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**Editors**

**Dr David Ceri Jones**

**Deacon Dr Ronald Aitchison**

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**John Wesley. Cigarette Cards and his advice on tobacco**

Rev Donald H Ryan M Th, Former Chairman North Wales Methodist District,  
Registrar/Administrator of the Wesley Historical Society,  
Methodist Sites, Museums and Artefacts Advisor

A survey of John Wesley's advice on the medical value of tobacco, his warning of the dangers of smoking. The development of the cigarettes, card and silks and the use of John Wesley's image on to promote tobacco products 1913 -1962.

**Laity in Denominational Leadership; Methodist Vice-Presidents, 1932-2000**

David J Jeremy, Emeritus Professor of Business History, Manchester Metropolitan University Business School.

Unlike the article, on the Vice Presidents of the Primitive Methodist Church in *Proceedings* volume 57 part 6 October 2010, does not attempt a comprehensive collective biography but begins with a thumbnail sketch of the twentieth-century's changing contexts of church leadership and then attempts to assess aspects of the VP position in the Methodist Church between 1932-2000

**NOTICES**

**Annual General Meeting and Lecture 2010 and Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture 2011** Dr John A Hargreaves

**The Wesley Historical Society: Origins and Evolution 1893-2010** Rev Donald H Ryan

**The Constitution of the Wesley Historical Society** Approved at the Annual General Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 held at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

**Wesley Historical Society Conference 3-5 May 2011** Rev Dr David J Hart.

**Book Reviews by**

Boyd Stanley Schlenker *American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists*, by John Wigger (New York, Oxford University Press 2009) pp.543 £27.50

Chris S. Adams *Wesley and Methodist Studies, vol 1*. Edited by Geordan Hammond and David Rainey (Didsbury Press, 2009) pp. 96 £8.

Gilbert D. Braiothwaite *Sarah Biller of St Petersburg: A Sheffield Teacher in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russia* by John Dunstan (York: William Sessions, 2009) pp. 150 £8.99

John A. Vickers *Prim. Aldershot: an account of the Primitive Methodist Mission in Aldershot and the surrounding areas and its links with the Army* by Margaret A Collier and Rosalind M. Sherwood (Stoke-on-Trent: Tentmaker Publications, 2010) pp viii 302: £15.95

Paul Burnham *The Altar's Fire: Charles Wesley's Hymns on the Lord's Supper, 1745 Introduction and Exposition*, by Daniel B. Stevick (Peterborough: Epworth Press 2004) pp 276 £19.99

## **Part 2 May 2011**

### **ARTICLES**

#### **The Wesley Deaconess Order in the Transvaal 1894-1953**

A History of the work of the early Deaconesses in South Africa, the first Wesley Deaconess Mission overseas. In particular the work during and around the Boer Wars but taking the account up to the founding of a Deaconess Order in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and its social and theological implications.

Deacon Dr Ronald Aitchison Joint Editor of the Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society.

#### **Dr Samuel Johnson, the Wesley family and Methodism**

An overview of the similarities, differences and the relationship between Samuel Johnson and John Wesley. Dr Johnson's views on Methodism is examined and his relationship with members of the Wesley family is noted. The link through his freed black manservant's son with Primitive Methodism is highlighted

Rev Donald H Ryan M Th, Former Chairman North Wales Methodist District, Registrar/Administrator of the Wesley Historical Society.

### **NOTICES**

**Annual General Meeting and Lecture 2010 and Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture 2011** Dr John A Hargreaves

#### **Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature—Thirty -Seventh Edition 2010**

Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2010

## **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

David Ceri Jones

*The Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies*, edited by William J Abraham and James E. Kirby. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. xvii + 761. Hardback, £85.00 ISBN 0199212996)

*T&T Clark Companion to Methodism*, edited by Charles Yrigoyen Jr (London: T&T Clark, 2010, pp. x + 602. Hardback, £85.00. ISBN 9780567032935)

John A Newton

*Unexampled labours': Letters of the Revd John Fletcher to leaders in the Evangelical Revival*, edited with an introduction by Peter S. Forsaith. (Peterborough: Epworth Press, 2008, pp. 384. Paperback. £25.00 ISBN 978-0-7162-0605-7)

Christopher S. Adams

Catherine Randall, *From a Far Country: Camisards and Huguenots in the Atlantic World* (University of Georgia Press, 2009, pp. 192, £39.95, ISBN 978-0-8203-3390-8)

Donald H Ryan

Geoffrey Fisher, Geoffrey Milburn and Terry Hurst *The Orphan House of John Wesley* (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2007, pp.20. Paperback. £2.50)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *The Orphan House Wesleyan Schools 1858-1956 Newcastle upon Tyne*. (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2009, pp. 28. Paperback. £3.00)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *Brunswick Place, 1821-1992: Newcastle upon Tyne* (Wesley Historical Society, North East Branch, 2009, pp.20. Paperback. £3.00)

Geoffrey Fisher and Terry Hurst *Methodism in Newcastle upon Tyne 1742-2010*, (North East Methodist History Society, 2010, pp. 28. Paperback. £3.00)

## **NOTES AND QUERIES**

**Visiting Fellowships**

**Marriage Records**

### **Part 3 October 2011**

#### **ARTICLES**

##### **Whitefield, Wesley and Wales**

Dr Eryn M. White - Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Welsh History at Aberystwyth University.

##### **Primitive Methodism and the road to Methodist Union 1932 in Wallasey, Cheshire**

Dr Peter S Richards

An assessment of the development of the of Primitive Methodism in Wallasey and its progress toward the 1932 Methodist Union scheme

##### **Wesley Historical Society Annual General Meeting and Lecture 2011**

Dr John A Hargreaves

#### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Robert Glen

*Women and the shaping of British Methodism: Persistent Preachers 1807-1907*, by Jennifer M Lloyd. (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2009, pp. x + 305. Hardback, £60.00 ISBN 978-0-7190-7885-9)

David Ceri Jones

*Enlightened Evangelism: The Life and Thought of John Erskine*, by Jonathan M. Yeager. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. xii + 321. Hardback. £40.00 ISBN 978-0-19- 97255-1)

*Wesley and Methodist Studies*, vol. 2. Edited by William Gibson and Geordan Hammond (Manchester: Didsbury Press, 2010. pp. 138 £8. ISBN 978-0-9552507-3-6)

,Simon Ross Valentine

*Issac Marsden: A Nineteenth Century Wesleyan Evangelist*, by Donald Reasbeck (Doncaster Hexpress Publications, 2007, pp. 159. Paperback £5.00, ISBN 978-1-4276-2905-0)

#### **NOTES AND QUERIES**

**John Fletcher's Letter to Thomas Beale**

**Anniversary Dates 2011-2013**

## **Part 4 February 2012**

### **ARTICLES**

#### **The Prayer of Faith Can Vindicate**

Anthony Tedeschi

Rare Books Librarian at Dunedin Public Libraries New Zealand

A John Wesley letter and a Charles Wesley letter in the Alfred & Isabel Reed Collection in the Dunedin Public Library, New Zealand is transcribed with a note of their purchase history.

#### **Demography and the Decline of British Methodism**

Dr Clive D. Field OBE, Honorary Research Fellow, School of History and Cultures, University of Birmingham and Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester

The first of three articles exploring the demographic history of British Methodism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and its implications for the numerical decline of the Methodist Church. Considers how many Methodists married (a very high proportion) and the age at which they married (with some tendency to defer marriage, potentially impacting fertility).

### **Notices**

**2012 Annual Lecture and AGM & Supporting Programme John Wesley's Chapel. The New Room, Bristol**

### **Proposed Digitization of the Proceedings**

#### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Simon Ross Valentine

*Modern Christianity to 1900 vol 6. A People's History of Christianity*, edited by Amanda Porterfield (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press 2010, pp. xiv + 348. Paperback, £23.99 ISBN 978-0-8006-9724-2)

*Methodism and History: Essays in Honour of John Vickers*, edited by Peter Forsaith and Martin Wellings. (Oxford: Applied Theology Press, 2010, pp. xxvi + 211. Paperback. £10.95 ISBN 978-1874677-11-6)

**Part 5 May 2012**

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**Demography and the Decline of British Methodism II: Fertility**

Dr Clive D. Field OBE, Honorary Research Fellow, School of History and Cultures, University of Birmingham and Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester

The second of three articles exploring the demographic history of British Methodism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and its implications for the numerical decline of the Methodist Church. The Family size.

**The first Primitive Methodist Chapel: the claim for Boylestone**

Dr Stella F Mills Professor of multimedia Technology, Staffordshire University

The article examines evidence which supports the claim that the Primitive Methodist Chapel in the village of Boylestone in Derbyshire predates the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Tunstall.

**Methodist Missions 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Oral Tradition and Historical Aberrations**

Rev Dr John C. Neal.B.D.

A re-examination of the start of Wesleyan Methodist Missions, and the roles of Nathaniel Gilbert and Thomas Coke

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**Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature Thirty- Eighth Edition 2011**

Dr Clive D. Field OBE Research Fellow, Birmingham University

A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical

Literature published in 2011

**BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Ronnie Aitchison. *Scotland's Methodists 1750-2000*. Margaret Batty. (Edinburgh: John Donald/Birlinn 2010, pp Hardback, £30 ISBN 978-1-906566-26-5

Martin Wellings. *Christ and Controversy: the Person of Christ in Nonconformist Thought and Ecclesial Experience, 1600-2000*. Alan P. F. Sell. (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2011, pp. xii + 217, paperback. £25 ISBN 978-1-61097-669-5)

Nadrew G. Mathieson. 'In the Shadow of a Mighty Rock': *A History of the Gibraltar Methodist Church*. Susan I. Jackson. Evesham: Wesley Historical Society, 2009, pp xiv + 470, paperback, £12.50 ISSN 978-0-9554527-5-8)

David Ceri Jones. *Bulletin of Wesley Historical Society in Wales. No 1 2011* Ed Graham Tennant (Cardiff: Wesley Historical Society in Wales) £7.50 Colin Merrick, 3 Heol Wern Las, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1RY

**Part 6 October 2012**

**Demography and the Decline of British Methodism III: Mortality**

Dr Clive D. Field OBE, Honorary Research Fellow, School of History and Cultures, University of Birmingham and Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester

The third of three articles exploring the demographic history of British Methodism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and its implications for the numerical decline of the Methodist Church. Mortality.

**Correspondence between James Erskine and John and Charles Wesley**

Professor Randy Maddox William Kellon Quick Professor of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies

Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina U.S.A.

This article introduces further new evidence of the relationship between James Erskine (1679-1754) and John and Charles Wesley as seen in correspondence.

**John Wesley Head sash window stop**

Rev Donald H Ryan M Th, Researcher in Wesley Ceramics and Registrar Wesley Historical Society.

The article reviews the information of the ceramic thumb pressed moulded head of John Wesley fashioned as a Window stop made by Enoch Wood c.1791

**Notices**

**2013 Annual Lecture and AGM & Supporting Programme Epworth Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. 29 June**

**General Secretary's Report 2012.** Dr John A Hargreaves

**Wesley Historical Society Constitution.** Donald H Ryan. WHS Administrator



### **BOOKS REVIEWED BY**

Martin Wellings. *The Works of John Wesley. vol 10 The Methodist Societies: The Minutes of Conferenc.* Ed Henry D. Rack. (Nashville. TN: Abingdon, 2011, pp xxiii + 1046, hardback, £38.99 ISBN 978-1-4267-1190-9)

David Ceri Jones Religion, *Gender and Industry: Exploring Church and Methodism in a Local Setting.* Ed George Hammond and Peter S. Forsaith (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications 2011, pp. xix + 238 paperback. £18.00 ISBN 13: 978-1-60899-642-1)

David Hart *A History of Normanton Methodist Circuit.* Ronnie Aitchison (Normanton: Furness and Aitchison, 2012, pp. ii + 133 paperback, price not stated.

Ronnie Aitchison *Reviving the Heart: The Story of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Revival.* Richard Turnbull. (Lion Hudson, 2012, pp 191 £9.99 ISBN 978 0 7459 5349 6)

### **Notes and Queries**

1594 Rev Charles Manning BA

1595 Charles Bell (1846-99)