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Part 1 February 2007

John Wesley's Deathbed: Sarah Wesley's Account

Dr John Walsh – Jesus College, Oxford

The article contains the text of two unpublished letters by Sarah Wesley, the daughter of Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and the sister of the prodigious musicians Samuel and Charles Wesley. The letters were written to the Hon Penelope Maitland and contain important information about the death of John Wesley.

The Making of the Bible Christian Itinerant James Bartlett, 1816-1881

Dr David Shorney former tutor in history at Neville's Cross College and Avery Hill College, London

The autobiographical correspondence of James Bartlett to his young wife Elizabeth gives an important insight into the hospitality, or the scarcity of it, through hardship of the hosts. It also reveals the conditions under which the average Bible Christian minister had to work.

Geoffrey E. Milburn 1930-2006

Rev Eric W Dykes, Methodist Minister

An appreciation of the life and contribution of Geoffrey E. Milburn to Methodist Historical research, especially Primitive Methodism and his 40 years as a Methodist Local Preacher

Book Reviews by

Lionel Madden *The Osbornes and Rydal Mount School (1885-1915): 'A Promising place in the North'*, by Peter Watkinson (Colwyn Bay: Rydal Penrhos School 2004), pp. 96

Martin Wellings *Authority and Order, John Wesley and his Preachers*, by Adrian Burdon (Ashgate, 2005) pp. 177 £40

Norman Wallwork *Born in Song: Methodist Worship in Britain* by David M Chapman (Church in the Market Place Publications, 2006) pp. x, 355 £9.99

D. Colin Dews *The Churches of Liverpool*, by David Lewis (Liverpool Bluecoat Press, 2001) pp. 175 £24.99

Liverpool: Pevsner Architectural Series, by Joseph Sharples (New Haven & London, Yale University Press 2004) pp. xi, 332. £9.99

E. Alan Rose Nonconformity in Hertfordshire: A Guide to Sources for Family and Local Historians, by Alan Rushton (Herts Family History Society, 2005) pp. 64 £6
A Methodist Guide to Cornwall, by Thomas Shaw, updated by Colin Short (Methodist Publishing House 2005) pp. 73 £2.99

Part 2 May 2007

Sidelights on the Origins of Primitive Methodism in North Staffordshire

John H Anderson, Curator Chapel Museum, Hillside, *Mow Cop*.

The origins and the development of Primitive Methodism in the Mow Cop and Potteries area of Staffordshire are surveyed. The literature of Staffordshire Wesleyan and Primitive Methodism is shown to bring new insights into the forming of the Primitive Methodist Denomination.

Two Primitive Methodist Women Preachers

Dr E Dorothy Graham, General Secretary Wesley Historical Society

The ministries of Miss Ann Tinsley/Mrs Ann Longmire(s) (1808-1882) and Miss Mary Bulmer (c.1870-1934) are used to illustrate the important contribution of Women Itinerant Preachers in the Primitive Methodist Connexion.

The Tide of Time - The Primitive Methodist Centenary Celebrations in Norfolk and Suffolk

Norma Virgoe – Publications Manager, Wesley Historical Society

The Primitive Methodist Connexion celebrated its Centenary from 1907 to 1910. 1807 was the first 'Camp Meeting' on Mow Cop and 1810 saw the amalgamation of the of the followers of William Clowes and Camp Meeting Methodists led by Hugh Bourne thus forming the Primitive Methodist denomination. Centenary Celebrations were held throughout the country. In this article the extensive and variety of the celebrations in Norfolk and Suffolk are examined.

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – Thirty-Third Edition 2006

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2006

Book Reviews by

John A Hargreaves *Yorkshire Returns of the 1851 Census of Religious Worship, volume 2, West Riding (North)*, Ed John Wolffe (Borthwick Texts and Studies 31, Borthwick Institute, University of York, 2005) pp. vi, 183

Yorkshire Returns of the 1851 Census of Religious Worship, volume 3, West Riding (South), Ed John Wolffe (Borthwick Texts and Studies 32, Borthwick Institute, University of York, 2005) pp. vi, 200

The Religious Census of 1851 in Yorkshire 1851 Ed John Wolffe
(Borthwick Texts and Studies 31, Borthwick Institute, University of York, 2005) pp. 33 No price stated

John Munsey Turner *Nonconformist Theology in the Twentieth Century*, by Alan P. F. Sell
(Paternoster Press, 2006) pp. 236 £18.99

Part 3 October 2007

'My dearest Sally' The Marriage of Charles Wesley and Sally Gwynne

Dr Gareth Lloyd Methodist Church Archivist

The courtship, financial arrangements and impact of the Methodist evangelical mission of the marriage of Charles Wesley and Sally Gwynne are explored. Their family life, ministry and relationship with John is brought to light.

Singing at the scaffold

Dr Joanna Cruickshank, Senior Research Associate University of Melbourne, Australia

Charles Wesley in 1738 went reluctantly to Newgate prison to preach and speak to 10 condemned prisoners. The article examines the hymns that Wesley wrote 'for Condemned Malefactors' and reveals what the theological meaning for Wesley and his fellow Methodists was.

John Nelson (1707-1774), Stonemason and itinerant Preacher

James Hogg Writer and Broadcaster and great-great-great-great grandson of John Nelson

In the tercentenary year of John Nelson's birth the article is a reappraisal of the life and ministry of the 'first layman of the cause of which John Wesley was the head'. We are reminded that 'as a preacher Nelson showed a power and exercised an influence scarcely inferior to Wesley's'.

Part 4 February 2008

Charles Wesley 'Warts and All' The Evidence of the Prose Works

Rev Dr Kenneth Newport, Pro Vice Chancellor, Liverpool Hope University

The primary sources of Charles Wesley's poetic and prose writings along with his sermons are explored. The richness of Charles Wesley's writings along with his hymns gives a polychrome balance of the immense impact he had on the 18th century.

The Ripon Primitive Methodist Circuit: The pioneer years, 1822 to 1842, and their legacy.

D Colin Dews - Secretary of the Yorkshire Wesley Historical Society.

The article outlines the development and importance of the early and pioneering Ripon Primitive Methodist Circuit. Its local as well and its Connexional status influence is highlighted.

Book Reviews by

J R Watson *Charles Wesley and the Struggle for Methodist identity*, by Gareth Lloyd. (Oxford University Press, 2007) pp. xiv, 258. £45

Martin Wellings *Protestant Nonconformist Texts: Volume 3: The Nineteenth Century*, Ed David Bebbington, Kenneth Dix, Alan Ruston. (Ashgate, 2006) pp.400 £75

John A Vickers *Bold as a Lion: John Cennick, Moravian Evangelist* by Peter Gentry and Paul Taylor (Life Publications, 2007) pp. 176 £9.95

D. Colin Dews *Bradshaw Gass and Hope. The Story of an Architectural Practice – the first one hundred years 1862 – 1962* by Jane & Timothy Lingard (Gallery Lingard, 2007)

Part 5 May 2008

Alexander's Daughter: The Childhood of Sarah Kilham

Dr John Dunstan former Deputy Director of Birmingham University's Centre for Russian and East European Studies.

The article reviews the story of Alexander Kilham, Wesleyan Itinerant Minister and founder of the Methodist New Connexion, his wives Sarah Gray and Hannah Spurr from the perspective of his young daughter Sarah

A New Wesley Letter.

Rev Jonathan Rodell, Methodist Minister

The previously unpublished letter of John Wesley date Feb. 13.1773 is printed in full and the recipient and the background is identified

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Henry D Rack *Protestant Nonconformist Texts, vol 2. The Eighteenth Century*, Ed Alan P.F. Sell, David Hall, Ian Sellers. (Ashgate, 2006) pp. xvii, 459. £75

John A Vickers *Charles Wesley: life, literature & legacy*, Ed Kenneth G. C. Newport, Ted A. Campbell. (Epworth Press, 2007) pp. xvii, 573 £25

Donald G Knighton *The Journals of Thomas Coke*, Ed John Vickers (Kingswood Books, 2005) pp. 293. £19.99

John H. Lenton *A Season Highly Profitable: The Travels of an Itinerant Methodist Preacher in Norfolk and Suffolk 1788-9*, Ed Norma Virgoe (East Anglia West Historical Society. 2007) £2.85

Part 6 October 2008

When did Methodists Stop Attending their Parish Churches?

Professor Edward Royle – York University

Using data from Yorkshire in the mid-nineteenth century the pattern of the separation of Methodists from the Church of England is examined not as an institutional matter but how the Methodist people defined themselves.

John Wesley in Georgia: Success of failure?

Dr Geordan Hammond Lecturer at the Nazarene Theological College Manchester

John Wesley an, Anglican Missionary to Georgia, was determined to restore the doctrine, discipline and practice of the primate church in the colony. The success or failure of the mission is evaluated by examining Wesley's ministry in its historical context.

Wesley Statues and Sculptures Part 1: The Manning Marble Statue of John Wesley

Rev Donald H Ryan Former Chair North Wales Methodist District, Registrar WHS

The Rev Charles Manning attended Wesley's early conferences. John Wesley was the Godfather to Charles's son John. John had three sons who were highly skilled sculptors. Samuel the elder and his son Samuel the younger were the designers and sculptors of the first statue of John Wesley.

Book Reviews by

Jonathan M. Rodell *Charles Wesley: a biography* by Gary Best (Epworth Press 2006) pp338 £19.99

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Simon Ross Valentine '*Spinster of No Occupation' Mary Ellen Shaw: 1859-1926* by Rowena Edlin-White (Smallprint 2007) pp. 60 £6

D Colin Dews *Religion and Place in Leeds* by John Minnis, Trevor Mitchell (English Heritage Swindon 2007) pp. viii (1) £7.99