John Vickers*, edited by Peter Forsaith and Martin Wellings. (Oxford: Applied Theology Press, 2010, pp. xxvi + 211. Paperback. £10.95 ISBN 978-1874677-11-6)