

Moments in Our History

(Excerpts from the Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975)

The Employment of Begging (Part 7)

There were also letters from the father and son team of Christopher and Herbert Mends of Plymouth, sorrowing that they could do so little for the new church. Herbert had been searching for a Schoolmaster but could find no one willing to go to St. John's. He was sending copies of his *A Sermon for Little Children* which he begs Mr. Jones to distribute "to the most deserving of your catechumens." The old father was full of praise for "that worthy minister" Samuel Greatheed and prays that "the Lord Jesus, the Head of the Church, may direct, uphold and prosper you in your Work and help you to finish your Cause with joy." And finally, yet another letter from Mr. Greatheed, now at the end of his six week tour. He had canvassed "Bridgport, Blanford, Totness, Exeter, Salisbury and Rimsey" with some success, but the fruits of all his labours would be less than £ 300, so the Committee must govern themselves accordingly. Dr. Stafford remained opposed to approaching the London churches (a decision with which Greatheed never agreed) but there was always next year! Meantime, he commended that Jones become a correspondent of various religious Book Societies.