

seems likely, in a farm building in Lower Kinnerton possibly owned by the William Wilkinson to be mentioned a little later.

It also seems obvious that it is from these meetings that the idea of a Church in the village itself arose. The earliest record we have available is dated 23rd July 1859 and is related to a Conveyance of Land "between Robert Dutton Grindley of Chester. Druggist, on the one hand and William Wilkinson, Kinnerton, Farmer; Richard Parry, Saltney, Shopkeeper; Morris Thomas, Bretton, Carter; John Williams, Bretton, Builder and John Wilkinson. Pentre Moach, Shopkeeper."

The land was purchased for £160 and consisted of "Seven Perches or thereabouts in the several holdings of John Price and Thomas Bradshaw and late in the holdings of Widow Price and Widow Bradshaw."

The land having been purchased, building must have taken place immediately, for I have been able to trace as you will see. that the building was in fact in use from September 1859. It appears that the registration of the building as a place of worship had been overlooked for a later document, "The Certificate of Registration as a place of Worship," is dated 15th February 1865 and reads as follows:

"I, the undersigned, Richard Parry of Bretton, Flintshire, Provision Merchant, do hereby certify that a certain building known by the name of Methodist New Connexion Chapel was used as a Place of Worship since September 1859 and will accordingly be forthwith used as a Place of Meeting for Religious Worship by a congregation or assembly of people calling themselves the Methodist New Connexion."

It is interesting to note that the 2nd Renewal of Trust which took place on the 26th November 1885, while adding 12 new names to the trust, included none who actually resided in Bretton and it appears that they consisted of local preachers within the Hawarden district. One of the new trustees was a Samuel Vickers, Sea Captain, Connah's Quay, while the minister of that day had the rather unusual name of the Rev. Eiarraddur Wainman.

Unfortunately it has been impossible to trace any of the records from 1885 to 1902 but in this year the trust was again renewed and for the first time the new trustees were mainly resident in the village itself. They were:

John Parry, Daniel Sheen Parry, John Dickens Parry, Joseph Connah, Charles Lewis, Thomas Boddy Sen., Robert Mudford, all of Bretton. together with Edward Edwards and Frank Randall Powell of Broughton.