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## Congregational Historical Society

Meeting in Ebenezer Congregational Church Schoolroom,  
Cardiff.

In connection with the Autumnal Meeting of the Congregational Union at Cardiff, a General Meeting of the Society was held in the schoolroom of Ebenezer Congregational church on 28th September, 1904. Rev. Dr. Brown' presided ; prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. SMYRK, of Barnstaple.

The SECRETARY read a paper prepared by Rev. W. PIERCE, on *The Marprelate Tracts*. The circumstances under which these celebrated satires originated were considered at some length, and the question of authorship was discussed. The writer was of opinion that neither Penry nor Barrow could possibly be the author ; and that, though certainty was unattainable, probability pointed clearly to Job Throckmorton.

Rev. G. LYON TURNER, M.A., read a paper on " Early Welsh Nonconformity as illustrated by the Indulgence of 1672."

An interesting discussion followed ; and the writers of the papers were requested to allow their publication in the *Transactions*. It was announced that Rev. A. J. Grieve, M.A., B.D., had transcribed the British Museum copy of Penry's rare tract *The Aequity of an Humble Supplication*, and that Dr. Vernon Bartlet had collated the transcript with the Bodleian copy. It was agreed that the work should be sent to press immediately.

[Mr. Pierce's paper will appear in the next issue.]

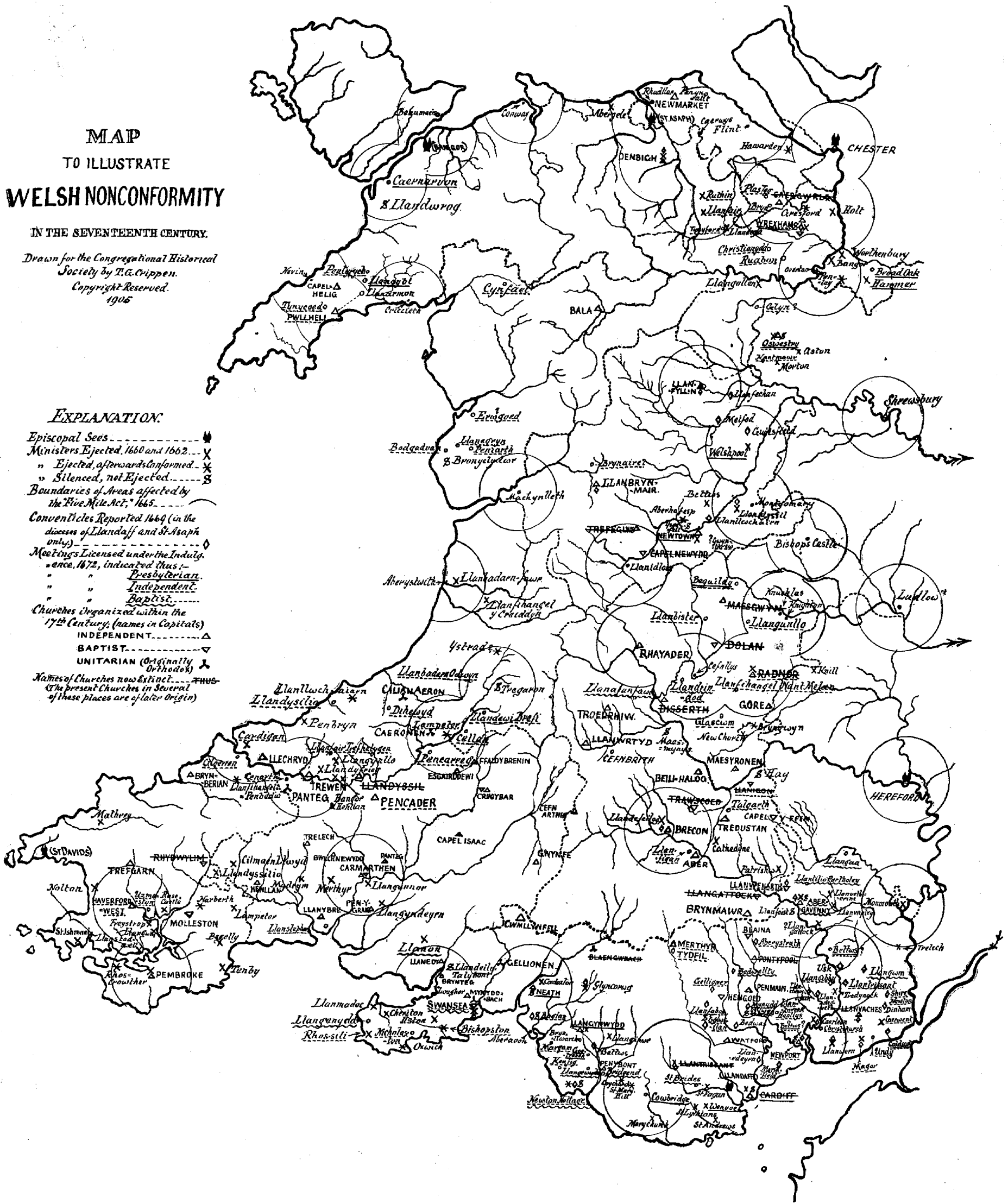
# MAP TO ILLUSTRATE WELSH NONCONFORMITY

IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

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## EXPLANATION.

- Episcopal Sees ----- ●
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- Independent... ○
- Baptist... ○
- Churches Organized within the 17th Century; (names in Capitals) ----- ▲
- INDEPENDENT... ▲
- BAPTIST... ▲
- UNITARIAN (Originally Orthodox) X
- Names of Churches now extinct... ---
- (The present Churches in Several of these places are of later Origin)



## Welsh Nonconformity in 1672

AT the autumnal session of the Congregational Union at Cardiff I read a very fragmentary and imperfect paper on 'Welsh Nonconformity in 1672 as far as it is revealed by the Licence Documents in the Record Office.' I was requested to allow its publication in the *Transactions* of the Congregational Historical Society. I have since so considerably supplemented my material that on revising my paper I have practically re-written it. I have transcribed the whole of the documents relating to the licences, and with reference to Wales have done what I could to make my knowledge of its topography detailed and accurate: and, in the light thrown by the topography upon the documents, have made a summary review of the state and distribution of Nonconformity in Wales as thus revealed.

This is far too copious for a single article. I therefore propose, in the present number, to deal only with the *sources* of our information—and to reserve for a second article a paper on the information which may thus be gathered.

Our sources are the original documents in the Record Office which refer to the licences 'desired' for Wales. Let me present to the reader now a few prefatory remarks—on their form, their orthography, and their geography: with a complete set of transcripts of these documents. A classified county index will be appended to the next article.



## I

And first—their *form*. The documents are of two kinds. First there are the Memoranda of Applications for licences, and the signed acknowledgments of their receipt when actually issued. And, second, there are the Entry Books constituting a Registry of the licences as officially prepared.

1. The Memoranda of Applications and Receipts are contained in two large quarto volumes, which are stored among the Domestic Series of the State Papers for the reign of Charles the Second, and are distinguished in that series as Nos. 320 and 321.

They are not written upon the pages of these volumes, however, as are the entries in the entry books. They are written on fragments of various sizes: some quarto so as to occupy the space of a page, others on ordinary sheets of writing paper, and others on odd scraps or slips of paper mounted on quarto sheets; so as to make each volume more an album than an ordinary book. For purposes of reference each has a number pencilled on it. Indeed many have two numbers, one at the top and the other at the foot—sign, I suppose, of the classification of two different librarians. The numeration at the top however seems most complete: and in my tabulation and indexes I have referred to these alone. In No. 320 the numbers run from 1 to 305; and in No. 321 from 1 to 378.

For examination of the original documents you would therefore have to apply for 'S. P. Dom. Ser. Charles II. 320 or 321.' For purposes of reference to my transcripts I call them simply '320' or '321,' and the number that follows is simply the number affixed to the fragment thus preserved. Thus 320 (36) refers to the single slip of paper numbered 36 in vol. 320, which reads—'Marmaduke Matthews, M.A. of Swanzey Humbly desires to have a Lycence

to Preach to his Congregacōns in his owne Dwelling House in y<sup>e</sup> parish of St. Fones of the foresaid Towne. Presbyt.'

2. The entry books registering the licences actually made out are two—distinguished as E.B. 27, and E.B. 38A. With the former, however, we need not trouble ourselves for the purpose of this paper, as no Welsh licences are registered therein.

Entry book 38A is a large ledger devoted expressly to this one purpose. Each page is ruled with a red line from the top to the bottom about an inch and a half from its left hand edge. For the first 58 pages, and a third of the 59th, a summary of the entry is written in the margin; but in the rest the marginal summary is dropped; and the entry alone is given of the particulars in which one licence differs from another and so are distinctive of the licence in question. These are the names of *person*, *place*, and *denomination* with which the blanks of the printed forms had to be filled up before the licence was signed and issued. For the reader must bear in mind, as shewn in the brief article on 'The Indulgence, 1672,' in the September number of the *Transactions* (pp. 408, 409) that the actual licences issued were of 3 forms. One was for the 'teacher of a certaine congregation'; a second was for 'Ye Place' allowed or licensed; and a third was for a 'teacher in general or at large.' Each of these was printed, leaving blanks to be filled in with the particulars of each special case. In Form 1 the blanks are for the name of the teacher, the name of the place where the congregation of which he is to be the teacher is 'allowed' to meet, and the name of the denomination to which the said teacher and congregation belong. In Form 2 the blanks are for the name of the place to be allowed and of the denomination whose members are to gather in it. And in Form

3 the blanks are for the name of the person and his denomination.

The entries therefore follow one of the 3 following formulæ:—

1. The licence to A.B. to be a X Teacher in Y. county Z.
2. The house of A.B. in Y. Z., licensed to be a X meeting-place.
3. Licence to A.B. of Y. Z., to be a General X Teacher.

in the earlier pages, written fully out; and, in the later, more or less abbreviated. For facility of reference I have indicated 'entry book 38A' by the capital letter 'E'; the figure that follows is the number of the page on which the entry is to be found.

One other thing. After this number indicating the page I have added the letters 'L.I.' (abbreviation for 'licence issued') sometimes with a date appended, and in other cases with a '?' prefixed. This I have done for a definite reason.

It has been taken for granted in many quarters that whenever a licence is entered in the official entry book the licence it describes was actually issued. This supposition, I think I can shew, is a hasty and baseless one. To the greater number of the entries a date is affixed—in the earlier pages written in full with the year as well as month and day; in the later one, very much abbreviated, and the year omitted.

Careful scrutiny shews, however, that the date, in most cases, was affixed some appreciable time after the entry was made. In some cases the handwriting is different; and in others where the handwriting is the same the tint of the ink-marks is fainter and more faded. Moreover, in many instances, no date is affixed at all—in some parts of the book for pages together—and in others, on the same page some entries are dated and others are not. What is the explanation of the difference? Surely this. As the applications were attended

to, by filling in the blanks in the printed forms, a memorandum of each was entered in the entry book. But before these licence forms, even thus filled up, could have any force—as a legal proof that the licensee had liberty to teach or to worship without peril of suffering from the penal statutes against dissenters—they had to be signed above by the King himself, and countersigned below by the Secretary of State; then, but not till then, the blank at the end of the form beginning ‘Given &c.’ was filled in with the date of these signatures, and only then the date was also appended to the entry in the entry book.

The entries therefore should be classified as ‘dated,’ and ‘undated,’ and reason suggests that only those dated were actually issued. Those undated were made out, awaiting signature, but up to the time of the closing of the entry book were never signed, and therefore never issued. In my references, accordingly, I have appended a date to the ‘L.I.’ in the case of all the ‘dated’ ones (so that L.I. Sep. 5, for example, means that the ‘licence’ described was actually ‘issued’ on Sept. 5, 1672); but where the entry was ‘undated,’ I have prefixed a ‘?’ to it, as a mild way of suggesting that it is ‘a question’; (to my own mind, I must confess, much more than a question) whether these licences were ever issued at all. So much then for the form of the documents.

## II

And now, a word or two on their *orthography*. It must be borne in mind that the Welsh language was as much a foreign language to the officials or clerks in the Home Secretary’s offices as Icelandic or Chinese. How the applications were presented at Whitehall we do not exactly know. Many must

have been made by letter, and, as written by Welshmen, the names of places would often seem so strange that they might easily be treated as mistaken, and needing correction. The doubling of the 'l' would seem very unnecessary to the English clerks. It might not unnaturally be likened to the 'ff' which was still used in English instead of the capital F at the beginning of proper names. There are no less than 13 names in which this mutilation has occurred.\* The marvel is that in so many as 9 the ll has been retained.† There are many sigus, however, that the applications were most of them presented personally—in one or two cases by the applicants themselves, such as Daniel Higgs and Stephen Hughes of Swansea, who seem to have come up to London on purpose [we have their signed receipts in 320 (235), and 321 (214)], and in many others by agents residing in London, such as 'Will: Owen' [321 (237) and (277)] and William Jones [321 (373)]. In such cases, no doubt, the names were read out by the applicant, and the guttural 'h' became 'ck,' the strange dental 'dd' became 'th,' the flat 'f' became 'v,' the vowels 'i' and 'w' became 'e' and 'u,' or 'o.'

And so we get 'Dickewede' for 'Dihewid,' 'Mynydd' becomes 'Mynyth,' Llangewydd becomes Llangewith, Christionydd becomes Christionate, Llanfair is turned into Llanvaire and Llanvaye, Llanfabon into Lanvabon, Brefi into Brevy, Llanafanfawr into Llanavaure (with a curious contraction here), Cynfal into Cynvell, Llangwn becomes Langume, and Glascwm becomes Glascomb. Then the C is turned into K, as in Kenarth

\* Lantarnam Langyby Lanfrisen (or Lantrisa) Langume Lanvabon Lanstephan  
Lanvaye Landysilio Lambeder Landewi Lambadarne Lanbister Henlls.

† Llanvaire Llantillo Llangewith Llanavaure Llanvigavin Llandrindod Llanyhangell  
Llangunlo Llanagryn.

for Cenarth, Kilgerran for Cilgerran, Kellan for Cellan, and Penkader for Pencader; 'G' becomes 'C' in 'Goytrehen' and K in Gelligaer, Kellygare. But some of the longer, compounded names have given the most trouble, 'Abergavenny' loses its first syllable right away; and in four entries the second half has 4 variants, all wrong--Bergueny, 'Bergaveny,' 'Bergeveny,' and 'Borgeveney'; while 'Mynyddislwyn' baffles the clerks entirely. It appears as 'Mynythstlane,' 'Mynythstloy,' and 'Monysley.' 'Aberystroth' is caricatured into 'Aberythath,' 'Llantarnam' into 'Lanterneum' and 'Lantarund,' 'Llantrissent' into 'Lantrisa,' 'Kenfig' into 'Kneffig,' 'Llanfair Trefhelygen' into 'Lanvaye Trelygen,' 'Llanfihangel' into 'Llanfihangell.' 'Llangybi' becomes 'Lan Cybi,' and 'Pwllheli' 'Prellhelley'; and in one entry 'Wrexham' is turned into 'Wilxham.'

### III

And now, lastly, a word as to their *geography*. These variations from the truth of names are sufficiently perplexing to the searcher for the truth of fact. But the officials seem to have been as woefully ignorant of the topography of Wales as they were of her language. As I have hinted already, it is not easy, at a glance, to identify 'Borgueny' with Abergavenny, for instance, or 'Monysley' with 'Mynyddislwyn'; nor even to recognise 'Llanafanfawr' in 'Lanavaure,' or 'Llanfair Trefhelygen' in 'Lanvaye Trelygen.' I confess that I was put off the true scent for some time by the fact that 'Goytrehen' was spelt with an initial 'C' (I thought I had discovered in Coyty the place intended), and it requires some ingenuity and knowledge of the language to see 'Llanigon' in

'Kaigon.\*' But when, in addition to gross misspelling, the Whitehall officials assign the places to wrong counties, the difficulties of the investigator are very much increased. Yet in many cases this has been done; and the searcher for truth, in the exercise of his faculty of 'higher criticism' must, on occasion, feel quite free to re-adjust the official allocation to fit the requirements of an otherwise insoluble problem.

When, in one line, so well known a place as Swansea is assigned to Pembroke, though in the line before it has been rightly placed in Glamorgan, and the English Oswestry (Salop) is made a Welsh town in Flint, we need not be surprised to find Pencarreg, which belongs to Carmarthen, put in Cardigan; or Llangennydd, which is on the western border of Gower, Glamorgan, assigned to the adjoining county of Carmarthen.

Still, when all precautions have been used, and all critical freedom has been exercised, some of the listed names remain, to my mind, problems still unsolved. I can find no trace, in any maps or gazetteers I have been able to consult, of 'Glimmin,' 'Kensfroid,' or 'Plas Teg' ('Ploshteake' in E.B.), in Denbigh, though the entry book very clearly assigns them to that county †; nor am I helped by altering 'Glimmin' to 'Glyn,' or 'Kensfroid' to 'Kenspoed,' as Beriah Evans suggests. It seems to me, too, a rather high-handed course to take, to alter the 'Gwynly' of E (269), which somewhat doubtfully reads 'Groynly' in E (262), into Glyn, ‡ and then to transfer it from Montgomery [deliciously spelt in E. B. as 'Mungomrysh.' in E (262), and 'Mun-

\* This is the suggestion of B. Evans.

† Plas Teg is almost certainly in Flint.—T. G. C.

‡ Query if Gwynly is not an error for Gwynthrew, a house near Newtown?—T. G. C.

gumrysh.' in E (269)] into Denbigh; or the clearly written 'Yin y Crye' and 'Yin y Crie' of E (238) into Tynycoided.

Still, the identifications given in the map appended may be accepted as satisfactory; and, with this glance at our materials, I must leave to our next number any account of the information fairly derived from it as to the distribution and condition of Nonconformity in Wales in 1672.

GEO. LYON TURNER.

S.P. DOM. SER. CHARLES II. 320.

- 320 (36) 'Marmaduke Matthews M.A. of Swansea <sup>to be a teacher.</sup>  
'Humbly desiers [*sic*] to have a Lycence to Preach to his  
'Congregaçons in his owne Dwelling House in y<sup>e</sup> parish  
'of St. Fone's by Swansea fores<sup>d</sup> Towne—Presbyt.'
- 320 (37) 'Marmaduke Matthews of St. Fones by Swansea in the  
county Glamorgan to be teacher to the people called  
Independents. to be a teacher alsoe in any place licensed  
and allowed.'
- 320 (34) 'Stephen Hughs. Congr. at Evan Morris House of Lanstephen  
parish and at the Widow Jenkins' house of Penkader,  
Carmarthenshire.'  
'Daniel Higgs Congr. at his own house and at the School  
house in Swansea. Glamorganshire.'
- 320 (85) 'Daniell Walles preacher of y<sup>e</sup> Congregationall way in  
Swansey att Tho: Williams house Swausey. Pembroke-  
shire [*sic*]
- 320 (86) 'Daniell Higgs congregat.  
not licensed  
Swansey schoole house and his owne house. Glamorgan-  
shire.'
- 320 (87) 'Mr. Philip Henry at his house cal'd Broadoke near Hannā  
Flintsh. Presb.
- 320 (87) 'Daniel Diggs [*sic*] Congregational, at the schoole house in  
Swansey.'
- 320 (128) 'Mr. Philip Henry, M.A. of the Presbyterian Perswasion  
desires a licence for himself and his own house in the  
parish of Malpas in the county of Flint.'



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- 320 (233) 'A licence is desired by Daniel Higgs, Congr: for the house of Stephen Hughes in Swansea for the house of Henry Griffith Bishopston for the house of Robert Gothen [*sic*] in Nicholaston & for the house of Richard Bobun [*sic*] in Roscilly to be public meeting places—all in Glamorganshire.'
- 320 (234) 'Daniell Higgs desires a Lycence to preach in the house of Henry Griffith in the houses of Richard Bevan & Robert Gethyn in the county of Glamorgan in Gower, who is of the Congregational perswasion  
' Samuel Jones presbyt. at his own house in Langynwyd and in the house of Mr. Rees Powel [*sic*] of Coitrehen in Glamorganshire  
' Peregrin Phillip congreg. at his own house and at Richard Maylors in Haverfordwest in Pembroke-shire.'
- 320 (235) 'Received out for  
' Mr. Samuel Jones for his own house & Mr. Rees powels house in Glamorgansh.  
' Mr. Peregrin Phillip, for his own house & Mr. Richard Maylors at Haverfordwest in Pembrokesh.  
Received by me  
Stephen Hughes  
' Mr. Daniell Higgs for the house of Richard Bobun [*sic*] Robert Gethen, and Henry Griffith in Glamorganshire  
rec<sup>d</sup> by mee [*sic*]  
Dan: Higgs.'

## S.P. DOM. SER. CHARLES II. 321.

- 321 (5) 'A licence for  
For the house of Mr. John Hughes in Wrexham Denbighsh.  
for Presbyt.'
- 321 (6) 'A licence for the house of Mr. John Hughes of Wrexham Denbighsh.'
- 321 (35) 'Lycences are desired by  
' Mr. John Jones (Cong<sup>l</sup>) to preach in his owne house in Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire  
Mr. James Davies (cong<sup>l</sup>) for his own house in Cardigan and for the house of Mr. John James of Kenarth in Carmarthenshire.'
- 321 (214) 'May the 20<sup>th</sup> 1672.  
' Received then a licence for James Davies to preach in his own house at Cardigan and another for Jenkin Jones to teach in his own house at Kilgerran in Pembrokesh.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
Stephen Ilughes.'

- 321 (237) 'Congregationall  
 'Cong. Mr. John Evans—The House of Edward Kenricke  
 Wrexham in Denbighshire  
 'Cong. Mr. Jonathan Roberts—His house at Llanvaire in  
 Denbighshire  
 'Cong. Mr. Phillip Rogers—Mr. Roger Kynaston his House  
 in Ruabon, Denbighshire.  
 'Cong. Mr. Hugh Owen—his own house Llanegryn—  
 Merionethshire

Will: Owen.'

endorsed 'Owens note May 22.'

- 321 (277) 'Received y<sup>e</sup> 28 of May 1672 these Licences, viz :—  
 for Jo<sup>n</sup>. Evans to teach in his house in Wrexham in  
 Denbighshire  
 for Jona: Roberts to teach in his own house at Llanvaire  
 in Denbighshire  
 for Philipp Rogers to teach in Mr. Roger Kynaston's  
 house in Ruabon in Denbighsh.  
 for Hugh Owens in his own house in Llanegryn in Merionethshire.'

I say

Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

Will: Owens.'

- 321 (353) ' Licences to preach in the county of Monmouth  
 'Mr. Henry Walter Ind<sup>t</sup> at his house at Parkey Pill in the  
 parish of Lantarn<sup>m</sup>  
 Mr. John Powell Ind<sup>t</sup> at the Markett house in Newport  
 Mr. Joshua Lloyd Ind<sup>t</sup> Itinerant (if possible)

For these 3 places

The Bell Inn in Carwent [*sic*] the house of John Morris  
 The house of William Howell in the parish of Undy  
 The house of Joane Jones call'd Milton in the parish of  
 Christchurch'

- 321 (364) 'Mark Gibon in Usmaston, Pembroke  
 John Phillips there'

- 321 (373) 'Mr. Hen: Walter Ind<sup>t</sup> and his house att Park y Pill  
 in the parish of Lanterneum

'Mr. John Powell Ind<sup>t</sup>  
 & Mr. Jos Lloyd. Ind<sup>t</sup>

For these 3 places

The Bel Inn in Caerwent y<sup>e</sup> house of John Morris  
 The house of Will: Howell in the pish of Undy  
 The house of Joane Jones called y<sup>e</sup> Melton in the parish of  
 Xchurch

June 17th, 72

Rec<sup>d</sup>. these licences by

me William Jones.'

## S.P. (DOM. SER.) CHARLES II. E.B. 38A.

## E (17)

Matthews  
Independent  
Swanzey

Licence to Marmaduke Matthews to be a Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Teacher in his own howse in Swanzey 12 Apr. 1672

Swanzey  
Independ.

The howse of Marmaduke Matthews in Swanzey  
licensed to be Meeting-place of the Independent way  
12 Apr. 1672

## E (26)

Higgs  
Congr.  
Swanzey

Licence to Daniel Higgs to be a Congr. Teacher at his  
howse in Swanzey 17 Apr. 1672

Llanstephan  
Penkader  
Congr.  
Carmarthen

The howse of Evan Morris of Llanstephan parish  
and Widow Jenkins of Penkader Carmarthenshire  
licensed for Congr. Meeting places 17 Apr. 1672

Hughes  
Congr.  
Carmarthen

Licence to Stephen Hughes to be a Congr. Teacher in  
Evan Morris howse in Llanstephan parish and Widow  
Jenkins of Penkader Carmarthenshire 17 Apr. 1672.

## E (39)

Swanzey  
Congr.  
Hughes ho:

The howse of Stephen Hughes in Swanzey  
licensed to be a Congr. Meeting-place 20 Apr. 72.

Bishopston  
Congr.  
Griffiths ho:

The howse of Henry Griffith in Bishopston, Glamorgan  
licensed to be a Congr. Meeting-place 20 Apr. 72

Nicholaston  
Congr.  
Gethen's ho:

The howse of Rob: Gethen in Nicholaston, Glamorgan-  
shire licensed to be a Congr. Meeting-place 20 Apr. 72

Roscilly  
Congr.  
Devans' ho.

The howse of Richard Devan in Roscilly, Glamorgansh.  
licensed to be a Congr. Meeting-place 20 Apr. 72

## E (49)

Henry  
Pr.  
Malpas

Licence to Philip Henry to be a Pr. Teacher in his howse  
in the Parish of Malpas, Flintshire. 30 Apr. 72

Malpas  
Pr.  
Henry's ho:

The howse of Philip Henry in the Parish of Malpas.  
Flintshire licensed to be a Pr. Meeting-place  
30 Apr. 72

## E (50)

Jones  
Pr  
Langynwyd

Samuel Jones licensed to be a Presb. Teacher in his  
howse in Langynwyd & Rees Powell in Glamorgan.  
30 Apr. 72.

Langynwyd  
Pr  
Jones ho:

The howse of Sam: Jones in Llangynwyd in Pembroke  
[sic] licensed to be a Pr. Meeting-place 30 Apr. 72

Coytrehen  
Pr  
Powell's ho:

The howse of Rees Powell in Coytrehen, Glamorgan-  
shire licensed to be a Pr. meeting-place 30 Apr. 72.

## E (51)

Haverfordwest  
Congr.  
Maylor's ho:

The howse of Richard Maylor in Haverfordwest  
Pembrok licensed to be a Congr. Meeting-place  
30 Apr. 72

*ADDENDUM.*

E (166)

'The house of John Harris at the Bell Inn in Carwent, Monmouth,

Ind. meeting place . . .

'Like for the house of Josuah Lloyd in Henesant

'Like for the house of Henry Walter in Landanā pa.

- Haverfordwest.  
Congr.  
Phillip's ho:      The howse of Peregrin Philipps in Haverfordwest  
Pembrok licensed to be a Congr. meeting-place  
30 Apr. 72
- Phillip's  
Congr.  
Haverfordwest      Licence to Peregrin Philipps to be a Congr. Teacher in  
his own howse and Richard Maylors in Haverford  
West 30 Apr. 72
- E (85)      Licence to James Davies to be a Congr. Teacher in his howse  
in Cardigan and John James's howse Kenarth. Carmar-  
thensh. 8 May.  
The howse of John James of Kenarth, Carmarthensh. Congr.  
Meeting-place 8 May  
The howse of James Davies of Cardigan, Congr. Meeting-place  
8 May 72  
The house of Jenkin Jones of Kilgerran in Pembrokeshire  
Congr. Meeting-place 8 May
- E (129)  
The howse of Edw. Kenricke in Wrexham Denbigh Congr. Meeting-  
place 22 May  
'Licence to John Evans to be a Congr. Teacher in the howse of  
Edw. Kenricke in Wrexham, Denbigh. 22 May.'
- E (135)  
'Licence to Hugh Owen to be a Congr. Teacher in his howse in  
Llanegryn, Merioneth, 22 May  
Licence to Phil. Rogers to be a Congr. Teacher in the howse of Roger  
Kynaston at Ruabon, Denbigh. 22 May  
'The howse of Hugh Owen in Llanegryn, Merioneth, Congr. meeting-  
place 22 May  
'The howse of Roger Kynaston in Ruabon, Denbigh Congr. meeting-  
place 22 May  
'The howse of Jonathan Roberts in Llanvaire, Denbigh. Congr.  
meeting-place 22 May  
'Licence to Jonathan Roberts to be a Congr. Teacher in his howse in  
Llanvaire, Denbigh 22 May
- E (156)  
'The house of Joane Jones in the parish of Christchurch Monmouth  
Ind. meeting place 10 June  
'Like for the house of William Howell in the Parish of Undy,  
Monmouth 10 June
- E (169)  
'Licence to Henry Walter to be an Indep. Teacher in his house in the  
Parish of Lantarund, Monmouth. 10 June.'
- E (170)  
'Licence to John Powell of Newport, Monmouth Grall Teacher.  
10 June  
'Licence to Josuah Lloyd of Henesant Monmouth to be a Grall Ind.  
Teacher. 15 June.'

E (173)

‘Like for the house of John Philips in Usemaston. Pembr.

‘Like for the house of Marke Gibons in Utmaster Pembr.

E (181)

‘The house of Sam: Jones in the Parish of Margam, Glamorgan  
Ind. meeting-place.’

E (187)

‘The house of James Lewes in Caldicot Parish. Monm: Pr.

‘Like for the house of Watkin John in Monysley Parish. Monm:

‘Licence to Watkin John to be a Pr-Teacher in his house in Monysley  
Parish, Monm:

‘The house of John French at Cardiff, Glamorgan Pr

‘Licence to John French to be a Pr. Teacher in his house at Cardiff  
Glamorgan

‘The house of Morgan Thomas of Wenvor, Glamorgan. Pr.

‘Licence to Josuah Miller to be a Pr. Teacher in the house of Morgan  
Thomas in Wenvor Parish, Glamorgan.’

E (188)

‘Licence to Thomas Joseph to be a Anab-Teacher in his house at  
Bridgend, Glamorgan.‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Andrews of Newton, Glamorg. Anab.‘Licence to Howell Thomas to be an Anab-Teacher in the house of  
W<sup>m</sup> Andrews at Newton, Glamorg

‘The house of Widow Williamson St. Bridge. Glamorg. Anab.

‘Like for the house of Thomas Joseph at Bridgend Glam.’

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‘The house of Llewelin Morgan at Llangewyth, Glamorgan. Anab.’

E (196)

‘Licence to Sam: Jones Ind. to teach at his house in Margam Parish,  
Glamorgan. 16 July

‘The house of Sam. Jones at Margam, Glamorgan, Ind. 16 July

E (197)

‘Watkin Cradock Ind. in his house in Newton, Glamorgan 16 July

‘The house of Watkin Cradock in Newton, Glamorgan. Ind. 16 July

‘Robert Thomas, Congr. in his house at Bagland, Glamorg. 16 July

‘The house of Lewes Alward in Kneffig, Glamorgan, Ind. 16 July

‘Jacob Christophers Ind. to teach in Lewes Alward’s house in Kneffig,  
Glamorgan 16 July

E (201)

‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Winne in Christionate Denbigh, Congr. 22 July

‘The house of Mary Lloyd in Cynvell, Merioneth. Congr. 22 July

E (203)

‘Licence to Geo: Robinson to be a Congr. Teacher in the house of  
Geo: Morgan in Lantrisa, Monmouth. 22 July

E (204)

‘The house of George Morgan in Lantrisa, Monmouth, Congr. 22 July

- 'Like for the house of W<sup>m</sup> Richards in Langume, Monm. 22 July
- 'Licence for Walter Williams to be a Congr. Teacher in the house of Edw: Waters in Langyby Monm. 22 July
- 'The house of Ed: Waters in Langyby Monm. Congr. 22 July.

E (209)

- 'The house of John Maurice in Shere Newton, Monm. Congr. 25 July
- 'Licence to Thomas Quarrell to be a Congr. Teacher in the house of John Maurice in Shere Newton, Monm. 25 July.'

E (210)

- 'Like for David Williams's house at Pennarth, Merion. 25 July
- 'Like for John Owen's house in Errowgoyel, Merion. 25 July
- 'Like for John Kynaston's house in Bryng, Mountgom. 25 July'

E (215)

- 'Like for Ellis Davis at Bodvegny, Merion. 25 July

E (217)

- 'The house of Hugh Edwards at Oswestry, Denbigh Congr. 25 July
- 'Like for the house of John Hughes, at Glimmin, Denbigh, 25 July.'

E (231)

- 'The house of Jane Rignalds att Marshfield in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug 10
- 'The house of Thomas James att Mynythstlayne, Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug 10
- 'The house of Evan Williams att Mynythstlayne, Monmouth Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'The house of Barbara Williams in Newport, in Monmouth, Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10.
- 'The house of Llewellyn Rossar, att Aberythath in Monmouth. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'The house of John Watkins Llanwenarth in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'The house of Margaret Jones att Henlis in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'The house of Rignald Morgaine att Bettus in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'The house of John Edwards at Bergueny in Monmouthsh. Anab.  
Aug. 10.

E (232)

- 'Licence to John Edwards to be a Anab. Teacher att his owne house att Bergeveny in Monmouthsh. Aug. 10
- 'The house of Thomas Jones at Bedwelly in Monmouthsh. Anab<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10.
- 'The house of W<sup>m</sup>. Prichard of Llantillopertholly in Monm<sup>th</sup>  
Aug. 10
- 'Licence to W<sup>m</sup>. Prichard to be a Anab, Teacher att his abovesaid.
- 'The house of Christopher Price att Bergeveny in Monmouthsh. Anab.  
Aug. 10

- ‘Licence to Tho: Jones to be a Teacher att his own house at Bedwellty  
in Monmouthsh. Anab<sup>t</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 10.
- ‘Licence to Christopher Price to be a Anab. Teacher  
at his own house att Borgeveuy in Monmouthsh. Aug<sup>t</sup> 10.
- ‘The house of Watkin Jones Mynythstloy in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 10.
- ‘Licence to Watkin Jones to be a Ind<sup>t</sup> Teacher att his house abovesaid
- ‘The house of John Jones of Aberystroth in Monm<sup>h</sup> Ind<sup>t</sup> Aug. 10.’  
E (234)
- ‘The house of Lewis Rces of Kellygare in Glamorgsh: Congr. Aug. 10
- ‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Rowland of Lanvabon in Glamorgsh: Congr.  
Aug. 10
- ‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> John of Eglwisillan in Glamorgsh: Congr. Aug. 10
- ‘Licence to Thomas John to be a Congr. Teacher att the house of the  
abovesaid W<sup>m</sup> John att the place aforesaid Aug. 10.
- ‘The house of James Lewis att Caldicott in Monmouthsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Aug. 10.’  
E (235)
- ‘Licence to Daniell Williams to be a Pr. Teacher  
of Wrexham in Denbigh. Aug. 10.’  
E (237)
- ‘The house of James Jackson of Hanmer in Flintsh. Pr. Sep 5
- ‘The house of Katherine Key of Hanmer in Flintsh. Pr. Sep. 5
- ‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Bennett of Hanmer in Flintsh. Pr. Sep 5
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- ‘Licence to Thomas Barnes of Magor in Monmouthsh to be a Congr.  
Teacher. Sep 5’  
E (238)
- ‘Licence to John Williams of Tuynycoied in Carnarvonsh. Congr.  
Teacher. Sep 5
- ‘The house of the abovesaid Williams—also
- ‘The house called Bodwell house att Tuynycoied in Carnarv. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Sep 5
- ‘Licence to Johu Rowland of Yin y Crye in Carnarvonsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Teacher Sep 5
- ‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Rowland of Prellheley in Carnarvonsh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Sep 5
- ‘Licence to W<sup>m</sup> Rowland to be a Ind<sup>t</sup> Teacher att Penterik, Pwllheley  
in Carnarvonsh. Sep 5
- ‘The house of John Rowland in Yin y Crie in Carnarvonsh. Indep.’  
E (244)
- ‘Licence to Ellis Rowland of the City of Carnarvon. Pr.
- ‘The house of Ellis Rowland in the City of Carnarvon. Pr.
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- ‘The house of Luke Lloyd of Bryne in Flintsh. Pr.



E (245)

‘Licence to Rignald Morgan of Bettus in Monmouthsh. Pr. Teacher  
Sep 5’

E (246)

‘Licence to Hugh Rogers to be a Pr. Teacher at his own house in  
Welshpoole in Montgomrysh.’  
‘The house of David Rogers of Welshpool in Mountgomerysh. Pr.  
Sep 5.’

E (248)

‘The house of Ellice Williams of Lan Cybi in Carnarvonsh. Pres.  
Sep 5’  
‘Licence to Ellice Williams of Lan Cybi in Carnarvonsh. Presb.  
Sep 5’

E (251)

‘Licence to Lewis Thomas to be a Anab. Teacher att the house of  
W<sup>m</sup> Dyke att Swanzey in Glamorgsh. Sep 30’  
‘Licence to Rob<sup>t</sup> Morgan to be a Anab. Teacher at y<sup>e</sup> house of  
Josuah Franch of Llangennyth in Carmarthensh.’

E (254)

‘The house of Eve Christopher of Cowbridge in Glamorgansh. Pr.  
‘Like to Sam: Jones to be a Pr Teacher at the house of Eve Chris-  
topher of Cowbridge, Glamorgansh. Pr. Sep. 30

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‘Licence to David Williams of Tolgarth in Brecknocksh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
Teacher. Sep 30

‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Watkins of Tolgarth in Brecknocksh. Ind<sup>t</sup>  
‘The house of W<sup>m</sup> Watkins of Kaingon in Brecknocksh. Congr.

E (255)

‘The house of John Weaver of New Radnor in the county of Radnor  
Congr.

E (260)

‘The house of Wm. Dykes of Swanzey in Glamorgansh. Anab.  
‘The house of John Morgan of Llanon in Carmarthensh. An.  
‘The house of Joshua Franklin of Llangennijth, Carmarthensh.  
Anab.  
‘The house of Edw: Williams of Llangennyth in Carmarthensh. Anab.

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‘The house of Widd. Morris of Newton in Montgomerysh. Pr.’

E (261)

‘Licence to W<sup>m</sup> Winn to be a Congr. Teacher at his house at Ruabon  
in Denbighsh. Oct. 28

‘Licence to Rich. Jones to be a Congr. gen<sup>l</sup>. Teacher att Ruabon  
Denbighsh. Oct. 28.

‘Licence to W<sup>m</sup> Jones to be a Congr. Teacher at his house in Plosh-  
teake in Derbysh. Oct. 28.’

E (262)

'Licence to Rich. Price to be a Congr. Teacher att his own house  
at Groynly in Mungomrysh. Oct. 28.'

E (266)

'Licence to Morgan Howell to be a Congr. Teacher at the house of  
John Jones of Lambadarne Odyn, Cardygsh.

'The house of David Thomas of Landysilio, Cardigansh. Congr.

'Licence to David Jones to be a Congr. gen<sup>l</sup> Teacher  
of Pencarreg in Cardigansh. Oct. 28

'The house of David Ree of Lanvaye Trelygen Cardsh. Congr.

'The house of Phillip David of Dickewede, Cardigansh. Congr.

'Licence to David Jones to be a Congr. Teacher at his own house  
at Landewi Brevy in Cardigansh.

'The house of the Widd. Gwyn of the Towne of Cardigan. Congr.

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'Licence to Evan Hughs to be a Congr. Teacher at the house of  
David Hughs of Kellan in Cardigansh.

'The house of Evan David of Lambeder in Cardigansh. Congr.

E (269)

'The house of Richard Price of Gwynly in Mungomrysh. Congr.

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'The house of Eliz: Elston of Kensfroid in Denbighsh.

'The house of John Roberts of Ruthin, Denbighsh. Congr.'

E (273)

'The house of Rich: Mills of Glascomb in Radnorsh. Congr.  
No.<sup>r</sup> 18/72

'Licence to John Hamer of Lanbister in Radnorsh. Congr. Teacher

'Licence to Maurice Griffith of Begildy in Radnorsh. Congr. Teacher

'Licence to Edw: Owen of Glascomb in Radnorsh. Congr. Teacher

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'The house of Ann King of Lanbister, Radnorsh. Congr.

'The house of Rich: Griffith of Llangunlo in Radnorsh. Congr.

'The house of Thomas Price of Glascomb in Radnorsh. Congr.

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'The house of Eliz. Morgan of Neath in Glamorgansh. Pr.

'The house of Rice Powell called Kildandy in Glamorgansh. Pr.

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'The house of Tho. Tonman of Llanyhangel Nant Melan in Radnorsh.  
E (277)

'The house of Rich. Griffith of Begildy in Radnorsh. Pr.

'Licence to Rich. Griffith Pr. Teacher at his house abovesd.

'Licence to Maurice Griffith Pr. Teacher att his own house  
at Begildy in Radnorsh. Decemb. 9/72'

E (280)

\*The house of Owen Morgan of Begildy in Radnorsh. Pr.

E (286)

\*Licence to W<sup>m</sup> Greene Bapt. Teacher at his own house at Llandrindod in Radnorsh. Feb. 3

\*Licence to Tho. Evans Bapt. Teacher of Llanavaure in the county of Brecon.

\*The house of David Williams of Llanvigavin in the county of Brecon Feb. 3: 1672/3

E (287)

\*Licence to Lewis Pritherech. Ind<sup>t</sup> Teacher at the house of David Williams, Llanvigavin in the county of Brecon.

\*Licence to Henry Williams to be Ind<sup>t</sup> Teacher at the house of Howell Reese of Merthir in Glamorgansh:'

*(To be continued).*

## Dr. Thomas Gibbons' Diary

### III

- 1771 Tuesd. Feb. 19. Held a Church Meeting. Messrs. Cromwell & Fuller appointed Messengers to Mr. Popplewell's Ordination.
- Wed. Feb. 20. Attended Mr. Popplewell's Ordination. I prayed & introduced the Work. Mr. Winter prayed the Ordination Prayer. Mr. Barber prayed. Dr. Conder preached. Mr. Brewer prayed. Mr. Hitchin gave the Charge, and Mr. Popplewell concluded. [This was at Hare Court.]
- Thursd. Feb. 28. Attended Lord North's Levee.
- Thursd. April 9. Attended the Ordination of Mr. John Kello [the last pastor of Little St. Helens]. Mr. Wilton of Tooting began in Prayer & Reading. Mr. Hitchin prayed. I asked the Questions & prayed over him. Mr. Muir gave the Charge. Mr. Popplewell prayed. Dr. Conder preached a Sermon to the People. Mr. Towle concluded in Prayer.

The great trial of Dr. Gibbons' life, which takes up a large space in this part of his diary, was the conduct of his second surviving son, Samuel. This lad had been apprenticed to an apothecary, but ran away twice in 1769. He was kept in strict confinement for some months, and his father sought the aid of Richard Thornton to secure him a situation in India, but without success. He was then sent to Boston, but came back almost at once, owing to the unsettled state of the colonies. On the last day of 1770 he again "cloped," to his parents' great distress, joined the Army, but was soon after bought out. Now (in June, 1771), his father takes him on a journey into Cambridgeshire

and Essex, and places him with a surgeon at Castle Hedingham. During this journey the Doctor fishes in Burwell Lode, and visits his birthplace at Reach on his 51st birthday.

Frid. Aug. 2. Went with Mr. Fisher to Messrs. Nibrigh & Nairne abt. a Philosophical Apparatus for the College at New Jersey.

Tuesd. Nov. 26. Met the Pinners' and Salters' Hall Ministers to divide the Income of Mr. Bromley's Estate to poor Ministers.

Wed. Nov. 18. Attended the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. Noah Hill at the late Dr. Jennings. Mr. Palmer of Hackney began, & read. I asked the Questions, received the Confession, & prayed over him. Mr. Spilsbury gave the Charge. Mr. Ford prayed, Dr. Savage preached, & Mr. Brewer concluded in Prayer. Dined at the Angel & Crown in White-Chappel.

Frid. Dec. 20. Attended the Meeting of the Subscribers to the Bartholomew Close School on Occasion of the Choice of a Master. The Revd. Mr. Josiah Cater was chosen.

1772 Lord's Day Jan. 26. Visited & prayed with Mrs. Cromwell, who has lately received the Acct. of the Death of her Son Thomas in the East Indies.

Waylen says that it is uncertain whether this young man died in 1771 or 1773. The entry settles the point. He was a lieutenant in the Company's service.

Thursd. Jan. 30. Much taken up in going from one place to another for the Encouragement of a Petition to Parliament in amendment of the Law for punishing Offenders for violating the Lord's Day.

Lord's Day. Feb. 9. Preached in the Morning from Ps. 146 3-5, on the Death of the Princess Dowager of Wales.

Mond. Feb. 24. Went with Dr. Stennett to Mr. Onslow's on the Business of an additional Clause to enforce the Observation of the Lord's Day.

Tuesd. Feb. 28. Went with Dr. Stennett to Lord Dartmouth's and to the Treasury on the same Business. Had an Interview & Conference with Lord North & Mr. Onslow on the Matter.

We now come upon a series of entries of some historical interest. The famous Feathers Tavern Petition had been drawn up in July of the preced-

ing year, and a movement for the abolition of subscription to the Articles had been set on foot.

Tuesd. March 3. Met Messrs. Pope, Stennett, Webb, Spilsbury, Langford, and Toller. Afterwards met them & several others on the Affair of an Application to Parliament for the Relief of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers from Subscription to the Articles of the Church of England, and for getting Tutors & Schoolmasters on a safer Footing. Agreed to summon the general Body.

Wed. March 4. The General Body assembled and chose a Committee for the Purpose of attending to the Matter, after having received an Account from Dr. Stennett of the favourable disposition of the Ministry to the Affair. The Committee Mr. Pickard, Mr. Pope, Dr. Amory, Dr. Harris, Dr. Price, & Dr. Kippis, Presby. Dr. Conder, Dr. Savage, Dr. Furneaux, Mr. Toller, & Self Independents. Dr. Stennett, Dr. Jefferies, Mr. Thompson & Mr. Wallin Antipaedobaptists. The Committee sat that Evening.

Thursd. March 5. Went with Dr. Stennett, Harris, & Toller to Mr. Onslow's. Received further Encouragement from him as to the kind Disposition of the Administration. Dr. Stennett, Dr. Harris, & Mr. Toller Met the Committee.

Frid. March 6. Went to Sir Henry Houghton, Bart. Obtained his Favour as to the Petition to Parliament for amending the Act for observing the Lord's Day. N.B. The Petition was carried in & signed by Clergy, Episcopal & Dissenting, Traders, &c., Wednesday, the 26th Instant by Alderman Harley, & was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and this day there was a Bill ordered to be brought in, a very inconsiderable Minority against it.

Mond. March 9. Went with the Committee as mentioned above to Mr. George Onslow's on the Business of Relief, &c.

Other meetings of the Relief and Lord's Day Committees follow.

Thursd. March 19. Employed in the Afternoon in transcribing the Bill for Relief of the Dissenters. Wrote several Copies.

Tues. March 31. Went to Westminster on the Errand of procuring the Favour of Members of Parliament, &c.

Wed. April 1. Went with Mr. Wallin to Mr. Thraile, & Sir Joseph Mawbey, Members for Southwark.

Frid. April 3. Attended the Committee. Went to the House of Commons, and heard the Motion for a Bill for the Relief of Dissenters made by Sir Henry Houghton, & seconded by

- Sir George Saville. The House agreed to the Motion without a Division.
- Frid. April 10. Met the Committee at the King's Arms, Palace Yard. Dined there. The House of Commons unexpectedly adjourned.
- Sat. April 11. Went with Dr. Savage & Dr. Jefferies to several Noblemen's Houses, with our Case agt. Subscription.
- Tuesd. April 14. Attended the House of Commons on the second Reading of the Bill for Relief from Subscription, &c. Heard the Debate from 7 to 11. Speakers, Sir Roger Newdigate, Mr. Dyson, Sir William Bagot, Sir George Saville, &c. Supped with the Committee; Mr. Onslow, Sir Willm. Meredith, & Sir Henry Hoghton supped with us.
- Frid. May 1. Met the Committee to attend the House of Commons. Our Affair postponed.
- Frid. May 8. Went with Dr. Stennett & Dr. Harris to the Duke of Richmond's and Lord Camden's. Attended the House of Commons & had the Pleasure of finding our Bill read the third Time with Success.
- Sat. May 9. Went with Dr. Stennett & Dr. Harris to Lord Dartmouth's. Had a Conference with him.
- Tuesd. May 19. Spent the Afternoon & Evening in attendance on the Fate of our Bill for removing Subscriptions, &c., in the House of Lords. After about 5 or 6 Hours Debate the Bill was thrown out—23 for it, 73 agt. it. Proxies for 4, agt. 29.

Thus, in the words of Robert Robinson, "Christian liberty expired in the holy lap of the Spiritual Lords."

- Thursd. June 25. Went with Mr. Stafford with a Design to visit Lady Huntingdon, but was disappointed.
- Wed. July 15. Attended the Funeral & spoke over the Grave of William Cromwell, Esq., a Deacon & Member of the Church.
- Wed. Nov 11. Heard Mr. Madan at St. Sepulchre's Church to the Book Society. Dined with the Society.
- Wed. Dec. 13. Attended the Meeting of the general Body of Dissenting Ministers at Dr. Williams' Library. Meeting continued from 11 till Half after 4. The Question put whether a fresh Application should be made for Relief from Subscriptions, &c., in Case it was judged proper & prudent. On the the Division 55 for the Affirmative & 13 agt. it.

- 1773 Frid. Feb. 5. Admitted Miss Susannah Cromwell into the Church.
- Wed. Feb. 17. Met the Society for providing for Widows, who determined upon the Reduction proposed by a great Majority.
- Mond. Feb. 22. Attended the House of Commons, when there was a Motion made by Sir Henry Hoghton for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Protestant Dissenting Ministers from Subscription to the 39 Articles, which was granted with no difficulty.
- Thursd. March 4. Attended the Academy at Homerton. Took into Consideration with several others the Behaviour of the Students.
- Frid. Apr. 2. Went with Dr. Conder to Lord Dartmouth's. Had an Interview with him.
- Thursd. June 3. Dined with several Friends at the Bell at Edmonton.
- Thursd. July 15. Was visited this Morning by Phillis Wheatley, a Negro young Woman from Boston in New England. A Person of fine Genius, & very becoming Behaviour. [She had some reputation as a poet.]
- Lord's Day Aug. 15. Preached in the Morning from Job 37. 5, on Occasion of the Thunderstorm which happened on Friday the 13th at night, and Saturday the 14th in the Morning. It began about 9 o'clock on Friday Evening, continued all Night, & ended about 6 on Saturday Morning. More Damage was done by this Tempest perhaps than by any done in the Memory of Man. Many Lives in and about London were destroyed by the Lightning, besides the Injuries done to Churches, Houses, & the like. How great and awful the Power of Deity! Who shall not fear before him?
- 1774 Thursd. Jan. 20. Attended as Pall Bearer the Funeral of my Revd. Brother Mr. Edward Hitchin.
- Wed. March 2. Attended the Separation of Mr. John Reynolds to the Church in Camomile Street. Mr. Towlc opened the Work of the Day Mr. Rogers prayed. Mr. Shilton prayed. Mr. Brewer preached. Mr. Barber prayed & my Self concluded in prayer.
- Wed. June 22. Attended Lord Dartmouth's Levee.

His second son still continues to give the good man great trouble. He moves about from one situation to another, at Market Harborough, at Rothwell, at Saffron Walden, at Marborough, losing them all, apparently, through "elopement"



or misconduct. The elder son, Thomas, on the other hand, was married and happily settled at Bishop's Stortford in charge of a school, and from time to time the Doctor pays him visits, sometimes taking pupils to him by the coach.

1775 Wed. Feb. 16. Attended the Ordination of Mr. Joshua Webb in Aldersgate-street. Dr. Fisher prayed, I opened the Work of the Day, and received the Confession. Mr. Winter prayed over Mr. Webb, Mr. Barber gave the Charge, Mr. Brewer prayed, Dr. Conder preached the Sermon, and Mr. Webb concluded in prayer.

Tuesd. Feb. 21. Heard Mr. Winter at Pinners-hall. N.B., My Self & Winter made the Collection for the Fund, which amounted to £143 12. 8, the largest ever made.

Tuesd. April 4. Finished the Account of my Grandfather Shuttlewood for Publication in Mr. Palmer's Nonconformists' Memorial.

Wed. April 5. At the Ordination of Mr. Nathanael Trotman at Mr Hitchin's Place. Dr. Conder begun in Prayer. Mr. Towle opened the Work of the Day. Mr. Barber prayed. Mr. Webb gave the Charge. Mr. Olding prayed. Mr. Brewer preached to the People, & my Self concluded. Dined with the Company at the London Tavern. Met a Deacon of the Northampton Church, & talked over their Differences.

Wed. May 3. Spoke over the Grave of that excellent Man, & my dear Friend, Dr. Langford. Mr. Spilsbury & Self went before the Corpse. Dr. Stennett, Mr. Toller, Mr. Winter, Mr. Ford, Mr. Jennings, & Dr. Wilton held up the Pall.

Lord's Day May 7. In the Afternoon to a very numerous Auditory I preached Dr. Langford's Funeral Sermon at the Weigh-house from Blessed are the dead yt. die in the Lord.

Wed. July 12. Attended the Ordination of Mr. John Bennett, [Sutton in Ashfield, Notts]. Mr. Gallard of Ilston began in Prayer, & read two Chapters. Mr. Alliston opened the Work of the Day, & received the Confession. Mr. Thorpe of Rotheram prayed over him. I gave the Charge. Mr. Bacon of Ashley prayed. Mr. Dalton of Coventry preached a Sermon, and Mr. Plumbe of Nottingham concluded.

Tuesd. Aug. 15. Set out in the Diligence for Bristol.

Wed. Aug. 23. Attended the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. John Marks Moffat [At Nailsworth.] Mr. Davies of Bristol began in Prayer, & reading Acts 20, and 2 Tim. 2.

Mr. Moffat delivered his confession. I prayed over him & gave him the Charge from Matt. 24. 45, 46. Mr. Wilkins & Mr. Bell prayed. N.B. Mr. Fawcett of Kidderminster was expected to have preached the Sermon, but never came. Dined with the Ministers & other Gentlemen.

The closing months of 1775 are stated to have been marked by "general disorders" (possibly an outbreak of influenza) throughout the City, which affected the good Doctor and all his family. On Feb. 2nd, 1776, on going to the week-night service (which was always held on Friday evening) he is "prevented by the Rain descending from the Roof," or rather as afterwards appears by the melting of the snow; and from the same cause no services can be held on the following Sunday. A fortnight later he is taken ill while preaching, and has to be "cupped."

1776 Sat. May 18. Saw the Exhibition of Pictures in Pell-Mell.

1776 Sat. June 1. This Day my Work entitled *Memoirs of eminent pious Ladies* went to the Press.

Wed. July 24. Attended the Ordination of Mr. John Cooper at the Meeting Place at Walden [Saffron Walden]. Mr. Curtis of Linton began in Prayer. Sung. Mr. Tull [?] introduced the Work of the Day & took the Confession. Sung. Mr. Saunders of Cambridge prayed. I gave the Charge from Matt. 24. 45, 46. Sung. Mr. Field of Halstead prayed. Mr. Angus of Stortford preached the Sermon from 1 Thes. 1. 1. Mr. Reynolds of London prayed. Sung. Dr. Fisher of Homerton concluded in Prayer. Dined at the Rose in Walden.

Tuesd. July 30. Saw in the Evening a very remarkable Eclipse of the Moon.

Thursd. Nov. 7. Went to Lord Onslow's to petition a Protection for a poor Waterman.

Frid. Nov. 29. Went to Lord Onslow's. Met with him, & he was so kind as to grant me a Badge for a Waterman, whom I recommended to him for his kindness in saving my Son Saml's Life when in imminent Danger of drowning.

Frid. Dec. 13. A Day of public Fasting & Humiliation. Dr. Fisher read several suitable Portions of Scripture, & prayed. I prayed, & then preached a Sermon from Ezek. 18. 30. the latter part. The Service began abt. a Quarter before Eleven, & ended about Two.

Wed. Dec. 18. Attended the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. Benjamin Round at the Meeting in Queen Street, Ratcliff Cross. Mr. Hill began in Prayer. Dr. Watson opened the Work of the Day. I prayed the ordination-Prayer. Mr. Muir gave the Charge. Dr. Fisher prayed. Dr. Hunter preached, & Mr. Barber concluded in Prayer.

1777 Thursd. Jan 9. Attended at a Dissection of a human Body by Mr. Young.

Lord's Day April 13. Preached at Walden Morning and Afternoon from Col. 2. 6. Heard Mr. Harrison of Wenden in the Evening from Ezek. 18. 27, 28, on the Acct. of one Stephen Player, Son of Mr. Stephen Player, a Butcher in Walden. The young man was executed at Chelmsford a week or two ago for a Burglary, and desired that a funeral Discourse might be preached from the words.

Tuesd Sept. 2. Attended the Funeral & supported the Pall of Mrs. Elizabeth Halsey, of the Borough, Southwark. She left £400 each to the Ministers that attended her Funeral, to be divided by them in twenty Pounds each to poor English Independent Ministers. She also left the Distributors of her bounty fifty Pounds each. The Ministers Dr. Conder, Dr. Watson, Dr. Wilton, Mr. Winter, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Barber, Mr. Brewer, and myself. In this Event are unexpected Pleasure & Mercy. Blessed be God.

Wed. Oct. 22. Attended the Ordination of Mr. John Harris [at Aylesbury]. Mr. Spooner of Chesham began in Prayer, & reading 1 Tim. 3. Introduction, Questions & answers, & receiving the Confession, by Mr. Porter of Chesham. Ordination Prayer my self. Charge by Dr. Watson from 1 Thes. 2. 4, Mr. Rees of Princes Risborough prayed. Mr. Boughton of Buckingham preached from Col. 1. 10, & Mr. Price of Chalfont St. Giles concluded in Prayer. I hope a good day. Dined at the George with the Ministers, &c.

In November he is laid up for some days as the result of a fall. He is still much troubled by that wayward son, who, after being for a time usher at a school in Wiltshire, is vainly attempting to get a collectorship. On the Friday before the first Sunday in the month Dr. Gibbons usually preached a "preparatory discourse" before the communion service. On Jan. 2nd, 1778, this is preached by Sir Harry Trelawney, the Cornish baronet who became for a time an Independent minister.

- 1778 Frid. Feb. 27. The Day for general Fasting & Prayer by royal Authority. Dr. Fisher delivered a short Discourse. Read some Chapters & prayed. I prayed, & a long Sermon from Is. 1. 9, Except the Lord of Hosts, &c. Spent the Afternoon at Home. Had Reading & Prayer in the Evening.
- Sat. Apr. 4. This Day heard of the Death of the Revd. Dr. Samuel Wilton, Minister at the Weigh-house, London. An awful Stroke to his Family & the Church. The Lord sanctify it, and give them Grace to improve it! What loud Warnings! O may I be ready!
- Wed. Apr. 15. Attended & bore a Part with some other Ministers in Prayer at the Weigh-house on Acct. of the destitute Circumstances of the Church there by the Death of Dr. Wilton. Dined with the Gentlemen of the Church. Met the general Court of the Orphan School in the Evening.
- Wed. May 6. Visited Lady Huntingdon.
- Wed. May 13. Visited by Lady Huntingdon.
- Wed. May 27. Attended and engaged in Prayer at the Ordination of Mr. William Bennett as Co-pastor with Dr. Conder. Mr. Barber began in prayer. Dr. Fisher introduced the Work of the Day, & received the Confession. Mr. Winter prayed over Mr. Bennett. Mr. Plum of Nottingham gave the Charge. I prayed. Mr. Brewer preached the Sermon, & Dr. Conder concluded in Prayer. Dined with the Ministers, Messengers, &c., at the White Hart Tavern.
- Wed. June 17. Attended the Ordination of Mr. Edward Venner [at Ware.] Mr. Aaron Wicken began in a short Prayer. Mr. Saml. Palmer prayed. Mr. Toller of London preached from 2 Thes. 3. 1. Mr. Wells of Royston asked the Questions, & received the Confession. Mr. Angus prayed over Mr. Venner with Imposition of Hands. I gave the Charge from the Apostle's Speech, Acts 20 from the 17th, and Mr. Griffiths concluded in Prayer.
- Wed. July 8. Attended the Ordination of Mr. Saml. Brown at Henley. Mr. Noon of Reading began in Prayer & reading Part of the 20th of Acts and 1 Tim. 3. Gibbons introduced the Work of the Day, and received the Confession. Mr. Willm. Ford prayed the ordination Prayer with Imposition of Hands. Mr. Brewer gave the Charge. Mr. Derby of Beaconsfield prayed. Dr. Fisher preached, & Mr. Wheeler of Marlow concluded. Came in the Evening to Maidenhead. Lay at the Sun there.
- Thursd. July 9th. Attended the Ordination of Mr. George Ingham. Mr. Marchant of Newbury began in Prayer, & read the 132nd Psalm, & the 4th of Ephesians. Dr.

Fisher introduced the Work of the Day. Mr. Willm. Ford prayed the ordination Prayer. Mr. Brewer gave the Charge. Mr. Derby prayed. Gibbons preached from 1 Thes. 3. 8, and Mr. Fuller of Aston concluded. Lay at Maidenhead.

Wed. Nov. 25. Attended the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. John Clayton at the Weigh-house, Eastcheap. Mr. Jennings began in Prayer & Reading. I opened the work of the Day, & received the Confession. Mr. Winter prayed the ordination Prayer. Dr. Trotter gave the Charge from 1 Tim. 6. 20. Dr. Hunter prayed. Mr. Brewer preached from Acts 9. 31. Dined with the Ministers & Society.

1779 Frid. Jan. 1. This Morning there was a most tremendous Storm of Wind, that shook our House. I do not recollect that I ever perceived such a Violence of the Elements in all my Days. . . . Blessed be God we were preserved, though great Damage has been done, and a young woman near the Square was killed by the Fall of a Chimney upon the Roof of a Room where she was lying.

Wed. Feb. 9. The Day of general Fasting and Prayer. Dr. Fisher began in a short Prayer, opened the Nature of a Fast, and read the 46th Psalm, and 58 of Isaiah. He then prayed a longer Prayer, and after him Mr. Wise. I preached from Jeremiah 8. 6. and concluded in Prayer.

Frid. Mar. 12. Attended the Committee for attending to our Relief as Protestant Dissenting Ministers, &c.

Wed. Mar. 17. Attended the above Committee. Heard the Debates at the House of Commons with regard to the Bill depending, from three till near eight. Dined at the King's Arms Tavern, Westminster.

Thursd. Mar. 18. Met the general Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers in and about London, relative to the above affair. Dined with the Committee & others at the Half-Moon Tavern in Cheapside.

Frid. April 9. Held a Church Meeting at Haberdashers' Hall. The Church agreed that I should have an Assistant, and that Mr. Gayler should be invited to preach for a Month among us.

Tues. April 20. Met the Committee, and attended the House of Commons on the Subject of further Relief to Dissenting Ministers and Schoolmasters. A Question arose whether there should be Liberty granted them with or without a Test, the Test only being a Subscription to the Belief of the Scriptures. After a debate of about five Hours and a half, it was carried for the above Test, for it 88, agt. it 58. Dined at the King's Arms Tavern with the Committee and

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- others, particularly the famous Mr. Edmd. Burke, and got home between Twelve and One o'clock in the Morning.
- Mond. April 26. Attended the general Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers. Debated whether it were advisable not to refuse the Acceptance of the Bill for the Relief of Protestant Dissenting Ministers, Tutors, and Schoolmasters on the Footing of a Test or Declaration that we believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain the Will of God. Carried not to refuse the Acceptance of the Bill on the aforesaid Ground 53 agt. 7.
- Frid. Apr. 30. Held a Church Meeting. Read Mr. Gayler's Letter, in which he declines coming to preach among us.
- Tuesd. May 11. Went in the Afternoon to the House of Lords, and had the pleasure of finding the Dissenters' Bill pass with the Test only of our declaring our Belief in the Scriptures.
- Thursd. May 20. This Day finished Dr. Watts's Memoirs. They were begun Sept. 29 last to be regularly drawn up, though some detached Parts had been drawn up before.
- Wed. June 2. Met the general Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers, when it was unanimously agreed that the Committee should give Thanks in their Name to the Members of Parliament who favoured & promoted our Bill. Dined & Spent the Afternoon at Home. N.B. The first Division in the House of Commons whether our Bill should go with or without a Test was for the Test 88. agt. it 58. The second Division for it 95, agt. it 59. The King signed our Bill by Commission May 18.
- Thursd. June 10. Attended the Settlement of Mr. Sayer Walker at Endfield. Mr. John Fuller began with Prayer & Reading. Mr. Taylor of Carter-Lane prayed. I preached from 1 Cor. 1. 2. Mr. Palmer of Hackney concluded in Prayer.
- Lord's Day June 27. Mr. Bull of Newport-Pagnell preached for me in the Afternoon.
- Wed. July 21. Went to Lord Onslow's Seat at Clendon, Surrey. Dined there with Messrs. Stennett, Harris, Toller, Rees, Pope, Webb, and Mr. Harvest, a Minister of the Establishment.
- Sat. Oct. 16. Attended a Meeting of the Tutors at the Academy at Homerton to rectify some [words in short-hand.]
- 1780 Frid. Feb. 4. A national Fast. Dr. Fisher read Neh. 1 & Ezek. 9, opened the Nature of a Fast, & prayed. I expounded on Zech. 1. 1-7, & prayed above Half an Hour, & preached from Ezek. 9. 4. Service about 3 Hours.
- Mond. May 1. This Day Dr. Watts's Memoirs were published.

- Thursd. May 11. Went to Sir John Hawkins's and Lord Barrington's with the Present of Dr. Watts's Memoirs.
- Sat. June 10. At Home. N.B. Dreadful Tumults, Destruction of Jays, Houses, &c., in the City in the last Week by a Mob that declared themselves Enemies to Popery, but were by their Actions Enemies to Mankind.
- Mond. June 12. Met an extraordinary Meeting of the Fund. Six Pupils, our whole Number, expelled for their bad Behaviour in Point of Insolence and Ingratitude.
- Frid. June 16. Went with Dr. Savage to Mr. Banks's a Statuary, to give him our Directions as to forming a Bust of Dr. Watts.
- Tuesd. July 4. Granted the Revd. Mr. Saul. Stevens his Dismission to the Church at Honiton, Devon.
- Mond. Aug. 14. Visited the celebrated Dr. Samuel Johnson.
- Tues. Sept. 12. Went to Hicks's Hall with Dr. Fisher, and qualified myself as a Dissenting Minister by taking the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, &c., and subscribing the Declaration that I believe the Scriptures.
- Thursd. Oct. 12. Attended at the Queen's Arms, Paul's Churchyard, a general Meeting of the Laudable Society for Provision for Widows, to which I belong.
- Wed. Oct. 18. Heard the Harveian Oration at the College of Physicians pronounced by Dr. Rawlinson.
- 1781 Wed. April 2. Lectured this day at Homerton (Dr. Conder not being able to attend in all Probability the Academy any more) which Day I prefer to Saturday, and which some Years since at Dr. Conder's Request I exchanged with him for Saturday.
- Thursd. May 24. Attended the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. Willm. Dunn at the Meeting in Horsley-down Back Street. Mr. Clayton began with Prayer and Reading. I introduced the work of the Day. Mr. Pitts received the Confession. Mr. Barber gave a Charge from Col. 1. 28. Dr. Stafford prayed. Mr. Brewer preached to the People from Heb. 6. 12, and Mr. Rogers concluded in Prayer.
- Tuesd. June 5. Attended the Funeral & supported the Pall of Dr. Conder at Bunhill Fields. Mr. Bennett spoke over the Grave. Messrs. Brewer, Winter, Barber, Webb, Fisher, and my Self supported the Pall.
- Mond. June 18. Lectured at Homerton. Attended a Meeting of Prayer of the Congregational Fund on acct. of Dr. Conder's Removal. Appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of the King's Head Society to consider of a Person proper to succeed Dr. Conder as Divinity-Tutor. The Persons appointed were Mr. James Webb, Mr. Barber, Mr. Brewer, and self, Ministers, and Mr. Blythe & Mr. Marryat of the Laity.

Each year the examination of the "pupils" at Homerton is recorded, and the names given of the ministers present. This year it is stated that after the students had been examined in Scripture phraseology, "they repeated a Poem of mine entitled *Education*."

- Mond. June 25. Met the joint Committee of the Fund and Society for recommending a Person for Divinity-Tutor at the Academy at Homerton. Agreed in Dr. Fisher.
- Mond. July 2. Attended a Meeting of the Fund, when we unanimously elected Dr. Daul. Fisher Divinity-Tutor at the Academy at Homerton in the Room of Dr. John Conder deceased.
- Mond. July 9. Met the Fund, and received Dr. Fisher's Acceptance of the Divinity Tutorship in the Homerton Academy. Appointed a Committee the same as before to consider of a proper Person for Dr. Fisher's Department.
- Mond. July 16. Attended the Meeting of the Fund and Society Committees for the consideration of a Tutor for Dr. Fisher's Department. Agreed to recommend Dr. Benj. Davies of Abergavenny.
- Mond. July 23. Attended a Meeting of the Fund. Chose Dr. Benj. Davies into the Department of Dr. Fisher, namely the teaching the Oriental Languages, & natural Philosophy.
- Thursd. Aug. 9. Attended an Exercise of Prayer & Preaching on acct. of the State of the Nation at Mr. Palmer's at Hackney. Mr. Palmer began in Prayer & Reading. Mr. Townsend prayed. Dr. Stennett preached from Phil. 2. 21. I concluded in Prayer.
- Wed. Oct. 31. Lectured at Homerton. Saw Dr. Benj. Davies there, who is now come from Abergavenny in Wales to be resident in the Family, & the Preceptor in Natural Philosophy and the Oriental Languages in the Room of Dr. Fisher, who is made Theological Tutor in the Room of Dr. Conder. The Lord vouchsafe his Blessing to us all, & while we are planting and watering in this Nursery of Religion & Learning, the Lord give the Increase!
- Wed. Oct. 7. Attended a Meeting of Prayer on acct. of Dr. Davies's taking Part in the Tuition of the Academy, &c. Mr. Colborne, a Student, Dr. Fisher, Dr. Davies, & my self prayed.
- Thursd. Nov. 22. Attended the Settlement of the Revd. Mr. Stephen Addington at Miles's Lane in the Room of the Revd. Mr. William Ford. Mr. Towle opened the Work. Mr. Olding prayed. Mr. Winter preached from



- Acts 11. 21. I prayed, & Mr. Brewer concluded. Dined together at the King's Head in the Poultry.
- Lord's Day Dec. 23. Preached in the Morning from Ps. 90. 16, And thy Glory unto their Children, upon the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Field, Daughter of Mr. John & Mrs. Ann Field, Members of the Church.
- 1782 Wed. Feb. 20. Attended a Meeting for Prayer & a Sermon at my own Place on acct. of the alarming & critical State of our Kingdom. Mr. Towle prayed, Dr. Savage preached from Jer. 18. 7-10. Mr. Winter prayed. My self concluded.
- Frid. April 26. Heard Mr. Palmer at the Friday's Lecture the first Time after his Appointment in the Room of Mr. Mr. Spilsbury lately deceased.
- Lord's Day May 9. Preached in the Morning from Micah. 6. 9, on the late Influenza, which has been very general in the City, occasioned it may be by the late damp and chill weather, the Spring being very backward, and the Rains very great and of long Duration.
- Mond. July 15. Met the Church according to Appointment, and determined on the Repairs of the Meeting, a new Lease of 21 years being taken for it of the Haberdashers' Company.
- Lord's Day Oct. 6. Preached for the first Time after the Meeting at Haberdashers' Hall being shut up from July 21st for Repairs.
- Tuesd. Nov. 19. Attended the Funeral & supported the Pall of the Rev. Mr. James Webb, late Pastor of the Church at Fetter Lane.
- Mond. Dec. 23. Went to Mr. Price's at Newington Green with a Petition on behalf of Willm. Ward lately pressed.
- 1783 Wed. Jan. 15. Attended the Separation of the Revd. Alexr. Simpson, lately Minister of Dunse in North Britain, but now chosen Pastor to the Church meeting at Crispin Street, Spittal-fields. Mr. Davies began in Prayer. Dr. Wilson asked the Questions, &c. I prayed, & Dr. Hunter preached an excellent Sermon from Rev. 21. 22. Mr. Fisher concluded in Prayer. I hope a profitable Opportunity. Dined with the Ministers & Members of the Church.
- Sat. Feb. 1. Attended the Funeral of the Revd. Mr. William Ford at Bunhill Fields. Mr. Barber spoke over the Grave. Messrs. Addington, Winter, Rogers, Brewer, Olding, & my Self held up the Pall. What multiplied Instances of Mortality! May I be ever ready for my Removal!
- Lord's Day Mar. 23. Preached in the Morning from Psa. 46. 8. on the Earthquake in Sicily.

- Thursd. Apr. 24. Attended the Settlement of the Revd. Dr. Benj. Davies with the Church in Fetter Lane, lately Dr. Webb's, deceased. I began in Prayer. Dr. Fisher delivered a Prefatory Discourse. Mr. Brewer prayed. Mr. Barber preached from Rev. 2. 6. Mr. Trotman prayed, & Dr. Davies concluded in Prayer. Dined at the Paul's Head Tavern with the Ministers present at the Settlement, & the Members of the Church, &c.
- Sat. July 26. Attended the Funeral, and spoke over the Grave of Dr. James Watson at the Burial-Place belonging to his Meeting in Park-street, Southwark. Messrs. Fisher, Brewer, Rogers, Pitts, Towle, & Winter were Pall-Bearers.
- Mond. Sept. 8. Attended the Opening of the Academy at Homerton. Dr. Fisher, Dr. Davies, & my self prayed. Mr. Reynolds, a Student, also prayed. Dined with Mr. Farmer, Mr. Price, Dr. Harris, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Palmer, & Mr. Bradney, at the George & Vulture Tavern. Agreed that Mr. Coward's Friday Morning Lecture be removed from Bury Street to Haberdashers' Hall.
- Mond. Sept. 22. Went with my Wife, Son, Daughter[-in-law], and Grand-daughter to Greenwich. Saw the Painted Hall.
- Frid. Sept. 26. Attended a Church-Meeting, when it was unanimously decided to accept the Proposal of Mr. Coward's Trustees to have the Friday Lecture at Haberdashers' Hall.
- Frid. Oct. 17. Was paid by Mr. Streatfield and Mr. Harrison, the Executors, 200 Pounds Legacy to me in Mrs. Abney's Will.
- Frid. Nov. 7. Dined at Home. At 4 o'clock met my People for Prayer & Exhortation on acct. of my Ordination 40 years since. A numerous assembly. Mr. Lomas & Mr. Jackson prayed. I made an Address or Speech to the Church, and concluded in Prayer.
- Wed. Nov. 26. Mr. Robesdieu, Lately an American General, dined with me.
- 1784 Wed. Feb. 23. Attended the setting apart at Deadman's Place, Southwark, in the Room of the late Mr. Watson, Mr. John Humphrys. Dr. Fisher began in Prayer. Mr. Addington opened the Work of the Day. Mr. Barber preached from Josh. 1. 6 & 7, & Mr. Towle concluded.
- Mond. April 26. Met the Brethren of the Church on acct. of of an assistant to be procured for me. Mr. Bentley prayed. Through Mercy much Harmony. The Lord hear our Prayers, and send us truly a Man of God.
- Frid. May 7. At Home till 5 in the Afternoon, when I visited Mr. Dilly, the Bookseller, & enjoyed the Company of

General Oglethorpe, Dr. Witherspoon, & Mr. Boswell of Edinburgh.

- Mond. May 17. Dined with Dr. Saml. Johnson, Mr. Boswel, &c., at Mr. Dilly's.
- Mond. June 26. Engaged in hearing some of the Students to be examined their poetical Parts.
- 1784 Mond. July 12. Met the Church to consider of an Assistant for me, when they invited Mr. Joseph Brooksbank, at present a Student at the Academy at Homerton, to spend the ensuing Year (the remaining Year of his Studies) in preaching for me at our Meeting in the Afternoon, with a view of being an Assistant to me, and afterwards in case of continued Acceptance, may be Pastor. The Lord overrule all for his Glory, and the Good of the Church, whose spiritual Welfare & Prosperity lie near my Heart !
- Tuesd. July 13. Wrote & transcribed a long Letter to Mr. Brooksbank, & enclosed in it the Resolution of the Church, concerning him.
- Thursd. July 15. Dined at Home. In the evening attended a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Square to consider on paving the Square.

During this year there are many pathetic indications of the diarist being in a failing state of health. The trouble in his head, of which he has complained for many years, has increased, and he feels something like "a fog cast upon the brain." His son Thomas was now a bank clerk in London, and a member of his father's church. The wayward Samuel has disappeared altogether from the pages of the diary.

- Thursd. July 29. The Day of Thanksgiving for the Peace. Preached at my own Place from Ps. 116. 12. Blessed be God I had Reason to hope he was with me, in Prayer more especially. Thanks be to God for a Gleam of Mercy to an undeserving Creature.
- Thursd. Aug. 17. Held a Church Meeting, in which the Letter from Mr. Brooksbank to my Self was communicated to them.
- Frid. Aug. 27. Dined at Mr. Whitton's of Whitecross Street. Baptised his Daughter Mary Henry, she being the great Grand Daughter of the eminent Mr. Philip Henry.
- Thursd. Sept. 2. Went to Greenwich in a hired coach with my Wife, Son, Daughter, & Grand-daughter. Walked in the Park ; saw Flamsteed-House.

- Lord's Day Oct. 10. Mr. Brooksbank preached for me in the Morning from Is. 33. 22.
- 1785 Jan. 1. Blessed be God for the mercies of the past Year, and my comfortable Arrival at the Entrance of another! As God is so rich in Mercy, may I be as abundant in my Obedience!
- Mond. Feb. 9. Met the general Body of the Dissenting Ministers in and about London at Dr. Williams' Library in Red-Cross Street on the Register-Bill, &c.

On Feb. 16th, the Doctor gives his usual Wednesday lecture at Homerton. The entry for the following day consists of the two words "At home." The rest of the story of that day is told by Walter Wilson, in his *Dissenting Churches of London*, as follows:—

On Thursday the 17th of Feb. 1785, he had spent the whole of the day in his closet till about eight o'clock in the evening, when he walked to Hoxton-square coffee-house, to read the evening paper, according to his usual custom. On his entering the coffee-house Mrs. Herbert, the mistress, said to him, "How are you, Doctor?" He replied with a cheerful countenance, "Perfectly well, madam, I bless God:" and then walked into the parlour. The maid-servant carried him the newspaper, and left the room. Soon after she had occasion to go again into the parlour, and there found Dr. Gibbons lying upon the floor, with the newspaper under him. By his fall the candle had been put out, and was also on the floor. He was carried from the coffee-house to his own house, and attempted to pronounce a few sentences inarticulately. He lay from the 17th of February till the 22nd of the same month; and though he could not speak, yet he appeared in his bed to breathe easily, and had a pleasant countenance. At length, a little before three o'clock in the afternoon of the 22nd of February, 1785, he expired, in the 65th year of his age. On the 3rd of March his remains were deposited in Bunhill-Fields, being attended to the grave by a large part of his congregatiou.

W. H. SUMMERS.

## John Ball of Honiton

AS a Devonian, born within seven miles of Honiton, few men's lives have interested me more, in my historical researches, than that of the "well accomplished" John Ball, alluded to in *Transactions*, pp. 398-402. The *original* of the register noted by Mr. E. Windeatt—"Copy of Register," &c.,—has lately come under my hands, when going through many more, stored so carefully in the dry vaults under Somerset House. It consists of four sections of vellum sheets, of divers sizes, sewn together. The first and most important of the four sections has skins 9 in. by 7½. The clearly written headlines run:—

*Children baptiz'd att ye meeting in Honiton,  
witness ye hands of John Ball and Francis  
Glanvill.*

The first entry is dated on the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1696/7, the last is in 1710/1. One of them reads:—

*John, ye s. off Robert Deane, shoemaker,  
baptiz'd in private, ye mother dead, and  
child to be carried to nurse; 27 Jan. 1700.*

On another page we read:—

*In this book a child was baptiz'd over a  
dead Mother.*

A few years ago it was my good fortune to discover amongst the books and papers of the late Rev. James Taplin, one of my father's predecessors in the ministry of George's Meeting, Colyton, a

few miles distant from Honiton, where also Mr. Taplin ministered, (1831-1840), the original MS. minute book of the "United Brethren of the City and County of Exeter and Devon," generally known as the "Exeter Assembly." It covers the period 1721 to 1728, and can be seen in Dr. Williams's Library, with others of the Assembly proceedings. From the copy made for me, in exchange for the original by the trustees, at the hands of the Rev. Francis H. Jones, B.A., I find numerous references to John Ball, *ordain'd 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1695*. He was the *preacher* before the Assembly in May, 1697, having been the *Supporter* a year previously. In September, 1698, he was *Moderator*, also in 1716, and again in 1727. In September, 1723, under the heading, *Mony Brott into the Fund*, we get

*By Mr. Ball, £2. 3. 6.*

In May, 1724:—

*By Mr. Ball, from Mr. Walrond, £5. 10. 0.*

*By Mr. Ball himself, £2. 8. 6.*

In September, 1724:—

*By Mr. Ball, £2. 0. 0.*

In May, 1725:—

*By Mr. Ball, £2. 1. 0.*

At every Assembly, until the last in the book on 3 and 4 Sept., 1728, Mr. Ball regularly brings in a sum of much the same amount.

In May, 1725, the Rev. George Denbury, *being come to settle in these parts* [from Swansea,] *where he may in time have occasion for the Recommendation of this Assembly; it is Mr. Ball who proposed whether it mayn't be expedient that Mr. Denbury be desired to declare his Sentiments con-*

cerning the doctrine of the Ever Blessed Trinity. Agreed to.

When, at the Assembly in May, 1726, *Mr. Filmore of Tiverton proposing himself to be examin'd as a candidate for the Ministering*, Mr. Ball is one of the five ministers, whom 'tis requested that he be examin'd by. As there is no mention of Filmore's name in the "List of the Presbyterian and Congregational Brethren in Devon and Cornwall," as given (p. 41) by the late Richard Nicholls Worth, in his *Puritanism in Devon*, and the *Exeter Assembly*, where are the years of ordinations and deaths of ministers from 1662 to 1760, it looks as if Mr. Ball and his fellow-examiners had ploughed this man.

Mr. Ball's name appears, with those of John Walrond, Saml. Hall, John Moore, Richard Evans, and Saml. Westcott, as one of the ordainers, in October 1727, of *Mr. Chorley* [Chumleigh?] whose thesis, as agreed upon by the Assembly, was "An cultus Religiosus debetur soli Deo." Next we find Mr. Ball appointed in 1728, by the Assembly, as one of the examiners of Roger Flaxman and John Gilberd. Flaxman was *not of the full age that 'twas formerly desir'd clerical candidates should be, but having spent near five years in Academical Studies & there being at present a great want of ministers*, he was allowed to be examined, and *Mr. Ball reported to this Assembly that Mr. John Gilberd and Mr. Roger Flaxman, having been examin'd, they gave full satisfaction to their examiners as to their parts and learning and soundness in the faith.*

John Ball's successor at Honiton was John Rutter (d. 1 May, 1769); an account of them and their congregation appears in the *English Presbyterian*, 1834, p. 154. A note in my possession,—though as yet I cannot vouch for its accuracy—would seem to fix John Ball as a member of that family of Ball of Axminster, "near the way," says

Prince, "that leadeth to Musbury, where it enjoyed a pleasant seat, and a fair demesne, called Balls unto this day."

These items may possibly add to our interest in the life of the nonagenarian minister, who was anxious his brother Walrond should bring him those "3 ounces of white sugar candy of the largest grain."

GEO. EYRE EVANS.

Aberystwth,  
12th September, 1904.



## London Ministers in 1695

IN Walter Wilson's *History of Dissenting Churches*, frequent mention is made of a MS. list of London ministers of this date. Amongst papers of the late Joshua Wilson of Tunbridge Wells, now in the Congregational Library, is what appears to be a careful transcript of this list, with all its imperfections, dated 4th Decr., 1809. Though it contains little that has not been embodied in Wilson's *History*, it is still interesting as affording a clear and comprehensive view of London Nonconformity 33 years after the Ejectment, and immediately after the memorable agreement of the Independent and Presbyterian ministers. It is therefore given *literatim*, with the addition in brackets of omitted names and localities, and with brief notes containing supplementary information.

### LIST OF MEETING HOUSES & MIN<sup>RS.</sup> WHO PREACHED AT THEM WITHIN & WITHOUT THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OF LONDON IN AUGT., 1695.

- Mr. Richd. Adams in Southwark.  
M A Oxon; Ejected Rector of St. Mildred's Bread Street. Died 7 Feby 1698
- Vincent Alsop, Westmin<sup>r</sup>, in the Almonry.  
M A Camb; Ej. R. of Welby, Northants; Died 8 May, 1703.
- Thos. Kentish, Assistant.  
Son of Thos. K. Ej. R. of Overton, Hants; afterwards pastor in Maid Lane, Southwark; Died 1700.
- Dr. Saml. Annesley, Little St. Helens.  
LLD. Oxon; Ej. vicar of St. Giles, Cripplegate, father of Susanna Wesley; Died 31 Decr 1696
- Geo. Barber, Miles Crooked Lane.  
Error for Matthew Barker, M A Camb; Ej. from St Leonards Eastcheap; Died 25 March 1698.
- Dr. Wm. Bates, Hackney.  
DD Camb.; Ej. V. of St Dunstons in the West; Died 14 July 1699

- Mr. Blakley, Founders Hall, Lothbury.  
Error for Nicholas Blackie, from Scotland; Died 1698.
- Mr. [Robert] Brag [ge], sen<sup>r</sup>, Pewterers' Hall, Lime Str.  
Studied at Oxford; Ej. from All-hallows the Great; Died 14 Apl. 1704.
- Mr. [R] Brag [ge], jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistant.  
Son of the above; afterwards pastor in Paved Alley, Lime Street;  
Died 12 Feby 1738.
- Dani. Burgess, Bridges Str<sup>t</sup>, Covent Garden.  
Son of Daniel Burgess, Ej. R. of Collingbourn Duas, Wilts; Died 26  
Jany 1713.
- John Buries, Cross Strt, Hatton Garden.  
Error for Bures; Ej. V. of Stourmouth, Kent; Died 7 May 1697.
- John Horseman, Assistant.  
Ej. in Scilly; connected with Plymouth; nothing more known  
of him.
- Andrew Burnet, Barbican.  
Nothing known of him but that he died in 1707.
- Mr. [Joseph] Cawthorne, Newington Town.  
Ej. from Stamford; Died Feby or Mar. 1707.
- Dr. Isaac Chauncey, Mark Lane.  
MA Harvard & MD; Ej. R. of Woodborough, Wilts; Died 28 Feby  
1712.
- Mr. [Edward] Terry, Assistant.  
MA Oxon; Ej. R. of Great Greenford, Middlesex; Died 8 March 1716.
- [John] Chester, Gravel Lane, Southwark.  
Ej. from Wetherly, Leicestershire; Died May 1696.
- Thos. Coles, Tallow Chandlers' Hall, by Dowgate.  
MA Oxon; Ej. Principal of St. Mary's Hall; since tutor at Nettlebed,  
Oxfordshire; Died Sept. 1697.
- [Robert] Trayle, Assistant to Mr. Coles & Mr. Mather.  
MA, Edin; distinguished Presbyterian Confessor in Scotland; Died  
May 1716
- [Thos.] Cotton, Hodgeden Square, n<sup>r</sup> Shoreditch Church.  
MA Edin; afterwards pastor in St. Giles'; Died 1730. (*Hodgeden*==*Horton*).
- [Walter] Cross, Ropemakers' Ally, Little Moorfields.  
M A Scotland; Died about 1700.
- [Timothy] Cruso [Poor Jewry Lane] near Aldgate.  
M A Scotland; Died 26 Novr 1697.
- Geo. Day, Redcliff (*i.e.*, *Ratcliff*).  
Ej. V. of Wiveliscomb, Somerset; Died 3 Decr 1697.
- Thos. Doolittle, Mugwell (*i.e.*, *Monkwell*) Strt, Cripplegate.  
MA Camb; Ej. from St. Alphage, London Wall; Died 24 May 1707.
- [Daniel] Evans, Bednall Green.  
Ej. from Jesus Col., Cambridge; Died July 1698.
- Stephen Ford, Miles Crooked Lane.  
Ej. V. of Chipping Norton; date of death uncertain, probably 1695.
- [Matthew] Clark, Assistant, who keepeth a Lords-day Evening  
Lect. there.  
Son of Matthew Clarke, Ej. R. of Narborough, Leicestershire; Died  
27 March 1726. (Two societies used this meeting-house, Barker  
was pastor of one, and Ford of the other.)
- [Anthony] Fidoe, Black Fryers.  
Ej. from Hemmingborough, Yorks; Died 17 Jany 1715.

- Robt. Frankland, Plasterers' Hall, Addle Street.  
Information about him is desirable.
- Fra. Glascock, Dirty Lane, near Drury Lane.  
Educated in Scotland; read Divinity Lectures to Morton's late students at Stoke Newington. Died 1706.
- Humes, Assistant.  
Nothing is known of him.
- Thos. Gouge, Thames Street three Cranes.  
Son of Robert Gouge, Ej. from Ipswich; Died 8 Jan'y 1700.
- Geo. Griffith, Basinghall Strt. [Girdlers' Hall.]  
M A Oxon; Ej. from the Charterhouse; Died 1695 (Wilson says 1694).
- Mr. Geo. Hammond, Coleman Strt. [Armourers' Hall].  
M A Oxon; Ej. from St. Peter's Dorchester; since, pastor at Taunton; Died Oct. 1705.
- Mr. [Joseph] Hill & Mr. Carlile, Swallow Strt.  
Jos. Hill removed to Rotterdam in 1699, returned to London 1718, died 1729.  
About Carlile there seems no information.
- in St. Martins in the Fields, but at present no settled Minr.
- John Howe, Silver Street, Cripplegate.  
M A Oxon; Ej. R. of Great Torrington, Devon; Died 2 Apl 1705.
- Mr. [Thos] Reynolds, Assistant.  
Removed 1695 to Cannon St., afterwards to the King's Weigh House, Eastcheap; Died 25 April 1727.
- John James, St. Catherines.  
Ej. V. of Flintham, Notts; Died 1697.
- Edwd Lawrence, near the Royal Exchange.  
Query if B A Camb; Ej. V. of Baschurch, Salop; who died Novr. 1695.
- Stephen Lobb, New Street, Fetter Lane.  
Son of Richard Lobb, M P. 1659; He also assisted in instructing Mr. Morton's late students; Died 3 June 1699.
- Sam<sup>l</sup> Moreland } Preach Lects there every Lords Day at 5  
& Mr. Burton } o'clock in the evening for servants.  
Information about Moreland and Burton is desirable.
- Thos Longe, Glovers Hall, Beech Lane.  
No information about him accessible.
- Nath. Mather, near Lime Street [Paved Alley].  
M A Havards; brother of Dr. Increase Mather; Ej. V. of Barnstaple; Died 26 July 1697.
- Richd. Mayo, Salters' Hall.  
Ej. V. of Kingston, Surrey. Died 8 Sept. 1695.
- Nath. Taylor, Assistant.  
Son of Thos Taylor, Ej. V. of Burbich, Wilts; Died April 1702.
- Matthew Mead, Stepney.  
Ej. from the New Chapel, Shadwell; Died 16 Oct. 1699.
- Richd. Lawrence, Assistant.  
M A Oxon; Ej. R. of Trunch, Norfolk; Died 17th or 27th Novr. 1702.
- [Francis] Ments, Wapping.  
Otherwise spelled Mence; excluded from Pembroke College, Oxford; since, pastor at Fareham, Hants; Died 1696.
- Thos. Miles, Southwark, [King] Johns Court, n<sup>e</sup> St. Magd. Ch.  
Uncertain whether the T.M. Ej. from St. Chads, Lichfield; Died about 1698.

[John] Nesbit, [Hare Court] Aldersgate Street.

From Northumberland, educated in Edinburgh; Died 22 Oct. 1727.

Nath. Oldfield, Southwark, near Deadman's Place.

Son of John Oldfield, Ej. R. of Carsington, Derbyshire; Died 31 Decr. 1696.

Durants, Assistant.

Nothing seems to be known of him.

Saml. Pomfret, Gravel Lane n<sup>r</sup> Houndsditch.

Formerly pastor at Sandwich, Kent; Died—1722.

Thos Powell, High-hall near Carter Lane.

Formerly pastor in Herts, and in Jewin St.; time of death unknown.

John Quick, Bartholomew Close.

M A Oxon; Ej. from Brixton, Devon; Died 29 April 1706.

Joseph[h] Reade, St. Giles in the Fields.

Ej. from Whitley, Worcestershire; since, assistant to Richd. Baxter in London; Died 1713.

Marmaduke Roberts, No Meeting-place of his own, but often preacheth at Mr. Stanleys.

Had formerly assisted Thomas Rosewell at Jamaica Row, Rotherhithe; time of death unknown.

Thos. Roe, Embroyderers Hall, Gutter Lane.

This is Thos. Rowe, son of John Rowe Ej. from Westminster Abbey; succeeded Theophilus Gale as tutor of an Academy at Newington Green; his occupancy of Embroiderer's Hall must have been temporary; his usual meeting-place was Girdlers' Hall, in the morning only (see Geo. Griffith); Died 18 Aug. 1705.

Saml Slater, Crosby Square.

M A Camb; silenced at Bury St Edmund's; Died 24 May 1704.

M<sup>r</sup> [John] Showers, Jewry Street, (*error for Fewin Street*).

Formerly assistant to Vincent Alsop and John Howe; Died 28 June 1715.

[Timothy] Rogers, Assistant.

Son of John Rogers, Ej. from Barnard Castle, Durham, and Croglin, Cambd.; Died about 1729.

M<sup>r</sup> Matt. Sylvester, [Meeting House Court,] Black Fryers.

Ej. R. of Gunnerby, Lincolnshire; "the friend of Baxter"; Died 25 Jan'y 1705.

[Samuel] Stancliff, [Jamaica Row], Redrith.

M A Camb; Ej. R. of Stanmore, Middlesex; Died 12 Decr 1705.

Richd. Stretton, adjoining Haberdashers Hall.

M A Oxon; Ej. Curate of Petworth, Sussex; Died 3 July 1712.

Freake, Assistant.

Nothing appears to be known of him.

Richd. Taylor, Little Moorfields.

Information about him desirable; Died 1717.

Edward Veale, Wapping.

Educated at Oxford and Dublin; had no benefice, but Ej. from Trin. Col. Dub. fellowship, & silenced in London; Died 6 June 1708.

Nat. Vincent, Southwark, near the Mint.

M A Oxon; Ej. R. of Langley-Marsh, Bucks; Died 22 June 1697.

[Peter] Vinck, Dalston.

B D Camb.; Ej. Curate of St. Catherine Cree; Died 6 Sept. 1702.

Richd. Wavel, Pinners Hall.

B A Oxon ; Silenced at Egham, Surrey ; Died 19 Decr 1705.

Masters, Assistant.

Query if Joseph Maisters ; Ej. from Magdalen Hall, Oxford ; he was a Baptist, and was pastor at Joyners' Hall 1692-1708 ; died 6 April 1717.

Jerem. White, Cuckold's Point beyond Redrith.

M A & Fellow of Trin. Col. Camb. ; Household Chaplain to Cromwell ; Died 1707.

[William] Wickins, Newington Green.

Outed from St George Southwark before the Bartholomew Act ; associated with Glascock and Lobb in the Academy ; Died Sept. 1699.

[Joseph] Bennet, Assistant.

Son of Joseph Bennet, Ej. R. of Brightling, Sussex ; removed 1708 to Old Jewry ; died 21 Feby 1726.

Danl. Williams, Hand Alley, n<sup>r</sup> Bishopsgate.

Founder of "Dr. Williams's Library," & other benefactions ; Died 26 Jan'y 1716.

[Edmund] Calamy, Assistant.

Son of Edm. Calamy, Ej. from Moreton, Essex ; Succeeded V. Alsop, 1703 ; Author of *Lives of Ejected Ministers, &c.* ; Died 3 June 1732.

John Woven, Southwark, near Deadman's Place or St. Mary's Overyes.

This is clearly a mistake for Jonathan Owen ; he was afterwards at Pewterers' Hall, but in 1715 became a Baptist ; he was living at Bristol in 1721. John Woven (with whom he has been confused), of Trinity College Camb., was silenced in Worcestershire ; he died about 1715.

Many of the above keep Lectures on the Lords day Evenings, & many of them on week days. It is thought there are near 200 Nonconf<sup>t</sup> Min<sup>rs</sup> reside in London, & who have some stated ministerial work in it & near it. The above Min<sup>rs</sup> are all Presbyterians & Independents.

#### ANABAPTISTS.

In Newgate Street near the Bagnio was Mr. Arch Knowles's Meeting place.

Evidently a mistake for Hanserd Knollys ; he had died 1691.

Benj. Keach, Horsley Dow<sup>n</sup>, Southwark.

The well-known Baptist Confessor ; Died 18 July 1704.

[John] Harris [Joyners Hall, Thames Street].

According to W. Wilson he also died about 1691.

[Thos] Plant [Pauls Alley, Barbican.]

Placed here by error ; he appears to have died about 1693.

[William] Kiffin, Alderman. [Devonshire Square.]

A wealthy merchant ; Died 29 Decr 1701.

Nonconformist Min<sup>rs</sup> residing in London who have no stated work.

[William] Alsop.

Ej. V. Ilminster, Somerset. The time of his death is uncertain.

Archer.

This may have been the Ej. R. of Chickney, Essex ; or the Ej. C. of Newington, Oxfordshire.

Baker.

Probably John Baker, Ej. V. of Chisleton, Wilts.

Josh. Edwards.

Uncertain ; perhaps the Ej. R. of Taplow, Bucks.

[Samuel] Nabbs.

The Ej. R. of Dorking ; " he died very old and infirm."

Trough.

Not identified.

On the above list of 85 ministers it is interesting to observe that no less than 41, perhaps 45, of them had been ejected or silenced by the Act of Uniformity in 1662. or had previously been outed from their benefices at the Restoration ; while at least 10 were sons of ejected ministers. Most of them were, of course, aged men ; and it is not surprising that about a third, 27 at least, did not survive the century. There were three deaths before the close of the current year 1695, four in 1696, five in 1697, five in 1698, six in 1699, and four in 1700. Of the younger generation who had already entered on pastoral work, one only appears in the early lists of the London Congregational Board, which was formed 25 Sept. 1727. This is Robert Bragge, junior, the son of an ejected minister. He died in 1738, and his last days were therefore coincident with the dawn of the great Methodist revival.

It remains to note a few omitted names. Of Presbyterian and Independent pastors only a few appear to have been overlooked. We find mention in various records of

Thos. Beverly, M D, at Cutlers' Hall, Cloak Lane, near Dowgate ; a millenarian crank, who on the failure of his prediction that the millenium would commence in 1697 retired into Essex.

John Humphrey,

M A, Ej. V. of Frome, Somerset ; it is uncertain where his congregation met in 1695 ; in 1700 he met in Duke St., afterwards in Rosemary-lane and Petticoat-lane. He died in 1719, at the age of 98 ; the last survivor of the Bartholomew Confessors.

Mr. Humphreys,  
 who preached in a "a large room in St. Martin's Lane," was probably a different person; he may have been Charles Humphreys, E.J. Lecturer of St. John Zachary.

Richard Lardner,  
 the father of Dr. Nathaniel Lardner; his meeting-house was in Moorfields; he died in 1740, aged 87.

Christopher Nesse,  
 M A Camb.; silenced in Leeds; his meeting-house was in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street; he died 1705.

Henry Read  
 had succeeded Mr. Chester at Gravel Lane, Southwark, in 1694; he died 1695; nothing more is known of him.

Mr. Scott or Stott.  
 "near St. James's;" nothing is known of him.

There is also mention of "a small congregation in Clerkenwell," but nothing is known of the minister.

On the other hand, the Baptist ministry is treated very negligently in the MS., no fewer than 14 pastors being entirely ignored, viz:—

Richd. Allen, Paul's Alley, Barbican;  
 died 1717.

Wm. Brown, Duke Street Park, Southwark;  
 date of death unknown.

Wm. Collins, Petty France;  
 died 1702.

Thos. Harrison, Assistant;  
 died 1702.

John Griffiths, M D, Dunning's Alley, Bishopsgate St.;  
 died 1700.

Samuel Mee, Maze Pond;  
 died about 1702.

John Noble, Tallow Chandlers' Hall, Dowgate Hill;  
 died 1730.

John Piggot, Hart Street;  
 died 1713.

Wm. Russell, M D;  
 Meeting place at this time uncertain; died 1702.

Rich. Robins, Petticoat Lane;  
 died 1702.

Rich. Steed (late ass<sup>t</sup> to Hanserd Knollys), Bagnio Court;  
 time of death unknown.

Joseph Stennet,  
 Seventh-Day Congregation at Carrier's Hall, and assistant at Paul's Alley; died 1713.

Mr. Warburton, in Tooley Street;  
 died before 1711.

Geo. White, Fair Street, Southwark;  
 died 1702.

It is quite possible that several others have escaped observation.

## London Congregational Board

“THE Board of Independent Ministers resident in and about the Cities of London and Westminster” was organized in the year 1727. Its earliest records have long since disappeared ; but a *transcript* of its first minute book—whether complete or not it is impossible to say—is among the historical collections of the late Joshua Wilson, Esq., in the Congregational Library. As an interesting memorial of eighteenth century religious life in the metropolis it is here printed by permission of the Board. With reference to the cases of discipline noted in the years 1760 and 1766, it should be explained that no imputation was cast on the personal character of the gentlemen excluded ; they had simply put themselves out of harmony with the Congregational body by adopting the peculiarities of Sandemanianism.

### LONDON CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

Sept. 25, 1727, Mr. Asty in the Chair. Present 34 besides the chair.

Mr. Ridgeley	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Maggee
Hurriion	Killinghall	Sanderson
Hall	G. Davy	Miles
Bradbury	Sladen	Lardner, Jun <sup>r</sup>
Watts	R. Pain	Shallett
Hubbard	Masters	Lewis
Neal	Gibbs	Bond
Jolly	Parsons	Astly
Price	T. Pain	S. Harris
Hunt	Savill	Davies
Guyse	Taylor	
Lowman	Fletcher	



Agreed that every one present who chuses to be reckoned among the Congregational ministers & does not design to vote in & with the body of the Presbyterian or Baptist ministers be allowed to vote at this meeting.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 7.

Note. By the whole body of Congregational Min<sup>rs</sup> is here meant, all those who chose to be reckoned among the Congreg : Min<sup>rs</sup> & did not design to meet & vote in the other two bodies of Presby<sup>t</sup> or Baptists according to the agreement of Sept. 29.

Meeting of the Congregational Ministers Decr 5, 1727. Mr. Watts in the chair. Present 30.

Mr. Hurrian	Mr. Lowman	Mr. Taylor
S. Harris	Weaver	Cox
Hubbard	Sladen	R. Pain
Parsons	Astley	Bond
T. Bradbury	Maggee	Charlton
Lamb	Gibbs	Conder
Ridgeley	Shallett	Sanderson
Jolly	Price	Simmonds
Lewis	G. Davy	Neal
Hall	P. Bradbury	

There was a long debate about the Rule or Method by which the List of the Congregational Ministers should be settled.

The two most considerable opinions proposed & urged were these, viz :—

1st. That those only should be accounted Congregational Ministers who some way or other manifested their agreement to the Savoy Confession of Faith and Order of Congregational Churches.

2d. That the Rule by which the Ministers were admitted Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> to give their vote for the choice of the committee should be the rule by which the List of the Congregational Ministers should be determined & settled, (viz) those who had been known and approved Preachers, & chose to be ranked among the Congreg : Min<sup>rs</sup>, & did not design to vote in y<sup>e</sup> body of the Presby. or Baptist Ministers.

After much time spent & many argum<sup>ts</sup> in both sides, It was agreed thus *nemine contradicente*, viz That the Rule by which y<sup>e</sup> ministers were determined to have a vote for choosing the Committee of a Third body \* of Protestant Dissenters on Sept. the 25<sup>th</sup> last, be followed in admitting any member into the List of that Body to vote with it on Political occasions for one year, *i.e.*, till Michaelmas next.

\* NOTE, it was called *A Third Body* because some present were very zealous to exclude the name *Congregational* out of the whole question of vote, unless the first Rule was followed & the Congregational ministers were distinguished by agreeing to the Savoy Confession. The night coming on & the ministers withdrawing themselves by degrees, those of the other opinion permitted the question to be put in this form, rather than to break up the assembly & do nothing.

After this vote the assembly broke up, & did not stay to determine & settle the List according to this vote. But the vote itself being so plain and so easy to be applied, it was thought by severall of the Committee a needless thing to call the whole body together again for this purpose. Accordingly there was a List drawn up, 35 of which were before allowed to be of the Congregationall body & had a vote at chusing the Committee Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> last (viz)

Mr. Asty in the chair. Same List as before.

Ridley Dec <sup>a</sup>	R. Pain—	Macgee—
Hurrion —	T. Pain—	Lewis—
Sladen —	Savill—	Astly—
G. Davy <i>gone</i> —	Fletcher—	Davies—

There are 15 more that are sufficiently well known to be of the Congregationall Body or have explicitly Declared they chuse to be ranked among them, (viz.)

Mr. Bragge	Mr. Charlton	King of Rumford
R. Wright	P. Bradbury <i>gone</i>	Davy of Croydon
Lardner Sen <sup>r</sup>	Brooks	Sandercock R
Weaver <i>gone</i>	Lamb	Eaton of Newington
Conder	Cox	Dea Simmons of Battersea

Other names afterwds inserted

Mr. Tho. Charlton	Mr. John Cox
Mr. Lamb	Mr. Davies <i>gone to Palsgrave</i>
Mr. Brooks	Mr. Bond
Mr. Macgee <i>gone to Colchester</i>	Mr. Astly <i>gone to Guestwick</i>
Mr. Sandercock <i>joined with the Presbyt.</i>	Mr. Fletcher <i>gone to Norfolk</i>

The whole body of the 3 Denominations met at Salters Hall Sept. 17, 1728.

The thanks of the Body returned to Mr. Evans for the pains he took in an important affair depending in Ireland relating to the Dissenting Interest.

The Body of the Congregationall ministers met Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1728. Mr. Ridgeley in the chair. Present 28.

Mr. Weaver	Neal	R. Payne	Simmonds
Loman	Masters	Hall	Charlton
T. Bradbury	Conder	King	Jolly
Eaton	R. Lardner	Lamb	Sandercock
Price	Gibbs	Bond	Hunt
Sladen	Jennings	Astly	P. Bradbury
Shallet	Watts	Taylor	

There being some young ministers present whose names were not on the List, (either not having been resident in London, or not having begun to preach when the List was made) It was long debated whether we should proceed to the present business of our Meeting by the votes of those persons only whose names are already entered on

the List. And the question being put it was resolved in the Affirmative.

It was proposed that three young ministers (viz) Mr. Merriman Norris, Mr. Joseph Pitts, Mr. William Guyse, should be added to the List of the Congregationall Body, & they were received by an universal vote of the assembly present.

Decr. 11, 1728. Extraordinary meeting. 7 appointed to wait on his Royal Highness the Prince next morning with a short compliment upon his safe or happy arrival among us. Dr. Calamy desired to deliver it.

North's Coffee House, Jan'y 6, 1728/9. Dr. Watts in the chair. An account of y<sup>e</sup> alterations in the lists of the severall denominations was delivered in by Dr. Evans, Dr. Watts, & Mr. Burroughs.

The alterations in the Congregat. List are as follows :—

Mr. Savill gone to Bury

Mr. Maggee gone to Colchester

Mr. Fletcher gone to Norfolk

Mr. Davies to Palsgrave } doubtful whether they

Mr. Astley to Guestwick } will fix there.

Added Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 3 names (see before).

Blackwell's Coffee House, Aug<sup>t</sup> 4, 1729. Agreed to joyn with the Congregationall Body.

Mr. Tingey—Fetter Lane

Mr. Hurrion Junior (Gosport)

Sept. 22, 1730.

Agreed to joyn to the congregational body.

Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Rawlin, Fetter Lane

Mr. Peter Goodwin, Rope Makers Alley

Mr. John Farmer

Oct. 5, 1731. At Sues Coffee House.

Added to the list of the Congreg<sup>l</sup>. body

Mr. Hawtyn

Mr. Fowler

Mr. Belsham

Mr. Tingey

Sept. 26, 1732. Sues.

Mr. John Atkinson, since dead, Mr. John altd to Matthew Jackson, Mr. Thomas Milway, were received as approved ministers of the Congregationall denomination.

Sept. 25, 1733.

Mr. Samuel Bruce, Mr. Benj<sup>n</sup> Vowel, & Mr. Saml Shaen, were rec<sup>d</sup> as approved mem<sup>rs</sup> of the Congreg<sup>l</sup> denom<sup>n</sup>.

Sept. 17, 1734.

Mr. Danl. Stephens, Mr. John Halford, Mr. Hill, Mr. Rice, rec<sup>d</sup>, &c.

A List of the Congregationall Pastors & approved Min<sup>rs</sup> within 10 miles of London Sept. 19, 1734.

Mr. Bragge	Price	Rawlins,
Bradbury	Wright, Rob	Bruce
Isaac Watts, D D	Hall	Stevens
Mr. Neal	Jennings	Mr. Lowman at Clapham
John Guyse, D D	Goodwin	Mr. Davy at Croydon
Jeremiah Hunt,	Hubbard	Mr. Masters at Barnes
D D	Jolly	Mr. Taylor at Deptford
Mr. Killinghall		
Mr. Miles at Tooting	Mr. Bond Dead	
Mr. Hill at Newington	Mr. Guyse	
Mr. Simmonds at Battersea	Mr. Farmer	
Mr. Lardner sen <sup>r</sup>	Mr. Hawtyn (in the country)	
Mr. Harris	Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Parsons (in cy.)	Mr. Belsham (in the country)	
Mr. Conder	Mr. Tingey (in the country)	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Jackson (in the country)	
Mr. Shallet	Mr. Vowel (in the country)	
Mr. Lamb	Mr. Rice (in the country)	
Mr. Sanderson (gone into y <sup>e</sup> country)	Mr. Shaen (in the country)	
Mr. Brooks Dead		

Mr. Sanderson on the com<sup>e</sup> Oct. 7, 1735 & again Mar. 30, 1736.

Oct. 7th 1735, Mr. Davy of Croydon was reported to be dead since the last yearly meeting, & Mr. Parsons removed into the country.

Resolved that Mr. Hulme be added to the List

Resolved that a general Rule be fixed upon to determine who shall not be continued upon the list.

Resolved that such who have not preached publicly (except Chaplains) for two years, having been asked & not hindered by sickness age or other bodily infirmities, are not to be counted ministers upon the Congreg<sup>l</sup> List.

Ap<sup>r</sup> 1737. Resolved that Mr. John Snashul of Newington & Mr. Hugh Farmer of Walthamstow be added to the List of approved Ministers.

Mar. 6, 1737/8. A List of the Congreg<sup>l</sup> Pastors & approved Min<sup>rs</sup> in London & within 10 miles of it, as it was settled at their meeting at the Amsterdam Coffee House Mar. 6, 1737/8.

Dr. Watts	Halford	Mr. John Farmer
Mr. Bradbury	Stevens	Fowler
Mr. Neal	Lowman	Jackson (gone)
Dr. Guyse	Masters	Hawtyn (gone)
Dr. Hunt	Dr. Taylor	into the country
Mr. Killinghall	Mr. Miles	Snashull
Mr. Price	Hill	Hugh Farmer
Mr. Wright	Simmonds	Richardson
Hall	Lardner, Sen <sup>r</sup>	Payne

Jennings	Conder	Cornall (gone, &c.
Goodwin	Charlton	Conder, jun <sup>r</sup> ,
Hubbard	Shallet	(gone, &c.
Jollie	Lamb (gone)	
Rawlins	Mr. Guyse	

April 1, 1740. Added to the List

Mr. King	Mr. Densham
Mr. Lister (gone into the country)	Mr. Hulme (Dead)

April 15. 1740. The mem<sup>rs</sup> of the 3 Denom<sup>ns</sup> resolved at their meeting that the time of their meeting for the future shd be on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday after the first Sabbath in April at 3 of the clock in the afternoon at Dr. Williams's Library.

Mar. 17, 1740/1. Added to the List

Mr. Pickering, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Davy of Barnet.

Ministers dead or removed into the country the last year are, Mr. Lardner, sen<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Masters of Barnet, dead; Mr. John Farmer, Mr. Hawtyn, Mr. Conder jun<sup>r</sup>, removed into y<sup>e</sup> country.

A List of the Congreg<sup>l</sup> Pastors & approved Ministers in London & within 10 miles of it April 14. 1741.

Dr. Watts	Mr. Halford	Mr. Guyse
Mr. Neal	Richardson	Conder (dead)
Mr. Bradbury	Stevens (dead)	Lamb (gone)
Dr. Hunt	Hill	Fowler (dead)
Dr. Guyse	Lowman of	Cornhill (gone)
Mr. Price	Clapham	Shallet (dead)
Goodwin	Davy of Barnet	Lister (gone)
Rawlins	(dead)	Deneham *
Hall	Miles of Tooting	Pickering (dead)
Jennings	Snashul of	Spooner (gone)
Jolly	Newington (gone)	Edwards (dead)
Wright	Simmonds of	
Hubbard	Battersea (gone)	
King	Farmer of	
	Walthamstow	
	Mr. Charlton (dead)	

\* Densham chosen (?) one of the Committee April 6, 1742.

April 6, 1742. Added to the List

Dr. Marryat, Mr. Stauton.

The List of approved mem<sup>rs</sup> of the Congregl. Denom<sup>n</sup>, for the year 1742

Dr. Watts	Halford	Mr. Miles of Tooting
Mr. Neal	Richardson	Snashul of
„ Bradbury	Stevens (dead)	Newington (gone)
Dr. Hunt	Hill	Simmonds of
Guyse	Charlton	Battersea (dead)

Mr. Price	Guyse	Farmer of
„ Goodwin	Conder	Walthamstow
„ Rawlins	Lamb (gone)	Lister (gone)
„ Hall	Fowler	Densham (gone)
„ Jennings	Cornhill (gone)	Pickering (gone)
Jolly	Shallet (dead)	Spooner (gone)
Wright	Mr. Lowman of Clapham	Edwards (dead)
Hubbard	Davy of Barnet	Dr. Marryatt (dead)
King	(dead)	Mr. Stanton (gone)

Added to the List at the end of the year :—

Mr. Pitts, Mr. Meredith Townsend, Mr. Cole, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. T. J. Townsend.

Removed into the country, Mr. Cornell, Mr. Stauton.

April 3, 1744. Added to the List

Mr. Matthew Jackson (gone) Mr. Jenkin Lewis

Mr. Richard Winter Mr. Joseph Grigg

Mr. Samuel Jackson (gone)

Mr. Neal, Mr. Wright, & Mr. Stevens have died since their last meeting. Mr. Lister is removed into the country.

Mar. 26, 1745. Dr. Hunt, Mr. Hubbard, & Mr. Edwards are dead. Mr. John Walker, Mr. John Rogers, & Mr. Moses Gregson added to the List.

Mar. 1745/6. Mr. Snashul, Mr. John Townsend, Mr. Walker, on the Com<sup>ee</sup>.

Mr. Davy of Barnet & Mr. Hill are dead.

Added to the List, Mr. Towle.

Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Cole were reported as dead.

Mr. Gregson has removed into the country.

March 21, 1748/9. Dr. Watts is dead. Agreed that Mr. Bentley, Mr. Marryat, Mr. Fourneaux, Mr. Dickinson & Mr. Hargreave be added to y<sup>e</sup> List. Mr. Spooner is removed into y<sup>e</sup> country.

List of the approved min<sup>rs</sup> of the Congregl Denomination in & about London for the year 1749.

Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Bradbury	Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Pitts	Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Brewer
Mr. Hall	Walker	Hitchin
Dr. Guyse	Rogers	Pike
Dr. Marryatt	Guyse	Bentley dec
Mr. Rawlins	Fowler dec	Marryatt
Price	Townsend	Furneaux
Dr. Jennings	Andrews	Hargreave
Mr. Jollie	Gibbons	Lowman
King	Lewis dec	Dr. Miles
Halford	Gregg gone	Mr. Snashull gone
Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Richardson	Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr. Winter	Simons
Pickering	Towle	Farmer
Charlton	Savage	John Farmer

This List has been delivered in to Dr. Hughes y<sup>e</sup> present Secretary to y<sup>e</sup> Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Three Denominations w<sup>th</sup> an account of each Minister's Meeting-house, or place of abode.

March 24. 1752.

Reported that Mr. Lewis & Mr. Bentley are dead.

Agreed nemine contradicente that Mr. Pickering be struck off our List.

Mr. Hickman, Mr. Beldam, Mr. Fisher, & Mr. Tabor are added to the List.

A List of the approved Min<sup>rs</sup> of the Congreg<sup>l</sup> denom<sup>n</sup> in & about London 1752.

Mr. Bradbury	Mr. Pitts	Mr. Furneaux
Dr. Guyse	Guyse	John Farmer
Mr. Hall	Charlton, dead	John Townsend
„ Price	Walker	Mered. Townsend of
Dr. Jennings	Winter	Stoke Newington
Dr. Marryatt	Fowler, dead	Dr. Miles of Tooting
Mr. Rawlin	Savage	Mr. Hugh Farmer
King	Rogers	of Walthamstow
Jollie	Mr. Pike	Mr. Hickman, gone
Richardson	Hitchin	Tabor
Halford	Brewer	Beldam
Towle	Hargrave	Fisher
Gibbons	Grigg	Hayward, dead

Mar 27. 1753.

Mr. Hayward added to the List ; (also chosen one of the Committee, & again 1754.)

Mr. Lowman is dead.

Mr. Grigg gone into the country.

1754 April 2.

Mr. John Townsend chosen (?) one of the Committee.

Mr. John Chater added to the List.

Mr. Beldam removed into the country.

Mr. Tabor quitted the Ministry.

1755 Mar 25.

Added to the List Mr. Olding, Mr. Toller, Mr. Conder, Mr. Thos. Porter.

Reported that D<sup>r</sup> Marryat is dead.

1756 Mar 30.

Mr. Holford ? ? ? (a note in shorthand).

Added to the List, Mr. Timothy Lamb, Mr. Baxter Cole.

Reported that Mr. Thomas Charleton is dead.

Mr. Chater is gone into the country.

List of approved mem<sup>rs</sup> 1757

Mr. Bradbury	Mr. Hayward d <sup>d</sup>	Mr. Porter
Brewer	Hickman gone	Rawlin
Conder	Hitchin	Richardson
Cole	Hargrave	Rogers
Hugh Farmer	Dr. Jennings	Savage
J. Fowler, d <sup>d</sup>	Mr. Jollie	Toller
Furneaux	King	Towle
Dr. Guyse	Lamb	John Townsend
Mr. Guyse, d <sup>d</sup>	Dr. Miles	Meredith Townsend
Gibbons	Mr. Olding	Dr. Walker
Hall	Pike	Mr. Winter
Mr. Halford	Pitts	

Mar 29, 1757

Reported that Mr. Price is dead

Added to the List Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Porter, Mr. Carter, Mr. Ford, & Mr. T. (?) Palmer.

Mar 28, 1758

Reported that Mr. Rawlin, Mr. Jollie, Mr. Hayward, & Mr. Fowler are dead.

Added to the List, Mr. John Stafford & Mr. Nicolas Place.

Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Porter was chosen (?) of the Com<sup>ee</sup> for 1759.

Mar 20, 1759

Added to the List Mr. Webb Mr. Barnard & Mr. Chater.

Mr. Hickman is removed into the country.

Dr. Walker one of the Com<sup>ee</sup>.

Mar 25, 1760

Mr. Thos. Porter chosen (?) one of the com<sup>ee</sup>.

Reported that Mr. Bradbury & Mr. Guyse are dead.

List of the approved Mem<sup>rs</sup> \*

Dr. Guyse	Mr. Hugh Farmer—Walthamstow
Mr. Hall	Lamb—n <sup>r</sup> S <sup>t</sup> Georges, Boro.
King	Richardson—little Moorfields
Dr. Miles	Toller
Dr. Jennings	Thos. Porter—Limehouse
Mr. Conder	John Townsend
Brewer	Meredith Townsend
Gibbons	W <sup>m</sup> Porter—Artillery Court
Pike gone	Chater
Dr. Walker	Ford
Mr. Savage	Stafford
Towle	Webb
Hitchin	Barnard
Olding	R Carter

\* Some of these names appear to have been added subsequently ; see under 1761-2-3.



Winter	Gordon
Furneaux	Hargrave—Brentford
Pitts	John Farmer
Palmer—Hackney	<del>Wilson</del>
Rogers—Long Lane	Potts
	Barber
	Mayo
	Cole

Mar 31, 1761

Agreed that the Monday evening Exercise of Prayer be continued, that Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Porter be Secrety. to the Body.

Var. regulations.

No mem<sup>r</sup> proposed to be admitted unless recommended by 5 of our body, in person or writing, nor any person be admitted or excluded by less than two thirds of the body [persons] present (*at*) that vote.

Reported that Mr. Halford is dead, and that Mr. Palmer & Mr. P. Line are gone into the Country.

Agreed that Mr. Barnard is not a proper person to be continued on our List.

Oct. 6. 1761

Agreed, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brewer, Conder, Hitchin, Olding, & Stafford having proposed Mr. Potts to this body, that he be admitted a member of it, he having given full evidence that his sentiments relating to the Toleration are satisfactory to this Board, & so removed the objection some of our Brethren had against him upon that head from a sentence in a Funeral Sermon preached for Mr. Fall.

Mr. Barber admitted.

Mar 23, 1762. Reported that Dr. Guyse is dead.

Oct 5, 1762. Reported that Mr. Hall & Dr. Jennings are dead, & that Mr. Lamb is removed into the country. Mr. Henry Mayo admitted.

Mar. 29, 1763. Reported that Dr. Miles is Dead. Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Palmer of Hackney admitted.

Feb 7, 1764. Agreed that there be an extraordinary relig<sup>s</sup> Exercise on account of the present calamitous rain. Agreed therefore that the Monday Eveng exercise be revived.

Mar 20 1764 Mr. Thos Prentice admitted.

Oct 16. 1764. Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Gordon admitted.

Oct 8. 1765. Reported that Mr. Thos Porter is removed into the country.

List 1766 contains names of

Mr. Ford, Bow Lane

Carter, Stratford

Wilton, Tooting

Venner

Jennings, Islington

Webb, Clerkenwell

John Farmer, Goodman's Fields,

Dalton, Artillery Court

Phillips, Bunhill Row

John Winter, Hanover Square.

Mar 18, 1766 Agreed that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pike & Prentice are not proper persons to be continued on our List. Mr. Wilton admitted.

Oct 17, 1766 Mr. Dalton admitted impropriety of the behaviour of Mr. Richardson & Mr. Potts as members of y<sup>e</sup> Board.

Mar 24, 1767. Mr. Phillips admitted.

Messrs. R. & P. upon the whole explained themselves to the satisfaction of the Board.

Oct. 4. 1768. Mr. Jennings admitted.

Mar 21. 1769. Dr. King dead.

Oct. 3. 1769. Reported that Mr. Dalton is gone into the country. Rev. Mr. John Winter admitted. Agreed that the Monday Evng Exercise of Prayer be renewed.

Oct 9. 1770. Reported that Mr. Gordon is gone to America. Agreed that the Evng exercise of Prayer on Monday be renewed.

Mar 19. 1771. Rep<sup>d</sup> that Dr. Walker is dead.

Mr. Dan<sup>l</sup> Fisher, Mr. Jos<sup>h</sup> Popplewell & Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup> Venner & Mr. John Kells admitted.

Oct. 8. 1771. Mr. Noah Hill admitted.

## Early Nonconformist Bibliography

### VI

WE come next to works of known writers, who either at this time first appeared in print, or now first became prominent in controversy ; beginning with Presbyterians.

ALEXANDER HENDERSON was already eminent in Scotland. He now issued, anonymously, *The Unlawfullnes and Danger of Limited Prelacie, or Perpetvall Presidencie in the Church, briefly discussed.* 4to., 4+20pp., 1641. This was against the "Reduced Episcopacy" favoured by Usher and many moderate men of both parties. In the Bodleian, Congregational, and other libraries.

He subsequently published *A Sermon preached before the Lords and Commons, 18 July 1644*, and another *before the House of Lords 28 May, 1645*. Both are in the Congregational and many other libraries.

GEORGE GILLESPIE, whose literary output is considerable, about this time published in Edinburgh *The Government of the Church of Scotland in the Point of Ruling Elders.* 4to., 1641. In Williams's Library ; reprinted in his collected works.

In 1644 he issued two anonymous tracts : *A Dialogue between a Civilian and a Divine, concerning the present condition of the Church of England : and A Recrimination charged upon Mr. Goodwin, in Defence of Presbyterianism.*

Another of his anonymous pamphlets is *Wholesome Severity reconciled with Christian Liberty.* 4to., 8+40pp., 1645. In the British Museum, Bodleian, &c. This is directed against R. Williams's *Bloudy Tenet*, and other writings in favour of toleration. In the same intolerant spirit is *A Sermon preached before the . . . House of Lords, 17 August 1645. Whereunto is added A Brotherly Examination of some passages of Mr. Colemans late Printed Sermon.* 4to., 6+48pp., 1645. In Williams's.

*Nihil Respondes ; or a Discovery of the Extreme Unsatisfactoriness of Mr. Colemans Piece, &c.* 4to., 24pp. In the Bodleian.

*Aaron's Rod blossoming, or the Divine Ordinance of Church Government Vindicated.* 4to., 22+590pp., 1646. In the Congregational and other libraries. Reprinted 1844.

*A Form for Church Government and Ordination of Ministers, Contained in c x i Propositions propounded to the late General Assemblie at*

*Edinburgh, &c.* 4to., 6+45pp., 1647. In the British Museum. Reprinted 1844.

*An Useful Case of Conscience Discussed and Resolved, concernin associations and confederacies with Idolaters, Infidels, Hereticks, etc.* 4to., 28 pp., 1649. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries. Reprinted 1791.

*A Treatise of Miscellany Questions.* 4to., 14+288pp., Edin. 1649. In the Congregational and other libraries.

*Causes of the Lord's Wrath against Scotland, &c.,* 1651. Reprinted 1653, in the Bodleian; again 1791 and 1844.

ROBERT BAILLIE, another eminent Scottish divine, first intervened in English controversy with *The Vnlawfulnessse and Danger of Limited Episcopacie, whereunto is subjoined a short reply to the Modest Advertiser. . . . as also the Question of Episcopacie discussed from Scripture and Fathers.* 4to., 2+48pp., 1641. In the British Museum, and Bodleian.

*A Parallel, or Briefe Comparison of the Liturgie with the Masse-book, etc.* 4to., 12+96pp., 1641. Reprinted 1661. Both editions in British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries.

*The Canterburyrians Self Conviction.* 4to. 22+127pp., with suppl. and p. 5. 2+70+37pp., 1641. In the Congregational Library and elsewhere.

*A Dissuasive from the Errours of the Time: wherein the Tenets of the principal Sects, especially of the Independents, are drawn together in one Map, &c.* 4to., 24+252pp., 1645. In the Bodleian, British Museum, and Congregational Libraries. Reprint 1646 in the Bodleian.

*An Historical Vindication of the Government of the Church of Scotland, &c.* 4to., 16+79+1+56pp., 1646. In the Bodleian, British Museum, &c.

*Anabaptism, The True Fountaine of Independency, Brownisme, Antinomy, Familisme, and most of the other Errours, which for the Time do trouble the Church of England, Vnsealed, &c.* 4to., 32+179+13pp. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Williams's Libraries.

*A Review of Dr. Bramhall, late Bishop of Londonderry, his Faire Warning, &c.* Delft, 4to., 8+92pp., 1649. In the Bodleian and British Museum. Reprinted 1661.

*The Dissuasive from the Errors of the Time, Vindicated from the Exceptions of Mr. Colton and Mr. Toombes.* 4to., 90pp., 1655. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Williams's Libraries.

Baillie's *Letters and Journals* were printed at Edinburgh in 2 vols. 8vo. 1775. In the Congregational Library and elsewhere.

[Henderson, Gillespie, and Baillie, together with S. Rutherford—who did not intervene in English controversy till 1642—were the Commissioners from the Church of Scotland to the Westminster Assembly.]

RICHARD BYFIELD, already known as a devotional writer, and

subsequently a member of the Assembly, contributed to the discussion

*The Power of the Christ of God, or a Treatise of Power, as it is originally in God the Father, and by him given to Christ his Sonne.* 4to., 16+46pp., 1641. In the Bodleian and British Museum.

*Temple-defilers defiled, wherein a true visible Church of Christ is described, the evils . . . appertaining to Schisme, Anabaptisme, and Libertinisme . . . are discovered, &c.* 4to., 8+40pp., 1645. In the Bodleian and British Museum. *A Short Treatise describing the true Church of Christ, &c.*, 4to., 2+40pp., 1653, is probably a new edition, more or less revised; but I have not seen it.

R. GREVILLE, LORD BROOKE, wrote *A Discourse opening the nature of that Episcopacie which is exercised in England, &c.* 4to., 8+124pp., 1641. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries. Reprinted 1642, 6+119pp.

SIR EDWARD DEARING, already mentioned, published anonymously *A Consideration and a Resolution, first concerning the right of the Laity in National Councils; secondly, concerning the power of the Bishops in affaires secular.* 4to., 32pp., 1641. In the Bodleian and British Museum.

DANIEL CAWDREY, who had already published one or two short pieces of practical divinity, was the author of *Superstitio superstes: or the Reliques of Superstition newly revived, Manifested in a Discourse concerning the Holiness of Churches, and bowing towards the Allar, &c.* 4to., 12+60pp., 1641. In the British Museum, Bodleian, &c.

*The Christian Sabbath vindicated*; written conjointly with Herbert Palmer. 4to., 12+682+24pp., 1645. In the Congregational and other libraries. Reprinted 1652.

*The Good Man a Public Good: A Sermon preached before Parliament 31 January, 1643.* 4to 2+43pp., 1643. In the Congregational and other libraries.

*Vindiciae Clavium; or a Vindication of the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven into the hands of the right owners.* 4to., 24+96pp., 1645. In the Congregational Library.

*The Depths of Satan Discovered; or the Jesuits last Design to Ruine Religion, &c. . . . by Philopatrus Philalethes.* 4to., 6+26pp., 1649. This very scarce tract maintains the right of the magistrate to exercise authority in religious matters. The only copies I know of are in the Congregational Library and a private library in America.

*The Inconsistency of the Independent way, with Scripture and It Self, &c.* 4to., 26+220pp., 1651. In the Congregational and other libraries.

*A Sober Answer to a serious question propounded by Mr. G. Firmin, &c.* 4to., 8+31pp., 1652. In the Bodleian, Congregational Library, and British Museum.

*Dialtribe Triplex: Or A threefold Exercitation concerning Superstition.*

*Will-worship, and Christmas-festivall, &c.* 8vo., 8+206pp., 1645. In the Bodleian, Congregational, and other libraries.

*Independencie a Great Schism, proved against Dr. Owen his Apology, &c.* 16mo., 2+250pp., 1657. In the Bodleian, Congregational, and other libraries.

*Church Reformation promoted, in a sermon on Matt xviii : 15-19.* 8vo., 8+119pp., 1657. In the Congregational and Williams's Libraries, British Museum, &c.

*Independency Further Proved to be a Schism : or a Survey of Dr. Owen's Review of his Tract of Schism, &c.* 16mo., 6+158pp., 1658. In the British Museum and Bodleian.

*The Account Audited and Discounted ; or a Vindication of the Three-fold Diatribe.* 16mo., 2+438+1pp., 1658. In the Congregational Library.

*The Great Case of the Present Ministry, whether they may lawfully subscribe as required by the Act of Uniformity.* 16mo., 160pp., 1665. In the Congregational Library.

JOHN GREE is remembered as the author of *Judah's Joy at the Oath layd out in a Sermon on the 2 Chron. 15. 15 etc. . . . annexed a brief and Moderate Answer to The Protestation Protested, and the weaknesses of the grounds there suggested for Separate and Independent Churches.* 4to., 28pp., 1641. In the Congregational Library.

*Vindiciae Ecclesiae Anglicanae : or Ten Cases Resolved, which discover, that though there bee need of Reformation in, yet not of Separation from, the Churches of Christ in England.* 4to., 8+68pp., 1644. In the British Museum, Bodleian, Congregational, and Williams's Libraries.

*The Character of an Old Puritane or Nonconformist.* 4to., 2+6pp., 1646. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries. Reprinted in 1649, 1671, 1672, and 1683.

*Touching the Subject of Supremacy in Causes Ecclesiastical.* 4to., 1647. In the Bodleian.

*Might overcoming Right : or a Cleer Answer to Mr. John Goodwin's Might and Right well met.* 4to., 1649. 6+42pp. In the Congregational Library.

JOHN BALL was already well known as a writer of practical divinity. Some of his treatises passed through many editions: *A Short Treatise Conlayning all the Principall Grounds of Christian Religion* reached a fifteenth impression at least (1656, in the Congregational Library). His controversial works are

*A Friendly Triall of the Grounds Tending to Separation.* 4to., 16+314+6pp., 1640. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries.

*An Answer to two Treatises of Mr. John Can, the Leader of the English Brownists in Amsterdam.* 4to., 20+144+92+4pp., 1642. In the British Museum, Congregational, and other libraries.

*A Tryall of the New-Church Way in New England and in Old, &c.* 4to., 12+90pp., 1643, again 1644. (The earlier edition has a very lengthy title of about 100 words, beginning *A Letter of Many Ministers in Old England*.) 1st edn. in the British Museum, 2nd in Williams's Library. Both in the Bodleian.

JOHN LEY, afterwards a member of the Assembly, issued anonymously

*A Discourse Concerning Puritans: A Vindication of those who unjustly suffer by the Mistake, abuse, and Misapplication of that Name.* 4to., 2+58pp., 1641. Two editions, both in the Bodleian, one in the Congregational Library.

The same year he published three tracts, all in the Congregational Library, viz:—

*Doubts and Reasons for refusal of the Oath imposed by the Sixth Canon of the late Synod.* 4to., 28+124pp.

*A Letter against the erection of an Altar.* 4to., 2+32pp.

*A Case of Conscience concerning the Sacrament.* 4to. 6+21pp.

The following were elicited by several tracts on behalf of toleration by JOHN SALTmarsh—a reputed Antinomian:—

*The New Quere and Determination upon it . . . lately published to retard Presbyterial Government, examined.* 4to., 16+106pp, 1645.

*Light for Smoak, or a reply to The Smoke in the Temple &c. . . . whereunto is added a Novello-Mastix, or a scourge for a scurrilous newsmonger.* 4to., 30+97. 1646. All in the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries.

*An After-reckoning with Mr. Saltmarsh.* 4to., 8+59pp., 1646. (Authorship doubtful).

NATHANAEL HOMES, D.D. published *The New World, or the New Reformed Church*; a sermon on 2 Peter 3: 13. 4to., 4+79pp., 1641. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Library.

*The Peasants Price for Spiritual Liberty.* 4to., 2+77pp. In the Congregational Library.

*The Mischiefe of Mixt Communiones fully discussed.* 4to. 1650. In the Bodleian and British Museum.

*Daemonologie and Theologie. The First, the Malady . . . The Second, the Remedy.* 8vo., 14+208+31pp., 1650. In the Congregational Library.

*Ecclesia Mathermenutica; or Church-Cases Cleered.* 8vo., 26+163 pp., 1652. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries.

GEORGE SMITH is the name subscribed to a very rare tract. *An Alarum: To the last warning Peece to London. By way of Answer: Discovering The Danger of Sectaries suffered: and the necessity of Order, and Vniiformity to bee Established.* 4to., 24pp., n.d., but by internal evidence 1641. The argument is for Presbyterianism

against Independency. The only known copy belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society.

Of all Presbyterian controversialists the bitterest and most intolerant is THOMAS EDWARDS. His first noticeable production was

*Reasons against the Independant Government of particular Congregations : as also against the Toleration of such Churches to be erected in this Kingdome.* 4to., 20+56pp., 1641.

*Antapologia: Or a Full Answer to the Apologeticall Narration, &c.* (i.e., the statement of the "Dissenting Brethren" in the Westminster Assembly). 4to., 12+308pp., 1644. Both in the British Museum, Bodleian, Congregational, and other libraries.

*Gangraena: or a Catalogue and Discovery of many of the Errours, Heresies, Blasphemies and pernicious Practices of the Sectaries of this time; vented and acted in England in these four last yeares.* 4to., 24+184pp., three editions 1646. *The Second Part of Gangraena: or a fresh and further Discovery, &c.* 4to., 12+216pp., two editions, 1646. *The Third Part of Gangraena: or, A new and higher Discovery, &c.* 4to., 42+318pp. (numbering faulty), 1646. All separately in the British Museum and Bodleian; the Congregational Library has only the first part.

*The Casting Down of the last and strongest hold of Satan. Or a Treatise against Toleration, and pretended Liberty of Conscience. The First Part: (but no more was published.)* 4to., 8+218pp., 1647. In the British Museum, Bodleian, &c.

The earliest reply, on behalf of Independency, to the truculent Edwards came from the pen of KATHARINE CHIDLEY, about whom further information is much to be desired. In fact, nothing is really known of her except that she was at this date an elderly woman. She may possibly have been the mother of Nehemiah Chidley, a lawyer of eminence under the Commonwealth. Her principal work is

*The Iustificatiō of the Independant Chvrches of Christ. Being an Answer to Mr. Edwards his Booke, &c.* 4to., 8+82pp., 1641. In the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Library.

*A New Years Gift; or Brief Exhortation to Mr. T. Edwards.* 4to., 1645. The only copy we have heard of is in the Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

She is also the probable author of *Good Counsell to the Petitioners for Presbyterian Government: That they may declare their faith before they build their Church.* Broadsheet, 1645. In the British Museum.

No name is more prominent in the controversies of the period than SMECTYMNVS, a word coined from the initials of five eminent Presbyterian divines:—STEPHEN MARSHALL, EDMUND CALAMY, THOMAS YOUNG, MATTHEW NEWCOMEN, and WILLIAM SPURSTOW. Bishop Joseph Hall, still gratefully remembered for his



*Contemplations*, having addressed *An Humble Remonstrance* to Parliament, and also asserted the divine right of Episcopacy, these brethren united to produce

*An Answer to a Booke entituled An Humble Remonstrance, in which The Originall of Liturgy [and] Episcopacy is discussed. And Queries propounded concerning both, &c.* 4to., 104pp., 1641. Reprinted, under the editorship of Thos. Manton, as *Smectymnuus Redivivus*. 4to., 6+78pp., 1654. Both editions in the Congregational Library and elsewhere.

*A Vindication of the Answer to the Humble Remonstrance from the univst imputations of frivolousnesse and falsehood, &c.* 4to., 14+219pp., 1641. In the Bodleian, British Museum, and Congregational Library.

JOHN MILTON had already published his *Comus* and *Lycidas*, but both anonymously: the first 4to., 30pp., 1637; the second in a collection of elegies on his deceased friend Edward King, by several members of the University. His earliest prose work, also anonymous, was *Of Reformation Touching Church-Discipline in England, and the Causes that hitherto have hindered it.* 4to., 4+90pp., 1641. The British Museum copy has Milton's own MS. corrections. In the Bodleian, Congregational Library, &c.

*Of Prelatical Episcopacy, and whither it may be deduc'd from the Apostolical times, &c.* 4to., 2+24pp., 1641.

*Animadversions upon the Remonstrants Defence against Smectymnuus.* 4to., 2+78pp., 1641.

*The Reason of Church-government urg'd against Prelacy.* 4to., 2+66pp., 1641. This is the first of Milton's publications to which his name is attached. All these three are in the British Museum, Bodleian, and Congregational Libraries.

*An Apology Against a Pamphlet [call'd] A Modest Confutation of the Animadversions upon the Remonstrant against Smectymnuus.* 4to., 2+60pp. 1642. In the Bodleian and Congregational Libraries. Part of the impression bears the title, *An Apology for Smectymnuus, with the Reason of Church Government*, n.d.

*Of Education: to Mr. Samuel Hartlib.* 1 sheet 4to., 1644. (Re-issued with 2nd Edition of the *Minor Poems*, 1673.)\*

*Areopagitica; A Speech of Mr. John Milton For the Liberty of Vullicenc'd Printing, To the Parliament of England.* 4to., 40pp., 1644. In the British Museum. Reprinted 1650, 1693 (abridged), 1738, and often since; *literatim* by Mr. Arber, 1868.

Next comes a group of four treatises which somewhat sadly indicate the limitations of a great mind. The first two were anonymous; the others bore the author's name. Original copies are very scarce, but they are all in the Congregational Library.

*The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce, Restor'd, to the good of both Sexes, from the Bondage of Canon Law, &c.* 4to., 48+2pp., 1644.

Again, enlarged, 1645. [An *Answer* to this tract, also anonymous, promptly followed ; it is in the British Museum.]

*The Judgment of Martin Bucer concerning Divorce. Writt'n to Edward the Sixth, in his Second Book of the Kingdom of Christ, And now Englisht, &c.* 4to., 40pp., 1644.

*Tetrachordon : Expositions upon The foure chief places in Scripture, which treat of Marriage, or Nullities in Marriage.* 4to., 8+98pp., 1645.

*Colasterion : A Reply to a Nameless Answer against The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce.* 4to., 2+28pp., 1645.

*Poems by Mr. John Milton, both English and Latin, compos'd at several Times. Printed by his true copies.* Small 8vo., 1645. This contains *Comus, Lycidas, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, the Odes,* and many of the *Sonnets and Miscellanies*. Second edition, enlarged ; 8vo., 8+166+117+5pp., 1673. Third edn., folio, 4+60pp., 1695. (2nd and 3rd in the Congregational Library.)

*The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates.* 4to., 2+42pp., 1649. In Congregational and other libraries.

*Eikonoklastes : in Answer To a Book Intitl'd Eikon Basilike, &c.* 4to., 12+242pp., 1649. Original editions in the British Museum, Congregational Library, &c. 2nd edn., 4to., 1650 ; 3rd edn., 12mo., 14+208pp., Amsterdam, 1690. Also in French, 12mo., 1656.

*Observations on the Articles of Peace between James Earl of Ormond for King Charles i on the one hand and the Irish Rebels and Papists on the other hand.* 1649.

*The grand case of conscience concerning the Engagement stated and resolved : or a strict survey of the Solemn League and Covenant in reference to the present Engagement.* 4to., 1650. Anonymous. In the British Museum and Bodleian.

*Pro Populo Anglicano Defensio, contra Claud. Auon alias Salmasii, Defensionem Regiam.* 12mo., 260pp., 1651. In the British Museum ; and 4to., 22+205pp., in the Congregational Library. Also in folio, 2nd. edn., 12mo., 192 pp., same year, in the Congregational Library ; reissued 1652 and 1657. An English translation (by Joseph Washington,) 8vo., n.p., 6+24+246pp., 1692 ; in the Congregational Library and elsewhere.

*Pro Populo Anglicano Defensio Secunda ; contra Infamem Libellum Anonymum cui titulus Regii Sanguinis Clamor, &c.* 8vo., 174pp., 1654. In the British Museum and Congregational Library. Again, 1658.

*Defensio pro se contra Alex. Mori libellum Regii Sanguinis Clamor, &c.* 12mo., 1655.

*Considerations touching the likeliest means to remove Hirelings out of the Church : Wherein is also discour'd of tithes, Church fees, Church revenues, &c.* 8vo., 1659. In the Bodleian and British Museum. Reprinted 1717, 1723, and often since, with and without abridgment.

*A Treatise of Civil Power in Ecclesiastical Causes ; shewing that it is not lawfull for any power on Earth to compell in the matters of religion.* 8vo., 12+84pp., 1659. In the Bodleian and British Museum, and Congregational Library. Reprinted in 1790 and 1840.

*A Letter to a Friend, concerning the Ruptures of the Commonwealth.* 1659.\*

*The Present Means and brief Delineation of a Free Commonwealth. Easy to be put in Practice, and without delay. In a letter to General Monk.* 4to., 1660.\*

*The Readie and Easie Way to establish a free Commonwealth.* 4to., 1660. Reprinted 1791.

*Brief Notes upon a late Sermon tilled 'The Fear of God and the King,' &c.,* 1660. (This was answered by L'Estrange in a pamphlet with the insulting title *No Blind Guides*.)

*Paradise Lost, a Poem Written in Ten Books by John Milton.* 4to., 171 leaves unpagged, 1667. This edition is found with no less than eight slightly varying title pages, dated 1667-8-9. Those dated 1668-9 usually have seven preliminary leaves (arguments, errata, &c.), following the title page. Some of these copies have a few errors corrected, apparently while passing through the press. Second edition, in twelve books, 8vo., 1674. Third, 8vo., 1678. Fourth, folio, illustrated, 1688. Fifth, folio, 1692. Sixth, folio, 4+343+3pp., with engravings, 1695. With this is frequently bound up *Annotations* by P.H., i.e., Patrick Hume, 2+321pp.

*Accidence commenced Grammar.* 12mo., 1669. (Some bibliographers mention an earlier edition, ? 1661.)\*

*Artis Logicae plenior Institutio, &c.* 12mo., 1670. Reissued 1672 and 1673.

*The History of Britain.* 4to., 2+308+56pp., with portrait, 1670. Again in 4to 1671 and 1677; 8vo., 1695. (This ends with the Norman Conquest; contains much fabulous and legendary matter.)\*

*Paradise Regain'd; a Poem in Four Books. To which is added Samson Agonistes.* 8vo., 1671. Second edition. 8vo., 1680. Third, folio, 1688. Fourth, folio, 2+66+6+57pp., 1695.

*Of True Religion, Heresy, Schism, &c.* 4to., 1673. Reprinted, 8vo., 1811, 1826.

*A Declaration, or Letters Patents, for the Election of John iii King of Poland, elected on the 22nd of May A.D., 1674.* (Translated from the official document relating to the election of Sobieski). 1674.

*Foannis Milloni Angli Epistolarum Familiarum liber unus.* 16mo., 156pp., 1674.

The following were posthumous :—

*Literae Pseudo-Senatus Anglicani, Cromwellii, Reliquorumque Perduellium Nomine ac jussu Conscriptae a Joanne Millone.* 12mo., 4+234pp., n.p., 1676. This was translated by Edward Philips, Milton's nephew, and published as *Letters of State written by Mr. John Milton to most of the Sovereign Princes and Republicks of Europe.*

12mo., 6+54+336pp., 1694. The Congregational Library has both editions.

*A Brief History of Moscovia, and of the less-known Countries lying Eastward. . . . as far as Cathay.* 12mo., 1682.

*De Doctrina Christiana, libri duo.* Discovered in the State Paper Office in 1823, and edited by Dr. Summer, Bp. of Winchester; 4to., Camb. 1825. Translated by Dr. Summer, 4to., 1825: new edn. 2 vols. 8vo., Lond., 1852-3.

Of the following, ascribed to Milton, the authorship is doubtful:—

*Observations upon some of his Majesties late Answers and Expresses.* 4to., 2 Edns. 32 and 47 pp. respectively; 1642. (Ascribed to Milton, apparently on the ground that an *Answer* to it elicited a *Reply* signed J.M.)

*An Argument or Debate in Law of the Great Question concerning the Militia . . . .* by J.M. 4to., 4+43pp., 1642.

*Tyrannical Government Anatomized; or a Discours Concerning Evil Counsellors: being the Life and Death of John the Baptist.* 4to., 28pp., 1642. This is a tragedy in blank verse, but mostly printed as prose; translated or adopted from the *Baptistes* of Buchanan. Reprinted, with the original, by F. Peck, 4to., 1740. If Milton's it must be a juvenile work; but it deserves reprinting.

*Mr. John Milton's character of the Long Parliament and Assembly of Divines, 1681.* (Very doubtful.) All these are in the Congregational Library.

In 1740 F. Peck reprinted *Two Latin Panegyrics on Cromwell*, which had been ascribed to the Portuguese ambassador and a Jesuit chaplain. Peck strenuously claimed them for Milton.

An *Epitaph* of 54 lines, commencing "He whom Heaven did call away," and signed *J. M. Ober 1647*, was discovered by Prof. H. Morley, in what he believed to be Milton's autograph, about 1870. Its authorship is still in dispute.

*Nova Solyma, The Ideal City, or Jerusalem Regained: a Latin politico-religious romance, conjecturally ascribed to Milton; with introduction, translation, essays, and notes by Walter Begley.* 2 vols., 8vo., 808 pp., 1902.

Of Milton's prose works the earliest collected editions are as follows:—

*The Works of Mr. John Milton.* Folio, 10+568pp., n.pl., 1697. (All the English prose published in his lifetime, except those marked \*).

*Joannis Miltonis Opera Omnia Latina.* Folio, 2+363pp., Amsterdam 1698. Both these are in the Congregational Library.

Then followed collections edited by:—

J. Toland; 3 vols., folio, Amsterdam 1698.

T. Birch; 2 vols., folio, London 1738.

T. Birch; with life, 2 vols., 4to., London 1753.

C. Symmons, D.D., with life, translations, etc., 7 vols., ryl. 8vo., London 1806.

G. Burnett ; a selection only, 2 vols., 12mo., London 1809.

Fletcher (introduction by) ; stereotype edition, 1 vol., imp. 8vo., printed at Bungay, 1833 ; several times reprinted.

J. A. St. John ; 5 vols., 8vo., London 1848-53 (Bohn's edn.)

Mitford, John ; with life, 8 vols., 8vo., London 1853.

The earliest collected edition of the poems is:—

*The Poetical Works of Mr. John Milton* : folio 1695. This consists of the sixth edn. of the *Paradise Lost*, with P. Hume's notes, the fourth edn. of *Paradise Regained* and *Samson*, and the third edn. of the *Minor Poems* bound together. In the Congregational Library and elsewhere.

Other editions are almost innumerable.

T. G. CRIPPEN.

## NOTES AND QUERIES

Mr. Burrage, to whom we were indebted for his fortunate discovery and careful editing of Browne's long-lost *New Years Gift*, has appealed to a wider circle of readers by an interesting volume on *The Church Covenant Idea*. This he traces back to the *Sacramentum non in scelus aliquod obstringere, etc.*, mentioned by Pliny early in the second century. He shews that "the idea of a society of brothers in union or covenant (*bund*) with God" was familiar to the early Anabaptists in Germany and the Unitarian Baptists in Poland; its sign, according to them, being the rite of baptism. He thinks it probable that from some such source the Scottish Reformers derived their "bands," of which the final development was reached in the "National Covenant" and the "Solemn League and Covenant." However this may be, the church covenant idea is clearly manifest in the organization and writings of the early Independents; but these, because of their use of infant baptism, generally adopted some kind of documentary covenant, signed by the members of a church. Of these numerous examples are given, ranging from 1599 to 1772. The interesting fact is pointed out that long and elaborate covenants of many articles are most frequent in churches which had been influenced, directly or indirectly, by the church at Rotterdam, where such a document had been subscribed in 1633 at the suggestion of the celebrated Hugh Peters. Much information is given about church covenants in America, and the controversies which took place there about the so-called Halfway Covenant; and it is pointed out that while such documents gradually fell into disfavour in England, they became almost universal among Congregational and Baptist churches in America. It was surely by oversight that Mr. Burrage failed to notice how distinctly the church covenant idea is implied in the responsions of the baptismal ritual, both in the Anglican and the Unreformed Churches. The book is issued by the American Baptist Publication Society, and deserves a large circulation on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Adverting to the article on pp. 408-9 on "The Indulgence, 1672," Principal A. Gordon, of Manchester, writes:—

"Actual licences still extant must be much more numerous than the writer supposes. Two, omitted by him, are well known, namely, the licence for 'A Roome or Roomes in the Court House at Warrington,' now to be seen at Cairo Street chapel, Warrington (a

facsimile of which has been widely issued); and the licence for 'a Roome or Roomes in the house of John Angier of Manchester Pish,' now to be seen in Dukinfield Old Chapel (a reduced facsimile is in Gordon's *Historical Account of Dukinfield Chapel*, 1896.)

Principal Gordon goes on to give reasons for thinking that "the alleged licence 'for the Upper Chapel, Sheffield' is evidently mis-described." His reasons appear convincing; and careful enquiry has failed to discover any trace of the document said to have been "in the possession of Rev. J. Pye-Smith, D.D."

Another licence, for "a room or rooms in the house of George Bendal, of Newcastle on Tyne," dated 5 September 1672, is in the possession of St. James' church in that city; to which it was presented by the executors of the Misses Mathers in 1889. A correspondent has also mentioned a licence preserved at Thornton, Bradford, but this has not been verified. Information respecting this, and any other unreported licence, is desirable.

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Rev. F. Ives Cater, of Oundle, writes:—

"I have discovered the old house mentioned by Dexter, in which Browne lived. I am now seeking to verify a tradition that Browne organized a Brownist congregation in that house, during his incumbency of Achurch. If that be true his character will be set in a new light."

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Honour has been done to the memory of Thacker and Copping, who were put to death at Bury St. Edmund's in 1583 for circulating Brownist pamphlets. The recent erection of a monument in that town to the Protestant martyrs of 1553-8 suggested a similar memorial to the victims of Anglican State Church intolerance; and the idea took shape in the form of a pedestal and shaft about 12 feet high, in the ground adjoining Whiting Street Congregational church. The die is inscribed:—

"In memory of Elias Thacker and John Copping, who were hanged in this town on the 4th and 5th of June (respectively), 1583, for disseminating the principles of Independency. Erected August, 1904."

The monument was unveiled by Rev. C. Silvester Horne, M.A., on 17th August.

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Members of our Society will be interested in a work now in course of publication by the Friends' Historical Society, entitled *The First Publishers of Truth*. It consists of replies, printed verbatim, to inquiries made in the year 1720 about the labours and sufferings of the early Quakers, and is full of valuable information.

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In reply to W. H. Roberts, Rev. Griffith Williams was one of Lady Huntingdon's students at Trevecca, and ministered for some years in her chapels. In 1790 he is reported to have taken Gate Street chapel, then in a dilapidated condition; where he gathered a numerous congregation, to which he ministered until his death in 1826. His portrait is in the *Evangelical Magazine* of October 1798. A brief memoir of him appears in Jones's *Bunhill Memorials*, in which he is called an Independent. In a list of chapels in the metropolis, 1832, Gate Street is described as "Calvinistic Methodist, in Lady Huntingdon's Connection; using the Liturgy."

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It is hoped that our members will receive the reprint of John Penry's *Aquitie of an Humble Supplication (1587)* with this issue of the *Transactions*. Only four original copies are known to exist, and the treatise, though often quoted, has never until now been reprinted.



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