

with the making of a record of what is vulnerable. There are helpful notes about the documentary sources to consult, the principles on which a survey ought to be carried out and how properly the findings should be recorded - a 'do-it-yourself' guide, well worthy of attention by our members who, like *Hallelujah*, will put the excellence of Christopher Stell's notes, sketches, photographs and measured drawings as the goal to which all should aim. The booklet concludes with a note on the present legal situation, which may well date this publication as we all await news of any amendment to the ecclesiastical exemption currently enjoyed by places of worship in current use. The point is well made that exemption was first granted to the Church of England on the understanding that the faculty system would be resuscitated to provide a form of self-discipline. The Free Churches have never had such a system and it is difficult to see how a congregationally-based denomination could operate anything remotely analogous - again indicating how the practicalities of bricks and mortar are intimately bound up with the theology of the Church or the churches. It is a pity that the bibliography does not list the principal dissenting historical societies.

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