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## **A Methodist Minister among Cornish speakers in the 1860s**

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### **Abstract**

Investigating an account of a Methodist Minister's experience of the Cornish language in the mid-19th century, and how it may corroborate evidence of the late survival of the language given by R. T. Lyon in his paper *Cornish – The Struggle for Survival* (Taves an Werin 2001). Two other similar, although apparently contradictory, contemporary accounts will also be presented for comparison. Suggestions will be offered as to why these three versions of the then existing state of the language differ, even though they emerged at much the same time.