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Part 1 February 1997

Another Pawson Letter

Dr John A Vickers – Editor The Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland

The letter dated Bristol Feb. 26, 1773 was written by John Pawson to Matthew Mayer, the son of a prosperous Cheshire farmer and an outstanding local preacher who ranged widely throughout Lancashire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

The Long Eighteenth Century

Rev John Munsey Turner, Methodist Minister and College tutor (retired) and Historian

The article examines the ecclesiastical researches of Professors Norman Sykes, Geoffrey Best and others in the church and the state in the eighteenth century

The Revival of Religion 1923-1926

The article points to the need for research to be undertaken in the significant national revival in religion during the first half of the 1920's

C H Goodwin

Book Reviews by

Clive D Field *Religion in Hertfordshire 1847 to 1851* Ed and introduction by Judith Burg (Hertfordshire Record Publications, Volume 11, Hitchin 1995), pp. xxxviii + 226, £18.00

William R Ward *Krieg und Frieden, Die Stellungnahmen der methodistischen Kirchen in den Vereinigten Staaten, Grossbritannien und Kontinentaleuropa* by Martin Gerhard Kupsch. (Europäische Hochschulschriften Reihe, Frankfurt am Main/Berlin/New York/Paris/Wein: 1992), pp. lxiv + 905, 44 illus, £12.99

Paul Ellingworth *Prophet Harris, the 'Black Elijah' of West Africa* by David A. Shank. Abridged by Jocelyn Murray (Studies of Religion in Africa 10 Leiden: E. J. Brill 1994) pp. xxi + 309, No price stated

John A. Vickers *Nineteenth-Century English Religious Traditions: Retrospect and Prospect* Ed D. G. Paz (Greenwood Press 1995) pp. xiv + 232 £43.95

A Raymond George *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society, Volume I, 1994; Worship in Eighteenth Century Anglicanism and Methodism* Ed S. T. Kimbrough., Jr (The Charles Wesley Society, 1996) pp.135 £7.50

James F. Cooper Jr *"Pedlar in Divinity"; George Whitefield and the Transatlantic Revivals* by Frank Lambert, (Princeton University Press, 1994) pp. 238 \$24.95

John A Hargreaves *Benjamin Ingham: Preacher amongst the Dales of Yorkshire, the Forests of Lancashire and the Fells of Cumbria* by H. M. Pickles (H. M. Pickles, Coventry 1995) pp. 152 £6.95

E Dorothy Graham *The Arminian Methodists* by William Parkes (The Wesley Fellowship 1995) pp. 50 £4.00

Part 2 May 1997

John Fletcher and the Trevecka Revival

Edwin Welch, Honorary Archivist, Chestnut College Foundation.

The founding and development of Lady Huntingdon's College and estate at Trefeca Isaf, Talgarth, Wales for the training of students with a commitment to evangelism and paedobaptism is explored.

The Music of Samuel Wesley on Record:

Philip Olleson, Lecturer in Music, Department of Continuing Education, University of Nottingham.

The recent growth of interest in the music of Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) has resulted in recordings of many of his works. This article surveys Wesley's output and discusses some of the recordings available.

Methodists and Tractarians

Peter B. Nockles, Special Collections, John Rylands University Library of Manchester

The article reviews the impeccable systematic treatment of the Wesleyan response to the Oxford Movement in Mats Selen's book *The Oxford Movement and Wesleyan Methodism in England 1833-1882*

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – 1996

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 1996

Book Reviews by

John A Hargreaves *Issues in Education. Some Methodist Perspectives* Ed T. Macquiban (Applied Theology Press, 1996) PP. 163 £10.00

Henry D Rack *Protestant Nonconformists and the West Midlands of England: Papers Presented at the First Conference of the Association of Denominational Historical Societies and Cognate Libraries* Ed Alan P. F. Sell (Keele University Press, 1996) pp. xi, + 179 £40.00

Edward Royle *Ranters, Revivalists, Radicals, Reformers and Revolutionaries, A Celebration of Methodist Local Preaching in Yorkshire*, by D Colin Dews, (Leeds Methodist District, 1996) pp. 83 £3.20

Norman W. Taggart *Pure Universal Love: Reflections on the Wesleys and Inter-Faith Dialogue* Ed Tim Macquiban (Applied Theology Press, 1995) pp73 £10.00

C. H. Goodwin *The Holiness Revival of the Nineteenth Century* by Melvin E. Dieter (Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Maryland, USA 1996) pp219 £56.05

Gwen E. Brake *Global Praise 1* by S. T. Kimbrough and Carlton R. Young (GMB Music, The General Board of Ministries, The United Methodist Church, New York 1996) \$12.96

J. S. English *Directory of Methodist Libraries* (Applied Theology Press, 1996) pp. 52, £5

Part 3 October 1997

All Together Now - The United Methodist Church 1907 - 1932

Roger F. S. Thorne Methodist Lay Worker in Exeter

The article looks at the United Methodist Church 1907-1932 as the creation of committees and conferences. What the United Methodist Church inherited and what it made of its inheritance.

The Methodist New Connexion in Leeds (part 1)

D Colin Dews, Secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the Wesley Historical Society and Archivist of the Leeds Methodist District

The emerging radical element in Wesleyan Methodism in Leeds which was led by Robert Oastler (1748-1829), the Kilhamites and others is reviewed.

Book Reviews by

C. H. Goodwin *The Protestant Evangelical Awakening* by W. F. Ward (Cambridge University Press, 1993) pp.392 £45

Clive D Field *Bedfordshire Chapels and Meeting Houses: Official Registration 1672-1901* Ed Charles Edwin Welch (Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, Volume 75, 1996) pp. x + 231. £15.00

John Munsey Turner *The Religion of the People – Methodism and Popular Religion c,1750-1900* by David Hempton (Routledge 1996) pp. xii + 239 £45.00

Tim Macquiban *The Sunday Service of the Methodists: Twentieth-Century Worship in Worldwide Methodism* Ed Karen B. Westerfield Tucker (Kingswood Books, Nashville, 1996) pp. 396 \$24.50

John A Vickers *Goodwill on Fire: Donald Soper's Life and Ministry* by Brian Frost (Hodder & Stoughton, 1996) pp. x + 324 £20.00

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Leeds and the Methodist New Connexion (part 2)

D Colin Dews, Secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the Wesley Historical Society and Archivist of the Leeds Methodist District

The impact Alexander Kilham 'New Itinerancy' which opened its first Conference at Ebenezer Chapel, Leeds is examined. The development of the Methodist New Connexion in Leeds and other places is reviewed. The impact of some of the leaders on local political life is highlighted.

Diana Thomas of Kington – An Early Methodist Lay Preacher

Brian C. Redwood Archivist (Retired) Hertfordshire

Diana Thomas (1759-1821) was an early Methodist Lay Preacher. Her diaries for the year 1809 and 1810 give an insight into her preaching appointments, the distances she travelled to take services and the people she met and heard,

Charles Wesley Junior's Copy of the *Life of M. de Renty*

James Dale

Whilst researching in the Cambridge University Library Rare Book Room a copy of The Holy Life of Monr. De Renty translated by E. Sheldon and comparing it with John Wesley's abridgment *An Extract of the life of M. de Renty* comments in ink opened up a new facet of the Wesley family. One of the ink written comments is 'Like my uncle John's Methodist classes.'

Book Reviews by

Philip Olleson *Hymns on the Great Festivals and Other Occasions: Hymn Texts by Charles Wesley and Samuel Wesley Jr; Music by John Frederick Lampe. A Facsimile of the First Edition* (The Charles Wesley Society, Madison NJ 1996) pp.47 & 66 £15.00

George Frideric Handel *The Complete Hymns and Chorals, Facsimile Edition with an Introduction* by Donald Burrows (Novello, London and Sevenoaks 1988) pp. 24 £9.95

John A Hargreaves *Religion and Political Culture in Britain and Ireland from the Glorious Revolution to the Decline of the Empire.* by David Hempton (Cambridge University Press, 1996) pp. xii + 191. £10.95

C. H. Goodwin *'Gracious Affection' and 'True Virtue' according to Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley* by Richard B. Steele (Scarecrow Press 1995) pp. xvi + 423 £57.50

James Gibbs *Mfantshipim and the Making of Ghana: A Centenary History, 1876-1976* by A. Adu Boahen (Sankofa Educational Publishers, Accra 1996) pp. 541 £41

John C. Bowmer *Music of the Heart – John and Charles Wesley on Music and Musicians – an anthology* by Carlton R. Young (Hope Publishing Co Ill USA 1995) pp. xx + 227 £11,00

John A Vickers *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* Ed F. L. Cross; third edition by E. A. Livingstone (Oxford University Press, 1997) pp. xxxvii +1 + 786 £70.00

Edward Royle *John Wesley at Whitestone Cliff, North Yorkshire, 1755,* by Roger G. Cooper (Borthwick Paper No, 91 University of York, 1997) pp. 25. £3.00

David Tripp *Historical Dictionary of Methodism* Ed Charles Yrigoyen Jr and Susan E. Warrick (Scarcrow Press, Lanham and London 1996) pp. xxv + 299, \$47.00

Part 5 May 1998

Significant Inroads into 'Satan's Seat' – Early Methodism in Bradford 1740-60

Dr Simon Ross Valentine Head of Religious Studies, Bradford Grammar School, Tutor in Yorkshire Nonconformity, University of Bradford

The impact of the early Methodist preachers and pioneers John Nelson (1707-1774), John Bennet (1715-1759) and William Darney (1709-1784) ON Bradford is reviewed.

Those 'Mad Methodist' Magazines'

Marsh Wilkinson Jones, Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois, USA

Religious periodicals and Methodist influence in the Victorian Prelude is assessed under John Wesley's editorial control. From 1804 the direction which reflected the theological attitudes changed under the editorial control of Joseph Benson (1749-1821).

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Book Reviews by

Henry D Rack *Queen of the Methodists. The Countess of Huntingdon and the Eighteenth Century Crisis of Faith and Society* by Boyd Stanley Schlenther (Durham Academic Press 1997) pp. xiv + 208 £22.95

John A Newton *John Wesley and Marriage* by Bufford W. Coe (Associated University Presses Inc, London 1996) pp.177 £27.00

Hearts Aflame: Prayers of Susanna, John and Charles Wesley Ed Michael McMullen (SPCK 1995) pp. xix + 124) £5.99

G. E. Milburn *Memoirs of a Primitive Methodist* by Henry Green (1855-1932) Ed Winifred Stokes (Durham County Local History Society 1997) pp. 44 with maps and illustrations. £4.00

John H Lenton *The Conference in America: A History* by Russell E. Richey (Abingdon Press Nashville TN USA 1996) pp. 304 £12.99

Part 6 October 1998

Joseph Agar Beet and the Eschatological Crisis

David Carter

Insights into the theology of the 'The Wesleyan Systematic theologian' Joseph Agar Beet (1840 – 1924) are examined. His outstanding contribution to Christian Theology is re-examined and assessed.

Conversion amongst female Methodists 1825-75

Dr Linda Wilson, Associate Tutor, Wesley College, Bristol

The article analyses the obituaries of females in the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine and the Primitive Methodist Magazine for the years 1850 and 1870

Book Reviews by

John Munsey Turner *John Bennet and the Origins of Methodism and the Evangelical Revival in England* by Simon Ross Valentine (Scarcrow Press, Lanham Maryland USA, London 1977) pp.369 £76.50

Henry D Rack *William Grimshaw of Haworth.* by Faith Cook (Banner of Truth Trust, 1997) pp. xv + 342. £18.95

Clive D Field *1851 Religious Census: West Cornwall and the Isle of Silly*, transcribed and edited by John C. C. Probert (John C. C. Probert 1998) pp. 4+ [20] £2.50

John H Lenton *Some Diaries of Thomas Brocas, Salopian.* Transcribed and annotated by Doreen E. Woodford (Doreen E. Woodford 1995) pp. iv + 150 £9.50

Edward Royle *Religion in the Age of Decline, Organisation and Experience in Industrial Yorkshire 1870-1920* by S. J. D. Green (Cambridge University Press 1996) pp xiv +426 £45.00