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**SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1922.**

2.30. Singing and Recitals by the Children.

3.0. **GREAT PUBLIC MEETING**

(in the ROBINSON HALL)  
Chairman: **Rev. J. T. BARKER**  
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5.15. Gymnastic Display by the Children.

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real individual convictions about the real and last things, showing themselves in real freedom. Then they had got to learn the lesson of the East. That was expressed most clearly by the Hindu: "Every man and woman was born in debt"—in debt to the past, in debt to God, in debt to the family, to contemporaries, etc. It was a wrong conception of success to imagine it consisted in building up a great fortune, or making a great career. The real end of education was to die out of debt, to repay their debt to one's fellows.

Dr. Penke, M.A., in his usual felicitous way, expressed the thanks of the audience to the two distinguished visitors, especially to the one who he paid a high tribute. Professor Gilbert Murray briefly replied.

### The Late Rev. Henry

#### S. Targett.

The Rev. Henry S. Targett, after 45 years in the active ministry, and three years as supernumerary, charged at Manor Park Church, London, E., entered into the Heavenly Service on June 10th. His ministry was spent in circuits of varying types, but he left the mark of his individuality on the life of each circuit. He was an aggressive minister. In the pulpit he was ever true to the Gospel of the New Testament. He preached to win a verdict. No one could remain in his presence for any length of time without knowing that to him Jesus was an ever present Friend. He endured as seeing Him who is invisible. His greatest desire during his ministry at Manor Park was to build up the life of the Church. During his last illness he suffered much, but was patient and resigned. He lived and died in triumphant faith. On June 10th a service was held in Manor Park Church, conducted by Rev. J. G. Brown, representing the Conference. Mr. W. Jones Price paid a beautiful tribute. His brother, Revs. F. C. Dyer, G. Middleton and R. F. Small also took part. The remains were reverently laid out in the City of London Cemetery, Ilford.

### The late Rev. T. Parr, M.A.

When Rev. Theophilus Parr, M.A., was brought to the home of his son in Bolton three years ago he seemed but the shadow of his former self. Remembering his powerful frame and his soul alight with the power of God, and a reforming zeal, it was brought home to us how great a price is sometimes exacted from one who will seek to serve his fellows. He never pampered his body and never considered himself before he considered the Master's work. So when he superannuated there was really little change in his habits. He was as busy as ever for his Master until his breaking down. When he gathered about him. With the greatest solicitude and devotion Mr. Parr, the son and daughter sought to minister to his needs, and gradually their love and patience were rewarded. To one so active in ordinary times the enforced inactivity was a great cross. But he was able to carry it bravely. He was able to realise ultimately that, though he could not share the means of grace along with others, in a beautiful way he could really help. His Bible was his great companion, and he was a constant reader of the Bible. He died at the age of 82, after a long illness he had passed that he was not able to read his daily portion. His love for his brethren was a very genuine emotion. The death of a brother minister was a tonic to him. He followed all our doings and rejoiced in every sign of progress. Throughout his long illness he was grateful for the love and service shown to him by his wife and children, and by his friends from the Bolton churches, in whose memory he will live as one who was a faithful minister, a fearless soul, devoted to good work.

H. S.

A very successful garden party was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. C. Allison at Queen's Road, London, N., on June 17th, in aid of the Elementary Sunday School Funds, 150 friends present. Proceeds £10.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT LEEDS.

### THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

#### REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 19.

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. J. W. Clifford, M.A., after which the Conference Journal was read.

The President (Rev. H. J. Taylor) was addressed by the representatives of our Church on the Federal Council of the Free Churches.

The General Secretary submitted a resolution expressing the thanks of the Conference to Rev. J. H. Saxton for his tender and discriminating address at the Memorial Service. Rev. H. J. Pickett, seconding, said the address was most fitting, and in every way worthy of the occasion. The resolution was unanimously carried.

#### Memorial Service.

Rev. H. J. Pickett moved that in the proposed rearrangement of Conference business the Memorial Service should be linked up with the Conference as a part of deceased ministers. The matter was worthy of the best attention of the Conference.

Rev. G. Bennett seconded and said that the testimonies spoken might be gathered up by the person appointed to read the Memorial Address. The resolution was carried.

#### Resignation.

The General Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Rev. S. E. Howorth, of Horsham, tendering his resignation, but no reason was given. It was decided to refer the matter to the Connexional officers resident in London to seek an interview with Mr. Howorth.

#### Finance Committee's Report.

##### The Grading of Salaries.

Rev. A. Baldwin (Finance Secretary) submitted the report of the Finance Committee. There were no profits available from the Book Room for the S. M. W. and P. Fund, and to meet the deficiency of £3,500 an increase of the Connexional levy would be necessary. But the ministers had met and expressed their willingness amongst themselves to bear this deficiency at an average of 24 per minister, in addition to their annual subscription of £2. This was conditional upon the minimum salaries remaining as at present. At the proposed increase in active work receiving the minimum salary would be assessed at £3, other ministers would be assessed on a rate on the basis of an extra £1 for every £10 salary above the minimum; a committee to be appointed to collect information with regard to salaries and make proposals. The committee was nominated as follows:—G. Armitage, J. Mayles, T. B. Johnson, W. M. J. Johnson, G. C. Normandale and A. Baldwin (convenor).

The committee had accepted some of the findings of the Connexional Finance Committee. They recommended the principle of grading the salaries up to the minimum of £200. The minimum salary to be £20 below the minimum for the first three years, and £10 below the minimum for the second three years. This to come into operation this year, but not to be retrospective in its operation.

To meet the claims of the Sustentation Fund £14,500 will be required. The committee recommended a grant of £8,000 from the General Missionary Committee and the £6,500 required from the districts be secured on the same principle of allocation in districts and circuits as last year. Each district to form a committee carefully to consider all applications for grants, and to exercise great

economy. A further recommendation was that in the case of ministers due to houses, for whom houses were not available, that an allowance of £50 be granted from the Sustentation Fund to the minister for rooms.

#### Ministers' Salaries.

##### Full and Frank Discussion.

Mr. S. Gillison (Darlington and Stockton District) said he felt it to be a duty to the people amongst whom he lived to oppose the recommendations of the Finance Committee with regard to salaries. He felt that the industrial conditions of the country demanded a review of the salaries. He believed that many ministers were prepared to accept reductions. Their circuits would generally be loyal to the decisions of the Conference, but there would be great disappointment in many circuits if Conference decided that the salary should remain as at present. He reminded them of the real hardship in industrial areas. Hundreds in his locality had never done a day's work since October in the year before last. He thought that many in his own little town were applying for unemployment benefit. It was no use leaving the minimum as it was, and asking their ministers voluntarily to meet the deficiency on certain funds. He proposed an amendment that the minimum be reduced to £200.

Councillor A. J. Stränge (Bristol District) said a flat rate was not equitable. The standard of living in the South was considerably less than in the North. His own circuit had subscribed loyally to all Connexional levies, but they had reached the high water mark of income, and they were looking forward this year for some reduction. There were scores of circuits in the same position, who if some relief were not granted, would have to apply for grants from the Sustentation Fund.

#### Laymen Against Reduction.

Mr. A. B. Hillis said it was unfortunate that when the matter of capital and commerce came to these questions the first economy was the one that affected the living agent. He wanted religion, and particularly our own Church, to set commerce a better example. He supported the Finance Committee's report for the following reasons:—(1) The minimum until the last twelve months had never been above the present standard in the matter of the cost of living. (2) The pre-war figure of £110 was ridiculously low, and years before that it was being dealt with. They were still struggling in the form of two low a basis. (3) The increase of the minimum was belated, being behind the cost of advances in industry. (4) The advances were not only belated, but were less in amount than the advances in industry. (5) The minimum salary is now far more largely adopted throughout the denomination in pre-war days. A large proportion of men were now on the minimum. (6) The weak circuits in our denomination ought not to be taken as the standard in the matter. It was the average circuit to which they should look. The Sustentation Fund existed to the advantage of the denomination. The Church as a whole could well afford to pay the present minimum. During the last year, on our expression, we had raised £68,000 for the reduction of debt on our property. (7) The weakest circuit would not benefit except in so far as the Sustentation Fund levy was reduced. (8) The present salary, in view of all the circumstances, did not merit the meeting of the Finance Committee. (9) The splendid voluntary offer of the ministers to meet the needs of the Connexional Fund in order to save the levy was the best and the last reason. The minimum ought not to be reduced.

Mr. John Walker said that, whilst men in Government service and other departments had received bonuses, our ministers had no such bonus. It was to be expected that the cost of living had not come down. It was a great deal more than a great deal more per member towards the support of the ministry than the Northern Circuit. In his circuit they had less than 300 members and two ministers. He knew of no London circuit that was asking for a reduction of the minimum. The way out of the difficulty was to increase the membership. They could increase the membership by 25 per cent during the next Connexional year, and that would meet the case. The trusts ought to help when they were able to do so.

Alderman W. E. B. P., said he did not propose to study economy and start by reducing the ministers' salaries. We should have to be careful about two things if our Church was to become what we wanted it to be—a fine type of layman and a fine type of minister. We could not produce a good type of layman unless we had a very high standard of living. Our ministers could not be obtained unless they were prepared to pay for it. He was glad a certain amount of grading had been suggested, but it was a very small and unimproving to interfere with salaries at present. They had been reduced to £200.

Mr. J. Ritzon thought they ought not to allow the ministers to pay the addition of fourpence which was required to pay the levy. It was a poor man, but he was better off than the ministers on his station. He would not have been able to do two things of the hard and unthankful tasks many of our ministers had to face. He thought the laymen should be appealed to to help to pay the amount required for the purposes of the Connexional Fund. He was concerned about the whole of our financial position. The solution lay in proportionate giving, from the President down to the humblest member.

Mr. E. D. Roberts said he was a middle man, and there was a great deal of difference of opinion between the man at the top and the man at the bottom. He did not want the salaries reduced, but there were many circuits that could not pay. They wanted a levelling up, and the way out of the difficulty was for the men at the top to come down a bit and the men at the bottom to come up. (Laughter.) He did admire the way in which the ministers had undertaken to keep the levy at the present amount, but he did not think they were doing themselves. He hoped they would support the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Mr. W. H. Cooper (Leeds) said he had had a long experience of finances, and had always been a minister's man. He had seen the way in which they had managed to subsist in the past on the small salaries they had received. In many circuits there were more people to have been done in past days, and would have been done if the people had realised their responsibilities. In too many cases societies raised large sums of money for their own purpose and considered ministers' salaries as a secondary consideration. He said that he considered that ministers' salaries were the first charge on the circuit funds, and that they should not be reduced. He considered that it was their duty at that time to allow the salaries to remain as at present.

Mr. T. G. Green said he was thankful he had listened to the discussion. He thought that of all their meetings the meeting of the Finance Committee gave figures showing that in 1914 the minimum salary was £100, and during that year the cost of living had advanced to £160. The deficit was £16, and despite the increases of salaries that had taken place,



Africa. A telegram wishing "God-speed" to them was sent.

#### The S.M.W. and O. Fund.

Speaking to the report which was presented by the General Secretary, Rev. R. W. B. Whitway called attention to the fact that there was a capital debt of £26,760. As there had been no grant from the Book Room, there would have been a further deficit had the ministers come to the rescue and shouldered the burden. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and Rev. George Armstrong reappointed Secretary and Rev. R. W. B. Whitway Treasurer.

#### Connexional Equalization Fund.

Speaking to the report, Mr. C. R. Maynard said there were 900 children on the Fund, and that the levy would be 23d. per member for the coming year. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Rev. George Armstrong reappointed Secretary and Mr. C. R. Maynard Treasurer.

#### Local Preachers' Training Committee.

Professor A. Lewis Humphries, M.A., speaking to the report, which they had had a record number of students and examinations, and they came from all quarters of the Church. He paid a tribute to the splendid work that had been done by the Sunderland and Newcastle District. He commended their work to their earnest and continued support.

Rev. H. J. Pickett said how gladly he had listened to the report. He brought out their Church's work of this Committee should be regarded as of first importance, as their ministry and the mission field were recruited from that source. There were a great number of young fellows that just needed a guiding word at that time, and he would like to give it, and apart from that they were likely to lose some of their most promising young men.

Rev. H. Sempier paid a tribute to the work of the Committee.

Rev. B. W. J. Redhead asked if it were possible to have a Summer school for their lay preachers on similar lines to that of the School for Teachers.

The Secretary, Mr. F. Pickett, being considered by the Committee, and now that they had a Holiday Home at Burton it was likely that the idea would be adopted.

Mr. T. L. Gerrard, C.C., thought the Church should make a larger use of their women in the pulpit.

The Secretary stated that two textbooks would be discontinued, viz., Robertson's "Old Testament and its Contents" and Metkley's "English Grammar," and the following substituted: "The Bible in Nature and Inspiration," by Edward Grubb (with Part III. omitted), and the revised English Grammar for Beginners, by A. S. West.

The following were added to the Committee—Messrs. J. H. Johnson, T. A. Thompson, B. S. F. Pickett, J. R. Rison, and Messrs. M. Bourne, C. H. Wild and T. R. Wilkinson, J.P., with Rev. A. Lewis Humphries, M.A., as C. H. Wild Secretaries and Mr. M. Bourne Treasurer.

To permit Mr. Wild being reappointed as one of the Secretaries for a further term of five years legislation was adopted.

#### London Commission

The report of the London Commission was presented by Rev. John Maylie. He said the Commission had more than justified itself. London was a problem of exceptional gravity. There were opportunities everywhere, but their resources were severely limited. The Commission had been the means of saving some societies which otherwise would have been doomed to speedy extinction.

Rev. J. T. Barkby said they must take the business of London in hand in a becoming way. Its weakness was most regrettable.

#### Wesleyan President's Letter.

The General Secretary reported that a letter of greeting and good will had

been received from Rev. J. Alfred Sharp, President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference. It was decided to make a Delegation to him in the Journal.

#### Bourne Co. lege.

The report and balance-sheet of the Bourne College were spoken to by Mr. J. S. Stewart. He said that it had been a very good year in the College. There were ninety-seven boys in residence, and their studies were excellent. Rev. J. Anderson and Rev. J. H. Hirst were doing very good work by their interest in the C.E. meetings. Mr. Berridy was arranging for some missionary to visit the college each term and speak to the boys. They were now most closely linked with missionary work through the presence of Daniel Bassi, the African boy, brought over by Rev. E. E. Pritchard. He had made a very good impression on them all. There was a splendid moral tone in the College, and an utter absence of idleness. The boys from Alford being now captain of their first cricket team. Tom Ward Green, who last year secured the first place in the English in Political Economy, had this year, along with Rowland Welch, passed the second year of the Matriculation Examination. Three boys in the college were now taking preaching appointments in the circuit. Mr. J. S. Stewart, of the Circuit of his son, Captain Allcock, an old boy, had invested a sum of money which would yield £250 per annum annual prize at the College.

Mr. W. Arundel and Rev. W. Turner spoke of the place and moral advantages of the College.

Sir Thomas Robinson said he would like to congratulate Mr. Hirst on the phase of their work was giving more pleasure than the education of some of their other scholars in their college.

#### Proposed Re-arrangements of Conference.

The following recommendations were adopted with a view to increased efficiency of the time of the Conference—(1) Stationing Committee to meet on Monday evening prior to the opening of Conference. (2) Reference to the authority to the Stationing Committee of the following year to issue the first draft of stationing. (3) Conference to begin on Wednesday morning at 8.0. That in connection with the first session of the Conference the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be observed. (4) That the formation of Conference be by one resolution. Corrected list to be supplied to Journal Secretaries by G.C.D.s. (5) Votes of thanks to be printed in the agenda, read and formally moved. Reply to be limited to five minutes. To be taken in association with the particular department business. (6) Election of President and Vice-President to be taken on Wednesday morning—formally moved. The induction speeches not to exceed one hour and a quarter taken together. (7) Election of Secretary to be taken on Wednesday morning without speeches. Ballot to follow, the historical and other information to be printed in the back of the ballot paper. (8) Nomination of President-elect and Vice-President-elect. (9) Nomination of the back box to be open until Thursday evening. Nomination form to be prepared by Ballot papers to be printed. (10) Nomination of Vice - Connexional officers. No open nominations. Nomination box to be open on Wednesday evening. Selection Committee to recommend three names to Conference. No open nominations. (11) Election of four persons. No open nominations, ballot on Monday. (12) Other departmental officers. No open nomination. Nomination box to be open until the Thursday evening of the first week. No nomination speeches. (13) A Public Questions period in their own country. They must recognize that in no small measure their own Government, along with other nations, was responsible for the present state of unrest in Russia. It was not the fact that the system of government adopted by Russia was responsible for the famine. It was the outcome of the terrible drought,

#### Conference Organist.

In announcing a hymn the President said they were very fortunate in having as a Delegation to them Mr. J. S. Witty, who was placing his musical ability at their service, and was presiding at the organ by day, for which they were greatly obliged.

#### Four to Attend Next Conference.

Rev. George Armstrong, the General Secretary, was elected by an open vote, and for the other three vacancies the following nominations were made:—Mr. J. S. Witty, Mr. R. Wilkinson, Mr. Bourne, G. Armstrong, J. Lockhart, T. Brown, W. E. Moore, C. R. Maynard, T. W. Ward, J. Walker and W. Sealey.

On the ballot being taken the following were elected.—Mr. Bourne, T. J. Gladwin and G. Armstrong.

#### The Insurance Company.

The Report of the Insurance Company was adopted. Mr. Richard Fletcher, J.P., said they had had another prosperous year, no Trust property had been burned in the last year, and that was the secret of their success. The Directors had been very generous towards the company. The Trust estate they had given away during the existence of the company £53,000. Last year they gave the Million Shillings Fund £1,000, and £500 each to the S.M.W. and O. Fund and the General Chapel Fund.

#### Chapel Aid Association.

Speaking of the Chapel Aid Association Secretary, Rev. T. J. Gladwin said they had had another successful year. 866 deposits had been made during the year, amounting to £65,067. They advanced £10,000 in loans amounting to £25,334. The repayments had amounted to £36,963. Their advanced £10,000 in loans had repaid 681 sets of debts, which meant that that number of Trust debts had been cleared. Mr. William Hartley founded that institution he did a mighty thing for their Church. There was a wonderful confidence in the Association. The Conference Secretary. His experience of the office was that good financial organisation and effort were necessary to carry on the spiritual life in the Church. Where a good spirituality was manifest in the churches it was likely in realising their financial liability to the fund. After Mr. Fletcher had paid a high tribute to the splendid work Mr. Gladwin was doing in his department the Report was adopted.

The Conference adjourned at 12.30.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

#### Resolution on Russia.

The following resolution was submitted—

"We regret the continued unrest and widespread want throughout Russia since the famine in certain areas. We appreciate all attempts that have been made to secure settled government and to aid the people. We deeply deplore that our own Government has done so little to assist in famine relief. We devoutly hope and pray that Russia itself and throughout Europe and the world every possible attempt will be made to deal effectively with the situation in its entirety. We note with pleasure that our churches have generously subscribed to the famine relief, and that by means of the *Primitive Methodist* £22,500 has been raised, besides other gifts to other funds, and we call upon our churches to continue their efforts in this direction."

Rev. T. Johns Martin, in moving the resolution, said he believed that Russian restoration would mean English prosperity. Any return to settled conditions of life in Russia would react secondarily on their own country. They must recognize that in no small measure their own Government, along with other nations, was responsible for the present state of unrest in Russia. It was not the fact that the system of government adopted by Russia was responsible for the famine. It was the outcome of the terrible drought,

and, remembering that one-third of the total of Christianity was in Russia, they must call for the application of Christian sentiments and principles, and relieve to the uttermost the needs of the people.

Rev. R. Laidler seconded the resolution.

The President said they were grateful to London, through which £500 had been raised for Russian relief. It had led splendidly. He commended this to the Conference as the continued generosity of the Church.

Alderman George Edwards, M.P., said the matter of the Russian famine and the contribution of the churches had given a good deal of time and thought to the matter he could not give a better vote. He would like to see course their Church had taken in the relief of distress. He felt that the present state of affairs in Russia was a scandal and disgrace to civilisation.

For the condition of things their own Government was not to share off its responsibility. It was cruel negligence not to open the doors of trade with Russia and supply the necessary means to the people to be able to live.

Rev. G. A. Lucas asked for a stronger expression of regret at the attitude of the Government towards the people, that a clause be inserted deeply deploring the refusal of the Government.

#### Unemployment.

Rev. George Armstrong moved the following resolution:—"We express our deep sympathy with those who are suffering through unemployment; the Conference remembers that thousands of these, together with their wives and children, are enduring great hardships and earnestly hope that employers will co-operate with H.M. Government in doing their utmost to relieve the situation."

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#### Cloves Chapel, Hull.

The report of the Special Committee was confirmed that Clowes Chapel shall continue to be a stationing area. The Circuit, and that the minister shall continue the responsibility of the superintending the stationing area. The Special Committee shall make a grant of £250 this year and £250 for the two following years. The Missionary Committee shall be asked to contribute £250. It was decided that the next meeting of the Clowes Chapel, Power was reserved to recommend a plan of action for any case this should be done before the Conference of 1924. The Conference learned with pleasure that a Sister of the People was to be engaged.

#### General Chapel Fund.

The report of the General Chapel Fund was confirmed. The report of the General Chapel Fund. There was still room for the operations of this fund, notwithstanding that so many trusts had been established.

#### Legal Defence Fund.

Rev. A. Baldwin reported that this fund was rendering great service to our cause. Large sums of money had been saved, and the thanks already rendered to the Solicitors. The report was adopted.

**Church Extension Fund.**

In submitting the report Rev. A. Baldwin said the one unsatisfactory feature was that so many trustees failed to carry out their contract with the Committee. They had assisted nearly 150 cases. The report was duly adopted. Rev. G. Armitage submitted the report and balance-sheet of the Thomas Whitehead Settlement, which was adopted.

The report of the Beattie Trust Corporation, Ltd., was submitted by Rev. George Armitage, and Dr. J. H. Ballon was asked to speak. The Doctor said the Corporation had solved the problem of economy, as it held in trust the great properties of the Connexion and had not spent a pound in expenses during the year. J. Johnson, J. P., and T. Proud were re-elected on the board of directors for the next three years. J. Johnson (Secretary) and T. Proud (Treasurer) were re-elected.

**Chapel and School Property.**

Rev. George Armitage moved the following resolution:—That the Statistical Schedule of Chapel, School and other Connexional Properties for the year 1921, and also the Schedule of Chapels and Schools built during the year, be received and recorded. We express our great satisfaction that during this year of industrial depression no less than £282,541 has been paid off the consolidated debt of the Connexion. The whole of our Connexional property now stands at £722,060, and the value is estimated at £2,352,407. Twenty chapels and schools have been built during the year, the cost £24,145 and the remaining debt £11,541. Twelve new manse have been purchased. For this remarkable generosity on the part of our people the Conference deeply thanked the Almighty God. These buildings are dedicated to His glory and to the spiritual well-being of the nation. The resolution was adopted.

**Holborn Hall.**

Rev. J. Johnson, in presenting the report of Holborn Hall, said they had had a good year with a record income. There had been a larger revenue from the letting of the offices. The Hall had been put into thorough repair; £2,600 had been spent in renovation and repair. The whole of this had been paid, and they finished the year with a balance in hand of £2800. The report was adopted, and the following were due to retire from the Committee, were reappointed for a further three years—Sir W. F. Hartley, S. Horton, J. Skinner and S. A. Butt. Sir W. F. Hartley was reappointed Treasurer, Rev. W. R. Wilkinson Deputy Treasurer, and Joseph Johnson Secretary.

**Whitechapel Institute.**

Rev. T. Jackson, in submitting the report, made a strong appeal for additional help. The Whitechapel Home had befriended 2,500 destitute ladies. His Majesty's Government, and the Home Secretary, had officially recognised the work, and the Corporation of the City of London and Metropolitan Magistrates had commended it. He urged the Conference to make a strong recommendation of it to our people. The evangelistic, philanthropic and social work that had been accomplished was well known. He had raised upwards of £100,000 in the time had come when Connexional help should be officially given. Sixty-one discharged criminals had been met and reclaimed last year. The alterations and repairs which had been undertaken involved an expenditure of £1,400, and in three months' time there would be one farthing of debt in respect of this.

Rev. J. T. Barkby and Mr. J. Drearley heartily commended the splendid work being done by Mr. Jackson and Rev. J. E. Thorp, and urged that the Conference should secure all possible help. The report was adopted.

**Hartley Lecture.**

The Committee reported that the following arrangements had been made for the Hartley Lectures—1923. Rev. J. G. Bowran, subject "Christianity

and Culture"; 1924. Rev. W. Younger, subject "The International Value of Christianity"; 1925. Rev. W. Lansell Wardle, M.A., B.D., subject to be announced; 1926. Rev. Edwin W. Smith.

The Conference recorded its thanks to all donors for their generous benefactions.

**Peace Resolution.**

Mr. Grosvenor, of Norwich, proposed the following resolution:—That, we, the representatives of the Primitive Methodist Church assembled in Conference, realising the urgent need for the ending of the national debt, the horror of bloodshed, and the detestation of all war, desire to express our sincerest sympathy with the aims and objects of the International Movement for 'No More War.' Demonstrations, to be held throughout the world on the anniversary of the declaration of the late world war. We approve of the broad basis of these demonstrations, which gives opportunity to all who are sincerely opposed to war to join in giving a united expression to the general sentiment of the people of the world. We call upon our people to give their hearty and prayerful support to the local demonstrations, and we pray that these demonstrations may be effective throughout the world in encouraging the nations to even greater efforts on behalf of permanent peace.

Mr. Grosvenor pleaded with the Conference to do more than pass resolutions in the cause of peace. He asked the Churches to take their full share in the anti-war demonstrations that were now being held. Rev. G. Armitage said he hoped it would not go out that their Church was indifferent on this great question. It had received very careful attention in the General Committee, and every superintendent minister in the metropolitan area had been asked to support it. The Free Church Council was also officially backing the movement.

Mr. Grosvenor said that they had done definitely constructive policy they would find they had aroused enthusiasm in little too purposeful. He needed not only to learn the lessons of the war, but of the ten years previous. There was a strong movement towards all values of every ally. The League of Nations must be made the keystone of their foreign policy. The League of Nations must be made the keystone of their foreign policy. The League of Nations must be made the keystone of their foreign policy.

Rev. H. J. Taylor said that this was a most important resolution. It nearly moved even Methodist Union for the peace of the world, and on his suggestion the resolution was carried by a standing vote and a moment's silent prayer.

The report of the Auditors was received and adopted.

Rev. W. T. Clark Hall presented the report and balance-sheet of the Whitechapel Home for the Extension Committee. These were adopted and the Committee reappointed, with Mr. Hall as Secretary.

The Conference adjourned at 4.10 for a session of the Stationing Committee.

**SEVENTH DAY.****WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 21.**

The opening devotions were led by Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, with a large number of delegates were in attendance.

**Vote of Thanks.**

On the motion of the President, seconded by Rev. G. Bennett, the profound gratitude of the Conference was expressed to Professor Gilbert Murray, M.P., and Sir Michael S. Sellar for their magnificent and inspiring speeches at the Conference demonstration on Tuesday evening.

The General Secretary reported that much more information was now to hand on the position of Hull Fifth circuit, and a delegation from the circuit had urged that the best interests would be served by the division of the circuit. It was decided to reconvene the question, and division of the circuit was agreed to.

**Chapel Fund Committee.**

The following were elected to fill the vacancies on the General Chapel Fund Committee—Algerman W. E. Morse, J.P., C. K. Watkins, J.P., R. D. Bayley and R. W. Chapman. J. W. Laidlaw was appointed Treasurer, and A. Baldwin Secretary.

**We come to Return Missionaries.**

The General Missionary Secretary (Rev. J. T. Barkby) submitted a resolution heartily home the men and women who had been labouring on the African stations. On the platform were Rev. and Mrs. H. Kanner, Rev. and Mrs. G. Bell, Rev. and Mrs. B. Batty, and Revs. E. E. Pritchard, R. Cawthorne, J. Nichols and C. Shiley. The resolution thanked God for the success with which He had crowned their labours, and trusted that their faithful might refresh and strengthen them for future service, and hoped they might long be spared to serve the Kingdom of God, Christ in "Darkest Africa."

The President seconded the resolution, and said he knew no missionaries on the field of Africa who were not proud, and they were glad as well as proud that they had the courage to face the work in Africa.

In acknowledging the vote Rev. G. H. Hanney said his brother missionaries and himself thanked them for their welcome. They had only tried to do their best as humble followers of Jesus Christ. Twenty years ago he was crossing the sea for the first time, since then many men had been in Africa, many of whom he had known; but there were none who were working harder than those on the missionary field to-day. He appreciated the reference to their wives. It was a noble spirit of his wife as "the better half," in Africa the missionary regarded her as the "seven-eighths" of the work.

Rev. George Bell also appreciated the kind things said; they did not pretend to be indifferent to appreciation, they were glad when their friends at home realised they were trying to do something for the Kingdom of the Master. He was pleased with the emphasis which had been given to the work of missionaries' wives, who were a very valuable asset on the field.

Mr. Hanney had no idea that she would be called upon to speak. She said there were some people in which she held forth very nicely, but she shrank from that position on a Conference platform, but realised she had a sympathetic audience. They accounted it a great honour and privilege to be allowed to go out to Africa to assist their husbands in lifting the African from the depths of superstition and heathenism. The native women were not content to be Christian themselves, they were also missionaries to others; they gathered together at 6 o'clock in the morning to sing hymns and sing psalms, and then, and then went off to market to do their work. The women out there greatly appreciated all that was being done for them, and their name was thanked the Conference.

The Conference then suspended its session at eleven o'clock, the missionary sermon at eleven o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**

After devotions, led by Rev. E. McLeellan, the President announced that he had received a telegram announcing the death of Mr. Edward Davies, of Prince's Avenue Church, Liverpool. The news was given to Rev. J. Laidlaw by a standing vote of condolence with the relatives.

**Greetings from South Africa.**

Rev. Mr. Lee, of the South African Methodist Conference, was introduced by Mr. Barkby. He read the fraternal greetings from the Conference which had met at Durban in April last, where he had listened to Rev. J. Ayre, our minister at Alwal North, and he paid a high and pleasing tribute to the splendid work which Rev. J. Ayre was doing in Africa. He said he came from the land of sun, sand and sin. It was 25 years since he first saw Table Mountain, Capetown, and he counted it a great privilege to have devoted his life in the ministry of their Lord. Methodist Union was in the air out there. He said no reason why they should not be one. Their Conference was unanimous, their people were willing their ministers agreed, and they were praying God that Union would come. Their motto was "Africa for Christ."

**Home Missions.**

After the missionary report and the prayer, Rev. J. T. Barkby moved that they place on record their sense of satisfaction at the continued success of the Home Mission stations, which reported an increase of thirty-six members for the year. There had been increase in numbers attending the stations, and in the money contributed, and efforts had been made to extend the Kingdom of God.

Rev. G. Bennett, in seconding, said the importance of our home missionary work was likely to suffer by reason of the more popular claims of Africa. Splendid work was being done by Revs. T. Jackson, J. Johnson, W. Swales, J. K. Ellwood, S. Rowley, and others. He proceeded to say that they ought to turn their attention to certain unproductive places, where there had to be a continuous supply of oxygen to keep the people breathing. They ought to consider whether the other provision in the districts rendered was not adequate without sinking their money in such centres. The wider their outlook, and the more economically they spent their money, the more it would be for the ultimate benefit of the Church. He hoped to see the day when there would be a secretary wholly given up to home missionary work.

Rev. S. Parlow supported the idea of a separate Home Missions Secretary. The whole of the time of one man was demanded by the churches concerned.

Rev. E. E. Fisher wondered whether there was any one who had time to work certain home mission churches. His own experience of the work led him to term it a waste of time. He would consider their position in relation to these.

Rev. S. Horton said there were grave problems which gathered around the struggle of the mission stations. There were not two cases that the Con-

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**Great Yarmouth.**—The monthly meeting was held in the Temple on Wednesday, Mrs. F. J. W. Salmon presiding. Mrs. Lane read the missionary letter, and was also pianist. An interesting address was given by Rev. W. H. Marsh, of Gorleston. Mrs. Jary generously gave the tea. A collection was made for missionary funds.









handsomely treated, but never better than on this occasion. My host and hostess have seen a good bit of the country. They have travelled north and south, and in entertaining I think they combine the best of the various counties in which they have lived. Every want was anticipated, and the joy of staying with them was heightened by the fact that several other friends were there. They were all so genial and warm-hearted that I felt that I was in the midst of the test of good company. I will not reveal the identity of my host. What has been said really fits the facts of many a Conference home, and never were thanks more sincerely tendered than on Thursday morning.

The Conference from beginning to end

has been good. The public services have been great, and we saw one or two of the business sessions. The rest I should perhaps as quite up to the average. The services were good, and I think the service enhanced. The younger men have done well, but so far as I know no one has done so brilliantly as the great singing him out for special distinction. Good temper has prevailed throughout, and no real difficulty has occurred except in regard to election. There will, I fear, be heart-burning respecting some appointments, but I believe that the data was sincere and desirous of doing the best he could. And any man who is put down to till an exceptionally hard patch may count upon sympathy and help so far as it can be rendered.

VIGILANT.

## Great Methodist Union Debate.

### By the GALLERY MAN.

On my arrival I find the Conference Church is filling rapidly for the debate on Methodist Union. Keen interest manifests itself everywhere. The platform is a weighty and distinguished one. Dr. Peake is there, it would seem, to gather up all criticism, sort it out, and answer what calls for answer. Revs. E. Aldom French and Henry Smith are present to gather impressions for the benefit of their own denominations. And, of course, our own denominational aristocracy is arrayed. As the President rises to open the proceedings a hush has fallen on the assembly. His opening appeal that we shall give prayerful and thoughtful consideration, that we should court trifles and lift our aims, rings like a tune-fork—it has given the keynote.

Rev. S. Horton is tremulous of gesture and voice. The vast import of the hour and the element of uncertainty has laid hold on him. But he is now warming to his task. He has read the resolution. He is pleading passionately, eloquently, with a spicing of humour, that we shall send the scheme forward to the Quarterly Meetings. He has just cast a warning glance towards coming assemblies: "Minorities have their rights, so have majorities. Our Wesleyan friends invited us to do this work; the responsibility of destroying it shall be theirs." He has made a good impression, though his reflections on those of the "other side" are of doubtful wisdom.

The ex-Vice-President, Mr. C. K. Wainkison, is making a good speech. He says he has been late in coming into line; he has been so satisfied with Primitive Methodism that he has criticised the scheme, but the gains greatly outweigh our losses. His method of counterpoint in argument is very effective. The Assembly has fervently responded to his affirmation that "no laymen have greater reverence for the ministry than Primitive Methodist laymen." He is growing warm; he has seen a vision. It's a world vision, with its countless "lost" men and women. He is growing eloquent and passionate on the power of the Gospel to save them—a united Methodist can be more effective in that work of salvation. His voice is breaking; his heart is flooding; his eyes are dimming with tears; he stands speechless. A weird thrill is rushing through the Conference; applause has broken forth, it is swelling, tears are rattling. The House is "off its feet" with emotion, enthusiasm and assent. The "opposition" will have a hard time. They will have to contend not so much with facts and blood as with atmosphere, which is emphatically against them. It is a wonderful moment. The eyes of our two brother Methodists are gleaming and flashing round the church searching for meanings of the hour. If I can judge without bias, the meaning is simple: it is a conclusive reply to those who say our people are not ready for Union. They are. I do not say they are ready to accept this scheme in all its details. But if you ask for a democratic assent,

by, then here is one; and it is thunderous in its acclamation.

The President has relieved the tension by calling the assembly to sing. "Thou Shepherd of the Church, we are repeating over and over again with increasing swell the words, "Thou wouldst always abide." It is a truly marvellous thing.

Mr. T. Bowran, of Gateshead, has gripped the House. He is arguing cleverly. He is brushing aside the trivial and minor matters which appeal to our prejudices and domestic sympathies. He says he will lose no blood for them. He has humorously called forth applause in wishing that some government would prohibit open-air work. Then we should fight for it. His final word is astute and compelling: "I support the resolution because it sends the scheme down to the people and makes every Primitive Methodist a member of the Union Committee."

The vote can be taken now. Nothing can change the issue. Rev. G. Armstrong has elicited applause by saying that the Primitive Methodist Church is not a supplanter of the rest of our Church. Rev. P. J. Fisher has put a good case in support from the Army chaplain's point of view.

Now the opposition has begun. Mr. John Whitaker has taken the platform. He is nervous. The Conference is unitedly against him. Someone has called for applause "to cheer him up." He demands a referendum of the people. The House is tolerant, not unsympathetic. He is indulging in poetic and imaginative flights, and has turned the House into derisive laughter. He says he would have given Methodist Union its deathblow, only the noble 600 have done the execution for him. The Conference has greeted this "ill-starred" judgment with loud cries of "No." It is no use, he cannot make headway. He is ruining his own case by extravagance and the manner of his own "No." He has to step down, ignominiously defeated.

Following speakers have lowered the atmospheric pressure, not by opposition, but chiefly because the clock struck the hour before they began. Rev. T. R. Auty, B.D., has affirmed his determination to oppose Union in the circuit courts. He has had an awkward fall. He has been tripped on a question of fact. In all fairness to the opposition it has done badly. It has a case, but it hasn't made the case good.

Dr. Peake has held of the House. He is a figure full of interest. His head is impressive, his eyes equine. He is swinging himself into a ferret, compelling appeal. He says the hindrances which mar the Christendom present to world evangelisation a scandal which burns in his bones. He is fighting the old Adam in himself. The old Adam, who wants his own little Church. He hungers for the Church of Christ to be powerful in unity. He has made a great impression.

A remarkable thing is happening; every eye is towards the back of the church. Mr. Whitaker is withdrawing his amendment. The House has carried the resolutions unanimously,

amidst great applause. Everybody is breathing heavily with relief from prolonged strain of keen attention. Remarkable! Great! Wonderful! The objectives are broadened everywhere. I'm going home to brood over it.

### Elmfild Speech Day.

Everything except the weather favoured the Speech Day of Elmfild College, York, on Saturday. The boys were in full strength, and, more than on any days of the year, tumbling over each other in devotion to their masters. Mr. and Mrs. Slack were as resourceful and gracious as ever. Well-known directors like Mr. J. Brearley and Mr. Richard Fletcher were on the scene. Friends gathered in goodly numbers. One of the first batch of "boys," who has been an Editor of the "Lancet," and President of the Royal College of Surgeons—Sir John Tweedy—occupied the chair. Dr. Peake was there for his first visit. He delivered an address and distributed the prizes. The President of the Conference made the day his "kick off" for the year, and Sir Dymon Mallinson sat next to the Chairman and resigned ex officio. The general rain drove everybody indoors, but nothing could cool the ardour of the Elmfildians or shut in the influence of the day. Sir John Tweedy recalled the small beginnings and rejoiced in the great work done through the years. The Head Master's report again reported an excellent year of work with marked results. Elmfild is, as the President said, taking its place among the best boys' schools in the land.

Dr. Peake warned the boys against relying on any triumph they had in prize-winning. Education must go on with enthusiasm all through life. It meant more than knowledge of how to start a living. The school is to give basis of education. Parents should see that the home had plenty of books. He grew up in a poor home, but there were standard books, and he knew his Milton when ten years of age, and he could

never be too grateful. He pleaded with the boys to face up to the future. The nation needed them, the torn world depended on them. They should equip themselves and be ready for all that the future holds in store. The Doctor, as always, said the right things in the best way.

After the distribution of the prizes and a delightful musical programme, many well-deserved commendation letters were sent to Sir Dymon Mallinson for the business ability, time, and unflinching kindness he gives to Elmfild.

### Rev. S. S. Henshaw's Thanks.

The greetings of the Conference and the expression of its sympathy were not officially conveyed to me, so that I could not acknowledge them to the Conference. As they came to me through the medium of your column, I shall be glad if you will allow me to acknowledge them through the same medium. It was very good of the Conference to recognise my brief words of greeting and to respond to them in such a hearty and gracious manner. That I could not now deeply I mean have greatly cheered me, and I would like the officers and members of the Conference to know how deeply I appreciate their generous thought and action. I am most profoundly grateful to them. Though I could not mingle with them in their gatherings, the thought of them was in my heart day by day, and I have been delighted to hear what a joyful and glorious time they had. That it was a great and successful Conference is the testimony of many friends, and we hope and pray it will mark the beginning of a mighty period of soul-saving campaigns—Yours truly, S. S. Henshaw, Brentwood-grove, Armley, Leeds.

Miss Eleanor Bainbridge, of Ashton-under-Lyne, has gained her B.A. (French Honours Course) at the Manchester University. She is now aged twenty. Miss Bainbridge is a member of Katherine-street Church.

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## What Our Readers Say.

### Cornish Miners' Relief Fund.

Sir.—I beg the publicity of your valuable and widely-read paper for making the following statement:—The Conference was deeply stirred by Rev. W. A. Bryant's address, in which he depicted the terrible lot of the people in Cornwall who are experiencing through the closing down of the tin mines, and his appeal resulted in two things:—

1. A collection being taken up which realised over £85;
2. The decision to open a Connexional subscription list, empowering the President and myself to make an appeal to the whole Church.

The General Relief Fund is now exhausted, whereas the distress only becomes more acute, and there is urgent need for generous help.

The subscription list is now open at the address below, and I shall be pleased to receive and acknowledge sums both large and small.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT HALL, W.C. 1.

### Woodberry Mission. Tottenham, Holiday Fund.

Sir.—May I appeal to the generosity of your readers on behalf of the "Women's Own," of Woodberry Mission Holiday Fund? Living in a densely populated district, where poverty and unemployment are rife, thereby creating such conditions that make life so burdensome and heavy for these poor women, we felt, as a mission, that a day's break into the dull monotony of it all would be an unobtainable joy to the "mothers of our mission." It is quite an impossibility for them to do this on their own, and we are making this earnest appeal to our friends for financial assistance to take fifty of these poor struggling women out for a day, away from their humble surroundings. We feel this would be a real practical Christian service, and pray that an appeal may be rewarded with a generous response.

Subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the supt. minister, Rev. J. Swinden, 125, Stapleton Hall-road, Stroud Green, N. or by mail to c/o 42, Howard-road, Stamford Hill, N. 15.—Yours, etc.,

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### Clapton Mission Appeal.

Sir.—Please allow me gratefully to acknowledge receipt of the following anonymous donations towards our Clapton Children and Poor Women's Holiday Fund:—£10s. from a Mother, £1. Anon., Brighouse, £1; W. B. 4s.; E. 4s. Anon. A parcel of clothing. We have arranged to take over one hundred poor women to Southend-on-Sea for a day's outing on Thursday, July 29th, and a large party of poor cripple children to the Forest for a full day's picnic on Saturday, July 29th. We have in addition a long list of poor, ailing and over-worked women whom we are anxious to send to the seaside for a week or two of change. We are very grateful to the friends who have sent gifts to help us with the above. We are still, however, a long way short of the amount required to meet the cost. Your readers can solve our problem, remove our anxiety and give brightness and cheer to a large number of sad, tired and weary lives. Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Rev. J. C. Ellwood, 65, Elderfield-road, Clapton, London, E. 5.

—Owing to the rearrangements consequent upon Rev. David Cook's designation to Trelsey for 1923-24, Mr. Frank Noad will be leaving Derby Second at the Conference of 1923, and is open to consider an invitation to move. Rev. Noad states his probation 1923.

Rev. T. Jackson gratefully acknowledges the receipt of G. L. W., Esq.; four parcels of clothing, no name or address.

## MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Miss Harriet Maad Seguin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, Harpenden, and Mrs. Charles Henry George Oliver, was celebrated in our Harpenden Church on June 17th. The bride and bridegroom are both active workers in the church. The service was read by Rev. J. Bowles. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white satin, veiled, and adorned with silver beads and vest of silver lace, also veil and orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful flower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Violet Smith, Miss Doris Burn and Miss Irene Lowland. The best man was Mr. John David Robert. There were over fifty guests to the wedding breakfast. Numerous presents were made to the happy pair.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Victoria-avenue Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Monday, June 12th. The contracting parties were Mr. Robert A. Sidgwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sidgwick, and Miss Evelyn Porter. The service, which was choral, was conducted by Rev. Geo. Fawcett, Mr. Charles Sidgwick acting as best man, and Miss Ada Sidgwick as bridesmaid. The bride wore a lovely white crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of carnations. Both bride and bridegroom are interested workers in the Sunday-school, and Christian Endeavour Society. The bridegroom is also preparing for the preacher's plan. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride.

The marriage took place at Kiveton Park, Rev. St. A. Barton, officiating. Mr. John Lee and Miss Phyllis Holton. The bride, whose father is school superintendent at Kiveton Park, is an active worker in the school, while the bridegroom is a local preacher and chorist in the church. The bride wore charmingly attired in an ivory crepe de Chine dress, with silver trimmings and wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Jessie Darrington and Miss Amy Lee, the best man being Mr. T. Eyles. The ceremony was most impressive and marked the general esteem in which the happy pair are held.

In the presence of a large congregation, Miss Edith Mary Allen, daughter of Council Secretary, J. F. (circumlocution), and of Miss Allen, Newchurch, was married on Wednesday, June 21st, at Glasbrook Church, to Rev. Joseph H. Richmond, of Platt Bridge, Leigh Circuit, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richmond, of Coleorton, Leicester. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. MacFarlane, assisted by Rev. H. Haynes. The bride was charmingly attired in ivory brocade charmes, with embroidered veil caught with orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of lady-love roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie and Sallie Allen, sisters of the bride. Rev. E. Banks served as best man, and the bride was waited upon by his simple, sympathetic and kindly message. On Sunday evening, June 11th, he preached at Katherine-road, where he was society steward, a sermon of beauty and power, and in which he exalted himself. He went straight home, and at nine p.m. he died in bed. God's finger touched him and he slept. The funeral, largely attended, was conducted by Rev. F. C. Dyder, assisted by Mr. Wilbom, L. C. Oyer, of the deceased.

Miss A. Saxton. The Hecknall Church has lost a valued worshipper in the death of Miss Saxton on June 18th. As teacher of the Young Ladies' Class, she gave of time, heart and soul much to give. The choir had also in her a splendid helper. She was at home with the young, and on their saintly path forth her voice was heard. Her heart was fully met. It fell to her to minister to both mother and father in their later years, as God made it a joyous duty. Her end was peace. The large company attending the service on June 21st was a grateful testimony to the power of a devoted life.

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Mrs. Ezra Day.

Mrs. Ann Day, of Wakefield, had lived to a ripe age, but a large circle of friends bowed in deep regret of her somewhat sudden death on June 11th. She had the advantage of Christian parenthood, for her husband was a home for the ministers. When she became the wife of Mr. Ezra Day, a well-known officer of the Wakefield First Circuit, it was her great joy to offer the preachers the hospitality of her own home. For some seventy years she lived in attachment to Market-street Church. Though retiring in disposition, she remained always loyal and devoted to the Church, and was known and loved from her childhood. The funeral took place at Wakefield Cemetery, conducted by Rev. J. H. Roberts.

### Mr. W. J. Butler.

The Oswestry Church has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. William John Butler. Following an attack, pneumonia set in, and he passed peacefully to the Homeland on Friday, June 16th. Mr. Butler was a man who carried sunshine with him. Although of a retiring disposition, he was a most acceptable local preacher. In addition to his duties as local preacher, Mr. Butler was an ardent worker in the school, Endeavour and Band of Hope. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. T. D. Pridley and W. Chapman. Mr. Pridley gave a tender eulogy to the deceased, who was of the organ. Thus was laid to rest one of the noblest and sweetest of men.

### Councillor J. S. Pickup.

In the death of Mr. Pickup, Hemshire Circuit, has lost one of its most devoted officials. For forty-five years he was a S.S. teacher, for forty years the Hemsworth Society Steward, and for over fifty years he preached the Gospel with acceptance and power. Nearly a year ago his jubilee as a preacher in the circuit was celebrated giving him a beautiful illuminated address. Nor was his usefulness confined to the Church. He discharged the duties of Guardian for over eighteen years (being chairman of the Board two years ago), and was also at Town Councillor for eight years. With willing spirit he served his fellows and his parish. The funeral was at the Parish Church, an appreciative address being given by Rev. F. Humble. Amongst others taking part were Revs. A. Hill, N. Shimmie, L. E. Jackson, L. E. Ellis (Congregational) and the Vicar (R. Winfield).

### Mr. Walter J. Shipp.

In the passing of Mr. Walter Shipp the Forest Gate Circuit and our East London churches generally have lost an outstanding personality. Converted as a youth, he was a handsome-statured Chaplain after a long service conducted by the late Rev. Alfred Ives, Mr. Shipp became one of a band of young evangelists in the Forest Gate Circuit, Third Circuit. He served in many ways, but chiefly as a local preacher. He was well known wherever he for his simple, sympathetic and kindly message. On Sunday evening, June 11th, he preached at Katherine-road, where he was society steward, a sermon of beauty and power, and in which he exalted himself. He went straight home, and at nine p.m. he died in bed. God's finger touched him and he slept. The funeral, largely attended, was conducted by Rev. F. C. Dyder, assisted by Mr. Wilbom, L. C. Oyer, of the deceased.

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## International Lesson.

### John "Greater than a Prophet."

Matt. xiv. 1-12. July 8.

By HENRY C. MEECHAN, M.A., D.D.

The enquiry of John the Baptist which we considered in last week's lesson was likely to create among those who heard it a false impression as to his character, place and worth. So Jesus proceeds to correct any such conclusion by paying a very high tribute to the Forerunner (see the Golden Text, Luke vii. 25-26). The story of the martyrdom should be read in the light of this high eulogy by Jesus. The teacher should graphically depict the situation at the fortress-palace of Herod Antipas. This was a citadel built at Machaerus by Herod the Great. The main features of the story may be brought out—namely, the drunken birthday orgy, the dancing of Salome the daughter of Herodias, the king's foolish promise and more foolish fulfilment of his vow, the sacrifice of a god, and great man to the cruel caprice of a woman. It will then be easy to show how the lofty estimate of Jesus is amply borne out not only in the life of John, but more especially in the circumstances of his death.

1. A Strong Man.—It was not to be inferred from John's doubt that he was weak or feeble. He was not like the reeds on Jordan's banks that were easily swayed by the wind. None but a brave man would, in those days, lift up his

voice against a king. But John had boldly denounced Herod to his face for the grievous sin he had committed in forming an unlawful marriage with his brother's wife. Nor was he a lover of display and pleasure like those people who live luxuriously in royal houses. When he appeared in the Wilderness his dress and diet were alike simple and frugal. When he lived in a king's palace it was in its dungeons, a prisoner, not a guest. And there he shows the highest courage of all—that is, the will to endure suffering for another's sake. Disheartened as he must often have been by the long and weary confinement, the perverse resistance that stand he has taken. He pays the price of his fidelity and dies a martyr's death. On both his life and death there is the stamp of real steadfastness. How striking is the contrast between John and his tyrant. One is strong and resolute; the other is so pitifully weak that he must needs keep a rash promise against his better judgment.

2. A Prophet.—The popular estimate of John was right (Matt. xiv. 5). Even Herod feared John as a holy man (Mark vi. 20). Otherwise he would at once have put him to death. With the conscience of a coward Herod seems to have been haunted by the fear that John might return from the consequences of his sin and to do so without fear or favour. That noble band of men fittingly found its final representative in John the Baptist. How fear-

lessly he confronts Herod. With what fortitude he meets a cruel death.

3. Greater than a Prophet.—In John the prophecy of Malachi i. 1 had been fulfilled. Among men none was greater than the Baptist, for upon him a unique distinction had been conferred. He was the forerunner of Christ, and for that reason he was the greatest figure of pre-Christian times.

4. Greater than a Prophet.—John's disciples secured his body and gave it honorable burial (cf. Matt. xiv. 12). He went and told Jesus. They knew his admiration for John, and felt that He would share in their sorrow. And that is always true of Jesus.

## Guild of Kind Hearts.

### The Half-Crown which Came Back.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Once upon a time a very proud, rich man set words on fire. He set them on fire in the grounds of his great estate. At first he walked very quickly, for he was afraid that he would be alone and to think. So at length he was quite out of sight of human habitation, yet wherever he gazed, over rolling fields, woods or over the sea, he saw the blazing thought of his heart: "All this is mine, even this. And he forgot that he had ever been poor or hungry, for selfishness had devoured his soul.

Now it came to pass that this proud, rich man found a beggar asleep—sliding on the rich man's grass, lying in the rich man's sunshine, breathing the rich man's air. He kicked the beggar (for in those days rich men ever kicked beggars), and he quoth unto him, "Ho! beggar! What dost thou here? Knowest thou not that this place is mine, and that only I and those I please dare come upon this grass or breathe this air or ask in this sunshine?" "O mighty one," answered the beggar, "I knew it not, and for not knowing I crossed thy path. Yet perforce if thou wilt be gracious and grant me thy forgiveness I will show thee a wonder or two which thou wilt see in this same grass and air and sunshine."

So the beggar lay at the feet of the rich man, and told him many and strange things about the grass which grew upon the sod, and which few men esteemeth save only those that are wise, even though poor; and sundry other tales he told the great one about the air we breathe and the sunlight which fills upon our faces and lights all eyes that live save those of the blind. And it happened that the rich man was so mightily taken with the knowledge of the beggar, and his pretty fancies and his fine turn of humour, that he would have bestowed upon him an alms. So he felt in his pocket for a crown, but the touch of the silver broke the beggar's spell, his selfishness came back, and he discovered instead a half-crown which was bad. This, with much speaking, he bestowed upon the beggar.

Not long after this a cloud appeared one day upon the distant horizon—a cloud no bigger at first than a man's hand. Full soon it grew until the height of it nearly filled the sky. Then did great fear fall upon the many servants of the rich man, for that the cloud was smoke, and it grew out of a fire which swept across the crops and the woods, leaping the streams, laughing with the wind. And in wondrous helplessness the mighty one beheld his fair domains devoured of the monster, his castle swallowed up by it, until at last nothing remained to him of all that he had. Then did his servants flee from him, for that, having nothing, none would honour him.

And it seemed to him now that the voice of a beggar rang in his ears. "What thou wert, that art thou still; and what thou givest, that abideth with thee." He plunged his hand into the pocket of his scorched breeches, and drew thence all that remained to him. It was a bad half-crown.

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## Endeavour Topic.

### Apostolic Inspirations.

That Israel may be Saved.  
Rom. ix. 27: 1. July 2.

By Rev. JOHN T. BELL.

The great dynamic of all Paul's missionary interest was the conviction that in the Christian revelation there is something distinctive and vital which the world cannot do without. He was not ashamed of the Gospel; it contained the secret of peace, strength and freedom for the whole human race. To him had been committed the carrying of the message of light and life to the Gentiles; but his unwavering determination to fulfil this mission did not prevent his being passionately anxious to bring his own countrymen into the Kingdom. With all his zeal for the Gentile mission, the salvation of the Jews lay near his heart. He was proud of his nationality; most passionately he loved Jewish kin. He affirmed his willingness to endure any sacrifice, however great, even exclusion from the life of Christ, if that were possible, to bend his will to the will of God, exceedingly that they should reject the truth which he preached to others.

Paul's passion for the salvation of his own people, in its relation to his conception of the universality of the Gospel, enables us to understand what was the constitution of Christian patriotism. For the Christian disciple love of country and love of humanity should go together. With the love of Christ constraining him, included the whole world of men and women in his sphere of service. And we must learn that "true Christian love has no limits; when it governs and takes possession of the heart it leads us to consider every count as our country, and every man as our brother." But to consider every country as our country must not become an excuse for avoiding the obligations of citizenship, or making fair contribution to national well-being. The Christian disciple is to live and to work, so that the Kingdom of God brought into the Kingdom of God; and for most of us that means living and working so that the Kingdom of God in our own nation; it puts us under the obligation of doing our best in thought and service to aid the well-being of our native land.

In seeking to be obedient to the vision of a world redeemed we shall desire passionately that England should be saved. As Paul was seriously alarmed about the spiritual condition of his own people, so we must be keenly alive to the alarming conditions that exist around us. We must see clearly the "wrecks" of the land we love the most; the apathy, indifference, to spiritual need and privilege, the degradation, insincerity, the lack of a passion for rightness, the strongly expressed dislike of the gambling curse, the wrongness of our industrial and social conditions; and, seeing clearly, we must feel that our greatest need is the need that the Gospel should be preached and applied. It must be the burden of our prayers and the aim of our service that many years that England should be saved.

MR. ALFRED WHITE.

By the passing of Mr. Alfred White, our Church at Frome has lost one of its oldest and most devoted members. He was a consistent member for 53 years, and during that time rendered valuable service, giving of his best to the church he loved. After a protracted illness, his spirit passed into the Heavenly Home on Sunday, June 18th. He has filled many offices in the Church with credit, having been for years organist, until succeeded by his son, the late Roland G. White, L.R.A.M. He also served for many years as church steward and Trust Treasurer. Great sympathy is felt for the widow, who, although in her 81st year, has turned his devotedly, also the daughter, wife of Rev. E. G. French, and other members of the family.



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## WAITING FOR DEATH.

Their weakened bodies daily grow thinner, their bones become more prominent, and with a despairing resignation innumerable numbers simply lie and wait for Death—eye, welcoming the coming of grim Death, for they are too feeble to struggle longer for the vegetable refuse, the noxious plague-creating fragments of decayed matter which they have hitherto scraped from holes and hidden corners.

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Give without fail now direct to the "Save the Children Fund" and let your kindness supply food to-morrow to a needy child. Neglect not the call, for its very insistence shows its pressing need.



Those who have visited the Famine Areas and seen the haunting look in the big, staring eyes of the starving little ones can never forget them. They seem to follow them wherever they go. If you could see the big, wailing, starvation-lit eyes of those that wait, for what?—either relief from starvation or relief from agony by death, you could not resist the appeal. Will you not rescue one or more of these victims of the most terrible visitation the world has ever seen—clinging to life to the last while the dead and dying lie around them? Can you think of this agony and fail to participate in the greatest rescue work the world has ever known? Send all that you can. Do not delay, for delay means deaths which otherwise might have been avoided.

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