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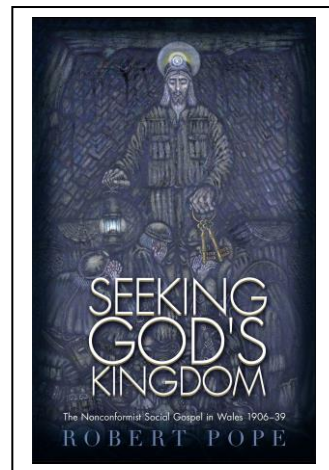
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- The book argues that the social gospel among Welsh Nonconformists was more a natural development of theological liberalism than a truly *social* theology
- The book gives an outline of the life and work of a number of prominent Welsh Nonconformist ministers and theologians of the period 1906-1939

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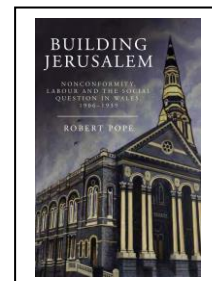
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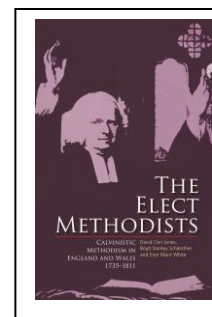
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