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**Rev Dr David Ceri Jones**  
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**Part 1 February 2013**

**Martha Gumley (1711-87) and her portrait**

Neil Jeffares

The research by Neil Jeffares brings new information about the John Russell portrait sitter Martha Gumley. Her connection and friendship with John and Charles Wesley

**Adam Clarke's Ape: a Theory Abused Over Two Centuries**

Michael Strickland Adjunct Instructor, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

The article considers 'Clarke's Ape', specifically the reactions to it, the potential reasons for the theory, and some of the later uses of Clarke's arguments in racial propaganda.

**Colin Campbell M'Kechnie (1821-96)**

Dr Margaret Batty

The article reviews the family background, upbringing and the influence of Colin Campbell M'Kechnie on Primitive Methodism who was one of its outspoken leaders and connexional editors

**NOTES AND QUERIES.**

1596 Methodism in Northern Hampshire David M. Young

1597 Ministers who left and The Printed Minutes of Conference John H Lenton

**Book Reviews by**

John A. Hargreaves. *Historians and Theologians in Dialogue* by John Munsey Turner (Oldham: Church in the Market Place Publications, 2011) , pp. 210. paperback. £9.95

Clive D. Field *Victorian Religious Revivals: Culture and Piety in Local and Global Contexts* by David Bebbington. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. xii + 307 hardback, £60 ISBN 978-0-19-957548-0

*Victorian Nonconformity* by David Bebbington. (Cambridge: Lutterworth Press, 2011, pp ix + 70, paperback, £15.25 ISBN 978-0-7188-9269-2

Donald G. Knighton *The Elect Methodists: Calvinistic Methodism in England and Wales 1735 to 1811* by David Ceri Jones, Boyd Stanley Schlenther and Eryn Mant White. (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2012) pp. xvii + 307 hardback, £55. ISBN 978-0-7083-2051-8

## **Part 2 May 2013**

### **James Erskine' Critique of John Wesley on Christian Perfection**

Professor Randy Maddox William Kellon Quick Professor of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina U.S.A.

Erskine's manuscript reflections in the Manuscript and rare Book Library of Emory University, Atlanta. USA. A transcription which adapts Erskine's original in three ways: it follows modern rules of capitalisation and punctuation, corrects misspellings and archaic spellings, and expands all contractions.

### **John Milton and Charles Wesley: A Study of Influence**

Prof John Richard Watson, Farmington Fellow of St Chad's College, Durham University

In this article the author is 'engaged rather with influence in a deeper sense, from the Latin root. ' The article shows Milton's influence 'on Charles Wesley was that of one whose spirit 'flowed in' to him: in the sense that Wesley saw Milton as the inspired poet.'

### **John Wesley's Journal : The Mystery of 'Clare Hill'**

Paul Cheshire

The article seeks to clarify the place and location of Wesley's visit to Richard Henderson, a Methodist Itinerant Preacher, and the location of his Asylum

## **NOTES AND QUERIES**

1598 The Marriage of Rev John Wesley to Mrs Mary Vazeille Donald H Ryan

## **Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – Thirty-Ninth Edition 2012**

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2012

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Wesley Historical Society Conference 2014

Wesley Historical Society AGM and Lecture 2013

## **Book Reviews by**

Ronnie Aitchison. *Yorkshire Methodism: Essays to Commemorate the Jubilee year of the Wesley Historical Society*. Ed Edward Royle (Leeds: Wesley Historical Society (Yorkshire) 2013) pp. xii + 116. paperback, £5. ISBN 978-0-9574933-0-8

Philip Bee. *Slavery in Yorkshire: Richard Oastler and the campaign against child labour in the Industrial Revolution* Ed by John A. Hargreaves and E. A. Hilary Haigh (Huddersfield: University of Huddersfield Press, 2012 pp 238, paperback £20. ISBN 978-1-86218-107-6

## **Part 3 October 2013**

### **'Parson and Methodist': an 'imperfect' verse tale by John Byrom**

Timothy Underhill

An appraisal of John Byrom's poem *Parson and Methodist*, Wesley and Methodists

### **Methodist Local Preachers in Scotland: Characteristics and Deployment, 1996 and 2011**

John W. Sawkins

The article extends the literature, building on previously published work, in describing and analysing the development and characteristics of the community of local preachers in the Methodist Church in Scotland 1996 and 2011

### **Methodist Hymns: the continuing influences of Charles Wesley on hymn writing through the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries**

Andrew Pratt

A review and analysis of the influence of Charles Wesley's hymns in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

## NOTICES

General: Secretary's Report 2013 John A. Hargreaves

Wesley Historical Society Annual Meeting, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts, 28 June 2014 John A. Hargreaves.

## NOTES AND QUERIES

1599 Walt Whitman - Sue Boulden

## **Book Reviews By**

David Ceri Jones *The Ashgate Research Companion to World Methodism* by William Gibson, Peter Forsaith and Martin Wellings (eds) (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), pp. xii + 537, hardback, £85.00 ISBN 9781409401384

Neil A. Stubbens *Celebrating a Century of Ecumenism: Exploring the Achievements of International Dialogue: In Commemoration of the Centenary of the 1910 Edinburgh World Missionary Conference* - John A. Rodano (ed.), (Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2012) pp. 330. ISBN 978-0-8028-6705-6

Clive D. Field *Stretcher Bearer! Fighting for Life in the Trenches*, compiled and edited by Dale le Vack (Oxford: Lion Books, 2013), pp.175 paperback £7.99. ISBN 978-0-7459-5566-7

Ronnie Aitchison *Phillippe Baker: Sark's Methodist Missionary to Haiti* by Leslie Griffiths, Martin Le Boutillier, Cedric May, Ian Suttie, (Published on behalf of a Haiti Bursary Fund), pp. 40. [Copies available from Cedric May, 5 Waterside Gardens, Huntingdon Road, York, YO31 9BF] Price not stated.

## **Part 4 February 2014**

### **Primitive Parliamentarians, the Great War, and its Aftermath**

Mel Johnson

The article offers an insight into Primitive Methodists' and how the Primitive Methodist Conference responded to the 1914-1918 war.

### **The Micro-calligraphic portrait of John Wesley**

Donald H. Ryan

This article is an appraisal of the life of the artist Louis Rosenthal Gluck and his micro-graphic portraits especially the issues of his portrait of John Wesley after John Jackson.

### **NOTES AND QUERIES**

1600: Charles Bell (1846-99) - Martin Wellings

1601 Primitive Methodist Coronation Chapel – Tom Norgate

1602 Weymouth Methodist Preaching House Blue Plaque - Donald H. Ryan

1603 Getting to the bottom of it – John Pritchard

### **Book Reviews by**

Ronald Aitchison *Methodists and their Missionary Societies, 1760-1900* by John Pritchard, (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), pp. xxiii + 293, hardback, £60.00 ISBN: 9781-409470496

John Pritchard *Mission and Development, God's Work or Good Works?* by Matthew Clarke (ed), (London: Continuum 2012), pp. viii+205, paperback, £19.199, ISBN, 978-1-4411-0811-1

Edward Royle *The Hope in Hope Street. Hope Congregational Church and Bethel Evangelical Free Church. 200 Years in Hanley.* by Gervase N. Charmley. (Bethel Evangelical Free Church, Hanley Create Space Independent Publishing Platform 2012) ISBN 9781479261123. £7.50

## Part 5 May 2014

### Past and Present: Taking the Long View of Methodist and Anglican History

John Wolffe

The lecture is an overview of the 'High Churchmen's perception of Methodism as a treat to the Church of England and the instances of harmonious relations between the Church of England and Methodist at the local level and the patterns of class type meetings in both denominations.

### *The Mock-Preacher (1739): More than just an anti-Methodist play?*

Simon Lewis

An analysis of the criticisms in the 18<sup>th</sup> century used against the Methodists in *The Mock-Preacher* and other anti-Methodist works.

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Wesley Historical Society Annual Meeting, High Leigh Conference Centre, 28 June 2014  
John A. Hargreaves

### Book Reviews By

Martin Wellings *The Theological Education of the Ministry* by Alan P. F. Sell, (Eugene OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013). xiv + 313 pp £24, paperback, ISBN 978-1-62032-593-3

David Ceri Jones *Men of One Book: A Comparison of Two Methodist Preachers, John Wesley and George Whitefield* by Ian J. Maddock (Cambridge: The Lutterworth Press, 2011), pp. xiii + 256, paperback, £19.50. ISBN 978-0-7188-9261-6.

David Ceri Jones *When Benjamin Franklin Met the Reverend Whitefield: Enlightenment, Revival, and the Power of the Printed Word.* by Peter Charles Hoffer, (Baltimore, MD: The John Hopkins University Press, 2011), pp.156, paperback, £10.50

Clive D. Field *The Education of David Martin: The Making of an Unlikely Sociologist* by David Martin (London: SPCK), pp. xi + 251, paperback, £25.00. ISBN: 978-0-281-07118-0

Barry Lotz *Brands Plucked from the Burning: Essays on Methodist Memorialisation and Remembering* David Hart and David Jeremy (eds) (Evesham, Wesley Historical Society, 2013) pp. 292 paperback, £14.95. ISBN 9780 955452796

G. David Hall *The Gospel Church Secure: The Official History of The Methodist Sacramental Fellowship*, by Norman Wallwork (Church in the Market Place Publications, 2013) pp. xiii + 210, paperback, £10.99. ISBN 978 1899146922

### **Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature - Fortieth Edition 2013**

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### **Part 6 October 2014**

#### **Grand-daughters to Susanna: Wesleyan Women's Discipleship. 1800-1860**

Margaret P. Jones

This study draws on the changing public accounts of women's Christian lives and deaths in obituaries in the (Arminian/Methodist/Wesleyan Methodist) Magazine.

#### **Leeds in 1813 and the origins of the Wesleyan-Methodist Missionary Society**

Edward Royle

The article is based on a lecture delivered at the Methodist Missionary Society History Project conference in Leeds on 5-6 October 2013

#### **The Context of Methodist Missions: Global Evangelism in the Nineteenth Century**

David W. Bebbington

The article appraises of the origins and the development of the Methodist missionary enterprise.

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Wesley Historical Society Annual Meeting and Lecture, Englesea Brook Museum Saturday 4 July 2015: 'Prims in Print: the changing character of Primitive Methodism as seen through its literature' by the Revd Dr Stephen Hatcher

#### **Book Reviews By**

Martin Wellings *The Works of John Wesley, volume 12: Doctrinal and Controversial Treatises* Randy L. Maddox (ed) (Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2012), pp. xiv + 490, £37.00 hardback, ISBN 978-1-4267-4430-3

Edward Royle *Imagining Methodism in 18<sup>th</sup>- century Britain: Enthusiasm, Belief & the Borders of the Self* by Misty G. Anderson (Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins University Press, 2012), pp 296, hardback, £34.00 ISBN 9781421404806

Clive D. Field *Through Changing Scenes: Belfast Central Mission – The Story of the First 125 years, 1889-2014* by J. R. Wesley Weir (Belfast: Belfast Central Mission, 2014), pp. 66 + [2] paperback, no charge, but donations to the Mission appreciated

Ronald Aitchison *The Poisoned Chalice: Eucharistic Grape Juice and Common-Sense Realism in Victorian Methodism* by Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press 2011), pp. 208. hardback £13.33. ISBN 9780 817317195

Ronald Aitchison *Methodist Records for Family Historians* by Richard Ratcliffe (Bury: The Family History Partnership, 2014). Pp. 32. paperback £4.95, ISBN 978-1-906280-44-4

Ronald Aitchison *A Methodist in the Family?* by Philip Thornborrow (London: Methodist Heritage. 2014), pp. 56. paperback, £4.99. ISBN 978-1-85852-390-3