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By Rev. W. Younger.

Some of you are not yet demobbed, but the majority of you are. The whole Church rejoices in your return. During the years of war you were always in our hearts and prayers. The pulpit never forgot you. Fathers and mothers and lovers at home and at worship commended you to God, and looked eagerly for your return. They believed that when this time did arrive you would be true to your churches as you had been to your country and to the cause of freedom. And though many lonely religious outposts of worship and larger causes in crowded populations "carried on" under difficulties, they were quite certain all problems would be solved when you resumed your civilian life.

You have returned. Numbers have been decorated. You who received our women conscripts have left the sphere of hardship and peril, and you who belonged to a braver rank and file are beside loved ones again. What are you going to do in your churches? Simply attend? Criticise? Regard teaching in the Sunday-school, membership in the choir, interest in the Christian Endeavour Society and attendance at the prayer meeting on the Sunday evening as unnecessary? And while these may not appeal to you as they once did, the work should be carried on by others? Let me recall your thoughts on the battlefield. You felt keenly the separation from home. Your mother's church had been everything to you. You were thrust into a strange world. Its roughness, its discomforts, its unwelcome and oft repulsive sights created an inner challenge and protests.

And while this inward antagonism made you uncomfortable, it was your guarantee against spiritual decadence. And as the period of absence lengthened into months and years, your love of home and church deepened. And during lonely vigils and in front of perilous situations you vowed that if you were preserved you would devote your years and energies to religious work. You were frequently challenged. Your faith was subject to attack from depression and theological questions. You were forced to face inward difficulties. You also knew something of the peril of spiritual falling because you were away from the restraints of civilised life and the check of loving faces. But you held your inward trench. You never lost the courage to say "No." Memories and fears and prayers enabled you to triumph. Often did you say to yourself, "If only I get back to mother or wife, I will do all I can for the Church of God."

Your wish is realised. What are you going to do? The Church is sympathetic and patiently prayerfully expectant. Many of you have suffered loss of limb or sight. Others are the subjects of depression and nervousness, due to prolonged strain and frequent dangers. Some are concerned because their education has been interrupted with, and feel it is too late to enter upon arduous periods. Others, feel that they cannot resume their former occupations. We are thankful, however, that tens of thousands are again in their previous trades and callings, and

feel more qualified in physique and alertness to succeed.

Still, there is my question. What are you going to do in your churches? Numbers have abandoned their place in church life. All business to you. But, perhaps some are in a critical mood. Official dullness you notice. The worship may lack humanness and spontaneity and brightness. There may be an absence of the comradeship which marked your fighting clumps. You would like to see more heroism and enterprise. It may be that you think the pulpit lacks fire and force and appeal.

I hope I sympathise with you. You are bigger men than when you went away. You have lived in a bigger world. You cannot find things where you left them. And you must not look for them. God expects you to put your larger experience into the common fund. Don't be impatient, but be plodding and persistent. Preserve your fresh and unconventional way. You were needed in order to bring a new breath into the Church. Remember, too, that strategy counts. Tactics are essential in church programmes. You will soon be called to assume the leadership of the Churches. You hold the key of the future, and this is every day. Do not assume, too, that a Sunday-school work played out as a field for the soldier. There are young men and women in their late teens and the juniors from twelve to sixteen years of age whom you can influence. Could you find a nobler lot of work? It is also a great thing to sing in the choir, and to choristers with the genius of song and worship.

The Endeavour Society provides you with a great field for initiative. Labels can be changed. But the elastic genius of this movement provides ample scope for the most daring departures in spiritual activity. You can do a great work in this department. You can make almost hopeless ecclesiastical life to bloom in a garden. And in the Sunday evening prayer meetings you will find what incalculable fruits are here if you will put your soul into it. You can save it from dullness and the almost painful repetition of long drawn-out prayers. You, my comrades, God calls to this work.

Are there additional Church departments you can do such? I wonder and pray. You, the ministry, both itinerant and lay, loudly calls for your gifts and graces. In this work, if you have aptitude, you will find a glorious opening. Your maturity and range of outlook, your knowledge of men and movements, and your sense of the sanctities of life and death fit you for this calling. And the times demand your graces here. I had a thousand voices I would ask you to bring at once. The joy and greatness of the task would grip you. You would soon be carried on the peaceful and prophetic bosom of the river of the love of Christ. To be a winner of men in Christ's name and for Christ's sake is a worthy climax to the soldier's experience. The other task is that of government. Our Churches need you. You must have an influential place in the shaping of policy. Many of you have been officers and non-coms, and been called to inspire them in difficult situations. Others have seen the ranges and compassions of programmes and the value of efficiency. We wait you to put your strength into business meetings, and especially into church meetings. Claim your place. Church courts in many cases would be revolutionised by your dash and your courage to take risks.

Besides, there is the wider field of duty. Methodist union is urgent. It will not admit of protracted delay. A few brave Methodists in our island home will follow the best of us everywhere. You are favoured for four years where denominational barriers are unknown. The Methodism of the future ought to find you ready for the new journey and the immensely greater enterprises. Another aspect of this subject is the newer social tendencies. The nation will enter upon new experiments in political and social effort. And Empire reconstruction is inevitable. We are also called under the auspices of the League of Nations to a new international outlook. Here is a work worthy of your best. But make the Church the centre of everything. One Methodist Church in Britain, with your enthusiastic co-operation, can effectively influence Parliaments, courts and Labour-Congresses. We

are of the people and for the people by the grace of our Lord. Methodism can save Britain. My brothers, listen to the voice of the Church, and volunteer at once.

Re-opening of St. George's Hall.

After being in the hands of builders and decorators for several weeks, St. George's Hall was reopened on Wednesday last. It is significant that the event marks the attainment of its majority by the mission, for it is just twenty-one years since this centre of many Christian activities was founded by the saintly James Fennagan.

A joyous ceremony was performed by Mrs. McAllender, a generous friend of the mission, who, on receiving the key from the Mayor of Bernadsey, unlocked the gate and led the way into the main hall, now cleanly and tastefully decorated. Here, in brief but eloquent words, she expressed her sense of honour in being allowed to reopen St. George's Hall, her willingness to do all she could to help the Christian activities of the mission, and her pleasure in receiving the members of the mission. A beautiful copy of the Hymnal and Supplement) handed to her by Rev. H. J. Taylor. Divine worship followed. Rev. S. W. Hughes gave a timely and eloquent message, which was greatly appreciated. All the fully occupied tea-tables friends listened with pleasure to words of congratulation and good wishes from Revs. J. Toles Parr, G. Armitage and G. E. Rex. J. Taylor happily presided.

The evening meeting was a memorable gathering. Sir Banister Fletcher, the Senior Sheriff of London, made an admirable chairman. He said that he entertained a deep interest in St. George's Hall, London Mission, because of the enormous amount of good it was doing, because of the personal good he had derived in years past from that great Christian gentleman, James Fennagan, and because in the work of reconstruction—social and moral—an institution in London was doing more good than St. George's Hall. That beneficent work had been once recognised by the Corporation of London in the form of a gift of £100; he hoped to secure a repetition of the recognition. Rev. G. Bennett's speech was well received. He warmly congratulated Mr. Taylor on his recovery, and through the war period. He believed in the mission, because it was out to rectify social and moral abuse; it strove to check the appalling wastage of childhood, and it exercised the sublime ministry of helping the hindmost and lowest of men. He thought of the words of the prophet, "The secret of the god, but the true secret of the success of the mission was the spiritual love of men, emanating from Christ, working for Him and moving to Him. Rev. H. J. Taylor expressed deep gratitude for all assistance rendered. Joy reigned for the mercies of the past; high hopes for the welfare of the future. A great meeting fittingly closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Honouring the Brave.

The Marsh-street Schoolroom, Hasley, was crowded on Thursday last, the occasion being the presentation of two beautifully painted mahogany panels, "War" and "Peace," the gift of Mr. Wilson Smith, in remembrance of the young men from the Sunday-school who served and those whose lives were sacrificed in the lamentable Boer War. Mr. E. B. Hackney, J.P., presided. The roll was read by Mr. F. S. Seabridge. Several from the Hasley School became Majors in the Army and won considerable distinction. One of the young men, W. Mycock, who is now back in his Sunday class as teacher, was recommended five times and ultimately won the Military Medal for bravery in the field. Mr. J. W. Bosson, J.P. of London, named Alderman W. B. Jackson Smith made the presentation of the panels, and spoke of the giver, the gift, and its purpose. Mr. J. W. Bosson, J.P., read a touching eulogistic photograph, the gift of the Endeavour Society, which Mr. Smith was formerly president. Addresses followed from Rev. F. A. Ingham, Mr. W. H. Bosson, Rev. F. F. Barrett, Mr. F. Barrett, Mr. W. Williams and Mr. W. Biddle. Mr. A. Kent and Mr. V. L. George also took part. The choir rendered an appropriate anthem.

Miss Maggie Beaver, of Fleur-de-lis, Blackwood Circuit, has successfully passed, with two distinctions, the Welsh Senior Examination.

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Current Topics.

As was generally expected, Mr. Arthur Henderson is M.P. for Widnes. The poll decided on Friday last showed that the Government had secured a majority his opponent's 19,417. Thus a Coalition majority of 3,694 has been converted to a minority of 987. We congratulate Mr. Henderson, and on personal grounds rejoice to see him again arrested in a political movement. His sane judgment and his moral principle will be of great value in an assembly where these qualities are not greatly in evidence. He is a leading figure in public affairs, and one of the most prominent leaders of the Brotherhood movement. He may be relied upon to place first things first, and to emphasise the fact that "righteousness exalteth a nation." Widnes has long been represented by a member of an organisation which has ever been true to its watchword, "Our trade, our politics." Mr. Henderson placed temperance reform in the forefront of his programme, and his election means an acquisition to those forces which operate to make England a place fit for heroes to live in.

The retirement of Mr. A. C. Gardiner from the editorship of the "Daily News" is an event of far-reaching importance in journalism. For eighteen years he controlled that paper, and we are glad to know that he will continue to write his Saturday articles and have a large and loyal readership. He writes with a fine literary style. Mr. Gardiner has always shown high moral purpose. He has sometimes championed unpopular causes with a sublime indifference to the general sneers which have denounced the "Cocoon Press." Like other men, he has made mistakes, but we doubt whether any journalist of our time can boast a cleaner record than he. Many of his Saturday articles have been published in our form, and it is interesting to read some of his character sketches written ten or twelve years ago in the light of what has taken place since 1914. Now that the conduct of the "Daily News" has assumed other hands we hope its best traditions will be maintained.

There were several surprises at the Trade Union Congress. Perhaps the greatest of these was that no vote was taken specifically on the question of direct action. It was proposed that this Congress declare against the principle of industrial action on purely political grounds. This question was discussed at a previous question was moved, seconded and carried by a narrow majority. Thus the main question was side-tracked, and the opportunity of voting upon it lost. The attitude of the Labour movement is undetermined. According to some reports, opinion seemed to be hardening in favour of the views of Mr. Smully and those who are associated with him on this issue. In the other hand, it is declared that the "previous question" device was adopted by this section in order to avert certain defeat. This latter view finds support in the fact the miners are not required to attend the Parliamentary Committee elected on Friday.

By an almost unanimous vote the Congress rejected the Government plan of dealing with the munitions industry as a scheme contrary to the best interests of the nation, and resolved to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Miners' Federation, with a view to compelling the Government to adopt national conciliation and joint control of the industry. The Sankey Report. The Prime Minister is to be interviewed immediately, and in the event of the Government refusing to comply with the demands a special Congress will be convened to reconvene the B. and F. Conference to meet in London. It is expected to be over three months. A spirit of grim determination was evident in the discussion, and while at the moment we express an opinion on the merits of the case, we are assured that the nationalisation of the B. and F. is quite possible that the Government will split on this question.

The Congress also, with great emphasis, demanded the repeal of the Conscription Act, and the immediate withdrawal of our troops from Russia. In the event of these demands not being conceded, the Parliamentary Association has announced that it will call a special meeting of the Congress to determine what action should be taken. On the question of our plans in Russia, Col. Sheenwood Kelly gave a spirited reply in Saturday's issue of the "Daily News" to the strictures and insinuations of Mr. Churchill. It appears that his breach of the King's Regulations while in Russia was a piece with his conduct in publishing his first letter. He professed to be surprised to see his name in the paper being pursued, and decided to relinquish his commission rather than do anything to further a course which he judged condemned. He is not willing that the matter should be taken up, to be further pursued, full inquiry into all the facts of the situation. Public opinion will undoubtedly support him in that contention.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

Bristol.

The committee met at Bath, Rev. W. Reistrick in the chair. A fine tribute was paid to the late Rev. G. Lee and a letter of sympathy was forwarded to the widow and family. Professor A. L. Humphries visits Bristol in January, and the Vice-President, Haddison, in April, to hold a Special Prayer Meeting at Bath. The Equalisation Fund levy was fixed at 3d. Approval was given for the purchase of a chapel previously rented at Wallon, Glastonbury Circuit, and the purchase of the freehold at Clarendon, Midmore Union Circuit. Rev. John Mayles received a cordial welcome. It was decided to endeavour to raise £750 for the Jubilee Fund. Rev. John Egan Gill is to attend a voluntary conference to be held at Bath on October 9, afternoon conference, sermon, and evening demonstration.

Hull.

The Committees met last Friday at Clowes Church. The death of Mrs. Moseley, widow of Rev. Mark Moseley, was reported, and several letters of sympathy are to be sent to friends, including Rev. Isaiah Potts, who is dangerously ill. The centre of interest in several of the Committees was the Missionary Jubilee, and the reception of Rev. A. Baldwin as representing the General Missionary Committee was very cordial. After a good discussion the District proposition of £2,000 was heartily adopted, and a committee appointed to effect the most efficient decision made. District Conferences will be held as early as possible. Rev. Robert Harrison was in the chair.

Sunderland and Newcastle.

The Committee met in Newcastle, Rev. J. S. Nighthale in the chair and in argument. The Missionary Committee was taken first. The arrangements of the preliminary committee for the Jubilee Fund were approved, the District to raise at least £5,000. Revs. J. G. Bowan, J. W. Price and E. M. Bowan told of the inception of the scheme, and of its enthusiastic reception in other Districts. Rev. J. W. Price, in a speech that gripped the audience, declared that we must offer our Fund as a thanksgiving for peace. After Rev. Fred Pickering had spoken, and the deputations thanked, arrangements were made to hold Missionary May Meetings in Newcastle, a strong committee was appointed to begin preparations at once.

In the District Committee a representative committee was appointed to meet the United Methodistists to find a way to amicable working arrangements in Easington. In the Building Committee various loans and purchases were passed, including the purchase of a minister's house at Felling. Blaydon Circuit have raised their main salary to £250 (including children's allowance). Newcastle First are to pay £300 and £250. The Northern Districts are considering equalisation schemes which will materially ease the situation created by the incidence of the new minimum salaries in respect to children. Meanwhile most of the circuits have already paid the children's allowance.

Norwich.

The Committees met at Dereham-road, Mr. W. M. Barton presiding. The business was expeditiously done to give time to Missionary Committee business. The whole of the afternoon was devoted to the consideration of the Missionary Jubilee. Rev. A. Baldwin attended as a representative of the District Committee, and introduced a scheme to the District. It was decided to aim at £1,300. A strong committee was formed, with Rev. P. M. Hoyle as secretary and Alderman T. W. Swaidell, treasurer. Arrangements were made for five one-day conferences to be held in different centres. Great Yarmouth, North Walsham, Norwich, Wymondham and Ipswich were the centres chosen. In this way it was hoped that the remotest parts of the District would be reached. As the pioneer missionary district Norwich faces this Jubilee with great hopes.

London Second.

The Committee met at Holborn Hall on Friday last, Mr. H. Haddow presiding. The death of Rev. T. Whitehead was recorded, and letters of sympathy to the widow and daughter passed; Rev. J. T. Ridley congratulated upon raising £200 at Walderslade. Revs. A. T. Yaxley, J. Carter, W. Eacy and R. H. Green were appointed examiners for the scholars in November. During the afternoon Rev. S. Horton spoke on behalf of the Missionary Jubilee Celebration. A committee will consider the best means to ensure that the District as a whole takes a worthy part in the effort. Later it received a suggestion from London First, voiced by Clark Hallam, that a united missionary demonstration be held in London, and promised hearty co-operation.

London First.

District Committee held at Holborn Hall, Rev. W. Curry presiding. Letters of sympathy with Rev. J. Postle held, and others in the same were passed. The interest of the gathering centred in the

visit of Rev. J. T. Barkly, who in a fine address outlined the scheme for celebration of the Jubilee of our African Missions, and appealed to the District to raise £2,300 towards the £50,000 required. A discussion followed, in which Revs. A. E. Calvert, W. Roberts, G. G. Dickson, T. H. Bickerton, G. G. Softley, G. A. Lucas, T. B. Cawkwell and J. Holland took part, and it was unanimously decided to endeavour to raise the amount desired. A strong committee was appointed to arrange for conferences, etc., and put into practical shape proposals for raising the £2,300.

Manchester.

There were several applications for help from the Sustentation Fund, in order to pay the minimum stipends sanctioned by last Conference. Rev. John Mayles attended as the representative of the Missionary Committee, and after his able presentation of the Jubilee Fund project, it was decided to arrange for the district to contribute at least £4,000. Three members of the committee have recently passed away. Mr. C. S. Parkin, Mr. R. Macdonald and Mr. G. A. Genney, J.P. Other cases were also noted, and letters of sympathy sent to the bereaved families. Rev. B. H. Hester has also been laid low by illness. Rev. Wilson Eccles was congratulated on his election as Conference Secretary. Rev. W. Barker reported that he had collected £240 for the Yearly Memorial Scholarship.

Grimaby and Lincoln.

The committees met in High-street, Lincoln. Sir Thomas Robinson, K.K.E. presided. The chief item of business was the reception of Rev. H. J. Taylor, who came to introduce the Missionary Jubilee celebration. After a very full and convincing statement, it was decided to raise £5,000; three conventions are to be held, one in December at Grimaby, one in February at Lincoln, and the third at Gainsborough in April. The services of Rev. John Egan Gill and others are to be tendered. The increased ministerial stipends only led to one fresh application for a grant from the Sustentation Fund, and that was specifically altered to be only temporary. Several votes of condolence were passed, including one to Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Clague in the loss of their son.

Shrewsbury.

The committees met at Church Streeton. The serious illness of Rev. I. Potts, Leintwardine Circuit, was reported, and a message of sympathy was wired him. Rev. J. M. Ridge will take the oversight of the circuit during his absence. Great interest was centred in the visit of Rev. J. Mayles re the Missionary Jubilee scheme. His able address was very sympathetically received, and a resolution pledging the district to do its best towards raising its share of the £50,000 was passed. A powerful committee was appointed to carry the object through.

Golden Wedding.

On September 11th Mr. and Mrs. Brooks invited several of their friends to the Rope Walk School room, Ipswich, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their marriage. It was fitting that we should meet in the churchroom, for together with their own home the church has shared their devotion. Mr. Brooks began his membership in the church at Brandon in 1857. Soon afterward he began to preach, and Norwich, Downham Market and Ipswich Circuit have been served. His ministry, almost exclusively of Stages of Church work has engaged his attention: for forty years a Sunday school teacher, for sixteen years school superintendent, and for several years a class leader. He is also an active Vice-President of the Young People's Christian Association. Tangible expressions of esteem and affection were offered by members of the family and of the church.

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 - UPPER Tooting, Lynwood Road, S.W. 11, Miss M. J. Neale; 6.30, Mr. Allan Grant. 'Bus service 92 and 88.
- BERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD KENT ROAD, S.E. Services, 11, Rev. W. Harper; 3.30, Brotherhood; 7, Rev. H. V. Taylor.**
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- CALEDONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road), 11, Mr. Merchant; 6.30, Rev. W. H. Wright.**
- FOREST GATE, E. Upton Lane. 11 and 6.30, Rev. W. Sutton.**
- FOREST HILL, Stansfeld Road, S.E. 11, Mr. R. Cress; 6.30, Rev. W. H. Wright. Visitors welcome.**
- FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Road, 11, Rev. W. Jones Price; 6.30, Mr. F. H. Lodge.**
- GIPSY HILL, Hamilton Road, S.E. 11, Rev. A. Goskare; 6.30, Mr. J. I. Morton. Visitors welcome.**
- HAMMERSMITH, Dallington Road. 11 and 7, Rev. J. Holland.**
- HARRINGAY, Matison Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Swindon.**
- KINGSTON, S.W., King's Own Mission, Royal Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. S. Horton.**
- RENTON-ON-THAMES, Richmond Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. E. Butt.**
- SURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, S.E. 11 and 7, Rev. J. Telegraf Par.**
- WEST NORWOOD, Knight's Hill. 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. Bennett. Visitors welcome.**

Provincial.

- BEKHILL, Springfield Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. B. Phippen. (Only one mile from Hatfield Station.)**
- BIRMINGHAM, Bristol Hall, Bristol Street. 10.45, Rev. J. H. Hunt; 6.30, Mr. J. Harper.**
- BIRMINGHAM, Yardley Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A. Bateson.**
- BIRMINGHAM, Tysleye. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A. Barlow. Visitors welcome. C.K., Wednesday 8, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. D. Colby.**
- BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing the Central Pier). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. D. Colby.**
- Central Road. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. B. W. Tucker.**
- Egerton Road (North Shore). 10.45, Mr. H. Slater; 6.30, Rev. R. Ainsworth. Devotional Hour, Tuesday, 7.30.**
- BOURNEMOUTH FIRST.**
 - COMMERCIAL ROAD CHURCH. 11, Mr. T. Young; 6.30, Mr. F. C. Leach.
 - HERBRIDGE MEMORIAL CHURCH, Curzon Road. 11, Mr. J. H. Edgecombe; 6.30, Rev. A. Stodfield.
- BRADFORD, Central Hall. 10.30, Sister Cooper; 6.30, Musical Service.**
- BRIGHTON, London Road. 11, Rev. W. Mason Kelly; 6.30, Rev. M. K. Kelly. Visitors welcome.**
- CLACTON-ON-SEA, Zion, end of Pier Avenue, Old Road. Services 11 and 6.30.**
- CULLEBERTH, 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. J. W. Fryer.**
- DOUGLAS, I.O.M., The Bucks Road. 11, Rev. F. W. Hembarth; 6.30, Rev. A. Baxter.**
- Loch Parade. 11 and 6.30, Mr. Morris Jones.**
- EASTBOURNE, Seaside (corner of Whitley Road), 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. Blichsen.**
- FLEETWOOD, Mount Road (facing Promenade), 10.45, Rev. James Burton; 6.30, Rev. Samuel Johnson.**
- GLASGOW FIRST, Alexandra Parade Church. 11 and 6.30, Rev. R. Robson.**
- GREAT YARMOUTH FIRST, The Temple near Church Place. 10.45, Mr. G. Millill; 6.30, Rev. J. Bayley Wilson.**
- Beeches Road (North Gosport). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. T. Banks.**
- Nile Road (Gosport-on-Sea), near to the Pier and Cliff. 10.45, Rev. J. Easton Wilson; 6.30, Mrs. Fink.**
- HARGREAVE, Dragon Parade Church. 11 and 6.30, Rev. E. McElhain.**
- LEEDS WINTH, St. Margaret Road. 10.30, Mr. F. Salford; 6.30, Mr. W. S. Smith.**
- Harbottle Avenue. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. M. T. Phippen.**

- LIVERPOOL FIRST, Prince's Avenue Church. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. T. Guttery, D.D.**
- LIVE POOL FOURTH, Queen's Road, Bootle. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. Phil. J. Cassar.**
- MANCHESTER, James Street Church, Blackley. 10.30 and 6, Rev. T. H. Champion. Visitors welcome.**
- MATLOCK, Bank Road Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. H. S. Strubury. Monday, 7.30, Devotional Hour.**
- MORCABANE, Pedder Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. H. Shields.**
- Parliament Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Services.**
- NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. Younger.**
- NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Kingsley Terrace (Wesgate Road Car). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. J. W. Price.**
- NOTTINGHAM FIRST, Cannon, Broad Marsh. 10.30 and 6.30, Mr. G. Kemp.**
- SCARBOROUGH, Jubilee (Aberdeen Walk). 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. Turner. Visitors welcome.**
- SCARBOROUGH, St. Stephen's Place, near Market Hall. 10.30, Rev. W. Dickinson; 6.30, Rev. H. M. Cook.**
- SOUTHPORT SECOND, Church Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. G. S. Hoosen.**
- ST. ANNES-ON-THE-SEA. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. J. Campbell, F.R.S.**
- TORQUAY, Market Street. 11 and 6.30, Rev. Ezra E. W. Hamlin. Wednesdays, 7.30.**
- TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Camden Road. 11 and 6.30.**
- WEST BROMWICH SECOND, Lync Church, Moor Street. 11 and 6.15, Rev. J. Scartlett.**
- WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Brighton Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Kirby. Wednesdays, 7.30, Devotional Services. Visitors welcome.**
- YOOR, Monkgate (John Patten Memorial). 10.30, Rev. T. Elliott; 6. Rev. T. J. Gladwin.**

REV. G. HUNT'S ENGAGEMENTS. Doncaster, Spring Gardens, Sept. 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Connexion Evangelists Engagements.

- MISS PERRETT, Maltby, near Rotherham.**
- Evangelists Engagements.**
 - MR. and MRS. BARRACLOUGH,** Wrenthorpe, September 18th to October 1st, 1919.
 - SISTERS ALLEN,** Applications for Special Services to be addressed to care of Rev. D. J. Dando, Church Street, Helmley, Yorks.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- SIXER.**—On September 10th, at 39, Clapton-avenue, Hainbury, to the wife of A. W. Sixer, jun., Liverpool.
- WALLEY.**—On September 9th, at Half-Helds, Biddulph, Congleton, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Walley (née Nettie Barrett Proctor), God's gift of a son.
- MARRIAGES.**
- BOBBILL.**—KEMP—SEPTEMBER 12th, at Zion P.M. Chapel, by the Rev. R. Bingley Hall, William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Borrell, to Rose, youngest daughter of the late J. Kemp and Mrs. Kemp, all of 174, St. James's Street, London.
- DENNY.**—CHURCH.—On September 11th, at Healderswood Church, Hull, by Rev. A. F. Hayden, Frank, son of Mrs. Dennis, to May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson, of Stoneferry.
- FLETCHER.**—WATKINS.—September 11th, 1919, at Trinity Wesleyan Church, Harrogate, by Rev. A. S. Lyle, Sydney Richmond Humphrey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher, of Howden, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkinson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Watkinson, at Harrogate.
- HUGHES.**—GIBBARD.—On August 26th, at Central Hall Church, Wigorn, by Rev. G. S. Hoosen, Robert, son of the late Mr. John Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (late of Crawford Village), to Brian Amy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerrard, of Wigorn.
- LOWE.**—JOHNSON.—At Kreslow Road, Liverpool, on August 20th, by Rev. J. D. Dean and W. E. Lead, Bertha F. Lowe to Miss Mary Johnson, widow of Javer.

MAYMON-GEE-PEARCE.—On Thursday, September 11th, at Kettering-road P.M. Church, Northampton, by the Rev. Harryman Taylor, M.A., Herbert, eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas G. Pearce, of Kettering, and Mrs. Maynor House, Ruthin, to Grace Anne, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pearce, 72, Kingsley-road, Northampton.

YEOHANS-STIMSON.—On August 23rd, at Elm Church, by Rev. H. Asley, Frank E. Yeomans, son of Mr. Chas. Yeomans, Cove, Farnborough, to Leah, daughter of Mr. John Stimson, "Brookbank," Elm, Wisbech.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

BROOKS-GAZER.—September 11th, 1869, at Lokenham Church, by Rev. W. R. Peck, by the Rev. William Brooks to Sarah Gaze. Present address, 537, Woodbridge-road, Ipswich.

SILVER WEDDING.

BYRAM-HOGGTON.—At Wilton-street, Northwich P.M. Church, September 17th, 1894, by Rev. W. Harris, Fred Hyman to Lucy Hoggton. Present address, 40, Etruria House, Market Drayton.

DEATHS.

- ARRIBANS.**—On September 12th, at 171, Colwell-road, Nettlethorpe, Birmingham, Joseph, the beloved husband of Nellie Arbribans, aged eighty-two years. Mourned by his family and many friends. Buried in the mainfold Church.
- ERRINGTON.**—On September 9th, at Kewborough, James Street, passed peacefully away, aged eighty-three. "He giveth his beloved sleep."
- WATKINSON.**—On September 7th, at 10, High-street, Newmarket, County of Suffolk, Elizabeth, the beloved and brave widow of "He was a good man, in his own time there was no guile."
- WYER.**—News has been received that Pie. Frank Wyer, beloved husband of Mrs. W. W. Wyer, of Kettering, passed missing on August 30th, 1918, is now believed to have been killed on that date. "We who love him sadly miss his loving presence and the many happy and joyous hours of thinking thoughts of him are always near."
- YARROW.**—On September 8th, at 98, Pilsford-street, Scarsden, Nicholas, dearly beloved husband of Mary Jane Yarrow, aged ninety-two years. "After much suffering, peace, perfect peace."

IN MEMORIAM.

- BURTON.**—In loving memory of dear Tom (Coldstream Guards), son of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Tower-street, Barmley, only brother of Rev. Abel Briggs, James-street, Barmley, who died from the influenza which he contracted at the Home Guard, September 15th, 1916. "His memory is sweet and precious, the fragrance of his life remain."
- BURROUGHS.**—In loving memory of Sarah Ann Burroughs, widow of the late Mr. John Burroughs, of the mainfold grove, Beverley, Yorks, who entered into rest, September 19th, 1918. Ever remembered by her loving niece, Mrs. J. H. Burroughs, of the same place.
- LANGHAM.**—In loving memory of Walter Langham, who entered into rest on September 6th, 1914, at Little-worth, Farringdon, Berks. "Where saints are clothed in robes of glory, and their shadows never fall. Where Thou, eternal King of Light, Art Lord of all." Ever remembered by his mother, brothers and sisters.
- LONGSTAFF.**—In ever-loving memory of our dear Auntie, Mary Longstaff, of 11, Home-street, Home on September 26th, 1918, from 77, Orchard-road, Darlington, Yorks, and also Ores, Rookhope.
- LOVELY.**—In loving memory of Harry Lumley, Lefcoaster, the beloved husband of E. Lumley, who fell asleep on September 20th, 1915. "Memory keeps our dear one near us."
- NEVIN.**—In loving memory of Corporal John Nevin, formerly Stockwell, the beloved husband of Isabel Nevin, of 22, Kingston-terrace, Roker, and of Ashington, who died from wounds on 19th September, 1916, during the attack on Pozos, in Germany (Somme). "When Thy voice shall bid our conflicts cease, O Lord, to O Lord, to Thy resting place."
- ROBERTSON.**—In loving remembrance of a dear husband and father, who passed away on September 11th, at the Home Guard, September 17th, 1918. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."
- TIPPETT.**—In ever-loving memory of my late cousin, Thomas Tippett, 42, Old York-street, London, E.C. 4, (formerly 10, St. Christopher Tiffany, of Cornwell (Leeds 10th)), who was killed in action at Goussenois, France, on September 18th, 1916. "O Lord, thy mercies are numbered of God, his life and character shall ever be his monument." From J. R. V. Parmenter, Rothwell.

THANKS RETURNED.

My wife and daughters wish to convey their gratitude and thanks to the many friends for their kind sympathy and their love of husband and father. Rev. T. Whitehead, of Margate.

Mrs. G. A. Genny, Worsley House, Hyde-road, Manchester, desires to tender her most sincere thanks to all who send messages of sympathy and condolence in her bereavement.

The Rev. J. N. and Mrs. Clague, of Boston, desire to thank sincerely all friends for their expressions of sympathy in their tragic bereavement.

The Kidderminster Circuit has unanimously invited Rev. Pearce to reconsider his decision to go to Walsall after next Conference, and to stay till 1922, and further appointed a deputation to visit Walsall and to secure his release. Mr. Pearce was, however, unable to accede to this request.

Ministerial Changes and Engagements.

Changes in 1920.
 Rev. J. W. Slack from Stratford (London), at end of probation.
 Rev. B. Poole from Glasgow, at end of probation.
 Rev. T. C. Corlett from Church Streeton.

Changes in 1921.
 Rev. F. Holmes from Hull Second.
 Rev. J. W. Jenkins from Redford, after five years.

Engagements for 1920-21.
 Rev. G. R. Bell to Colton, a fifth year.
 Rev. C. E. Vere to Harrow and Halesowen.
 Rev. J. L. Baggott to Poole.
 Rev. O. M. Collins to Hinchley.
 Rev. F. S. Clulow to Church Gresley.
 Rev. A. Alton to Calce.
 Rev. A. Haigh to Bristol Second.
 Rev. W. Woodley to Bath.
 Rev. J. B. Bayliffe to Baptist F.M.A., a fourth year.
 Rev. F. C. Dyer to Crispinham, a fifth year.
 Rev. J. Graham (S.) of Maida, to North Cave.
 Rev. H. W. Hart to Spalding.
 Rev. W. Tostell to Newport, and till 1922.
 Rev. W. G. Rutherford to Rotherhithe and Deptford.
 Rev. W. Schofield, of Newmarket, to Stoke Newington.
 Rev. S. Evans to Haverhill.
 Rev. S. W. Elliott to Poplar.
 Rev. S. B. Eaton to Tesney.
 Rev. W. A. Bryant to Halesowen, a fifth year.
 Rev. F. W. Godwiner to Dover, a ninth year.
 Rev. A. Cole, of Dawley, to Whitchurch.
 Rev. W. R. Brotherton to Presteigne.
 Rev. E. J. Martin from Norwich to Grimby Second.

Engagements for 1921-22.
 Rev. C. F. Gill to Loughborough.
 Rev. E. Lons to Skidbury.
 Rev. S. Buckley, of Oadeston, to New Mills.
 Rev. F. L. Cull to Knowlwood, a sixth year.

PERSONAL.

All communications should be addressed to the Editor, Primitive Methodist Leader, 73, Farringdon Street, London, E. C. 4.

The great pressure upon our space to-day compels the holding over of the serial story, together with much news.

Largely through the efforts of Mr. Sydney Walton, M.A., a Council of Christian Congregations has been formed in Harrow and the locality. The Council includes the Anglican Church, represented by the Rev. F. W. Joyce, the Vicar of Harrow, and the Headmaster of Harrow School (Rev. Lionel Ford). The purpose of the Council is to promote the ideals of work throughout the community and to unite in social service. The formal gatherings of the Council revealed a general desire on the part of all the Churches for the moral and social well of the locality and the superiority of united action of the Churches as compared with the isolated attempts of separate congregations.

The Lynn and Cambridge district has issued a "call" to the circuits and churches within its area urging the formation of a League of Prayer for a revival of spiritual religion within the Church. It is proposed to hold great circuit missions in November to be in each instance preceded by a week of prayer at each church.

Mr. Sidney A. Jary, of Yarmouth, who after passing with honours his examination in Anatomy, Physiology, etc., has been elected a Fellow of the London College of Embalming, is a member and worker at the Temple, Yarmouth.

Rev. S. Rowley has made another invasion upon accepted custom at the Central Hall, Bradford, by introducing the cinema into the work of the mission both week-day and Sunday. A lengthy correspondence on the subject has ensued in the "Yorkshire Evening Post."

Messrs. Jack announce for immediate publication a new comprehensive commentary on the Bible. Prof. A. S. Peake is the general editor, assisted by Prof. A. J. Grievie. A staff of over sixty of the most eminent authorities of the day have been engaged on the work for some years. It will be issued at a popular price, in a single volume of over 1,000 double column pages.

Under the leadership of the circuit steward, Alderman R. W. Swindell, J.P., and Alderman T. J. Salman, J.P., the finances of the Primitive Methodist Church have surpassed all records, and have met the heavy demands of this quarter.

It will be seen from the advertisement columns that the Higher Ardwick Church, Manchester, is to be liberated from its status of a mission. During its history this church has occupied a prominent position in the

Connexion, and some of our most gifted preachers have exercised a powerful ministry there, but its financial problems have long hindered its progress. The difficulties of the early days were bravely faced by the loyal workers under the Revs. J. Slater and Jas. Watkin. Mr. Watkin gained the affections of his himself a great name in the city. It is therefore a happy coincidence that in his presidential year he is to revisit the scene of his early ministry, and witness at the church anniversary the fruition of the noble and substantial Congregational grant, backed by further promises by members of the church, has given new stimulation to all concerned, and the anniversary promises to be a great success.

Jubilee Church, Scarborough, has sustained a great loss by the home-going of Mrs. B. Boyce and Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Boyce was one of the oldest members and a generous supporter of "Jubilee." The church has had a record summer; the collections for the last quarter have averaged £10 per Sunday. Rev. W. Turner is making arrangements to celebrate the centenary in 1921. A fire broke out in the shops adjoining Gladstone-road Chapel on Friday. Four shops were destroyed, but, thanks to the skilful display of the firemen, the chapel was not damaged.

The Walton Circuit has met the extra charges caused by increased salaries and levies, and reports a balance in hand. It is arranging for evangelistic services, and will take part in the Young Life Campaign. Rev. W. S. Edmund's Circuit is arranging for an evangelistic mission at each place during the coming quarter, and will not make an application to the Sustentation Fund.

Mr. C. M. Honor, son of the late Rev. C. Honor, secretary of Bristol Hall Trust, Birmingham, all through its great financial year, was knocked down by a motor-car on his way home from the quarterly meeting. Happily he is now able to take part again in business and church work.

Also from three years the master baker, W. confessions of the country have been taking their great national show in the Agricultural Hall, London. Mr. W. Arundel, of Birmingham, was honoured by being chosen one of the judges in the bread competition.

Rev. John G. Bowran (Connexional Editor) has accepted an invitation to Matlock for 1921 on the completion of his term in London.

We regret to learn that Councillor J. Potter, of Derby, is seriously ill suffering from double pneumonia.

Miss E. Catchpole, Holywell Cross, Chesterfield, writes: "I have in my late father's library the following Conference minutes: 1848-1848 and 1860 to 1866, bound in one volume; 1848-1848; 1871 to 1876 bound in 1877 to 1882 ditto; 1883 to 1892 bound separately in cloth. If any person or institution would value them sufficiently to pay carriage, I shall be pleased to forward them on receipt of address."

Miss Gerety Toward, of Melton Mowbray, is amongst the successful candidates in the recent Oxford Senior Examination.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Robert Thorp, hallkeeper at the Holborn Hall, which occurred on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Thorp, who was a much-esteemed member of Christ-street Church, Poplar, up to the time of his decease, had ably filled the post of hallkeeper at Holborn Hall ever since this magnificent property was acquired for the purposes of our Church, and he will long be remembered for his unflinching courage and devotion to his duties. His death has created a vacancy which the committee will find difficult to fill, and much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Thorp and family in their grief.

A beautiful brass memorial tablet has been unveiled at Cockermouth in memory of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. Armstrong, of Broughton Moor, who were killed in action in France. Rev. R. L. B. Bond conducted the service. Mr. Armstrong is the circuit steward of Cockermouth Circuit, where both he and Mrs. Armstrong are greatly respected.

Heads Green Society, Oldham, has suffered a great loss by the passing of Miss Annie Turner, who for many years has been actively associated with all its departments and a leader in almost every effort. In addition, five years ago she opened a mission room in Chadderton Fold and took full responsibility for its successful working and support. When she knew that she was swiftly drawing nigh she bequeathed an amount to this school "with a blessing on all the children."

The passing of Rev. George Lee occasioned painful surprise to the officials and members of Bristol First Circuit. In the last three years of his ministry in this ministry were passed. Mr. Lee was held in highest respect and his faithful ministry much appreciated. On Sunday the congregations passed resolutions of sympathy and sympathy with Mrs. Lee and the bereaved family.

Miss Margaret J. Winborn, of Lund-street, Croydon, has passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination with second-class honours.
 The address of Rev. E. Dalton, D.D., is 53, Louis-street, Hull, and not as in Year Book.

MARRIAGES.

A large company assembled at Beerton-road, Liverpool, on August 20th to witness the marriage of Mr. Horley F. Lowe and Miss Mary Johnson. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. E. Davies, wore a beautiful gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Avrial and Kitty Lowe, Ida and Brenda Lowe, and Muriel and Lilian Davies. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Trieman and Rev. W. E. Lowl. Mr. T. S. Bridge presided at the organ. Mr. J. M. Lowe was best man. The presents were numerous and valuable. Breakfast was served in the school room to about seventy guests. The happy couple left for Southampton.

A pretty wedding was witnessed at Central Hall Church, Wigan, on August 30th, between Mr. Reuben Hughes (society steward at Douglas Bank, Wigan Circuit) and Lilian Amy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerrard, of Wigan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. S. Hootson. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Herbert Gerrard, looked very pretty in her bridal dress of ivory tulle and silk, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms and emerald-veiled veil, she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Hughes, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Lucy Humphreys. Mr. Tom Gerrard acted as best man. Mr. Fred Farrington presided at the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held at Central Hall. The numerous and costly presents testified to the esteem in which the bride and bridegroom are held.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized on September 11th by Rev. Harryman Taylor, M.A., at Kettering-road Church, Northampton. The bride was Miss Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pearce, and the bridegroom Herbert, son of the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Maysom-Gee, of Ruffin. The bride belongs to a family which is well known to Kettering-road Church, and in the home is noted for hospitality, and of all good works she has taken her full share. "For this reason a very large congregation was present at the reception at the bridegroom's brother, Pilot Officer I. Maysom-Gee, was best man, and Miss Lily Pearce, with Miss Gladys Maysom-Gee, were bridesmaids. The bride was also attended by her little niece and nephew, and Master Kenneth Pearce. A reception at the Music Hall followed, at which seventy guests were present, and later the bride and bridegroom left for North Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Joseph Whitehouse.
 Regent-street Church, Birmingham, has sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. Joseph Whitehouse, senior steward and oldest official, at the age of sixty-four. Mr. Whitehouse was a man of rare devotion and beautiful character, and rendered whole-hearted service to the Regent-street Society for a great number of years, as steward, trust treasurer, teacher, treasurer, Christian Endeavour, etc. He passed away on September 7th, and was laid to rest in the Uplands Cemetery on September 11th, amid many tokens of respect. Before the interment a well-attended service was held at the Regent-street Church, conducted by Rev. D. C. Cooper.

"Grace Before the Conference." By Polybius, with a Preface by P. O'Connor, M. B., and an Epilogue by Mrs. Methuen. 5s. net.

This is a history with a purpose. The writer is an authority on Near Eastern affairs. He seeks to influence public opinion in favour of the claims presented by Greece to the Peace Conference. The Balkan problem is beset with difficulties, and arguments for a settlement that proceed with an animus against Bulgaria and Italy must be received with caution. But it is evident that the use of force for political purposes will have no effect on the Greeks in the near East. The story of horrors practised by a nation that in modern times has won liberty make mournful reading. (As for Turkey, it ought to be accepted, as a condition of peace, that the Turkish Christian populations must cease.) The arguments set forth here have received the endorsement of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, who describes himself "as one of the oldest survivors of the Empire of the East." The claims affect the Greek Isles (The Dodecanese), Thrace, Northern Epirus, Constantinople, and Asia Minor. Greece has played a great part in world history on the side of freedom, and anything that can be done in justice to enable her to take up the old traditions afresh would evoke general sympathy. The facts are well presented in these pages, and the map is a splendid production. M.

Guild of Kind Hearts.

A JAPANESE TEMPLE.

How would you like to trip to Japan? You have heard of the beautiful things to be seen there, and how the people themselves are lovers of beauty. But it is amusing to read that, if you are to see the most beautiful things in Japan to the high places of worship or rest, the way is not to the East and the steps that lead to Nothing.

Some British travellers, after many weeks at sea, were anxious to get an early sight of Japan. They were up very early in the morning, and were told to look for Fujiyama, the high mountain. Soon they saw it, its summit crowned with snow and thrust into the very heart of the sky. It was like a majestic frown, wondrously beautiful. But in many parts of Japan, if you were to ask the boys and girls what was most beautiful in their land, they would quickly answer "Fireflies!" On summer nights there are millions of fireflies, and special trains run from the stations, taking the tourists to see them. At a place named Uji, a stream winds between hills, and the fireflies dart from either bank and hover over the water. Sometimes they come down and cloud of fire, sometimes they appear like a ball of sparrows. On moonless nights children have parties for firefly hunting. The girls take lanterns with wisps of bamboo grass tied on to them; the girls take paper fans. With these they knock the fireflies down; then they pick them up and put them in tiny cages, makes some of home-bait. Sometimes cages full of hundreds of fireflies are sold to be let loose in people's gardens, to consume the flies. Wouldn't some boys and girls I know love to go hunting fireflies? It would be the finest sport they ever had.

There were to be a Japanese man or woman what you had best see in their land you would be told in one place that you must see the Da-Batsu, a great bronze figure of Buddha, as tall as a four-story house—may feet. Its great eyes, each of them three feet long, are made of gold. Two men can sit on each of its thighs. It is hollow, with a window in its shoulder. This image has sat amid the trees of a temple garden for nearly five hundred years, and many thousands of pilgrims visit it every year. Perhaps the people think of God as being like this image, big and strong and serene, unmoveable by anything that happens in the world around. But we know that God is much better than that. He is our Lover, our Father, our Friend, always ready to help us and do us good.

There is a famous Japanese town, named Nikko, among the hills. For two or three miles the river flows slowly between rows of ancient pine trees. Through the town a small river flows. It is crossed by two bridges, leaving to the right of the river one of the famous red bridges, used only by the Emperor, the other is open to everybody. There is a grand entrance gate to the temple, and in the middle of the temple are gorgeous buildings for keeping the temple treasures and a shrine for the sacred white ponies. There are two gates to the temple, and beautiful gateways, on which are carved animals and flowers and children. In the last court is the most beautiful place, the temple, with rich carvings all round it and portraits of Japanese poets. The temple is empty, except for a black table with a white cloth on it, the mirror with the emblem of wisdom. Through a covered gateway in the last court you go up 240 steps to see the last sight of stone and gold in the temple, with the great statesman. But in all that there is nothing that teaches of God. The long pilgrimage ends at a tomb. But to those who had on it the mirror with the emblem of wisdom, for out of it our Lord came forth, to be our Saviour and our King for ever. **Behold He afterwards: "I am He that liveth and was dead,**

and, behold, I am alive for evermore." What a friend we have in Jesus!

Address Guild letters to Rev. Arthur Jones, 93, More-road, Leicester.

Young Crusaders' League.

A NORTHERN GIRLS' BRIGADE.

One of the difficulties often stated against week-day movements is that of securing confidence. They stand on a comparatively easy, but to "carry on" is harder. The best solution is to begin and meet the obstacles as they arise, and the history of many organisations show this is not the difficult task it sometimes looks.

This week I have pleasure in giving an account of a brigade. The Young Crusaders' League and approved. The Girls' Life Brigade in question belongs to Prince Consort Road Church, Gateshead. This church has a long history of workers, and has been served by many able ministers. It is now having a period of very successful work, under the capable leadership of Rev. C. Crabtree. Special organisations to deal with social endeavour, women's work, and visitation have been formed, and a great work is being done in the town.

Rev. C. Crabtree has kindly supplied details of the brigade work, and writes as follows:—"The Prince Consort Road Church, Gateshead, has been blessed with a new pastor for more than a year, busy with V.A.D. work in London, but Miss Duncan proved a capable substitute. The brigade has been working in the town since and during the year has passed through its membership very many of the young people who are now rallying round the P.C. Room, as it is popularly called, and making it so pre-eminently a young people's church.

"The brigade has helped the Church in many ways. Its annual concert in the evenings have contributed to the Church's funds, while very many neighbouring churches have also been helped by generous activities of the G.L.B. Church parades have been held at intervals, and have done something to stimulate love for the sanctuary. But the real help, so far as the Church is concerned, comes from the loyalty to Prince Consort Road that has been created through the fellowship of the girls in this institutional service.

"The girls have been taught figure dancing, with Morris and other old country dances; drill, club-swinging, and other games. They have also some of the rudiments of home nursing. For three years in succession they won the Robert Powan Shield in open competition, and have been successful in many of the sports they have entered in. They have in company explored the countryside round about Gateshead in healthful rambles, while in pre-war times they were taken on a tour of an annual holiday, Brampton, Alston, and other places being so visited. Their visit to Brampton will long be remembered, and the girls have been on a journey, and Mrs. W. and Mrs. Dixon turned their minds into a guest house for the occasion, entertaining the whole company in splendid fashion, and devoting the proceeds to church funds.

"During the past year the brigade has grown in strength, though it has suffered a little loss in the winter of 1918-19. Our new member, the daughter of Miss Johnson as leader, she having undertaken to superintend the Gateshead play centres for the education authority. She is coming in as long as we remember the importance of this work, and the wonderful way in which Miss Johnson is marshalling and helping the children in the manner

of the town, bringing joy and discipline where they are most needed.

"We are confidently expecting that out of G.L.B. will maintain its high reputation, and that now with a few more and the men are back, we shall be able to re-start our Boy Scout Troop, or reform it as a 'B.E.B.'"

Needless to say, a church that has so cared for its young is missionary in spirit and act, and one of the best of its kind in the district. The ideal is a high one, and in this, as in all other projects, it is to be hoped to succeed, and we cordially hope they will. J. H. HIAS.

Endeavour Topic. THE GOD-INSTRUCTED HUSBANDMAN.

Isaiah xviii. 23-29. Sept. 21.

The operations of every legitimate vocation may be regarded as an attempt to do the will of God. To Isaiah the method of the farmer points to the method of the Divine Lord. "If the husbandman be so methodical, shall the God who taught him not be also so? . . . Isaiah here returns to his fundamental gospel, that the Almighty is the All-Sufficient Lord, and that the processes in farming are named to illustrate this teaching.

"Ploughing is the first of these processes. It is primary and essential. Furrows are made before the seed is sown. Yet this preparation is not perpetual and constant, the one and only task. "Both the ploughman and ox continually! Doth he continually open and break the clods of his ground?" With equal force it is implied that in the breaking up of the fallow ground of the heart. (See Finney's "Promises" "Lectures on Revival," the individual must be awakened to the glory of his nationalities are to be startled by social calumnies into perception of the hidden evils they have cherished or tolerated. "The law of transgression and covetousness are not to be perpetual. After the ploughshare of law has risen the soil into repentance, the sowing of grace should ensue.

"Variety of seed sown exemplifies also a farmer's method. Fitches, cummin, wheat, barley, spelt—five kinds of seed are enumerated as being sown. Like the farmer, God uses variety in the seed He sows. "Truth is God's seed, and how manifold the forms! Through Amon the seed truth given is that of Divine justice, impartial and unfeeling. "To Hosae is granted a diverse truth, that of God's amazing love for the erring. Isaiah's central truth is that of God as King ruling in heaven and to come on earth. (See also Hebrews 1:1-3, "The Son of God, and a welcome in our heart for every seed, for all phases of revelation. Of the sixty-six books in the Bible—each one containing truth—how many have you ever read?"

"Not only had the farmer variety of seed. He also showed discrimination in his produce, as when he sows fitches and cummin broadcasting, but for more precious grain the careful "drilling" (verse 25). "Some truths of God are, in His mercy, scattered broadcast for public hearing. But superficiality is the doom of dependence on the message so communicated. "No Christian will ever produce a harvest of spiritual character unless and until he has developed the habit of waiting upon God day by day in secret, alone and to himself, and the opening of the Word the Spirit may "put in" the deeper teaching, into mind and memory and conscience" (John xvi. 13).

"Thinking and acting to disengage the mind from the task. You are untrained. "Is bread crumb crushed? No, he does not keep threshing it perpetually. But when he has rolled it, without having crushed it. The tribulation which God allows is similarly purposeful, you have in measured check. W. E. FARDALE.

Church News.

Birkenhead Second.—The autumn and winter's work at Mount Tabor has a good start in very fine services in connection with the mission, and the Endeavour anniversaries. The Endeavour preacher was Rev. G. Fawcett. A singing rally was held on the following Thursday. The next two Sundays have seen some bright young lives brought in, and a revival is expected any moment.

Whitby.—The pastor's anniversary was recently held at Erdington, and was very successful. Rev. J. Dudley preached morning and evening. Mrs. Brittain sang two excellent solos. Mr. Bonhill being the organist. A liberal offering was taken. The services were followed by a well-attended sacramental service.

Blantyre and Hamilton.—A circuit deputation was held at the Hamilton Palace grounds (by special permission) on September 6th. A tea was provided, to which over 200 sat down. The evening meeting was presided over by Fiscal Robert Weir. Addresses were given by Revs. J. Ritson and R. Dalgarno. Revs. J. G. Fawcett, T. Dale and W. Soutby also took part. The effort was a great success.

Bradford Third.—The harvest festival was conducted at Drighlington last Sunday and Monday by Rev. F. Hobson acting as organist. In the afternoon the choir gave, in a very creditable manner, the cantata "Garden of Gethsemane." Organist, Mr. E. Naylor. Monday, public meeting at St. Mark's. Rev. R. Rose gave a short address. Financial result very satisfactory.

Darlington.—Chapel anniversary services were held at Risley on Sunday, August 31st, when the special preacher was Rev. T. J. Gladwin, one of our old scholars. On Monday a religious service was held at St. Mark's. Gladwin gave an excellent address. Afterwards tea and refreshments were handed round, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The next evening, on Sunday last, when Rev. W. H. Holtby, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

Banaster First.—The church at Ballyragh has recently installed the electric light. The pastor is making re-opening services a visit from the President was anticipated. Unfortunately he was compelled to cancel the arrangements. Rev. C. H. Randall kindly took his place in the afternoon, whilst in the evening Rev. R. W. Nelson lectured. On the following Sunday Rev. W. Pigott, D.D., conducted the services, and in the afternoon a cantata was given by Woodlands Choir. On Monday, September 1st, Rev. J. G. Fawcett preached at Ballyragh. Chairman, Mr. J. Walker, of Wazmoorville. Total proceeds, £15 10s.

Gateshead Second.—Whitehall-rookery the church celebrated the Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 7th to 10th. Rev. C. Crabtree preached on Sunday, and at the Sacrament which followed six young people were invited to join the church. Rev. T. Gallon preached on Wednesday, and in the evening gave his lecture, "The Romance of Old Cremona." Mrs. Gallon accompanied the musical illustrations. Financial result over £20.

London.—Penge harvest services were held on September 7th, when excellent sermons were delivered by Rev. A. Worscup. A children's fruit and flower service was held at St. Barnabas. Messrs. Jackman and Cuss addressed the children. Mrs. Jackman accepted the gifts, which were given to Benbow & Co. Ltd.

Monmouth.—Rev. Taverer, B.A., Free Church Council, and F. C. Tucker, Baptist, gave words of welcome to Rev. J. G. Wilding, who takes charge of the new school. A good tea was provided, to which a large number of people were present. The new pastor gave an address. Mrs. Wilding, who is a local preacher, presided at tea, and the meeting was most encouraging.

Nantwich.—A valedictory service (necessitated by the immediate departure to Canada of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolnough) was held at Barony Church on September 1st. Miss M. Banks presided. A deep sense of loss is felt by the removal of Mr. Woolnough, daughter of Mr. J. H. Cross, the esteemed circuit steward. Mrs. Woolnough has been since earliest days a member at Barony, and her faithful work has led to the formation of a society, school and choir. Her husband is returning to Canada for demobilization, and will then enter the ministry there. Rev. W. D. Cule, the evening presentation of silver tea service, expressing the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—At Felton Fell Church thanksgiving services a large audience gathered to give honour to 30 "boys" who have returned home, each of whom were presented with handsome hymnals and Bibles by Rev. J. J. Alderson. The committee handed over to the church a fine roll of honour, also a baptismal font, in memory of those who have given the supreme sacrifice. The Women's Own prepared a splendid tea. In the evening a concert was given by Mr. Newton's Glee Club. Mr. J. D. Dyer, the choir conductor, Endeavour subscribed £20 towards the effort, which realised about 235.

Plumstead and Woolwich.—A large company gathered at Robert-street to celebrate the silver wedding of Rev. T. Graham. During the evening the Robert-street choir rendered musical items. Speeches were made by Mr. J. Crisp (circuit steward) and Mr. J. Fife. The congregation presented Mrs. Graham with a silver fruit stand. The Robert-street schoolroom has now been vacated by the military.

Portsmouth First.—Successful harvest services were celebrated at St. Andrew's Church on September 7th and 8th. Inspiring sermons were preached by Rev. W. Lawrence. In the afternoon a special district service was given by the choir. Councillor E. S. Chivers presided. On Monday the choir from Foxton-road (Gosport) Church rendered a good programme. Mr. E. Cook chairman. Proceeds in advance of previous years.

Reading.—Anniversary services were conducted at Wokingham-road by Rev. W. Eassey and Mrs. E. L. Devenish. The capital meeting was held on Monday, Mr. Hay presiding. Collections, 56 10s.

Shildon.—We had the pleasure of having Rev. C. Roberts as our special preacher at Shildon Road, on August 5th. He gave us inspiring sermons. Sticking close to his texts, his words of comfort and hope were full of cheer. The services were on the highest plane. The Spirit of Worship held a special service.

Silverdale.—Endeavour services were held September 7th and 8th. Our special visitor was the venerable Rev. J. Freshwick. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. E. Shill, rendered several anthems. Mr. D. Briley presided at the organ. On Monday Mr. Freshwick lectured on "Ephraim Quaint and Quaint" or "Tales of the Past." Mr. T. Bloor presided.

Thornley.—The church has just concluded a successful week-end, with Miss Elsie Turnbull, eloquentist, from Wellingborough. On Sunday morning Miss Turnbull gave a beautiful song and story recital. Mr. F. Stephenson presided. In the evening she delivered a sermon recital. During the week-end she was aided by Miss Ford and Mr. W. Williams. The services of services realized about £210.

Weymouth.—An interesting gathering of members and friends took place on Thursday last when a large number met to extend a welcome to Rev. W. B. Fish and his wife after their marriage. Messrs. H. Wheeler, circuit steward, presided, and expressed the pleasure the friends expressed in their happy event, and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fish a wallet containing £124. Messrs. E. Hamblers and H. Godley also gave addresses.

Quarterly Meetings.

Bradford Third.—Meeting held at Tysdal. Rev. R. Rose presided. The new allocations for some demands made in a very loyal spirit. Rev. R. Rose invited, and accepted until 1921.

Broton.—Held at New Skelton. Increase in membership and finance. Arrangements made for a programme of work and visits from the President and Rev. H. Coulbeck. African Jubilee Fund heartily commended. Special attention was taken to meet additional expenditure incurred under the legislation of last October. Rev. J. Ramsay received and accepted invitation for 1921.

Bury Second.—Arrangements made for a visit of the President in October. Rev. A. E. Proctor gave a hearty invitation to remain another year. He has decided, however, to remove at the end of this year.

Cambridge.—Held at Sturton-street. Unanimous invitations given to the ministers to stay till 1922, and accepted. At special offer, £100 to be held at the Tabernacle, November 6th. Very encouraging reports of camp meetings held during the quarter were received. Arrangements were made for participating in the Young Life Campaign and District Evangelistic Campaign.

Carlisle.—Held at Cecil-street, Rev. G. Scott presiding. Membership increased. Record revenue of £104. Minister's salary unanimously raised to £230 a year. Balance in hand, £15 10s. Special offer to be made to raise £100 for Missions Jubilee Fund. Circuit in flourishing condition.

Clacton.—On 9th. Some new members have been added to the various churches. Generous income from all the churches, Clacton, Kirby Cross, Walton and Weeley sending in record contributions. Special offer commended for the largest proportionate increase. The proposal of Mrs. Rookham for a Central Women's Committee to assist the Circuit Fund was heartily approved.

Chorley.—Held at Almond Brook. Fourteen increase in members for quarter. Finance excellent and minister's salary advanced. Rev. D. T. Mann unanimously invited for third year, 1920-21. Rev. R. Gilbert Cooper succeeds Rev. W. C. Chrimes in 1920. Special offer arranged for Young Life Campaign and African Missionary Jubilee. Scheme accepted to clear minister's mouth of debt.

Coekersmouth.—Held at Broughton Moor. Chairman, Rev. A. J. Bull. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Birbeck and Mr. and Mrs. C. Povey. Membership slightly increased. Special offer especially commended for the largest proportionate increase. Dearham Society congratulated on having raised £106 10s. for church renovation and circuit house debt. Rev. A. J. Bull invited for 1921 for a seventh year (1920-21) and accepted. The circuit stewards were re-elected.

Coxhoe.—It was decided to give hearty support to the African Missionary Jubilee. Minister's salary raised to the Connexion minimum. Balance in hand for the quarter: £10, making 254 in all. Rev. E. Bell has been invited for fifth year.

Draxford.—The finances were a record. Income, 260 12s. 5d. After paying an increase in salary, the balance was 27 12s. 6d. have a new cottage mission at Cudridge, and we are seeking a site for further development. In two years we have raised over £600 for debt reduction and Shirehampton new chapel.

Earlswold.—Minister's salary increased in accordance with Conference legislation. To the regret of the circuit Mr. W. Austin, who for the past twenty-four years has been circuit steward, is leaving the district. Mr. R. H. Jackson was elected to fill the vacancy. Rev. H. Chamberlain is leaving the circuit in 1921.

Helton.—Finances, after payment of increased salaries to ministers, very satisfactory. Revs. Fred Fifth, B.A., and Geo. Feathey unanimously invited for 1920-21, a seventh and third year respectively. Congratulations accorded Mr. E. R. Hartley on his departure to Hartley College. Mr. J. R. Ridley heartily recommended for the ministry. Presentation of books for successes in Local Preaching. Examination made by Mr. W. Crosswell and Mr. T. Humble.

Keywood.—Held at Bridge-street, Rev. W. F. Cull presiding. Healthy condition membership and finance. A gracious word was proceeding among our young people. Mr. E. C. Nicholls reappointed steward. The new "ministry" demands duty met, and minister's salary advanced beyond it, a balance of over 25 remaining.

Hull Third.—Meeting held at Coniston. After paying the new minimum demands and removing other expenses, balance £10 remaining. Public tea followed, generously provided by Mr. J. Noble. In the evening, under the presidency of Mr. Lewis, of Dover, Bethesda Choir rendered musical items under the conductorship of Mr. S. Smith. Miss Winnie Beal gave an interesting address. Messrs. D. E. Pigott and W. S. Hincliffe also took part. Financial result from tea and collection, £12 5s., for the debt fund.

Knowlwood.—Held at Castle Street, Rev. F. L. Cull presided. Membership in advance of last quarter and finance satisfactory. A debt of 528 on house furnishing account wiped out, leaving balance in hand. Lay pastor's salary (Mr. A. W. Mayo) increased, and Rev. F. L. Cull's raised to £210 per year. Mr. Mayo agreed to stay on Circuit until 1921, and Rev. F. L. Cull until 1922—a fifth and sixth year respectively.

Leeds Fifth.—Rev. H. Semper presided. Finance in advance of last quarter. Each church met its obligations, leaving a small balance in hand. Special attention is to be paid to the young and unattached and arrangements were made for meetings of Interest People's Day, Temperance Sunday, and the African Missionary Jubilee celebration.

London (Kilburn).—An increase of three members reported. Revs. J. A. Alderson and W. Curry paid 528 10s. and £20 respectively. Other expenses met. £150 spent in renovation of ministers' houses. Missionary matters to be dealt with in circuit committee after the district committee has met. The young people are enthused, and the outlook is very bright.

Lydney.—Held at Bream. Outlook hopeful. Arrangements made for the 1920-21 Campaign Conference Sunday, self-denial week and missionary round. Increased salary arranged for. Minister accepted invitation for 1920-21.

Mechborough.—Held at Goldthorpe. Membership 600. The finances were satisfactory. An interesting discussion arose on increase of ministerial stipend. It was decided to increase the superintendent £210 per annum and the second minister £200, the proportionate increase to be retrospective for the quarter.

Newport (Man.).—Finances good, all demands being met. African Missionary Jubilee heartily supported. Record made of death of Mr. E. Haves, fifth year teacher on the circuit. Unanimous invitation given to Rev. W. Tootell for fourth year, until 1922, and accepted. Resolution passed expressing appreciation of the successful ministry of Rev. J. Griffin, who serves with unabated vigour.

An "At home," held at Station Street, to welcome home boys returned from the front and home from the West Indies, by Rev. W. Tootell. Programme provided by Mrs. S. Wynn, Mr. R. A. Cook, and Miss Howell.

Penllyn.—Meeting held in Aberystwyth. Arrangements made for a singing festival to mark the jubilee

celebrations of our missionary work. The circuit stewards, Messrs. Wm. Dando and R. Tippet, were re-elected. **Peole.**—Held at Millbarrow Farm, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wareham. Condition of membership and finance healthy. Its jubilee of African mission. It was decided to have a special missionary round at all the places. Collections will be made on behalf of the Sustentation Fund. Special Examination made by Mr. W. Crosswell for a third year—1920-21.

Retford.—Two new local preachers recognised. Monies excellent. After paying increased salary, balance in hand augmented. Arrangements sanctioned for Young Life Campaign. The minister's proposal of a League of Prayer heartily adopted. Sympathy expressed with Rev. Tom Parfitt (a native of the circuit), Messrs. E. E. Rawding and S. S. Thurman take up the work at Little Morton.

Salisbury.—Increase of members. Balance in hand. Arrangements made for jubilee effort, and for Young Life Campaign. St. Mark's Road society congratulated on its prosperity. Unanimous invitation given to Mr. W. B. Taylor for a third year. Collections arranged for Sustentation Fund and Local Preachers' Aid Fund.

Scarborough Second.—Rev. W. Tansy presided. Minister's salary raised £10 above the minimum, and increased allocations all sent in to meet the new demands. Special Committee appointed to consider conference celebration in 1922, and other connexion appeals. Rev. E. Heavly removed to Nottingham next conference, and will be replaced by Rev. E. B. Farlow.

Sunderland Third.—Finances and membership were evidence of considerable activity in the branches. A lengthy discussion on the "Jubilee of African Mission" suggested a determination to fulfil our obligation. The report provided by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Worthy was thoroughly appreciated by the congregation.

Sutton and Kirby.—Held at Titchfield. Membership showed an increase of ten for the quarter, also a balance in hand of £3. Full consideration was given to suggestions for celebrating the missionary jubilee. Special attention was also given to the question of recruiting local preachers. The station deacons and young people prospects. Unanimous invitations were extended to Revs. A. Suttees and A. Griffiths for 1920-21, but for reasons stated to the meeting both reserved their connection.

Thornley.—Mr. F. Greenwell congratulated for prize winning in connection with Local Preachers' Training Classes. Special mention was made of Mr. James Henderson who was received on to full life. Plans made for celebrating "Young Life Campaign" and "Jubilee of African Missions." Special offer especially commended for 1920-21, and accepted. The pledge of Rev. W. Rose was signed on behalf of the circuit.

West Ham.—Meeting held at East Ham. Services were held at Springwood Church. Mrs. Pitt presided. Mrs. Corke was the special soloist, and the ladies of the church, under the lead of Miss Tristram, sang for the first time. W. B. Rose, in a vivid description of the Zastron Church, Alival North, gave a forceful missionary address. Mrs. Dorel (president of the ladies) sang. W. B. Rose was 24 6d. Great sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Dims in her serious illness. Miss Evans, organising secretary for the first time, has been laid for Mr. Hirst and Mrs. Pitt, met the girls of the first circuit churches and formed

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