

“Rise, rise, ye Christians, rise,
 In strains of rapture sing;
 Let songs of praise salute the skies,
 And welcome God your King.”

There are obvious echoes here of Charles Wesley, who died the year Proud became a Swedenborgian. Proud lived on until 1826, a strange figure, who had he but joined the New Connexion instead of the New Jerusalem Church might have found an honoured place in the somewhat sparse ranks of Baptist hymn writers.

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A Note on W. T. Whitley

J. H. Y. BRIGGS in his article on the sources for 19C nonconformity (*Baptist Quarterly*, January and April, 1969) rightly regretted that W. T. Whitley never finished the third volume of his bibliography which would have added immeasurably to the resources of Baptist history in that century. Not all students of Baptist history are aware that there are in existence the original card files compiled by Whitley as the basis for his third volume. From the comments to be found in the *Quarterly* in 1939-40 we can assume that Whitley was on the verge of putting the volume into manuscript when the war began and then it was too late. The file boxes have been essentially untouched until now and except for some few cards suffering from damp or smearing, the cards, which follow the pattern of the earlier volumes, are as usable as a printed volume. The file may be consulted in the Angus Collection of Regent's Park College, Oxford.

But what of the future of this bibliographic goldmine? Personally I have tried to spread the news of their existence around but the grapevine has proved to be unfortunately short. Although the American Baptist Historical Society has expressed interest in the files being microfilmed their future is uncertain. The argument that this third volume is out of date or incomplete is not a sufficiently compelling reason not to find a means to publish it as best we can. The appearance of the volume in some inexpensive form (at the very least microfilm) would prove to be an invaluable asset to those of us working in the 19C. To bring it up to date and extensively recheck the information demands a man of Whitley's patience and ability: the continuing publication of E. C. Starr's *Baptist Bibliography* should make this unnecessary. However it will be a good many years before this mammoth undertaking finally reaches XYZ, and until then the potential of this fine, although somewhat dampened, bibliographical tool remains unrealised.

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