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**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 Ajunct 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

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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

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‘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.

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1599 Walt Whitman - Sue Boulden

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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


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 micrographic 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


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 18th century used against the Methodists in The Mock-Preacher and other anti-Methodist works.

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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

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