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By Rev. W. Younger.

The ministry of to-day urgently requires a sure grip of the main work of life. For the tendencies of the times call for a vigilant and competent specialisation of function. The perils of the hour are obvious. The Christian interpretation of life is bringing all parts of the experience of man within the possible range of the authority of Christ. The minister is compelled, therefore, as far as in him lies, to know the best and worst of the society within which the individual lives his daily life. But this comprehensive demand must be kept within proper limits. Life is too brief to know everything, and it is not really necessary that a minister should be an expert in the political and social realm in the same degree as the statesman or the interpreter of social economics. He ought to know enough to enrich his grasp of the solidarity of human life, and make him eager to discharge efficiently his own task. For he does not live to make laws and to give detailed guidance on the side issues of a moral order of society. Unless he exercises this restraint in his idea of his work he is apt to become a minister of ethical debates and current topics. His preaching will lack the great note, and it will not provide his church with sky and wind and a redemptive strength. Men will be drawn to his ministry not because he appeals to their deepest hunger, but because he voices a political or social programme which they prefer. He will be the herald of a political rather than a timeless gospel. This concentration upon the merely ethical and provisional will narrow rather than widen him. He will soon lose touch with the supernatural and redemptive message. The Bible will be simply a depository of detached statements, any one of which he may choose at random, and, by an unavertable and incompetent interpretation, make of the justification for a thirty-minutes' subjective interpretation of passing moods and discussions.

And this criticism of pulpit opportunism appeals equally to those whose minds are only occupied with the topic of nationality. It becomes more marvellous to the writer how a minister can occupy his Sunday hours for exposition with a mere gospel of patriotism. Thousands of people go to church every Sunday only to hear a discussion of topics which spring directly out of the world events of the week. Far be it from the writer to be regarded as the champion of a bloodless and hermit pulpit. For the attitude here assumed is quite consistent with an unsparring criticism of an evangelical literalism, which, though far removed from the current moods, never wrestles with Bible truth, but is content to utter the phrases and ideas which fail to inspire and illuminate men. These preachers who never double up their sleeve, and work constantly in the exhausted mine of revelation, are unworthy followers of Him who called men to deny themselves.

The men of our own church must labour to be great Bible expositors. They must work at their texts and contexts, and they must truly amill the special areas of Bible wealth. Our Church owes more than it can realise to the great work of Dr. Peake at Hartley. More than half of the men in the active ministry have come under the spell of his message and personality. He is by far the

great influence in Primitive Methodism during the last twenty-four years. It has not been his aim to pack men with information, though it is impossible to make great preachers without vast stores of information. He has laboured to make the preaching of the Gospel an adequate method in the study of the Bible. And the burning desire of this great servant of Christ still is the creation of the highest order of Bible preachers. No other form of communication now provides a sufficient substitute. «It is the only guarantee of a message which is always fresh, » Verneville is not a subjective power. It is rather the sustained concentration upon a Book which is the secret of his power to speak. The Bible preaching should be Christological. The Word was in the beginning Christ is the eternal Son of the Father, and utters the cosmic speech in act and word and suffering. Life is his sacrifice and death his redemption. The great preacher should know in his daily experience the Christ of the Bible. He must avoid the snare of allowing his attachment to Christ to rise and fall according to the narrow interests of the hour. He must know the Christ of the Bible as that of living intellectually below an adequate hold upon the supreme Person. He must know Him, and the fellowship of his sufferings. He must live in that communion whence all great preaching flows. The Christ of the Bible, the great preacher must be the Christ of Bible revelation.

presented to us in devotion to Bible preaching the preacher will bring his supreme opportunity. The sacred Book is an unfailing source of comfort. Its words bring healing to wet eyes and wounded hearts. They provide certainty and peace in our innermost being. People worship now because they find in it their source of patience, and the power which holds them amid tension and loneliness. The Bible is the herald of hope. It is the pledge of ultimate victory. It is the assurance that God has ordained that thou shalt be our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God, the Father, the Almighty, the Everlasting Father, the Everlasting God, the Everlasting Father of the Everlasting Church with faithful prophets of His past, and

Laymen's Missionary League.

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The officers for the year 1946 were appointed as follows: Dr. A. S. W. P. Hartley, J.P., vice-president; Dr. A. S. Peake, Alderman, B. Fletcher, J.P., president; Dr. T. L. Gerrard, and Mr. T. Jackson, chairman; Mr. James Sivil; treasurer, Mr. W. Windgar, J.P., The resignation of Mr. T. Jackson, of Barnley, as secretary was received with regret. On the recommendation of the committee, Mr. James H. Morton, A.O.A., of London (Forest Hill circuit steward), was appointed honorary secretary. Mr. Morton, in accepting the appointment, expressed the hope that with the alterations in the constitution, the members would assist in the greater work of spreading the message of permanent and advancing missionary enthusiasm; thus without the necessity of any new fund, the main stream of permanent creation

would be increased. All District and circuit secretaries are desired to note that Mr. Morton's address is 33, Earlsthorpe-road, Sydenham, S.E. 26. He invites correspondence, inquiries and suggestions on the work of the League.

Presentation to Mr. Arthur Lax

[illegible]**Hartley College Committee**

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the College Committee, held at the College on Friday. Rev. A. L. Humphries, M. A., presided. The report that another student, Mr. J. Newall Thornley, had been released from the hospital, and that his recovery was received with sincere regret. Though several weeks have elapsed, it is still hoped that news of him as a prisoner of war may reach his parents. The resignation of Rev. E. G. Johnson, already reported to the Conference, was recorded with regret and congratulated on his election as Vice-Principal of the College. Subsequently Mr. W. Windsor voiced the sentiments of affection and gratitude to the retiring Principal, and presented to the Matron a beautiful cabinet-sewing machine as a tangible expression of appreciation. Dr. Peake, Professor Humphries, Rev. J. Swendsen, Mr. J. A. Johnson, Mr. J. A. Johnson, Mr. J. A. Johnson, the relations between the Principal and the staff, the officers and the students have been of the happiest nature all through the term. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett and their family, who have served the Church in their several offices.

Sheffield Central Mission.

For a few years now what was formerly recognized as the chapel anniversary has been somewhat obscured by other events connected with Forward Movement. In the past we have had a day set aside for the presentation of opening services—in 1936—we resolved to revive the celebration, and have recently done so without unquestionable signs of favor and beneficence. On recent days, with the result that the congregation glorified one's heart. Best of all, we could not help but feel that we were doing good. On Saturday, June 10th, Rev. J. G. Brown (Quinnipiac Editor) preached most appropriately and with telling effect, and also conducted the Sacrament and a consecration service. The following day, Sunday, June 11th, Rev. H. W. Gardner delivered helpful exhortations, and Rev. H. Coubert rendered arresting notes. On Monday, June 12th, Rev. E. L. Chadwick (President—Eastern District of the Wesleyan Church) presided at the service. He responded to our request, and conducted a service of remarkable directness and appeal, which cannot fail to leave its impress upon us. On Saturday, June 15th, Rev. H. Coubert began an open-air sermon, which campaign. Despite industrial super-claims, we have had large attendances, and some have been won to Christ. We are thus able to state days of grace and characteristic generosity.

Private Arthur J. Rawlings, who was killed in action in France on April 16th, joined the Army in September last, and was transferred to France on April 6th. He was only twenty-nine. He was a young man of fine qualities. He was an active Sunday-school worker, and as secretary of the Endeavour was most energetic. Much sympathy is felt for the wife and two children. His death is a sad loss to our Cross Keys Church.

What Our Readers Say.

"An Appeal to the Churches."

Sir,—May I call the attention of your readers to an important appeal recently made through the "Daily News" by Dr. Orchard. The writer feels that the time has come for the Churches to seek by thought and prayer to find the Divine leading along the pathway of reconciliation, that thereby they may be enabled to establish a final Christian peace. This hopeful sign to Dr. Orchard is the proposal of Christian internationalism which it is hoped to hold on neutral ground in September. Our own Conference has again endorsed this proposal and certainly we are all anxious to see the movement which should strengthen Dr. Orchard's appeal, to our own Church. There are two definite suggestions in his article which call for emphasis. (1) Dr. Orchard reminds us we all admit by our faith that there must be other than material means of realizing our dreams of peace. (2) He suggests that there must be weapen of the Church in the world in no force but prayer. He therefore suggests that there should be prayer for the world. He suggests that there should be the Lord's prayer, which would change the spirit of the nation and the world. (2) There should be a meeting of the British Churches to endeavour to formulate a plan of prayer for the world, and to have a day of reconciliation. The Conference resolution should urge our own Church on this issue and prepare the way for the British Churches to have a day of prayer amongst our own people. Surely the time has past when the Church of Christ should wait upon Government policies for the clue to their action. May we spirit of the Lord's Prayer may speedily be inaugurated within our own Church? The idea may be considered a great one, greater than any other which has come into our popular culture, and it is to be hoped that circula and individual churches will give the necessary lead to our people. Our own representatives on support to the proposal of a British meeting in preparation for the international meeting in September.

Yours faithfully,
HARVEY H. PATTERSON.
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J. TOLEFREE PAHR, Superintendent.
Surrey Chapel Central Mission, Blackfriars-road,
London, S.E. 1.

Lieut. Robert Meredith Carr, B.A., son of the late Rev. Robert Carr and Mrs. Carr, of Hinckley, was killed in action at France on May 29th. His major writing to his mother said: "He died fighting bravely, leading his men. We were hardly pressed at the time, and only the stannaceousness of the war son saved us." Before joining the forces Lieut. Carr was a master at the Grammar School, Hinckley. He was also an acceptable local preacher on the Hinckley Circuit, and a teacher in the men's adult school. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. A memorial service was held at Hinckley last Sunday.

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SIR H. J. GOSWAMIN.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Numerous letters are reaching us from all parts of the Concession expressing great joy and gladness at the success of the recent Conference. Everything seems to go with an ease and swiftness, although all the wheels of the machinery were well oiled. And surely they were. A gracious influence rested upon the assembly day by day that led the delegates to say, "La, God is in this place!" Justly they sang "God is with us, God is with us," and they sang because they felt it. It was not a mere passing visit, for the delegates have evidently carried on throughout of the Conference with them to their several stations and talked of it by the way until those who were not there are rejoicing in the spirit of these days. A fine thing that amidst the strain and stress of these days the Spirit of God should be given so graciously to His people. It augurs well for the coming year. It is the cloud much bigger than a man's hand that betokens coming rain on the dry and parched ground. Our eyes are up unto the Lord. Our expectation is from Him. There shall be showers of blessing. That is the promise of God—showers of blessing. Some of our gardens have long been parched, our fields are dry and unproductive. We hear of some churches in which conversions are few and far between. Last Sunday night at Northampton mid not be forgotten. How many yielded themselves to Christ we do not know, but some came out for Christ at all the places. It was a glorious time. One hundred and twenty were followed by after-meetings for gathering. And gathered in they were—three and twenty in one place, and in another half a dozen at a time in another place where. Let this be but the beginning, and the whole Church will ring this year with the songs of a great revival.

Conversions mean prosperity in every direction. The Good Steward's heart was made to rejoice. One good brother, a splendid young layman, of whom we shall hear more yet, sent an order to the Publisher of *Homes* for twenty-three Hymnals and Bibles, one each for the twenty-three converts who had yielded themselves to Christ in the Conference of the previous Sabbath evening. It was a fine act. It meant much to those young people. The President was proud to have charge of the Bible and Hymnal which successive Presidents have handed down from year to year, and their names duly inscribed therein. But these young people were prouder of the Bible and Hymnal which they received the day of their conversion. Christ, and they will be a precious reminder to these dear friends of their all-important decision. Our young friend said it was only a small thing he had done. It would be better than he knew. He said he would never forget it. We publish it in the light that others may go and do likewise, and so help to secure and hasten our young converts to the Church. A kind word and this all-important day means much for the young man or maiden who has reached the crisis of life and decided on the side of Christ. It is the seal of their pledge.

What else could be expected at Conference than a gracious spiritual blessing and a great outburst of spiritual power? It is the Divine order. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, and I will open the windows of heaven. "Ye and I, Our Northampton friends, with the help and encouragement of Sir William Hartley, had done magnificently for their 'Lightning' Fund on behalf of the minister widows and orphans. Up to date they have raised £26,500. Never was such a fund raised in our Church before. Only £5,500 wanted to complete the record. £20,000 in less than three months! The fund will be quickly raised. Circumstances are now coming in, and we trust they will be generous offers. Some friends able to give £1000. Others who have sent their donation on to the treasurer. There will be coming in. On no account must the fund be allowed to languish. The last lap in the race is often the most exhilarating. Let it not be so in this race. It gives two who gives quickly. The fund will soon reach its close. But the benediction has already come, and will continue. The tithes in the storehouse, and the windows of heaven open. What a year this may be! In every church, on every circuit! Lo, the promise of a shower drench already from above.

This week will be a trying time for many of our friends. It is not easy to tear up the roots of one's life and begin again in a new phase of service. And the more prolonged the ministry the more the friends are to break away from old friends and old surroundings. Some of us like fresh faces and new pastures, but others the most trying part of ministerial life is this incessant change. Especially is it so for the wives of our ministers. They pride themselves on the home, with its delightful associations, its knick-knacks tastefully arranged here and there, the friends who gather round the home and make it sacred and hallowed. It almost seems like marriage to think that others will occupy the same home, use the same furniture, sit round the same table, associate with the same friends. Some bear it better than others.

but to all it is a very trying time. Fortunately the kindness of our people make these changes less trying than otherwise they would be. Whilst strong friendships are frequently formed that remain lifelong there is a general readiness to make the new-comer feel quickly at home. A tea table daintily spread, even in war time, will do much to put the travel-stained pilgrim at ease in the new home. One remembers a beautiful bouquet of flowers, with a welcome message attached, which came to the newly arrived family in the manner of a veritable inspiration and comfort. These little courtesies do much to smooth the rough edges of removal. We trust that all our friends will feel that they are in the way of the Lord, and that their new sphere will present new opportunities of great service for our Lord and Master.

Some inconveniences are sure to arise through the removal of ministers. Under ordinary circumstances it is no, but just now it is specially so. Quite a large number of ministers hold chaplaincies to hospitals or camps or barracks, and their removal will create a vacancy that their successor does not automatically step into as he does into most positions held by his predecessor. These appointments are made by the Army Board. They are carefully proportioned amongst the four denominations represented on that Board, and it is desirable as far as possible that the proportion should be maintained. It would be well for any brother who is leaving such an appointment to communicate at once with Rev. J. T. Barkby, Holborn Hall, intimating what his successor is in order that he may be appointed by the Army Board. Sometimes nomination of local ministers remaining on the staff is made to fill the vacancy, but in order that such nomination may dislocate the working arrangement of the Board and necessitate some other change elsewhere. As far as possible the Board desires that there should be something like denominational continuity in these appointments. Something, of course, can be said for a locally well-known minister appointed on preference, but it is never better into the town. That would be all right if it did not complicate the arrangement with the United Board. The United Board has worked admirably in this new sphere of service, and has enabled each Church to do what it could not have done by itself aided. It is therefore desirable to keep to the arrangement of the Board as far as possible.

In these days no finer national service can be rendered than by looking after the wounded and disabled men in our midst. Many of our towns are now filled with disabled men. They have taken much for their country and suffered greatly in its defence. They do not carry their hearts on their sleeve, but they are ready to give their lives for the defence of the land. A kindly word or a kindly act is greatly appreciated by these brave men. Not the mere perfunctory official visit, but a bright and cheerful visit will carry sunshine into the sick ward or room that will be greatly appreciated. No doubt, it will tax the energy and strength of many a minister. Even the Master felt that virtue had gone out of Him in his beneficent ministry. But it is worth doing, and worth doing well. The visitor touches a wider constituency than he thinks of at the time, for friends in distant homes learn to respect and love the ministry that comforts their wounded friends away from home. Our churches may thus receive some other service in order that this may be well done.

Several of our ministers have felt called to undertake military service in these critical times. The War Office has made every provision for them to undertake non-combatant duty, and has arranged that any man may be assigned to any of the non-combatant corps which he may desire and for which he is physically and technically fit. The term "non-combatant" corps covers the A.S.C., A.O.C. and the R.A.M.C. In the latter case the former corps is the one of individual candidate will be dependent upon a vacancy existing for him, but no limit is put upon the numbers who would be received into the R.A.M.C. The military authorities have also shown the greatest sympathetic consideration to ministers holding combatant commissions who are medically unfit for active service, so that they may leave their commissions to undertake ministerial duty for a time. Each case will be considered on its merits. This will save much waste of time, and help some of our ministers to take partial work when in invalided home, and the great advantage of our Church. Every available worker is necessary to keep our stations supplied with effective ministrations of the Word, and the conscience may be of great advantage to some stations and men concerned. There is evidently a great desire on the part of the War Office to see it that the religious services of the country will be interrupted as little as possible, and that the maintenance of religion is essential to the best interests of the country, and the Government does well to recognize the service the Church is rendering to the nation in these days.



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Clagg was a new figure in Conference. He had the privilege of making his maiden speech from the platform, and though he had to deal twice with his nominees before he attained his end, yet he bowed out on the Wednesday only added test to the game, for he was cut to win, and he did. Ex-Bailie Gray was one of the most popular laymen in the Conference. Three years ago he appeared before us as a rather quiet, reserved type of the "canine Scot"; but Mr. Gray has a way with him, which soon makes every man his friend. His simple style, his delightful accent, flexible voice and genial personality have made him one of the best known men in the Conference. There is much in what he says, which is generally garnished with dry wit, but it is the way he says it that tells. The Northampton laymen had little opportunity to speak in Conference; their work spoke for them. It is impossible to express the admiration we feel for their splendid daring, concentrated genius, and magnificent liberality. The Lightning Campaign episode on the Saturday afternoon, when William Arnold, sen., in a very modest and simple speech told of the birth and growth of the effort, made so great an impression that there was an immediate Lightning Effect to the amount of nearly £500. Never has a Conference felt so keenly the delight of giving.

It is not to be wondered at that in such an atmosphere the question of Methodist Union received the unanimous assent of the Conference. Rev. A. T. Outtery surpassed himself in the statesmanlike speech in which he brought the matter before the Assembly. He thought he had a difficult task before him; he laid his plans carefully so that no undue weight should be given by him to either side of the question; when he saw every hand held up in favour of Methodist Union he was almost overwhelmed with amazement. Mr. Outtery blew the trumpet and the walls fell down.

The ladies make good listeners in Conference; it is a pity they do not take their courage in both hands and make themselves heard in debate. It is quite certain they think a great deal, but rarely their opinions on some matters at least would be very timely and useful. It was a pleasure to hear Mrs. Lewly speak so earnestly on the work of God. That was, I believe, the only time a woman's voice was heard in the House. The Ladies' Missionary Afternoon was a thrilling time. There was not a dull minute, and the splendid result is merely a token of the work and interest put into things missionary.

All praise to the Northampton women who so actively raised £300 for that afternoon.

The Memorial Service for the fallen brave, who have gathered on the Plains of Peace, will stand out as the greatest meeting of the Northampton Conference. Never has it been my privilege to attend a service so radiant in every detail. The music, the singing, the stillness of the hour were awe-inspiring. Colonel Halding and Captain Leggate were wonderful; George Standing was inspiring, or, as someone murmured, "He's on a white horse to-night!" The presence of the Unseen was the surest thing in the service. Such are some of the pictures which abide in the "inward eye" of the glorious Northampton Conference.

The annual sale of work has just been held at Highlife-on-Sea, Bournemouth. Mr. Councilor W. Taylor (circuits steward) presided at the opening ceremony on the first day. The financial statement was given by Rev. J. T. Evans. Mr. Taylor introduced Madame Selfridge, of Highlife Castle, who said how she had come in the place of Mrs. Selfridge, her beloved daughter, who had been called to the higher service. She said how interested her daughter and also herself had been in the village church, and sincerely wished them well in all their endeavours, and presented a cheque for £10 in memory of her daughter, a cheque for £5 from herself, and £1 from a friend at the Castle. The Misses Taylor and Ansell rendered musical items. The choir of Curzon-road Church gave a concert in the evening. The sale was opened on the second day by Mrs. Bonham, the scholars taking part. The total amount realised was £51 6s. 1d.

A great loss has befallen Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Tudhoe Colliery (Spennymoor Circuit), by the death in action of their eldest son, Sergt. E. Moore. His loss is also keenly felt by the church and circuit. He was an ardent Endeavourer, school worker, and an acceptable local preacher. He enlisted in December, 1914, and has been on active service for two years. His commanding officer speaks in the highest terms of him as a man and soldier.

By the death of Mr. John Bidmead at the ripe age of eighty-one years the church at North Moreton, Wallingford, loses a faithful steward and member.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

The President presided on Friday. An interesting offer of help in religious work was received from the National Y.W.C.A., who, realising the pressure now placed upon the churches on account of the number of ministers and laymen at the war, are willing to assist them in their work. Such an offer was certain of a sympathetic response from a Church which from its earliest days has always encouraged female agency. It is hoped that the announcement of this offer may lead to co-operative effort in many ways. The Free Church Council of Wales is issuing to ministers forms of application to assist them in finding work of national importance during the war. Before issuing the form to the ministers in our Welsh circuits, the Secretary courteously submitted the circular for the approval of our committee. Seeing that for the last eighteen months our men have enjoyed full facilities for engaging in such work, and have apparently had little difficulty in finding it, it was not thought advisable to encourage any further agitation in this direction. Besides this, it is becoming more and more manifest that the greatest national service which the Churches can render at the present time is a vigorous prosecution of their spiritual work.

The number of appeals against the Stationing arrangements of Conference have been surprisingly few. The fine feeling generated at the Conference promises to make all our work more pleasant and successful. Two of the Northampton leaders who were present were heartily congratulated upon the success of their Lightning Campaign so far. They announced that since Conference operations, as was to be expected, had quieted down, but preparations were being made for renewed efforts, and nobody had any doubt about obtaining the few thousands still needed to complete the scheme. The committee was sorry to hear that sickle-cases had invaded the home of the Connexional Editor, and a vote of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Bowan was passed. Another sufferer was Rev. J. Learmonth, who, since the death of the late Rev. R. R. Connell, has discharged the duties of registrar of attendance. He is leaving London for Norwich, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for services rendered. His cheery presence will be greatly missed. Rev. W. Roberts announced that Mr. T. Proud had been elected treasurer of the Local Preaching Aid Fund, in succession to Mr. James Skinner, J.P. He also announced that Mr. Singlehurst, of Northampton, has made a splendid benefaction to this institution.

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Services and Preachers.

Notice of Sunday Services are inserted in this column week by week, at an annual charge of one guinea for three lines. Extra lines of notices will be put into each number at all communications to be sent to the Manager, 75, Farringdon-street, London, E.C. 4.

SUNDAY, July 7th.

London and Suburbs.

BALHAM CIRCUIT. Train or Train from Victoria.
BALHAM GROVE, S.W. 11, Mr. W. Swann; 6.30, Mr. J. S. Smith.

WINDLESDEN, Quicks Road, S.W. 11, Mr. A. B. Adams; 6.30, Rev. John W. Chappell.

UPPER TOTTING, Lywood Road, S.W. 11, Rev. John W. Chappell; 4.30, Mr. C. F. Panton. Bus Service 32 and 84.

BERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD KENT ROAD, S.E. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. E. Gilbert, C.F.; 2.30, P.S.A., Mr. W. Hancock.

BRUNSWICK HALL, 210, Whitechapel Road, E. 11 and 6.30, Rev. Tim. Jackson.

CALEDONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road) 11 and 6.30, Rev. H. W. Wright.

FOREST GATE, E., Upton Lane, 11 and 9, Rev. W. Sutton.

FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Road, 11 and 6.30 Services.

HAMMERSMITH, Dolling Road, 11 and 7, Rev. A. E. Colver.

HADDINGTON, Mattison Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. E. J. T. Magall.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, Richmond Road, 11, Mr. H. E. Webster; 6.30, Rev. W. J. Hammersley, C.F.

SURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, S.E. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Telford.

WEST NORWOOD, Knight's Hill, 11, Mr. J. H. Morton; 6.30, Rev. G. Armistead. Visitors welcomed.

WOOLWICH, Robert Street (near Finsbury Station) 11 and 6.30, Services.

Provincial.

DEXHILL, Springfield Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. D. Ebert. (July 8th sale of Bazaar Station).

DIRMINGHAM, Bristol Hall, Bristol Street, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. C. Crabtree; 3, Musical Service.

DIRMINGHAM, Yendley Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. A. Batson.

BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing Central Pier), 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. J. Pickup. School Anniversary. Central Road, 10.45, Rev. D. Oakley; 6.30, Rev. R. Ainsworth.

Leighton Road (North Shore), 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. E. McCallan. School Anniversary. Devotional Hour, Tuesday, 7.30.

BOURNEMOUTH FIRST, Herridge Memorial Church, Curson Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. T. Evans.

BRADFORD, Central Hall, 10.30 and 6.30, Services.

BRIGHTON, Central Hall, 11 and 6.45, Rev. A. Hammond. Visitors welcomed.

ULLERCOATS, 10.45 and 6.30, Mr. J. Longstaff.

FLEETWOOD, Mount Road (facing Promenade), 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. Samuel Johnson.

GLASGOW FIRST, Alexandra Parade Church, 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. J. Harrison.

GY. YARMOUTH, The Temple, 10.45, Mr. F. S. Randall; 6.30, Rev. F. J. Hopkins.

HARROGATE, Dragon Parade Church, 11 and 6.30, Rev. W. Young.

LEEDS THIRD, Holobeth Central Mission, Park Lane, 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. J. Marnes. Visitors welcomed. School Anniversary.

LEEDS NINTH, Moorwood Road, 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. C. R. Dalton.

Hambley Avenue, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. N. T. Pickering.

LIVERPOOL FIRST, Prince's Avenue Church, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. W. Barlow.

LIVERPOOL THIRD, Jubilee Drive, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. W. Barlow.

Monday, at 8, Prof. Arthur S. Peake, M.A., D.D.

MANCHESTER, Baron Green Church, Blackley, 10.30 and 6.30, Services. Visitors welcomed.

MATLOCK, Bank Road Church, 10.30 and 6.30, Services. Monday, 7.30, Devotional Hour.

MOSEBAME, Polder Street, 10.30 and 6.30, Dr. D. W. Taylor, D.Dc.

Parliament Street, 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. Ralph Shickle.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church, 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. A. H. Collins.

NOTTINGHAM FIRST, Canaan, Broad Marsh, 10.30 and 6.30, Services.

SCARBOROUGH, St. Barnabas Street (off East-borough), 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. G. T. Fawcett.

SCARBOROUGH, Jubilee (Abraham Walk), 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. Turner. Visitors welcomed.

SOUTHPORT SECOND, Church Street, 10.30. Rev. J. N. Shiple; 6.30, Rev. J. E. Hughes.

ST. ANNES-ON-THA-SEA, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. J. Campbell, F.L.S.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Camden Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Dodd and Jackson.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Brighton Road, 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Kirby. Wednesday, 7.30, Devotional Service. Visitors welcomed.

YORK, Monks Gosh Petty Memorial, 10.30, Mr. W. O. Roe, B.Sc.; 4, Rev. J. Beavley.

Connexional Evangelists' Engagements.

MISS PERRETT, Malbury, near Rothelham.

Evangelists' Engagements.

MR. TOM HOLLAND and Family, Central Church, Chester-le-Street, July 6th to 8th.

MR. and MRS. BARRACLOUGH, Mountain Ash.

SISTER ELLEN, Applications for Service in 6, Brooklyn, Gramston, via Blinton, York.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

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BIRTH.

Woon.—On the 23rd June, at Glenhurst, "Winstons, Northwick, to Sergt. and Mrs. T. B. Wood, a son.

MARRIAGES.

ALLCOCK—MATHER.—On June 26th, at Keston-street, Derby, by Rev. E. McCallan, assisted by Rev. A. Surtees, Rev. Ambrose Allcock to Miss Winifred Mather, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Mather, of Derby.

FROST—SHOWEN.—On June 26th, at Higher Bridge-street, Bolton, by the Rev. N. Butler, George Fendley to Mary Ellen (Nellie) Brown, 445, Blackheath road.

SILVER WEDDING.

GRIMBY—HUTCH.—At Claremont-street, Chelmsford, Leicester, July 4th, 1893, by Rev. G. Widdows and F. Pickett, Rev. John W. Gregory to Mary, second daughter of the late Adm. Stephen B. Hutcheson. Present address: Bourneville, Shalleshbury avenue, Southampton.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

LEWIS—GILBERT.—On July 1st, 1868, in the Congregational Chapel, Stainland, by Rev. Joseph Haley, Thomas Lumb, paper manufacturer, to Mary Gilbert. Present address: Banquet House, Sreghine, near Skipton.

DEATHS.

BOYETT.—On June 10th, at 110, Main-street, Keighley, William Bennett, beloved husband of Ruth Bennett, in his 69th year. Faithful local preacher for 50 years. "He giveth to His beloved sleep."

COOPER.—June 25th, at 22, Esher-road, Liverpool, Samuel Cooper, the beloved husband of Mary Jane Cooper, aged 72. Interred Borough Cemetery, Douglas, I.O.M.

EVERATT.—On June 26th, Wallace F. Everatt, died suddenly. Funeral service, Funeral service, at 2, Esher-road, Canning Town, on Saturday, July 6th, at 4 o'clock, notice to East London Cemetery.

HAYES.—On the 17th ult., at 27, Garsfield-street, Sunderland, aged 73 years, Isabelle, widow of the late George Alexander Hayes, youngest daughter of the late William Reynolds. Interred at Sunderland cemetery on the 20th inst.

MALLEN.—At 11, Maritime-terrace, Sunderland, on the 27th June, her 74th year (after a brief illness), Annie, beloved wife of George Nelson.

NEAL.—June 26th, at 14, Ashmun-street (Newbury Circuit), Josiah Neal, aged 72, local preacher for half a century.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARR.—In loving memory of Pte. John Baker, York and Lancs. Regt., who was killed in action in France July 7th, 1916. He longed to see us all again. No time to him was given. Rest, trusting him. To meet again in Heaven." Ever in our thoughts.

From mother, sister and brothers.

BARRY.—In loving memory of our dear son, Harley Barry, Second Lieutenant, 1st East Lancashire R.F.A., attached to the 3rd West Lancashire R.F.A., killed in action August 20th, 1915, aged 24 years. July 2nd, 1916, we have sustained his 21st birthday on July 2nd, 1916.

What is excellent, as God lives, a permanent; hearts are dead, but love never rests. Hearts love will meet the again."

BUCKLEY.—In loving memory of Charles William, dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beach, Cannock-mech, Burnwood, killed in action on July 5th, 1917, aged 20 years. Remembrance. From the family.

BROWN.—In loving remembrance of Pte. Frank Brown, reported missing July 1st, 1916, afterwards presumed killed on that date. Dearly loved and young soldier of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, 12, Morris-street, Hull; aged 27.

COTTEWILL.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear boy, Pte. W. Cottingham, 8th Battalion, York and Lancs. Regt., who was killed in action in France July 1st, 1916. "Some time will we understand." From his sorrowing sweetest, Marion.

GAIRDNER-SMITH.—In loving memory of Wilfred, aged 22, 2nd Royal Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gairdner-Smith, who was reported missing on July 3rd, 1916, since reported killed in action on that date.

HARDING.—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Harding, called home July 1st, 1917, aged 42 years, sorrow, free from pain. My loss so great to him is gain."

NOCK.—In loving memory of the Rev. Joseph Nock, who passed peacefully away Sunday, July 5th, 1917. "To be in heaven was his wish and his desire."

ROSELYN.—In affectionate remembrance of Lieut. Wilfrid M. Roseley, R.F.C. (London), R.F.C. reported missing after the battle of Arras, April 1st, 1917, on 28th July, 1917, was officially reported as killed. Deeply mourned.

SUNSHINE.—In loving memory of Lieut. (acting Adjutant) John Webster Shann, West Yorks. Regt., who died in action, France, July 1st, 1916. Also Second Lieut. Alan Webster Shann, 5th West Yorks, who was killed in action near Bourton Wood, Gloucestershire, July 1st, 1916. Beloved only sons of Mr. and Mrs. Shann, of Leeds. "The life beyond shall this life far transcend, And Death is the Beginning."

SUNSHINE.—In loving memory of Lieut. (acting Adjutant) John Webster Shann, West Yorks. Regt., who died in action, France, July 1st, 1916, leading the battalion into action. "Death does not, but not drive; Thou art his life."

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