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Part 1 February 2001

"But, Lord, Let it be Betsy!". Love and Marriage in Early Methodism.

Rev Dr Henry D. Rack Methodist Historian and Author.

Dr Rack uses sample evidence, partly unpublished, partly overlooked, to give a balanced view of love and marriage in early Methodism.

The Brackenbury Memorial Lectures

James S. English

The origin and background to the Brackenbury annual lecture at Raithby Chapel, Lincolnshire (1980-2000) is outlined.

Book Reviews by

Robert Glen *Mission and Society in the Leeward Islands, 1810-1850. An Ecclesiastical and Social Analysis* by David U. Farquhar. (Mt Prospect Press, Boston USA, 1999) pp. x + 241 \$45.00

Caribbean Adventures: Extracts From Missionary Journals, ed David U. Farquhar (2nd edition) (Mt Prospect Press, Boston USA, 1999) pp. xxii + 257 \$35.00

John Munsey Turner *Dr Franz Hildebrandt, Mr Valiant – for – Truth* by Amos Cresswell and Max Tow (Gracewing. Leominster 2000) pp 254. £12.99

John A. Newton *John Wesley: His Puritan Heritage*, by Robert C Monk, 2nd Edition (The Scarecrow Press, Inc Langham, Maryland, and London 1999), pp xii + 283 £71.55

John H. Lenton *When My Cue Comes: The Autobiography of the Rev Sidney Y Richardson.* by Sidney Y Richardson (Teamprint, Loughborough 2000) pp. 158 £6.

Part 2 May 2001

Making Haste Slowly: The Campaign For Lay Representation In The Wesleyan Conference, 1871-8

Rev Dr Martin Wellings, Methodist Minister, Oxford Circuit

'The purpose of this paper is to describe the campaign for lay representation in the 1870's examining the points at issue in the debate and the character of the representation achieved at the end of the process.'

Bicentenary of Rev. James Evans, Inventor of the syllabic script for the Cree. 1801-1846

Alison Lewis, Lecturer, The Faculty of Social and Life Sciences, University of Lincoln, UK

The article highlights the original and pioneering work of James Evans who invented a syllabary for the Ojibway and Cree languages in Canada.

'MonPlaisir' and the Methodists of Guernsey.

Rev Arthur Mignot, Supernumerary Methodist Minister, Alderney.

An historical perspective of the introduction and growth of Methodism in Gurnsey from 1785 and the pivotal role of the Henri de Jersey of 'Mon Plaisir'

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature 2000

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2000

Book Reviews by

Peter B. Nockles *Hugh Price Hughes: Founder of a New Methodism, Conscience of a New Nonconformity*, by Christopher Oldstone-Moore (University of Wales Press, Cardiff 1999) pp x + 393 £25.00

Henry D. Rack *My Sons in the Gospel, An Analysis of Wesley's Itinerant Preachers*, by John H Lenton (Wesley Historical Society Publications 2000) pp. 40. £3

Andrew Goodhead *Soul of Methodism: The Class Meeting in Early New York City Methodism*, by Philip P.Hardt (University Press of America, Lanham 2000) pp. 232, \$37.50

Ruth Strong *The Moravian Settlement at Fulneck 1742-1790* by Geoffrey Stead, (The Thoresby Society, Leeds, 1999) pp.viii + 128 £9.50

John A Hargreaves *Continuity and Change: A History of Kingswood School 1748-1998* by Gary Martin Best (Kingswood School 1998) pp. 284 £15.99

Peter Brumby *George Whitefield's Works on CD-ROM. ed Digby L James (Quinta Press, Weston Rhyn, 2000) £60.00*

Janet E Field *Emily... The Relentless Nurse* by Frank Godfrey (Teamprint, Loughborough, 2000) pp. 152 £5.75

John A. Vickers *Rival Jerusalems: The Geography of Victorian Religion* by K.D.M. Snell and Paul S. Ell (Cambridge University Press, 2000) pp. xvi + 499 £50.00

Part 3 October 2001

Converging and Diverging Lines: Aspects of the Relationship between Methodism and Rational Dissent

Rev Dr Ralph Waller, Principal, Harris Manchester College, Oxford

The article could have the sub-title 'A study in influence'. Dr Waller examines the influence of Richard Baxter on Methodism through John Wesley and Jabez Bunting and on Presbyterianism-the Rational Dissenters through Dr Thomas Percival, the Warrington Academy to James Martineau.

Robert Winfield and the Revivalists

Rev Colin C Short, Methodist Minister, Penzance Circuit

The article examines the life, independence, faith and preaching of Robert Winfield (1772-1850) of Ambaston Derbyshire. Winfield was, at different times, a Wesleyan, Melodist New Connexion and Primitive Methodist member. Winfield causes schisms within Methodism by his leadership of the short lived 'Revivalist' movement which was in the Primitive Methodist style.

Book Reviews by

W Reginald Ward *Reluctant Saint? A Theological Biography of Fletcher of Madeley*, by Patrick Streiff (Epworth Press, 2001) pp. ix + 406 £19.95

Barry J Biggs *Churches, Chapels, and the Parish Communities of Lincolnshire 1660 - 1900*, by R. W. Ambler (History of Lincolnshire Committee 2000) pp. 274, £2.00

Simon Ross Valentine *The Same Stars Shine, The Great War Diary and Letters of Corporal Ernest Goodridge*, ed. E. N. Goodridge & J. A. Goodridge (Teamprint, Loughborough 2000) pp. xviii + 190. £15.00

John Munsey Turner *Joseph Odell and 'the Evangelists' Home'*, by Colin C Short. (Englesea Brook Museum, Crewe 2001) pp. 73. £3.50

John A Vickers *Historical Dictionary of the Holiness Movement*, ed. William C Kostlevy. (Scarecrow Press 2001) pp. xxvi + 307. £66.05

Rod Evans *The Exotic Plant*, by Geoffrey and Margaret Stead (Epworth Press 2003) pp. xviii, 442 £25

D Colin Dews *The Autobiography of Rev. Dr. Edwin Dalton, Primitive Methodist minister, 1845-1925*, by David Rushton (David Rushton, Gainsborough 2001) pp. iv + 111 £9.50

Part 4 February 2002

Charles Wesley and the Irish Inheritance Tradition

Rev Dr Henry D. Rack, Methodist historian and author.

The long held tradition that Garret Wesley of Dangan, Co Meath looked for an heir. Charles Wesley was offered the opportunity of becoming Garret Wesley's heir. The claims and counter claims of the tradition and family relationship are reviewed with interesting conclusions.

The Yarmouth Circuit Booklist 1806

Norma Virgoe, Editor of the East Anglia Wesley Historical Society.

The article highlights the conviction of John Wesley that Methodist people would profit by reading the books he had read. Wesley edited and abridged edifying and instructive material which he published in a very cheap form so that the Methodists could afford to buy and read them. Many Wesleyan circuits had their own lending libraries and this article shows the wide stock of good reading material held by the Yarmouth Circuit in 1806.

Book Reviews by

John Munsey Turner A *Little Primitive. Primitive Methodism from Macro and Micro Perspectives*, by Kenneth Lysons. (Church in the Market Place Publications, Buxton 2001) pp. xii + 290. £9.99

Part 5 May 2002

Tent Methodism 1814-1832

Dr John Lander – Researching Cornwall's nonconformist church history

The article reevaluates the small but significant break-away group from Wesleyan Methodism, The Tent Methodists. The most significant of the leaders of the movement was George Pocock who provided a marquee-type structure that could be moved from place to place to accommodate their evangelical services.

The Wesley Bible Union

Rev Dr Martin Wellings, Methodist Minister, Oxford Circuit

The effect of Rev George Jackson's 1912 Fernley Lecture and book entitled *The Preacher and the Modern Mind* is evaluated. Some Methodists and others saw the tragedy of the 'Great War' as being a consequence of the Wesleyan Conference not condemning the content of the lecture and this eventually led to the formation of the Wesley Bible Union.

'Running after strange women'

Dr Garth Lloyd Methodist Archives and Research Centre, John Rylands University of Manchester Library

A newly discovered manuscript written by Mrs Mary Wesley the wife of John Wesley gives new insights into their well documented troubled marriage.

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John A Newton *'Heart Religion' in the Methodist Tradition and Related Movements* Ed Richard B. Steele (The Scarecrow Press Inc, Lanham, USA and London 2001) pp. xlv + 137 £85.50

John H Lenton *The Methodists in Ireland. A Short History* by D. A. L. Cooney (Columbia Press, Dublin 2000) PP.280, £10.99

D Colin Dews *Chapels in Essex: chapels and meeting houses in the County of Essex, including Outer London*, by Rosalind Kaye (Chellow Dean Press, London 1999), pp 72 £7.95

Part 6 October 2002

The Development of Methodist Pacifism 1899-1939

Dr Michael Hughes, Teacher in the School of History, University of Liverpool

On overview and an analysis of the attitude of some Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists and United Methodists towards pacifism starting with John Nelson in 1744 to the start of the 2nd world war.

A Tangled Webb: The Gilberts of Cornwall and the Gilberts of Antigua.

Professor Robert Glen, the University of New Haven, Connecticut. USA

The confusion which has lasted for 200 or more years of the relationship of Nathaniel Gilbert of Antigua, Nicholas Gilbert of Cornwall, one of Wesley's itinerants, Francis Gilbert of Antigua and Mrs Ann Gilbert of Cornwall is re-examined with the benefit of a newly-discovered document.

The Wesley Deaconess Order A Short History

Dr E Dorothy Graham, General Secretary of the Wesley Historical Society.

The history of the Wesley Deaconess Order is outlined from the 'essential ideas' of Rev Dr Thomas Bowman Stephenson 1. There must be vocation though no vow..., 2. There must be discipline without servility..., 3. There must be association, not excluding freedom... to 1977

Revised Constitution of The Wesley Historical Society

Rev Donald H Ryan, Wesley Historical Society Registrar

The Wesley Historical Society from its inception in 1893 to 1950 existed without a written constitution. The article notes the various changes to the constitution and explains the cause for the 2002 re-writing of the constitution.

Book Reviews by

John A Vickers *"India's Prisoner": a Biography of Edward John Thompson, 1886-1946*, by Mary Lago (University of Missouri Press, 2001) pp xi +388, £40.50

Simon Ross Valentine *Gideon Ouseley, Evangelist and the Irish Methodist Mission*, by N. W. Taggart (WHMS Publications More People Called Methodists No.4, 2001) pp. 63 £3.25