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‘Legal Fiction’ or Exigence of Necessity’? Re-Investigating Wesley’s Deed of Declaration

Joseph Wood, (Nazarene Theological College, Manchester)

The author reviews the exhortation of John Wesley at the First Conference 1774 ‘To keep to the Church’ Wesley said ‘This was our peculiar glory, not to form any new sect, but abiding in our own Church to do to all men all the good we possibly could’. Joseph Wood continues to examine the relationship between the Methodists and the Church of England when Methodist Preaching Houses were built. The author looks at the implications of the Deed of Declaration 1784

Our hearts vigorously engaged in religion ’: The Reception of Jonathan Edwards by Early Evangelicals in Wales

Joshua Reynolds (Aberystwyth University)

In the article the author directs us to largely overlooked influence of Jonathan Edwards in Wales. He examines The Benchmark of Genuine Revival, The Concert for and Post-Millennial Eschatology. In a section he examines The Influence of Edwards upon Williams Pentycelyn and others.

The Impact of the Sino-Japanese War on Methodism in China

John Pritchard (Hassocks)

The article starts with an incident on 18th September 1931 on the outskirts of Shenyang in north east China which opened up political charges and counter charges between the Japanese and Chinese. We are told of the continuing skirmishes and wars between the two nations and the impact on the Wesleyan Mission started in 1852 and Methodism post 1932.

Notes and Queries

1607 – Who was “the famous preacher” Mr Glascock? John Lenton WHS Librarian

1608 – Folk Religion and Methodism – both Wesleyan and Primitive David Leese
(Ashbourne)

NOTES

Membership

OCMCH – Forthcoming Events

Wesley Historical Society Annual General Meeting and Lecture, Kingswood School, Bath

BOOK REVIEWS

Donald H. Ryan *An Exact Likeness: The Portraits of John Wesley* by Richard P. Heitzenrater. (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press. 2016), pp. 120. Hardback \$39.99. ISBN 978-1-5018-1660-4

David J, Jeremy *The Narrative of the Good Death: the Evangelical Deathbed in Victorian England* by Mary Riso (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015), pp. xvi + 276. Hardback £67.99 ISBN 9781472446961.

Part 2 May 2017

John Anthony Newton (1930-20017) Obituary

John A Hargreaves

Methodists at War in the 1913 Clay Strike

Colin C Short (St Austell)

This is a study of the Methodist engagement with the 1913 China Clay Strike in Cornwall. The study examines the involvement of the Wesleyan, Primitive and United Methodist Churches in the ‘clay area’ at the time. The role of Methodist ministers and other denominational clergy is discussed.

A Mystery Methodist: Is this John Wesley, Charles Wesley or someone completely different?

Gareth Lloyd (John Rylands Library, Manchester)

This article is illustrated with pictures of an unknown but claimed portrait of John Wesley and known and verified pictures of John and Charles Wesley.

NOTES AND QUERIES

1609N James Parkes: Wesleyan Minister and Inventor Donald H. Ryan
(Wolverhampton)

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Tim Macquibian *Wesley and the Anglicans: Political Division in Early Evangelicalism* by Ryan Nicholas Danker. (Downes Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2016,) pp. 301. ISBN978-0-8308-5122-5.

Geordan Hammond *Hymns on the Lord's Supper by John and Charles Wesley: with a Preface extracted from Dr Brevint, a list of suggested tunes and a introduction by Geoffrey Wainwright.* (Tiverton: Methodist Sacramental Fellowship, 2015) pp. 164 Paperback £7.50 ISBN 978-0-9574737-7-5

Cindy Wesley *Perfecting Perfection: Essays in Honour of Henry D. Rack* by Robert Webster (ed) (Eugene, OR Pickwick Publications, 2015) pp. 315 Paperback £26.00 ISBN 9781610978491

Clive D. Field *Labour and the Free Churches, 1911-1939: Radicalism, Righteousness, and Religion.* by Peter Catterall (London: Bloomsbury Academics, 2016) pp xiv + 322 ISBN 978-1-4411-1589-8 Hardback £90.00

Ronnie Aitchison *Protestant Paths: A Story of Dissent* by Pauline Ashbridge, (London: Kershaw Publishing, 2016) pp. 151 Paperback £6.99 ISBN 978-0-9546632-5-4

John Lenton- *Celebrating 50 Golden Years of the Wesley Historical Society -West Midlands Methodist History Society 2015* (ed al) Donald H Ryan (Charleston S.C. Create Space 2016)pp. ill + 154 Paperback £9.50 ISBN -10: 1523280158 & -13: 9781523280155

Bibliography of Methodist Historical Literature – Forty-third Edition 2016 Dr Clive D. Field Research Fellow, Birmingham University A detailed and carefully researched list of all known publications of Methodist Historical Literature published in 2016

Part 3 October 2017

John Cennick and his Role as a Methodist Preacher

Gary M Best

The article was first delivered as the Wesley Historical Society Annual Lecture 2017. The article explores the role of John Cennick who was the right-hand man first of John Wesley and then George Whitefield. Cennick became the leading British evangelist of the Moravian Church. The article explores the relationships with early Methodist leaders, his family and his impact on the religious scene of the 18th century.

The First Methodists in South America: Lay Pioneers in Demerara

John C. Neal

The article focuses on the Methodist lay pioneers in Demerara which were occupied by Britain between 1796 and 1802/3 in the Dutch Colonies. They were ceded by Holland in 1814 and became British Guiana 1831. The article explores the roles of the first known Methodists William Augustus Claxton (c1770-1838) and William Powell, along with Mrs J Clifton, and the support of Thomas Coke.

Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools during the First World War

Caitriona McCartney

This well researched article explores the background of the attachment of most British persons with the Christian faith through a local Sunday School and focuses on the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools in particular. In the sections 'Response to the Outbreak of the First World War', Relationships of Sunday Schools and the British Armed Forces, The Spiritual Significance of Sunday Schools to the Armed Forces, and The First World War and Wesleyan Methodism Decline? The article concludes by showing how the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools played a part in the lives of serving soldiers.

NOTICES

Message from the President

General Secretary's Report to the WHS AGM

BOOK REVIEWS

David Ceri Jones *Martin Luther at 500 A brief Guide to some anniversary reading*

Jeremy Gregory *George Whitefield: Life, Context and Legacy* by Geordan Hammond and David Ceri Jones (eds) (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016) pp. xiii + 329 Hardcover £65.00 ISBN 978-0-19-874707-9

Edward Royle *Radical Grace: Justice for the Poor and Marginalised – Charles Wesley's views for the Twenty-first Century* by S T Kimbrough Jr (Cambridge: The Lutterworth Press, 2017) pp. xv + 154. Paperback, £16.50. ISBN 978-0-7188-9487-0

Donald H Ryan *John Wesley: Travelling Geographer* by Howard Oliver (Oxford: Harris Manchester College 2015) pp. 180. Hardcover £9.00 ISBN 978-0-9555098-5-8

John A Hargreaves *John Cennick, The Forgotten Evangelist: The Story of the First Methodist Lay Preacher who became the Apostle of Northern Ireland* by Gary M Best (Bristol: New Room Publications, 2016) Paperback. £9.99 ISBN 978-1910089477.

John A Hargreaves *College, Chapel and Culture in Edwardian Manchester: The Diary of Frank C Davidson in his first term of training for the Primitive Methodist Ministry* by Rachel

Larkinson (ed) (Evesham: Wesley Historical Society Books, 2016) pp. xiv + 179. Paperback, £9.50. ISBN 978-0-9928762-1-0