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MISC:732 – Mount Zion Methodist (Wesleyan/New Connexion/United Methodist) Church, Ovenden, Grand concert and tea programme, 1897)

INTRODUCTION

Following preaching by John Wesley, the chapel was opened in 1773 by the Reverend Thomas Taylor, and was known as Mount Zion, Bradshaw or Bradshaw Chapel. This was one of the first Methodist chapels in the area to have a Sunday School, dating back to 1784. John Wesley paid his last visit to Halifax in 1790 aged 87 and slept in a chamber attached to the church. After Wesley died, there was growing dissent in his church and this led to the breaking away by some people. In 1797 a small group left the Wesleyans and became New Connexion Methodists under the leadership of Alexander Kilham. At Mount Zion the Kilhamites were very strong and they ousted the Wesleyans, who went to a barn across the road. Mount Zion is the oldest Methodist New Connexion society which has constantly met, followed a year later by Shelley, Huddersfield. In 1815 the 1773 church was demolished and the present building was put in its place. In 1816 the first Sunday school building was erected, the lower storey serving as a day school. In 1830 the school had 600 children attached to it. The present building replaced it in 1887. In 1841 there was another split at Mount Zion when a small number of Barkerites left the society. In 1907 the Methodist New Connexion, Bible Christians and United Methodist Free Church united to form the United Methodist Church.

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