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Part 1 February 2003

John Wesley and The Bible

Rev Dr Stephen B Dawes. Tutor South West Ministry Training Course,

A tercentenary project exploring John Wesley's concept of "Scriptural Holiness" for the twenty-first century invites an exploration, however briefly, of the adjective in that phrase; and that is what this article attempts.

A Woking Class Sunday School?

Ronald Coxford; A Local Preacher in the Diss Methodist Circuit

Divergent views about the role of Sunday schools in the nineteenth century suggests they were either a working class movement or a middle class movement. The article investigates whether Sun Lane Methodist Sunday School, New Catton, Norwich represented independent working class values in 1818-1875.

A Further Pawson Letter John Pawson to William Eden.

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

A transcript of a letter in the possession of a descendent of John Pawson. The letter illustrates the intense evangelism of Pawson and other early Methodists.

Book Reviews by

J. R. Watson. *Lyrical Reflections on the Transfiguration of Christ* by Charles Wesley Edited by S.T.Kimbrough, Jr (The Central Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, New York 2002) pp 24 \$6.

Celestial Anthems. Poems by John Cennick Edited by Graeme Watson (Culver Press, Reading 2001) pp. x +144 £8.00

Clive D Field *Joanna Southcott: The Woman Clothed with the Sun*, by Frances Brown (Lutterworth Press, Cambridge, 2002) pp. 352. £17.50

John H Lenton. *Wesley Papers. Presented to the Wesley Fellowship Conference in 2000.* Ed Paul Taylor (Wesley Fellowship, 2002, pp 98. £10.95

Martin Wellings. *Love bade me welcome. A British Methodist Perspective on the Church.* by David Carter (Epworth Press, 2002) pp. ix + 197 £14.95

H. McGonigle. *John Wesley's Conception and Use of Scripture* by Scott J Jones (Kingswood Books, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1995) pp. 268 \$21

Part 2 May 2003

John Wesley's 1770 Will

Page Thomas. Curator Methodist Collection, Bridwell Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, John H Lenton, Librarian, Wesley Historical Library, Oxford Brookes University, Henry D Rack, Methodist historian and author , Manchester, UK

A transcript of a previously unknown copy of John Wesley's will. March 1770 with notes by Page Thomas, John H Lenton and Henry D Rack

Mission From Motcombe

Dr Barry J Biggs

The article follows the circuit fortunes of the Primitive Methodist evangelical 'Mission in Somerset and Wiltshire' between 1824 – 1827 and the expansion of the evangelical mission into the late Victorian age.

Samuel Wesley (1662-1735) and St Botolph-without-Aldersgate A biographical note of the early years

J Sheila Himsworth, Archivist (retired), Wesley Historical Society Marketing Officer

The article explores the circumstances of Samuel Wesley senior's curacy at St Botolph-without-Aldersgate in 1688. The chronological framework for the period he spent in London before removing to Lincolnshire is outlined. Reference is made to a letter written by Samuel Wesley senior and probably addressed to Dr Charles Goodall FRCP (1642-1712).

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature 2002

Dr Clive D. Field, British Library, London

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2002

Book Reviews by

Henry D Rack. *A Brand from the Burning. The Life of John Wesley* by Roy Hattersley (Little, Brown, Time Warner Books 2002) pp. viii + 450 £20.00

Jeremy Gregory. *Wesley and the Wesleyans. Religion in Eighteenth-Century Britain* by John Kent. (Cambridge University Press, 2002) pp. vi + 229 £17.99

John A Vickers. *Thoughts from a Warmed Heart. A commentary on John Wesley's Notes on the New Testament* by James T MacCormack (Colourpoint, 2002) pp. 174 £9.99

D. Colin Dews *Those Awakening Days: the Kafue Story* by Philip C Pearson (Fairways Folio, Alsager, 2002) pp. 84 £5.50

Part 3 October 2003

Wesley in America

Dr Richard P. Heitzenrater, Professor of Church History, Duke University, North Carolina

The article examines the less than two years that John Wesley spent in the colony of Georgia and his lasting interest for more than 55 years in the New World. His vital role in the origins of Methodism in the United States is explored and how Methodist 'doctrines and discipline' were settled in the midst of the Revolution.

The John Wesley Millennium Statue

Rev Donald H Ryan, Former Chair North Wales Methodist District, Registrar Wesley Historical Society

Some of the leading citizens in Epworth, Lincolnshire, the birth place of the Wesleys, proposed in 1856 to build a statue to John Wesley. The article, using reports of the time, examines why the statue was not sculpted and how the Staffordshire potters were inspired by the design. The proposal for a statue in Epworth was revived in the late 1990s.

Book Reviews by

David Leyshon *John Wesley: A Biography*, by Stephen Tomkins, (Lion Publishing, 2003) pp. 208 £7.99

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The Arminian Bible Christians

Roger F.S.Thorne J.P. Civil Engineer (retired) Local Preacher, Exeter Methodist Circuit0

The Arminian Bible Christians were seceders (1829-1835) from the Bible Christians (1815-1907). This article looks at some existing evidence, describes a new source and compiles a tentative list of some of the seceders' travelling preachers.

Religion in the West Midlands (Review Article)

Alan P.F.Sell, formerly Professor of Christian Doctrine and Philosophy of Religion at the United Theological College, Aberystwyth (Wales),

The objective of *Dark Satanic Mills? Religion and Irreligion in Birmingham and the Black Country* by Geoff Robson (Carlisle Paternosta Press 2002) pp. 294 £19.99, is to account as far as he can for the 'striking difference' in church attendance as between Birmingham and the Black Country. As revealed by the 1851 Census returns.

Book Reviews by

Henry D Rack *Sufficient Saving Grace, John Wesley's Evangelical Arminianism,*, by Herbert Boyd McGonigle (Studies in Evangelical History and Thought, Paternoster Press, 2001) pp. xvi + 350 £24.99

Martin Wellings *Wesley and Men Who Followed*, by Iain H. Murray, (Banner of Truth Trust, 2003) pp. xv + 272 £14.95

Roger F. S. Thorne *The Quickening Land*, by Hayden Gabriel (Pan Books 2002) pp. 426 £6.99

Pulp Methodism, The Lives & Literature of Silas, Joseph & Salome Hocking, Three Cornish Novelists by A.M.Kent (Cornish Hillside Publications 2002) pp 240 £14.99

W.H.Y. Titcomb. A Newlyner from St Ives. by David Tovey (Wilson Books, Tewkesbury, 2003) pp. 147 £18.50

John H Lenton *John Scott Lidgett Archbishop of British Methodism?* by Alan Turberfield, (Epworth Press, 2003) pp. xx +490 £25.00

Jonathan Rodell *Primitive Methodism* by Geoffrey Milburn (Epworth Press, 2002) pp. xi + 112. £10.95

John Munsey Turner *Methodism in Wales. A Short History of the Wesley Tradition.* Ed Lionel Madden (Conference arrangement committee, Llandudno 2003) pp. 137 £7.00

D Colin Dews *An Inventory of Nonconformist Chapels and Meeting-Houses in Eastern England*, by Christopher Sell (English Heritage, Swindon 2002) pp. xix + 380 £65.00

Part 5 May 2004

A Methodist Pacifist and the Spanish Civil War: Henry Carter in Republican Spain.

Frederick Hale, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

The article examines the findings of 'The First Interdenominational Delegation' of English Protestants who went to Republican Spain 'in order to try and see as far as possible what the religious situation is in that country'. The reactions to the report are highlighted.

In sickness and in Health. The Tragic Case of a Primitive Methodist Minister.

Norma Virgoe, Editor of the East Anglia Branch bulletin

The article explores the attitudes and decisions of the officials of the Primitive Methodist denomination in East Anglia to the illness of Rev Jabez Lincoln.

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – Thirtieth Edition 2003

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2003

Book Reviews by

J R WATSON *Christoph Gottlob Müller und die Anfänge des Methodismus in Deutschland* by Friedemann Buckhardt (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2003) pp. 464 €79.00

Peter Forsaith *Frank O Salisbury "Painter Laureate"* by Nigel McMurray (1st Books 2003) pp 420 £20.50

Barrie Trinder *Village Chapels: some aspects of rural Methodism in the east Cotswolds and south Midlands 1800-2000*, by Pauline Ashridge (Hook Norton: Kershaw Publishing 2004) pp. vi + 94., illus, £6.99

D Colin Dews *The Quiet Wise Spirit: Edwin W. Smith, 1876-1957, and Africa* by W John Young (Epworth Press 2002) pp. xviii(1) 292 £19.95

Henry D Rack *Vincent Perronet (1693-1785) The Apostle of the Methodists* by Margaret Batty. (WMHS Publications: More People Called Methodists No 5 2002), pp 123 £ 5.50

John Munsey Turner *My Dear Sally – the Life of Sarah Mallet – one of John Wesley's Preachers* by David East (WMHS Publications: More People called Methodists No. 6. 2003) pp. 115 £5.50

Simon Ross Valentine *Ecumenism and History: Studies in Honour of John H. Y. Briggs*, Ed Anthony R Cross, (Paternoster Press, Carlisle, 2002), pp. 362. £24.95

Part 6 October 2003

William Bramwell: A Re-Appraisal

Rev Dr Herbert McGonigal. Principal & Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology and Wesley Studies, The Nazarene Theological College, Manchester

The article reassesses the Ministry of William Bramwell (1759-1818), a Wesleyan itinerant preacher. Bramwell's evangelical and revivalist preaching which ministers of the Wesleyan 'high church' party frowned upon was welcomed by many of the laity.

E. H. Sugden as Theological Educator: Inheritance and Legacy

Rev Dr Norman Young, Minister (retired) of the Uniting Church in Australia

The article assesses the life, ministry and theological intellectual influence of the British born Rev Edward Holdsworth Sugden (1854-1935) who was appointed in 1888 Master of the new Queen's College, University of Melbourne. He was the theological tutor to the Conference with full and sole direction of the studies of the students for the ministry.

Some Further Thoughts on the Secessionist Arminian Bible Christians.

Dr David Shorney, Former Lecturer and author.

New information of the Arminian Bible Christians discovered in the unpublished Conference Journal is reviewed. Names of ministers are listed and the proposals for a reunion with the Bible Christians are outlined. The response of the Bible Christians to the proposal is explained.

Book Reviews by

E. Alan Rose *The Autobiography of David Whitehead of Rawtenstall (1790-1865)* ed. Stanley Chapman (Helmshore Local History Society 2001) pp. viii + 207 £12.00

Nicholas Page *The Letters of Samuel Wesley: Professional and Social Correspondence, 1797-1837* Ed. Philip Olleson (Oxford University Press 2001) pp. 1 xiii + 516 181 £100.00

Colin C Short *Diversity & Vitality The Methodist and Nonconformist Chapels of Cornwall*, by Jeremy Lake, Jo Cox and Eric Berry (Cornwall Archaeological Unit 2001) pp iii + 141 £15.00

E Alan Rose *Mirror of the Soul. The Diary of an Early Methodist Preacher. John Bennet (1714 - 54.* Ed S. R. Valentine (Methodist Publishing House 2002), pp xii + 243 £15.00

E Dorothy Graham *Eliza Asbury: Her Cottage and Her Son* by David J.A. Hallam (Brewin Books 2003) pp. 98 illus £8.95

E Alan Rose *Early Methodism in Birmingham: A Historical Sketch*, by W. C. Sheldon. (Birmingham Mission 2003) pp. 56 illus. £5.00

D Colin Dews *A Happy Man from Yorkshire: Herbert Silverwood and the years of revival*, by David Lazell (The Author, East Leake, Loughborough 2003) pp 132 £11.50

E Alan Rose *John Wesley, The Means of Grace and the Holy Life Today*, by John M Haley (The Wesley Fellowship, 2003) pp.28 £2.50