

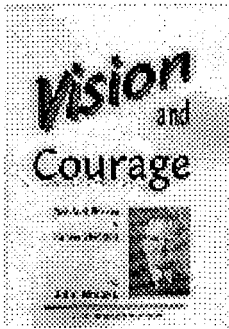
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Successful Annual Celebration & Book Launch



Toowong Baptist Church was full for the launch of the latest BHSQ book at the Annual Celebration of Baptist Heritage held there on Saturday July 18. More than 100 people had earlier enjoyed a Chinese dinner catered by the church. A large number of these were members of the Brooks and Hiron families, the main focus of the event. Toowong Church was the Brooks' family home church, where several members of the family had given devoted service in earlier years. The pulpit is a memorial to Mr Edgar Brooks.

Special attention was given to Rev. A.H. Brooks, Home Mission Superintendent 1948-57, President of the Union 1941 and 1953, and pastor of Windsor Road and Maryborough churches in Queensland. Reminiscences by members of the family and other acquaintances were the main feature of the program at the meal session. The earliest memory was given by Rev. Cyril Baldwin, veteran ABMS Missionary, who was his room mate at the Baptist College of Victoria in the early 1920s!

The book, *Vision and Courage: Rev. A.H. Brooks and His Family Heritage*, was launched during the program that followed. This 36 page book, well illustrated with family and church photos, was written by John Brooks, second son of Rev. A.H. Brooks and published by the BHSQ. In launching the book, President of the Society, Mr Eric Kopittke, spoke about his excitement in reading of the successful ministry of Mr Brooks.

A panel of six former Home Missionaries discussed Mr Brooks' leadership of the Home Mission. They were joined by Ruth Elfverson, daughter of Mr Brooks, who had served as minute secretary for several years. The panel was moderated by Dr David Parker. The evening concluded with an inspirational address by Mr Ormond Porter, a former pastor of Windsor Road Baptist Church. After describing some of the remarkable qualities and contributions of the Brooks and Hiron families, he traced the source of their Christian character and commitment to the grace of God, in terms of the verse, "By the grace of God I am what I am." (1 Cor 15:10)

ORDER YOUR COPY OF VISION AND COURAGE \$7 + \$1.50 post (discount for members)

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Pastoral Profiles No 18

(series conclusion)

Rev. E.A. Kirwood

by Rev. W. Higlett

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REV. ERNEST ALBERT KIRWOOD, the newly appointed pastor of "Jireh" Church, Valley, is a native of the colony of Victoria, having been born at Buninyong in 1868. He received the ordinary State School education with some extra subjects added. At the age of fourteen he was converted through a mission held by Messrs. Harrison and Isaacs in the Aberdeen Street Baptist Church, Geelong; of which church his parents were members, and in which he himself had been brought up. There, too, he was subsequently baptised and received into fellowship by Rev. J. S. Harrison.

He soon engaged in Sunday School work and eventually became superintendent of one of the branch schools. A mutual improvement class afforded opportunity to exercise his gifts of public speech, and being fond of music he joined and presently became leader of the choir at Aberdeen Street. Public preaching commenced in connection with the Preachers' Association of the church, and Mr. Kirwood for some time held the position of secretary to the Society. Under the advice of Rev. A. W. Webb, then pastor of the church, he applied to the Victorian Baptist College and was admitted in 1891. He successfully passed through a four years' course, taking prizes yearly, and gaining the sermon prize three years out of the four.

For twelve months he served the church at Lilydale as student preacher, but the wish of the church to retain him as pastor was not feasible, and in 1895 he went to Oxley as agent of the Victorian Home Mission. (It may be mentioned in passing that he here had as colleague Rev. W. Ottaway, who has just accepted invitation to our church at Bundaberg). After a year at Oxley, Mr. Kirwood became pastor of the church at Maldon, concerning which the president of the Victorian Union writes that it was "sustained under somewhat difficult circumstances."

Being recommended to the friends at "Jireh", arrangements were made by which he visited Queensland and preached at "Jireh" for five Sundays, the result being a unanimous invitation to the pastorate, where we trust he may have a long and successful ministry.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Mr Kirwood's ministry was "long and successful." After a four year pastorate at Jireh, he moved to Grange Road Baptist Church, Auckland NZ, largely because of family health problems. (He was the fourth Queenslander to make the journey across the Tasman!) He served there for eleven years and returned to Melbourne, for two years at South Yarra Church and



then as Superintendent of the Melbourne City Mission for four more years. In 1922 he answered a call to the Ipswich Church, but then moved on to Clayfield the following year for a lengthy pastorate of twenty three years.

When he had been in Queensland at first, he was secretary of Educational and Credentials Committee of the Baptist Association. When this committee gave way to the Queensland Baptist College, he strongly supported the new institution. Upon his return to Queensland in 1921, he became a regular tutor of the College and for five years in the 1930s was its chairman. He also edited the *Queensland Baptist* for fourteen years 1925-39. He died on 30 Sept 1954 at the age of 84 years and 10 months.

This is the final episode in the series of Pastoral Profiles, reprinted from the *Queensland Baptist*. Many more biographical articles appeared in subsequent years, providing valuable information about ministers who served the denomination, but like this, many of them were related to specific events and were not as comprehensive as the original series. Further biographical articles will appear in later issues of *FORUM* (reprinted and original), but in the meantime, the first part of a listing of 19th century ministers may be found on pages 5-7 of this issue.

Three Baptist Pawnbrokers

by Graham S. Lee

Warden, William Carey Museum, Central Baptist Church, Leicester

Editor's Note: Mr Lee has provided the BHSQ with a great deal of help in researching details of the life and background of Rev. James Voller. This article arises out of his work and his intimate knowledge of William Carey and his English context; it highlights an interesting coincidence of occupation.

William Carey was minister at Moulton in Northamptonshire between the years 1785-89, where he revived a church which had been without a minister for ten years, and which had fallen into a poor state. Carey had been greatly influenced in his faith by Robert Hall (senr) who wrote "Help to Zion's travellers". As a result, Carey held Hall in very high regard, and felt it always a great honour when he was invited to preach at Hall's church at Arnesby. He would set out on a Saturday morning to walk the 22 miles to Arnesby. No doubt, when he had rested from his journey, he would ask after Hall's son, Robert, who was, by this time, classical tutor at Bristol Academy, and assistant minister at Broadmead. As they talked, neither of them would have known that, in a few short years, Carey would become minister at Harvey Lane, Leicester, or that the young Robert would take over at Harvey Lane some fifteen years after Carey had gone to India.

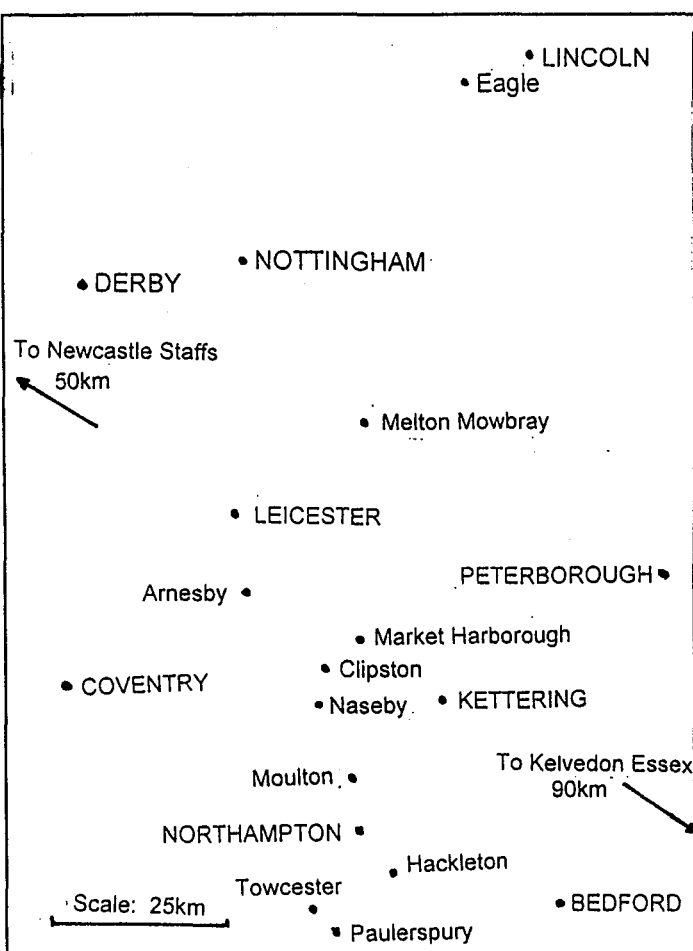
During his walk from Moulton to Arnesby, Carey would have been glad of a rest about half way on his journey at Manor Farm at Naseby. (Naseby was the site of a crucial battle in the Civil War won by Cromwell.) This was the home of his friend John Haddon, a deacon and founder of the Baptist Church which had been formed at Clipston a few years earlier. He would, perhaps, on one of his earlier visits, have admired the new baby, Mary Haddon, about whom we shall hear more. Carey, who was born at Paulerspury, had

been converted and preached first at Hackleton where he was a shoemaker.

John Carryer.

At the time of Carey's ministry at Moulton, two boys were growing up in the village of Eagle, about seven miles from Lincoln. John, the elder of the two, born in 1782, having served his apprenticeship, set himself up as a pawnbroker in Silver Street, Leicester. He went to Harvey Lane Baptist Church, where he met Ann Hulse. They married in 1803 when he was 21 and she 23, but she died less than two years later, a few months after giving birth to a son, and she was laid to rest in Harvey Lane graveyard.

In 1806, John was baptised at Harvey Lane by Mr. Cave and became a church member, and very soon afterwards was appointed Treasurer of the Sunday School. It is at this point that Mary Haddon, who was referred to previously, comes into the picture. We may assume that the two met at some Baptist gathering, but whatever the circumstances of their meeting, they were married back at Naseby, the nearest established church to Clipston, in 1810; in 1812 Mary's membership was transferred to Harvey Lane from Clipston Baptist. They were blessed with several children, two of whom - William Haddon Carryer and Thomas Haddon Carryer - later became Baptist ministers. In 1815 father John Carryer was appointed deacon at



Harvey Lane, and in the following year he was called out by the church to preach the gospel in the villages, so we may assume that he had been practising his preaching for some few years.

But tragedy again overcame him when, after six years of marriage, in 1816 his second wife, Mary also died, leaving him with their young children. How he would have been able to cope on his own can only be imagined, but Mary had a sister Elizabeth, and it is probable that she was able to come to his rescue. Whatever the circumstances, love blossomed between them, and they would have liked to have married. But, sadly, there was a problem. By the law of the land, a man was not permitted to marry the sister of his deceased wife. In Scotland, however, no such law existed, and with the approval of the Harvey Lane church members, and particularly with the encouragement of Rev. Robert Hall (Jnr), by now the minister at Harvey Lane, the couple travelled to Gretna Green, just over the Scottish border, where their marriage was legalised.

There were several children of the marriage. One son eventually went out to Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, and at least two of his sons, born over there, became ministers in the USA.

Back in Leicester, in 1831, John Carryer joined with James Cort, Richard Harris and Spence Broughton to found a new cause in the ever-expanding town. They bought an old chapel in Charles Street in the hope of refurbishing it, but finding their desired objective impossible to achieve they had the old building pulled down, and built a new church on the site, which has now become the Central Baptist Church.

John Carryer became a deacon at Charles Street, and later, his youngest son, John Joshua, was also appointed to the diaconate.

Mary and Elizabeth Haddon had an elder brother, John, who moved to London and founded the printing firm of John Haddon & Co., and they carried out much of the printing for the Baptist denomination. After John's first wife had died in 1822, he married Elizabeth Cort, the daughter of James Cort, one of the founders of Charles Street. Through her mother, Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Robinson, the vicar of St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, who was a personal friend of both William Carey and Robert Hall during their ministries at Harvey Lane.

So highly regarded were the Haddons that a new baby, born in 1834 in Kelvedon, Essex, was named Charles Haddon Spurgeon. His parents were descended from several generations of Congregational ministers, but were not actually related to the Haddons.

Thomas Waddington Carryer

John Carryer's younger brother, Thomas was born

in 1783 at Eagle. After his apprenticeship, he, too became a pawnbroker, located in or around Newcastle, Staffs. He also lost his first wife after a few years, and in 1819 married Mary Ann Hull at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. At that time, all marriages had to be in the established church (Church of England). Mary Hull had been baptised at Harvey Lane by Robert Hall. Among their children was Ann Carryer, who was born at Newcastle in 1823.

In 1820, also at St. Margaret's Church, Charles Barrowdale and Jane Taylor were married. Charles was a sheep drover in Melton Mowbray, and in the next ten years his wife presented him with four daughters. Of these, two married sons of John Carryer, and one a son of Thomas Waddington Carryer, and one can imagine how closely knit the Carryer families would have been.

James Voller

James Voller was born in London in 1813, the son of a cooper. He, too, became an apprentice pawnbroker, not in London, but in Leeds, and attended Salem Congregational Church there. He became interested in church work, but later became disenchanted with the practice of infant baptism, and joined the South Parade Baptist Church in Leeds. He was encouraged there by the minister, Dr. James Acworth, who later resigned to take over the leadership of Horton Academy (later Rawdon College). The minister who succeeded at South Parade inspired Voller to exercise his talents, and in due course he gave up his pawnbroker's business, and began his training for the full time ministry at the end of 1838 at Horton, then under the leadership of his old minister. One of his fellow students was Thomas Haddon Carryer, the son of John Carryer, referred to previously.

When his training was complete, he was appointed in 1843 to his first pastorate at Salford, and in 1844 he married Ann Carryer, the daughter of Thomas Waddington Carryer. Although James Voller was in Manchester, and Ann in Newcastle, Staffs., they came to Harvey Lane, Leicester to be married by Rev. James Phillippo Mursell. Harvey Lane was, of course, Ann's mother's church. It was also William Carey's church, and Robert Hall's, and they may have been influenced by the fact that a new church, to replace Harvey Lane, was being erected in Belvoir Street, and this would have been one of the last opportunities for anyone to be married in the hollowed walls of the old building.

In the years after the marriage, James Voller moved to two other pastorates, and acquired a family of two daughters and a son. His last, and most successful pastorate in England was at Tipton, Staffs., but he felt the call for overseas ministry and when an invitation came from Sydney, Australia, he and Ann de-

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Baptist Ministers in Queensland, 1849-1905

Part 1

Compiled by David Parker

This is the first part of a list of names of more than 100 Baptist Ministers who were known to be in Queensland during the 19th century. (From the jubilee of Baptist work in 1905, the Baptist Association/Union published lists of accredited ministers in its official handbooks.) This list does not include the names of ministers of German Baptist churches published in the last issue, but like that list, it seeks to provide whatever basic detail is known about these men. Ordained and lay ministers are included, as are those who served interim, supply or short term pastorates, as well as regular career ministers.

The first Baptist minister in Queensland was **Rev. Charles Stewart**, who arrived almost 150 years ago as chaplain on the *Fortitude* and became the minister of the United Evangelical Church. (see page 8) He was followed soon after by **Rev. Thomas Deacon** who also served in a united church, in Ipswich, and later as founding pastor and benefactor of the Baptist church there. (His son, **William Thomas Deacon**, a former student for the ministry, arrived with Stewart in 1849.) (see next issue) The third minister was **Rev. Charles Smith** (about whom very little is known); to him belongs the honour of being the first minister of a Baptist church. **Revs. B.G. Wilson** and **J. Kingsford**, to whom so much was owed, were the next in line. (**Wm. Moore** arrived earlier, in 1855, but was not a minister at the time; **J.T. Hinton** was ordained at Maryborough in 1861.)

Information presented here has been gathered from local records (especially the *Queensland Freeman/Baptist*, the 1905 Jubilee history and local church histories), with additional material from sources interstate and overseas (especially England). Acknowledgment is expressed to previous researchers, archivists and other friends who have assisted. This material is a published version of fuller records in the process of development at the Baptist Archives, Queensland. More information and corrections are welcome.

Details presented include (where known) *dates of birth, death and marriage; place or mode of theological training; date and place of ordination; churches served; other positions, honours and items of interest.*

Alexander, John McKnight

b. 1864 New Cumnock Ayrshire Scotland
1884 sailed for Qld
Private tutoring by Rev W V Young (Ipswich)
Sept 86 Lanefield (Rosewood) and Marburg
1889 ? Wharf Street, assistant to Rev. W. Whale
1889 Petrie Terrace, assistant to W. Moore
sole pastor from Nov 1890 - resigned ca 1899 ill
health - left the state

Anderson, George

Dumferline, Scotland, YMCA Secretary
1886 Toowoomba, Bush Missionary

Ashworth, Thomas E.

1903 to UK to study at university for Christian work
1906-July 1907 Annerley/Fairfield
1910-14 Gympie Central
1916 Lanefield (Rosewood) and Marburg

Barnett, Ezekiel

b. 14 April 1856 Carmarthen, Wales; youth at Cardiff
d. 13 Dec 1923
Preaching at 18 yrs of age; private tuition by ministers
1880 left for NZ - pastor at Cambridge at request of T. Spurgeon
NSW: Wallsend and Islington, and North Shore
1889 to Qld at invitation of W. Whale
Mar-Nov 1890 Gympie
1891-94 Toowoomba Central, with Highfields also
1894-97
1901 Mt Morgan (supply at first then call)
1902 Lanefield/Rosewood

Aug 1908 - Feb 1914 Nundah Central
President Baptist Association of Qld 1911-12
Secretary, Baptist Association of Qld 1914

Beckitt (Beckett), William A.

1867-68 Ipswich
To UK

Blaikie, James

From Auckland Tabernacle, New Zealand
1896 Townsville (supply)

Bonser, William

b. 11 March 1857 Coalville
d. 17 October 1937
Spurgeon's College
Loosley Row, near Princes Risborough village church
1881-85 Fenton Staffs.
1886 left UK (after death of wife)
Mar 1886 - Jan 1895 Maryborough Fort Street
1895 to UK - English ministry: St Heliers Jersey,
Oakengates, Bradford, Cullompton, Chudleigh,
Launceston, South Molton, Thorverton,
Launceston and interim ministries

Boyall, Charles

b. 1864 Carlton, Melbourne Vic
d. 30 March 1929
Spurgeon's College 1886-9
1885 Baptist Mission, Port Melbourne
London Evangelisation Soc. itinerant during and after
college
YMCA mission hall worker Sailor's Rest Williamstown
1889-90 Caversham NZ

Aug 1890-Aug 1891 Baptist Union of NSW - itinerant evangelist

Sept 1891 Marrickville (Kingsgrove, Rockdale) NSW
July 1895-Sept 1904 Maryborough Fort Street
1897-1901 Gympie (hon. visiting from Maryborough) Dundedin, NZ

1904-12 Caversham NZ

1912 Sydney NSW

President, Baptist Association of Qld 1900-1

Brame, John

Former member, Barnsley Church (Pastor: B.G. Wilson)

1888 Charters Towers (resigned after 6 months - ill health)

Breewood, Thomas H.

b. 24 Oct 1845 Camberwell, London

d. 17 May 1923

Spurgeon's College, and evening classes at Metropolitan Tabernacle

1875 Boundary Rd, Walthamstow Essex

Arrived Melbourne, 7 Nov 1887 - for health reason - travelling in southern colonies

1888 (early) visiting Brisbane - supplying pulpits

Apr 1889 - Nov 1890 Townsville

1890-91 Sandgate

Apr 1892- May 1893 Ipswich

June 1893 returned to UK (wife's health)

1895-1902 Horsham and Brayford

1902-10 Niton, Isle of Wight

Published "The Preacher's Starting Points"

Buckingham, Frederick George

b. 15 Feb 1851 Padbury Bucks.

outstanding boy-preacher

Spurgeon's College 1869-71

1871-73 Belfast

1873-76 Hussie ? Town Kildare

1876 Brannoxtown

1876-81 Circus St Nottingham

arrived. Victoria 1879

1879-91 Dorcas St South Melbourne ?

Apr 1891-96 Townsville

March 1896 - Feb 1903 Ipswich

1903 - Nelson, NZ

President, Baptist Association of Queensland, 1898-99

Bugg, Isaac J

Sydney

Oct 1903-06 Nundah

Burns, G.

1905 Townsville

1906 Charters Towers

Cairns, Hugh MA, LLB

ex Presbyterian Church of Ireland ministry

Queen's University

Presbyterian Church of Belfast 1879-

Arrived Queensland 1888

1889 Rockhampton

1889-91 Thompson Estate (supply);

1891-92 Roma (supply)

1893-4 Baptist - Toowong

1895 Clayfield/Hendra -

Clayfield Cent 1894-1896

Cairns, P. W.

b Glasgow 20 Apr 1852

d. 30 Nov 1929

Evangelist, Quarrier's Homes Glasgow

Arrived Queensland ca 1886

Salvation Army and Wesleyan ministries

1898 Bundaberg (supply)

1899-1902 Warrnambool, Vic.

1902-05 South Yarra

1906-09 Burnie, Tasmania

1912-13 Claremont WA Presbyterian

1915-16 Ballarat Victoria St

1916-20 Hamilton

1920 Colac ?

1922-25 Wangaratta

President Baptist Union of WA, 1913-14

Clinch, Benjamin White

b. 1852

d. 1933

Spurgeon's College

Ministry in Cape Town, South Africa (?)

Sept 1883 Maryborough - Fort Street

Transferred to Anglican ministry:

1884 Maryborough;

1885 North Ipswich (left Brisbane Diocese)

Cole, James Henry

b. 26 May 1840 Bristol,

d. 22 June 1915 Brighton Vic

ord. 20 Oct 1895 in Fremantle Baptist Church

arrived Port Phillip Feb 1863

Jun-Sept 1895 Perth Baptist Church

Oct 1895-Nov 1896 Fremantle; formed Katanning, and Geraldton

Nov 1896 returned to Victoria

Oct 1898- Sept 1899 Essendon, Vic.

Oct 1900 - August 1901 Kalgoorlie, WA

Aug 1901-Oct 1904 Bayswater Perth

late 1904 returned to Brighton Vic then to Brisbane - supply preaching at City Tabernacle

mid-1905 to early 1912 Enoggera

preaching at Redland Bay

Hon. Sec. British and Foreign Bible Society 1905-07

President, General Baptist Assoc., WA 1903-04

Collins, Thomas

1902 ? - 1904 ? Petrie Terrace

Coombs, Henry

b. Newnham, Gloucestershire

d. 12 August 1923 Vic

arrived Victoria at age 8 with mother

Victorian Baptist College 1873-7 (1st student)

Evangelistic work

1876-9 (?) Brighton Vic

Jan 1879- Sept 1885 Wharf Street

1885 Maryborough (interim)

1888 Sandgate

1887-1894 Williamstown, Vic.

1896 Balwyn

1896-1900 Canterbury, Vic.

1899 Wharf St (interim)

1900-03 Richmond

1903-06 Kapunda, SA

1909-14 Mile End, SA
 President, Baptist Association of Qld, 1879-80
 President, Baptist Union of Victoria, 1892-3

Davies, Thomas Lewis

b. Maindee Newport Wales
 Haverfordwest College
 Ministry in Wales - Presteign Radnorshire
 Maindee Newport Monmouthshire
 arriv. Brisbane 27 June 1877
 July 1877-Dec 1879 South Brisbane
 arrived NZ Feb 1879
 1880 Eyre St Shortland

Deacon, Thomas

b. 1788 Leytonstone, Essex
 d. 29 Aug 1860 Ipswich, Qld.
 General Baptist ministry
 1843-51 Bourne, Lincs. (assistant)
 arrived Queensland 1 March 1851
 informal services in Ipswich
 17 March 1853-1854 United Congregational Church,
 Ipswich
 Baptist services from 23 June 1859
 Jan 1860 Ipswich Baptist Church

Deacon, William Thomas

b. ca 1824 (son of Rev. T. Deacon)
 d. 27 Nov 1851 Ipswich, Qld.
 General Baptist Education Society (General Baptist
 College) Leicester 1845-6
 Spalding (int.) 1846 ?
 Arrived Queensland on *Fortitude* Jan 1849 - secular
 work

Downing, John

Spurgeon's College
 From Fitzroy (George St)
 1879-82 Fortescue Street
 New Zealand, working with Rev. Thomas Spurgeon
 Sept 1883 - Dec 1886 Williamstown Vic
 1887-91 Kyneton, Vic
 1891-93 Nundah supply (with others)

Edwards, G.

1902 Albion (interim)
 1904 Mount Morgan (interim)

Elliott, Howard Leslie

b. Maldon Vic
 m. Miss B. Shorey
 private study Rev. T. Beeson (who baptised him)
 Baptist Association of Qld study course and then Qld
 Baptist College 1904-05
 1898 to July 1901 Deloraine, Tas June
 1901 Clayfield, Qld (supply then accepted call from
 Jan 1902) to 1908
 1908-09 Mt Eden, NZ
 Secretary, Baptist Association of Qld 1907-8

Eustace, Arthur Edwin

b. 1851 Kingsbury near London
 d. 6 Apr 1903 Brisbane
 ca 1874-5, evangelistic work with Guildford Congre-
 gational church.
 1880-2 Country Towns Mission, in charge of an iron
 church at Tilehurst, near Reading
 sailed for Australia, Oct 1882

Evangelisation Society of Vic - for 4 yrs
 Sept 87 - Qld Kanaka Mission (est. by Florence
 Young) at Wangarra Scrub
 Medical condition prevented travelling to Malayta,
 Solomon Islands as missionary in 1896
 1897-99 Hendra/Clayfield Baptist Church
 Rosewood
 ca 1900 - 1901 Mackay Presbyterian Church (supply,
 and work among Kanaka people)
 ca 1902 Tiara and Baptist Home Mission, Bundaberg
 Widow, a city missionary in South Brisbane.

Gerrard, Thomas S.

d. Aug 1883
 m. 1869 - Mrs James Kirkwood b. 29 Apr 1829
 Tuition by Rev. J. Kingsford, Jireh
 May 1869 to Dec 1874 Ipswich

Gillison, Rev James Blyth

b. Scotland
 w. Marion (cousin)
 d. Warwick 5 Sept 1895
 Free Church College, Edinburgh
 converted to Baptists and worked in Theological Hall
 Kirkintilloch (founding pastor)
 Arrived Victoria June 1890
 1891? Echuca
 - 1894 Kew
 April 1895 moved to Warwick, Queensland for health
 reasons (no pastorate in Qld)

Glassop, Stephen

b. Balmain, NSW 17 Jan 1847 (son of Rev. J.J.
 Glassop ca 1804-1894)
 M. 16 July 1870 Miss Pontifex
 Sept 1883 - arrived in Brisbane
 Fortesque St (supply between 1884 and 1886)
 Toowong (supply)
 Sandgate (supply)
 1888-91 Thompson Estate
 June 1903-May 1906 Rosalie (Home Missionary)
 1918-19 Taringa

Glover, John

b. Herne Hill London 1841 or Brixton Surrey 1842
 d. 3 Jan 1906 Highfields
 ex Church of England, then Congregational
 Spurgeon's 1869-71
 1871- Coombe-Martin, Devon
 arriv. Qld early 1885
 1885 Wharf St (supply)
 5 May 1886-88 Fortescue Street
 July 1887 - Sept 1893 Rockhampton
 1894-July 1899 Toowoomba Central - also Highfields
 1897+
 1899-04 Lanefield (Rosewood -
 supply Mt Morgan and Highfields
 Invalided 1904-06

Godson, William Thomas

d. ca 1888 ?
 Pastor Ebbw Vale, S. Wales
 to Qld 1863
 City Tabernacle (supply) March 1863
 April 1863 Maryborough - supply while Rev. J.T. Hin-
 ton absent but remains in the town; reported
 in 1882 (aged 81+ years) conducting services

BHSQ News and Notes

Annual Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Sat 7 Nov.

Research Published: Research on the first Baptist minister in Queensland, **Rev. Charles Stewart**, by **Dr David Parker** has been completed and published under the title, *"Strange Bedfellows" Rev. Charles Stewart, Brisbane's First Baptist Minister and the United Evangelical Church*. The 80 page book is available from the Baptist Historical Society at a cost of \$12 plus \$2.20 p + p. It gives details of church life in Moreton Bay in the period leading up to the arrival in 1849 of Dr John Dunmore Lang's immigration ships, the *Fortitude*, *Chaseley* and *Lima*. Stewart had been selected by Lang as chaplain on the *Fortitude* and then upon arrival became the minister of the church composed of Baptists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Although Stewart's important pioneering role has been known and recognized, this is the first time that details of his life and ministry have been published. Stewart's ministry from 1849-54 was a key factor in Protestant life during this formative period in the life of Brisbane; he was also actively involved in Ipswich, laying the foundations for a united church there as well. His church laid the foundation for the emergence of the three denominations after his departure from the colony early in 1855. The complex details of this development are fully explained in Dr Parker's work.

Dr Parker used local documents, such as newspaper, government and church records, but in addition made extensive use of correspondence between Stewart and the minister of the Bathurst St Baptist Church in Sydney, and correspondence between Stewart and Lang. He also drew upon many English and Scottish documents and sources of information.

Plans are underway to mark the 150th anniversary of Stewart's arrival and the work of the Lang immigrants with a suitable function in 1999. Details will be announced as they come to hand.

Rev. Dr S. W. Nickerson, Principal of the Qld Baptist College of Ministries, has also recently completed similar extensive research on the life and ministry of **Rev. B.G. Wilson**. Details of his publication will be available in due course.

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cided to accept it, much to the regret of the membership at Tipton.

They sailed from Gravesend in June 1853 in the "Meridian", a barque of 579 tons, and all went well until they had rounded the Cape in to the Indian Ocean. Then they ran into heavy gales which continued as they sailed east, and due to a navigational error as they neared Amsterdam Island, in the evening, the ship hit the rocks, and broke in two. They managed to stop in the wreckage for most of the night, but when the ship started to break up, the passengers and crew had to struggle ashore as best they could. Amsterdam Island is a rugged, uninhabited volcanic island, and the ship had been wrecked where there were high cliffs; so they had to spend two days on the rocky beach before a way could be found to higher ground.

The Vollers lost everything in the wreckage including his selected library of books, sermon notes, and all the family's personal possessions. Fortunately, some food and clothing was washed ashore. The passengers and crew managed to survive for two days until a ship approached, but despite their signalling with fires, the ship disappeared. It was another two days before a boat full of sailors from the rescue ship rounded the point and told them to travel overland to a place where they could be taken off. The rugged terrain and heavy undergrowth made it a difficult undertaking, especially with small children. Twelve days after the

shipwreck they were taken aboard the rescue ship which took them to Mauritius. After six weeks there, they managed to find a ship bound for Australia, and they arrived in Sydney on 31st December 1853, seven months after leaving England. James took up the pastorate at Bathurst Street a week or so later, and remained their minister for 17 years. He then moved to Brisbane and resumed limited but much appreciated pastoral activity in a number of locations. In 1877 he was chosen first President of the Baptist Union of Queensland.

Who could have imagined that two boys born in a small village in Lincolnshire, together with girls from Clipston and from Leicester, could have produced descendants who, as Baptist ministers, spread the Gospel not only in this country, but also in Australia, Canada and the USA.

No doubt the Art of the pawnbroker who has to be able to judge not only the value of objects, but also the character of his customer, enabled each of them to prepare for the more important calling of Christian service.

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