

# Autobiography of Charles Chapel Davis

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Playmate with Uncle Jefferies' children in Kingsmead St  
Self-education from books
- 9 Corrupting influence of theatrical lodgers  
13year – first situation as errand boy in grocer's shop (T.Cook of Widcombe)  
Had to amuse child of 4 or 5 years old.
- 10 Employment by pastry cook in Wades Passage for 9 months
- 11 More corrupting influence from mistress's brother.  
The other assistant married his cousin Charles Seaman, who was deformed and a cripple but very clever as a self-taught artist.  
14<sup>th</sup> year – first attempt at poetry
- 12 Dismissed because mother refused to pay for knife broken in cleaning.  
Case went to court. Reprimand of master.  
Employed by Mr Batchelor, draper in the Churchyard. Declined offer of apprenticeship as meant loss of liberty and wanted a mechanical trade.
- 13 15<sup>th</sup> year – apprenticed to Abel Vivian of Wine St. after 6 weeks trial.  
Served full 17 years  
More corruption from companions
- 16 Conversion and illness
- 23 1823 – baptism  
Sunday school teacher for 10 years
- 24 Engagement
- 25 Cheltenham and marriage
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- 27 Domestic economy before and after marriage  
Return to Bath

28 Setting up in Kingsmead St. (c.1828) – remained there for 4 years

29 Move to Walcot St (c.1833). Remained there until son took over

### Church affairs

32 Displacement of Mr Porter by Mr Clark as Minister

33 Mr Porter took case to Chancery court – defeated.

34 Arbitration. Defeat of Mr Clark and the majority (including CCD)

35 Mr Clark etc moved to Corn St. chapel

36 Disagreement with Mr Clark. 60 members, including CCD, resigned.

37 Returned to Somerset St. Reconciliation with Mr Porter.

39 Dec 1832. First sermon at @Dunkerton

40-42 Preaching in Tiverson, Acton Turville, Luckington (32 miles walk)

Received by farmer Goulter at Acton

Semi-pastor at Acton until after deaths of Mr Baker and Mr Goulter

43-46 Dispute at Acton.

Ceased preaching for 9 years, then preached for 5 years

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16/09/2018 – I have only glanced through the remaining 46 pages. They all seem to relate to church politics, but pages 73 to 77 cover the death of his wife and his remarriage in 1862. Only the final page, 92, does not involve the church – a complaint that his son owes him rent!