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"That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God." And all that is in one big, breathless sentence. Thought tumbles over thought like a glittering cascade. Mere formal consistency of language has gone to the winds, torn to shreds by the sheer wonder of a great experience. Who cares for cold analysis of speech when his soul is aflame and the very skies are bursting into song! Certainly not Paul.

Look at his phrases. "That ye, being rooted and grounded in love." You think of a tree striking its roots far down into the earth, gripping the soil, drawing precious life-essences from it. Down past the sub-soils of passing fancy and of passion, down beyond mere tradition and con-ventional theology, down into love itself. Could you find any-where a more striking figure to represent the peculiar and splendid quality of the Christian life? A tree is known by its fruits. Aye, but this tree is also known by its roots. Love, for the Christian, is no mere pose. Nor is it a thing he can preserve in some sacred cabinet of his mind, separate from the rest of his affairs. It is drawn from soil enriched by another tree, "the tree of Calvary," where men saw the very heart of God.

Rooted there, what happens? We become strong to "apprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." The figure of the tree recedes, or it becomes a part of tower or vantage ground from which we are gazing out upon an illimitable landscape. Sunlit mountains and verdant valleys under the lofty arch of the sky, with hint upon hint of mysteries beyond; vast spaces flooded with sunlight; the world where the soul's noblest dreams come true, and truer even than the dreams; the kingdom of kindly folk; the men known and known that they do not know, for the truth is vaster than anything they have yet seen. Well might Paul become involved in his speech and talk of knowing the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

And the purpose of it all? "That ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God." Our rooting, then, is to be into nothing less than the whole rich quality of the Divine love as revealed in Christ. Not into some limited phase of it, nor with mental reservations, but with a complete surrender. The love of God is in very truth to

become our "native soil" so that we may become God-like. Either Paul is mistaken or here is surely the most humbling yet inspiring, and withal the truest, definition of the purpose of Christ ever given to the world.

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If only we could persuade ourselves among mankind and large to believe it! If only we could learn to see God as Jesus saw Him, in all the "breadth and length and height and depth" of His nature, and then could really and vitally believe that what we see in Him is what we, by the operation of redeeming grace, were meant to be- come! Daring and splendid thought. The very idea takes our breath away.

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And yet, what vast spiritual en-ergies would be left loose upon the world! What hopes would blaze in our murky skies! What beacon lights of peace would fling their high chal-enge from nation to nation, and man to man! What narrowness would de-part, ashamed from our churches and our creeds! What a splendid new marching song—a grand spiritual "Marschallise"—would set our feet tramping gaily along every road of progress! Pride, lust, selfishness, ignorance, superstition, hate—with what holy glees we should round them up and intern them in some dark limbo of forgetfulness. Is it all a dream? Why should it be? If man is made for God, and if God is love, then the best is possible.

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Just think of it. We are to be rooted in the Breadth of the love of God. Well, how broad is that love? As broad as the broad universe with all its diversities of race and creed and civilization. In God mankind is one. Each unit has something to contribute to the commonwealth. Each has his right to the chance of a life "unto all the fulness of God." Dominant races there are, of course, just as there are dominant personalities within the races, but their true glory is in their power for service. This truth, when fully grasped, will in itself bring about a beneficent revolution.

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Then the Length—we are to be rooted in that too. Well, what is the "length" of the love of God? Let the Cross make answer. God will stop at nothing so that He may win His loved ones home. Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" gives a vivid account of how long and how far the Divine love will go. Alas, we tire so quickly, and our arduous striving does little good. What is its indifference, or defiance. Not so a true mother's love. Least of all the Divine. And there we are to find our rootage. And the Height—we are to be rooted in this also. Well, how high does this love soar? What is its ambition for the sons of men? We

have already seen something of the answer—"unto all the fulness of God."

Finally, the *Depth*. And how deep can the love of God penetrate? How can it enter into those depths and judgments which seem to belong to our very nature and which have tragically opposed the onward march of humanity, threatening at any time to submerge us in chaos and ruin? If the Divine power fail us here, then we are hopeless indeed. "Human nature never changes," cries many an observer. Is it true? Let the Christian centuries bear witness. And having listened to that witness, we are rooted in the Divine love till our passions are conquered and we become the instruments of that love to our fellow-men. Thus will the great, beneficent world-vision steadily come true when men everywhere shall be "filled unto all the fulness of God."

## THE VICE-PRESIDENT IN SHROPSHIRE.

The Vice-President of Conference, Mr. Hawtree, paid his long expected visit to the new church at Wem. Much interest was aroused by the visit, and the services on Sunday were of a very high order; the eloquent and forceful sermon delivered greatly impressed our people. His visit to the school in the afternoon was specially appreciated. On Monday garden parties were held at the school, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowen. In the afternoon Rev. Bert Sage delivered a most helpful sermon on "The Church of Faith." The school was open to the lawn to a large company of friends.

In the evening Mr. Hawthorne presided over the service, and after devotions Rev. E. W. Challenger delivered an address to the women, "by the friends of the churches." Specially powerful were the passages in which he paid tribute to the old preachers who carried the message of truth to the young men and women of to-day to dedicate themselves to the service of the Church as strongly moving. Rev. Bert Sage followed with a finely conceived and forcefully uttered address on "If Jesus Had Not Come?" Miss Doris Roberts, Miss Whitham, was the soloist, and Miss Gladys Tudor, A.L.C.M., presided at the piano.

Rev. E. W. Challenger expressed the gratitude and thanks of the Church to the Vice-President, Mr. Sage, Miss Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, and all who had assisted in making the week-end both successful and memorable. The visit of the Vice-President will long be a main treasured memory, and his messages an abiding inspiration.

## In Memoriam.

### Mrs. Sarah E. Lawrence.

On August 23rd, Mrs. Lawrence, of Stalybridge, was called to her heavenly home after being laid aside for some time. She was born at Beldreham, Down, Bristol 2nd Circuit, 71 years ago, and in her younger days rendered a great service to that church. She later on moved to Stalybridge, Bristol, being actively associated in the Endeavour there for a number of years. In 1869 she and her husband, Mr. Tom Lawrence, a high repute local preacher, came to reside at Stalybridge and identified themselves with our Canal Street Church during the "ministry of the 1st" Rev. W. S. Howland. The latter was removed to America, being there for 18 years, and in later years came to reside in Stalybridge, near their only daughter, Mrs. J. W. Walley, who, along with two sons, mourn her loss. The funeral took place in the Dukinfield Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. H. Clowds-Hughes. The large company present testified to the great esteem in which she was held. Great sympathy is felt for the husband and family.

# The Late Dr. A. S. Peake.

## AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.

### BY OXONIENSIS.

I wrote to him when I was a boy at school. It was a time of deep disappoinment, for I had tried for a scholarship at Oxford and had not got it. In a North Oxford address to the young men, whom could I go for help and advice?

A few days before I had bought for twopenny the Christian Endeavour Year Book, and there I had seen a notice—"Reading," by a man of whom I had never heard—Professor Peake. Urged on by despair to take desperate measures, I wrote to this distinguished stranger and told him all my hopes and woes. I carried the letter about for days, not daring to post it. Then I did post it, curiously enough, only a few hours before I heard that I had got a scholarship after all. But it was then too late to recall it. Ten days later a reply came, beginning "Dear Friend." In the meantime he had been thinking it all over, and had practical suggestions to make, and an offer of help from himself.

That was how it all began. He saw me through Oxford. I had no resources but his on which to draw, and he let me draw upon them without stint. I had no claim on him whatsoever, yet he always acted as if I had. He treated me like a father, concerned in my reading, helped me out of difficulties, invited me to his lectures, introduced me to interesting people. Through him I got to know Deissmann in Berlin and Sanday in Oxford, and was associated with Mansfield from that time to this. I was simply a raw undergraduate, just like hundreds of others, and yet having all these opportunities because I had him, and he had me.

To crown all this, I wound up with a third-class in my Finals. He was a first-class man himself, of course, and had a very long history of study to show for nothing. But he didn't mind. He told me kindly that I had got far more out of Oxford than simply to have got a first-class, and that he was glad of it too. Then I went to Mansfield, by his advice, and into the Student Christian Movement. He was very much pleased about it, and through his encouragement I was appointed in many ways. I had been expected to do Oriental studies and to get the Denyer and Johnson Theological Scholarship, but he actually said "I must, because he himself had once won it), and to enter our ministry. None of them came off. But again he did not let it make any difference. He felt that the Student Movement was itself the Christian ministry, and he persuaded Sir William Hartley to think likewise, and through his encouragement I stayed in it for nine years. He was a great believer in academic success, but he cannot have believed in it ultimately, or he would never have tolerated me.

After that came the war. I was a pacifist and he wasn't. He thought that was wrong and I thought that he was wrong, but he actually said "I am pacifist than I was." He turned aside from his labours of scholarship to write *Prisoners of Hope*, a plea for those same conscientious objectors whose position he believed to be wrong. But they weren't being treated fairly, so he felt, and he tried to redress the balance.

Then came our unhappy controversy over the Hartley College Commission. We talked over the question in his study and he said "I am not a pacifist" (a very frequent time of retiring when I stayed with him). After this I thought I knew his mind, and I burst into print. He was so angry that he wrote me although on certain main points we were agreed, he totally disagreed with my violent method of statement. In that he was right, I am sure. He was so angry that he wrote me although on certain main points we were agreed, he totally disagreed with my violent method of statement. In that he was right, I am sure. He was so angry that he wrote me although on certain main points we were agreed, he totally disagreed with my violent method of statement. In that he was right, I am sure.

"This was the signature over which I wrote his last contribution to the Leader. It was a plea for the use of Dr. Peake's books in the training of our first preachers."

was his complaint, and that was how he felt it. The extraordinary thing, as I now look back on it, is that he should have condescended to discuss it at all, for my only title to an opinion was a third in History and an inability to do Hebrew—and Hebrew was one of the issues under discussion. Yet there it was. He treated my opinion as if it had weight, and it never dawned on me at the time how he honoured me by doing so. In many ways humility did not come to him easily, but this habitual consideration that he gave to all sorts of unimportant opinions (like Sanday in that respect) was a humility that was very fundamental.

It was a firm belief of his that violence never gained anything. He often warned me that if he had had a temperament like mine he would never have been able to carry our Church with him on the historical view of the Bible. Accordingly, what he wrote was generally very cautious, and only once, only one time I ever knew him to let go over a book by W. H. Fitchett, when he came out to battle with the zest of a Crusader.

It was typical of him that he made the first move to straightening things out for me. He talked to me about his Commentary, and even asked my opinion on one or two points—it is extraordinary, but it is true. He came along to my lodgings in Manchester with a book to review for the *Holborn*. It was a book by Figgis, on a line on which he felt I could, and ought, to specialise, and he talked to me seriously, and yet confidently. It was a great thrill to see one of his in print under his signature. From then onward I was a living, continual succession of books, chiefly on medieval subjects. Some of the reviews led to discussions, and often very strong letters, and he would buy a book, or essays of Robert Lynd in which he felt reviews ought to be written! He hated the sweeping generalisations, the floweriness, the rhetorical cheapness, anything that savoured of intellectual snobbery. I found it a real discipline to write for him, and I did more solid theological and historical study in this way than I ever did at Oxford. And he also began to teach me the elements of literary style, of which he himself had so complete a grasp.

He never stopped working. He couldn't stop. Once on a holiday at Barnard Castle I found him one glorious afternoon in a garden of roses, sitting in a summer-house studying the text of Isaiah. When he lived at Freshfield he would sit there for hours, and he walked along the sands, but he always seemed to feel unhappy away from his work.

And yet what was his work? What I urged him to complete his volume on Isaiah, the *International Critical Commentary*, but he often said to me that he had a greater work to do even than that. He wanted to make known the results of Biblical research, and to teach them to the positive and popular form. Others can speak of this better than I, but it was, I believe, which explains the width of his interests. He was a generalist, and did not seek to be one, although he held his own even with specialists. He was more keenly interested in raising the standard of popular knowledge than in making his own name as a great scholar, although in pursuing the one he achieved also the other. He trained up no successors. The *Grandstand* he edited and educated that they would have been apart from him.

He was not unaware of his great reputation. I remember he pleased me was once when I came back from Rumania and told him that I had heard his *Commentary* quoted in the theological journals of the Grandstand, and also when last year I told him that the Natal Education Department recommended his *Commentary* for use in schools. But bound up with this per-

sonal delight there was his satisfaction in the fact that he was being used. He treated the world at large in his writings as he treated his personal friends. He felt it was worth while to take time and trouble for the sake of people, unimportant perhaps in themselves, yet needing help—just the help that he could give. And he gave it lavishly.

Now he is gone. It will be a delight to him to know that Mr. Paul and Paul that he ever knew could know on this side, and to have light at last on the authorship of *Hebrews*. Above all, he will be a joy and an example to those who are invisible, and whose Church he so greatly served. And in this too, we rejoice. But if any man have cause to be grateful for him, have not I much more? He started me off. He never failed me in anything which it was in his power to do. I misunderstood him much, disagreed with him often, and often parted him. But I loved him, and the world is more lonely without him.

## JUBILEE AT CHESTERFIELD.

The Jubilee Celebrations in connection with the Centenary of the founding of Third Circuit, were recently held. The object was to wipe off the remaining debt of £180 on the church. The Sunday service was most successful, Mr. Paul Wheatcroft, the choir rendering special music. A sumptuous tea was served on Monday, and was followed by an organ recital given by Mr. Paul Wheatcroft. The evening meeting, which was a crowded rally of former scholars, teachers, and friends, was presided over by Mr. Baynes, vice-president being Mrs. Sellers. Mr. Albert Swift, the Trust Secretary, to whose efforts and generosity the project owes much of its success, gave the History of the Church in Apperknowle. Mr. H. Hardwick told the story of the Jubilee Fund, which revealed how splendidly the members had responded to the call. The Rev. A. Baynes had encouraging news of help from the General Chapel Fund. The total proceeds of the effort amounted to £180, including £20 from the chapel fund.

The Ladies' Sewing Meeting contributed £20. Various socials, teas, Christmas and New Year efforts realised £70, and the sale of the *Grandstand* and the premises were cleared of debt. The promissory note was burned amid great enthusiasm, and the Deeds were handed over to the church. Baynes, who expressed thanks to all who had contributed to this splendid result.

## ORDINATION AT SWANSEA.

A powerful service was held at Pell-street on Sunday evening, when Mr. Ralph C. Beard was received into the ranks of local preachers. Mr. Beard gave the address, and the service was one which brought about his obedience to the call to preach. Tribute was paid to the Christian home into which he had been born, the influence of the Sunday-school. Rev. T. Thompson gave the charge to the candidate in an arresting address. Mr. A. J. Gossall gave the address to the church, and Mr. J. Payne, J.P., offered the ordination prayer. Mr. J. Davies presented Mr. Beard with a copy of the Scriptures, and urged the necessity of all preachers becoming more conversant with the Bible. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Beard, rendered a most beautiful anthem, "Praise the Lord." Mr. Leslie J. Davies presided at the organ. The singing of the "Te Deum" brought a memorable service to a close.

The interest in David Livingstone will never wane so long as his name is served up for each generation as it has recently been done by Mr. W. P. Livingstone in "The Story of David Livingstone" (Livingstone's life and work). The shilling we have provided an invaluable summary of the great African pathfinder, who almost all the silent features of our world are made more real, and the story is told winsomely. An effective method of recruiting young men to the heroic service of the Church is to induce the reading of this book.

# METHODIST TABLE TALK.

## Mrs. Philip Snowden.

When the Chancellor of the Exchequer amazed the representatives of the powers at the Hague, and certain newspapers made haste to say that this was mere bluff, the Chancellor's wife immediately reminded all concerned that her husband was a Yorkshireman, and that he not only spoke out, but stuck to his guns. The same is true of Mrs. Snowden. Her earliest associations were with her Harrogate Church, of which her parents have long been active and honoured members. Mrs. Snowden again and again has shown the same straight-forward courage that has won through at the Hague. She is a woman of rare gifts and outstanding eloquence. She has lectured in almost every American State, toured Australia, and personally inquired into the conditions of Russia on the spot. All her writings show that she, too, knows how to speak her mind.

## The Unexpected.

A titled lady, presiding over a meeting years ago, in calling upon Mrs. Snowden to speak, and feeling that she might ruffle the complacent feelings of other titled ladies present, expressed the hope that Mrs. Snowden would not speak on a suitable subject. Mrs. Snowden rose and quietly said that she was sorry, but under the restrictions of the chair she could not speak, and sat down. Then the storm arose. The audience clamoured for the speech, and Mrs. Snowden told her ladyship that until she withdrew the restrictions she would not speak. They were withdrawn, and the Yorkshirewoman fired away.

## Dr. Alfred E. Garvie.

The famous Principal of New College is said to be one of the most methodical of men. He has been heard to say that he never needs anyone to clear up his study. Every paper, book, or bit is in its place. Perhaps this, with his fine ability and passion for work, explains the wide range of his activities. According to the *Standard*, the Principal of New College, recently in Germany, and at a great meeting in Berlin made a speech which called the audience to its feet in loud acclamation. He insisted that it was the duty of the Churches to discover who was really responsible for the War. It seems clear that the Doctor is among the most remarkable ecclesiastics in Europe. He has attended all the great Conferences on the Continent for the last twenty years, and has the great advantage of speaking in German, French, and other languages.

## WEST BROMWICH.

### LYNG CHURCH RE-OPENED.

Lyng Church, West Bromwich, is one of the most beautiful buildings in the denomination. It was erected in 1900 at the cost of £20,000. Two years ago a scheme was started under the challenging offer of Ald. William Lawley, who promised £100 if the church would raise £400 for the renovation of £2800 was raised, and the church outside and in, with electric light installed and the organ overhauled and an electric boiler added, was completed on 28th August. By and yet it seemed to us a very fitting, circumstance, Ald. Lawley's funeral service was the first service of any kind to be held in the newly renovated church. We shall greatly miss this noble man. Reopening services were conducted on Wednesday evening by Rev. W. E. Dudley, D.D., of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sunday by Rev. Albert, of Lichfield. Dr. Dudley is the son of the late Rev. W. Dudley, who was twice minister of West Bromwich. Secord Circuit. He received a warm welcome for his father's sake and his own. When he was in West Bromwich 20 years ago with his father, and Sunday had a young ladies' class of 50 members in the school, and here began his work for the successful ministry which has been his life in U.S.A. He accepted a call to the Eastern States, the fourth, the largest Congregational Church in America, with a membership of over 2,000. He took the text which the choir had sung as an anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." For fifty minutes we were held under the

## The Rev. F. C. Spurr.

The Rev. F. C. Spurr has asked "The Church Times" to face up to the question of the Unitarians, which is the crisis of the re-union question. With the Catholics, Roman and Anglican, it is a closed question. They are what they are, and unfortunately show no sign of reconsideration. "Let us," says Mr. Spurr, "bring our differences to the test of questions which we can all answer. Let Christendom divided over Sacraments at a time when the world is going to pieces for lack of a Christian dynamic."

## Dr. D. S. Cairns.

The Principal of Aberdeen University is spending his holiday in Germany. His great book on "The Faith that Rebels" is making both Fundamentalists and Modernists think furiously. Dr. Cairns will not allow either the one school or the other to run away with the notion that they are entirely right and the other is absolutely wrong. An Aberdeen minister tells many stories about the Principal's forgetfulness. At the end of a certain service in the Highlands, where the sextate Elders stand at the door of the pulpit with the plate to receive the collection as the worshippers enter, Cairns entered one day. At the close of the service he could not find his hat. The Elders went to the pulpit to have him give me your youth hat." On entering the church Cairns had put his hat on the collection plate.

## The Manchester Mission.

After thirty-three years it is good to hear that this mission today has 135 Society Classes, which meet every week. Last year it found work for 2,200 men, and the Women's Refuge cared for 530 women and girls, restoring many of them to their homes. The mission has in its Sunday-schools, 6,810 teachers and scholars. When the Rev. George Jackson wrote the life of "Collier," the founder of this mission, he said that Collier was a man of great gifts.

## The Baptist Missionary Secretary.

Rev. E. Wilson, M.A., has just returned from a world tour of Christian missions. A former missionary in India, for the last twenty years the Secretary has been in London, but a third of this time must have been spent in his various journeys to different parts of the mission field.

## The Man With a Handicap.

No, it is not a golf ball, but a bishop, the late Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

life has just been published, and is a wonderful story. At fourteen years of age he contracted measles, and rather late in life for a child's complaint. Complications followed, which resulted in curvature of the spine, and physical weakness that remained with him throughout life. From that day he never grew an inch. As a man he was only five feet three long, hunched-backed, suffering from lung trouble, and melancholy. Surely that was handicapped enough. Yet he forged his way through Oxford and on to the Bishopric of Liverpool, which he held for a quarter of a century. Here are some of his counsels from the book every preacher should read: "God's blessing is God's blessing." "We are men of power as we are men of prayer." "If we preach exactly the same sermons that we preached ten years ago there is something wrong." "In preaching do not be like Abraham, who went out not knowing whither he went." "A sermon should not be a spoonful of comfort and a river full of words." "Visiting is the least of all Church defences." "Don't be a smileless man in black." "Throw your strength into a few things."

## The Dog in Literature.

Captain Trapman, in "The Dog-Man's Best Friend," reminds me of several other dog stories. There was one about a man who knew what real friendship meant until he had known the friendship of a dog. A Cornish lady friend tells that her faithful dog, not by any means a saint, regularly accompanied her to church. Bob lay under the seat. When the week's revival meetings came he was there every night. The missioner did not see much fruit from his labours, and on the last night made an urgent appeal to any who desired to come to the front as a sign of decision. Would no one come, he pleaded, man, woman, or child. Bob was moved. Crept from under the seat and silently down the aisle of the church, and sat himself by the Communion rail. Speaking of Bob the next day, my friend doubted whether any work of good had been wrought.

## A Tall Story.

Captain Trapman tells several stories about dogs. There is one. It is credited to Barry Pain. This dog was stranded in London and wanted to get home to Colchester. He found it very easy to get to Liverpool Street, selected from a rack a Colchester luggage label, licked and affixed it to his breast, and then sat up before a porter and begged.

## QUESTOR.

the rest of our connexion realises the dread struggle that has been, and is, going on among the mining circuits of Durham. But Methodism in Shildon can still sing a Triumph Song, and when our President came along they raised it with all their power to prove their welcome. There was a fine service on the morning when Mr. Saxton preached, and at the conclusion most stayed to a tea provided by the women of the circuit. In the evening the

church was full and in its composition indicated that the President's popularity has a Methodist basis. For an hour and a half Mr. Saxton gave his lecture on "Wake up and Dream." For an hour and a half he held his congregation on every word, and in the end sent all away with the satisfaction of having had a feast of good words. Rev. McClelland expressed thanks on behalf of the circuit.

## Golden Wedding.

A very large gathering assembled in the Commercial-road Schoolroom, Grantham, to do honour to Mr. and Mrs. Tinkler, members of the society for over fifty years, on Tuesday, August 27th. A very enjoyable evening was spent, with solos, monologues, etc. During the evening Mrs. Lewis Neale presented to Mrs. Tinkler a handbag and piece of gold, and to Mr. Tinkler an umbrella, the gifts of the society, on the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding. Mr. Parker spoke for the society and recalled the sterling value of them both, their ever-ready sympathy and practical help, never seeking the limelight, but always ready to do the work of God in the quiet way. The society, to the great satisfaction and the meeting both opened and closed with the Doxology, prayers being uttered that they both would be spared for many years to see their children loved. The son, a minister of our Church, Rev. B. Tinkler, replied on behalf of the family to the many expressions of loving congratulations received.

## MR. TOM HOLLAND AT HARTLEPOOL.

Mr. Tom Holland and his family visited Brigholm-street Chapel, Hartlepool, last week-end. A large congregation attended the Saturday evening concert. On Sunday Mr. Holland conducted the services, and with the assistance of his sons and daughters, held extra services in the afternoon and after the evening service. On Monday evening a fine programme was rendered by the Holland family. It is some years since the church was so crowded, and the congregations attending were greatly blessed by the ministry of prayer and song. Mr. Holland exercises a ministry which is highly appreciated, as is evidenced by the vast audiences he attracts. He is a man who is in the church, and he is drawn from those who attend churches, he is wonderfully successful in attracting people who are not habitual church-goers.

Birmingham Fourth.—The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, August 31st, at our Kingsorton Church. Notes were given to two young men to prepare for the work of lay preaching. Sympathetic references were made to the loss our Church has sustained in the passing of Dr. Peake and Rev. J. H. Hirst. Letters of sympathy were received from the Birmingham Circuit. Refreshments were given to the work for autumn and winter. Finances were satisfactory. An invitation was unanimously given to ministers for 1930 (21st year) and was accepted. The Kingsorton friends provided an excellent tea.

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## THE PRESIDENT AT SHILDON

On Wednesday last the President of Conference (Rev. J. H. Saxton) paid an enjoyable visit to Shildon. Two things were very obvious. First, that Mr. Saxton is wearing well. There was not the slightest sign of "wear and tear," and throughout the day he was the best of form, delighting all who heard him. The other obvious thing was that Shildon, despite the terrible strain of industrial development through which it has passed, has not allowed the gloom to pervade its soul. There are three delightful colonies standing in Shildon, collieries not only among them, but also a large and comfortable corner has had its group of unemployed. Even yet one wonders whether





## OUR SERIAL STORY.

## "MASTER OF HIS FATE."

By LAWRENCE MAKER.

Author of

"THE SHIFTING SAND."

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## A DAY OF FESTIVITIES.

Midsummer Day came, bright and clear. Not a cloud was in the sky! The birds were singing from a thousand branches, the whole countryside was glorious in its summer beauty. A marquee had been erected on the lawn in front of Polbartha Hall and a band of musicians had been engaged. Every man, woman, and child in Talland parish had received an invitation to attend. A great deal of thought and care had been spent to perfect the arrangements.

The villagers had donned their best clothes, and in the early part of the afternoon they made their way to Polbartha Hall. They were all in good humour, for they were about to enjoy a day of festivity. Moreover, the son of Rufus Mawgan, the late and respected squire of the parish, was reinstated in his rightful place, and he had already promised many improvements to the tenants' holdings and had ordered a club-room to be erected on the village green at his own expense.

All sorts of amusements had been arranged. For the time, at all events, everyone was happy, carefree, and the glory of the day drove away all anxious thoughts. Farm labourers and their "young ladies" were amongst the invited, whilst hard-working women and their children, dressed in their summer attire, came in honour of the occasion.

Rupert and his wife stood upon the terrace of the mansion to welcome their guests. "Delighted to see you," said they to one after another of their visitors as they came. "Mind you have a good time. There's plenty to eat, plenty to drink, and there will be plenty of fun." The people responded heartily. It was a day of days, and they were full of high spirits.

Rupert told his guests that they must make themselves free with his grounds, and already many of them began to accept his offer.

It was a glorious day; shouts of laughter were heard everywhere. Races were run and all kinds of competitions were indulged in. Moreover, some of the best wrestlers in the county displayed their prowess to the enthusiastic visitors. The band played the most popular ditties of the day, and an almost continuous programme went on until tea-time. Then the people adjourned to the marquee and partook of a sumptuous tea. And so the day's festivities went on until nine o'clock. Then it was that the holiday-makers gathered on the lawn. On the terrace of the house stood Rupert and Mabel. The latter was the first to speak. She was greeted with great cheering as she rose from her chair. "I hope you have all had a good time," she began.

"Aye, aye," came from hundreds of lusty voices.

"I hope we shall always be good friends," she went on. "I am one of you. I was born and reared in this parish, and I want every one of you to look upon me, not as the wife of

the squire, but as one of your own."

Men, women, and children joined with hearts and voices in tremendous applause.

Then Rupert rose to speak. He was received with long and prolonged acclamations.

"I heartily endorse everything my wife has said. From the happy looks on your faces I feel sure that this day's proceedings have not been in vain. I am delighted to have had this opportunity of giving you a good time, and I hope, if God spares us until next Midsummer Day, we shall meet again and enjoy ourselves together as we have done to-day."

This speech was well received. The villagers clapped their hands and cheered vociferously. It was all over presently and the people wended their way homewards.

The Midsummer night was clear and serene; birds still sang gaily; the air was impregnated with the scents of flowers and plants. The happy voices of the villagers rose on the night air, for they had spent one of the grandest days they had ever known.

"It has been a wonderful time," Rupert declared to Mabel a little later. "I am proud that we have had the chance of giving these people a happy day."

"They have appreciated it immensely," Mabel added. "They will never forget your generosity."

"And yours as well, Mabel. A feast is never complete without a lady. The day without you would be like the day without the sun. You have made this day the success that has attended it."

It was night. Rupert stood upon the terrace of Polbartha Hall gazing out over the farmlands now bathed in the silvery rays of the moon. No lights shone in the houses in the village yonder, for the occupants had long since gone to rest, tired out by the day's festivities.

And as Rupert stood there he lifted his face heavenwards and then offered up a silent prayer to his God. For he was happy! He was loved on every hand. He rejoiced in the possession of the great esteem in which his tenants held him. Moreover, he had courted and won one of the fairest creatures on God's earth. In his pocket rested a letter from a firm of publishers who were willing to publish his book "Towards the Dawn," at terms advantageous to him. He had gone through much tribulation, but joy had come at last. His father's property was his. And he was profoundly grateful for all this!

At length he turned and went into the house. Mabel had already gone to bed; the great house had settled down for the night. He entered the library and picked up a book of poems by Henry. Presently he found himself repeating some of the lines he had heard at school. These lines, above all, he repeated over and over again, as if applying them to himself:

"It matters not how straight the gate,  
How charged with punishments the  
scroll;

I am the master of my fate.

I am the captain of my soul."

THE END.

LEGISLATION AT  
CONFERENCE.

Like the Rev. S. L. George, in his letter on the above subject in your issue of August 15th, I was surprised at the last meeting of the General Committee at the reported new legislation re the sale of chapels. Not being a member of Conference, I had not seen an agenda, and not having then a copy of the Conference minutes, I resolved to wait until I had had the same. The discussion at the General Committee arose on the sale of properties, an documents that had come direct from the circuit to the General Secretary. I confess I was amazed with what ease chapel property can be disposed of, without even the application having gone through the District Committee.

In no case could it have been said that Rule 125 was an "emergency" measure, as it had arisen. Who initiated the legislation, and for what object? Two points are clear from it: (1) That it gives absolute power to the General Chapel Committee to sanction without any reference to Model Deed Clause 59; (2) that twelve members shall be elected on the committee by Conference, eight laymen and four ministers; this will still leave the new committee to be composed of about 36 ministers and 12 laymen.

What is meant by Rules 137 to 139, 700 to 727, to be amended in harmony with the new legislation? Fancy 26 District Secretaries harmonising these rules in their own particular way—which will merely mean chaos. There is one redeeming feature. This new committee meets annually, and it cannot give its executive power to act, as the legislation does not provide for it so doing, so that any sales must be held up for the year.

Reviewing the whole subject, it must be admitted that the legislation was hastily prepared and ill-conceived. It will be noted that the 12 elected are to be four ministers and eight laymen. Immediately preceding this legislation is legislation on the constitution of the Mis-

sionary Committee, when for the first time legislation provides for ten elected by Conference, to be composed of five ministers and five laymen. Why the difference in principle, seeing the Missionary Committee, equally with the General Chapel Committee, is very much overloaded with ministerial representatives?—Yours, etc.,

ALBERT E. HARDING.

Swindon.

## CLAPTON MISSION.

## URGENT APPEAL.

SIR,—I would like to appeal to your readers who have had a downright good and refreshing holiday and are feeling grateful for the same.

I have before me a list of poor, weary, and anxious women who have had to sit them for their winter duties. In addition, all the enervating days of the summer. They are now on the verge of collapse and greatly in need of rest and change to fit them for their winter duties. In addition, within the next few days I am taking 100 cripple children for a long day's picnic to the country—far away from the dreary heated streets of Hackney Wick—their usual playground. We are sadly in need of funds. A few donations just now would give us a welcome relief and enable us to give a bounteous gift to a host of poor children and sad, tired women. Gifts will be gratefully received by Rev. J. K. Ellwood, 65, Elderfield-road, Clapton, London, E.S.

## News of the Districts.

## Salisbury and Southampton.

The Committees were held at Romey on Wednesday, Rev. A. Bows presiding. Approval was given to the applications to build a new School Room at Gosport costing £1,000. Deep sympathy was expressed with the relatives of Dr. A. S. Peake, Rev. S. Windham and Mr. G. Dymond in their bereavement, and loving testimony borne to their life and work. The "Methodist Union" Area Committee was revised, new members being added. Rev. W. Lawrence was heartily congratulated on his election as a Deed Poll Member and made a happy reply. A cordial welcome was accorded to the new Ministers, who have come into the district, Revs. J. Maland and W. J. Paraby responding. £250 ss. 2d. was realised by the Easter Self-Denial Effort. The application for a special grant to employ a Lay Agent for six months at Dorchester on the Weymouth Circuit was strongly recommended. The communication re Village Methodism is to be considered at the next Committee. The importance of Young People's Week and the Scripture Examination was stressed. Thanks were expressed to the Circuit Officials for providing luncheon.

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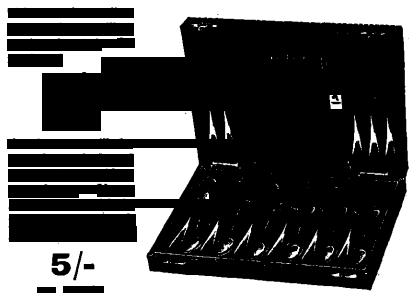
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Come, ye thankful people, come,  
To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
The King of love my Shepherd is,  
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
We plough the fields and scatter  
God who hath made the daisies (Children's  
Hymn)

## SERIES 4.

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
For the beauty of the earth,  
Our hearts and voices let us raise  
I sing the almighty power of God:  
With gladness we worship, rejoice as  
we sing,  
Fill thou my life, O Lord my God.  
Again the joy of harvest  
To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
All things bright and beautiful (Children's  
Hymn)  
The God of nature and of grace  
We plough the fields and scatter  
The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended.

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## NOTES AND NEWS.

### Mr. Snowden's Triumph.

Now that Mr. Snowden has compromised, after having secured three-fourths of what he asked for, he may get a fairer treatment from those countries which have indulged in featuring him as little better than an international high-wager. They may probably admit now, what they must have known all along, that the millions involved were only a part, and not the most important part, of the thing for which the British Chancellor fought so stubbornly. The truth is that the rest of the world appears to have concluded that if in the division of reparations anybody is to be short, then it must be Great Britain. It appears also to have been assumed that Great Britain would accept the role assigned to it without protest. It is to be admitted that much in recent international history gives warrant to such a view. We were in a hurry to settle our debt question with America. We have been more than generous in our dealings with Italy and France. It was unthinkable that we should haggle over a billion or two now.

Those who framed the Young Plan were in no doubt about it. They were very indignant when they found they had made a mistake. They could not understand why the mitch cow had yielded such generous supplies of so uncomplainingly should suddenly turn stupid, and they were pained at this strange lack of the usual international amity. They will have discovered by this time that Great Britain does not regard herself as an appendage of France, and that while she admits that the Young Plan very properly fixes the amount Germany has to pay, she did not admit that those who shaped the Plan had the authority to distribute the money. Mr. Snowden fought for fair play and for something like equality of sacrifices, and our thanks are due to him for the stand he made: and for the victory he has won.

### The League at Work.

We have come to regard the Assembly of the League of Nations as a matter of course, which is a pity. It is something gained that it has taken its place as an integral part of the life of the world, but that does not make commonplace. The Assembly can be that which, conceals itself with arbitration, a Court of International Justice, international tariffs and subsidies. The tenth ordinary session of the League of Nations Assembly now being held at Geneva will deal with these and other things affecting the life of the world. It is expected that Mr. MacDonald will announce Britain's intention to sign the "Optional Clause," submitting all justiciable disputes to the permanent Court of International Justice, and that he will promise to submit to Parliament the "General Act," which provides for the peaceful conclusion of non-justiciable disputes. It is expected, too, that the meeting on September 4th of all the Powers which have signed the Statute of the Permanent Court will be of unusual importance, inasmuch as the Statute's revision is to be considered with a view to securing the participation of the United States in the work of the Court. These are great matters and their issues will affect the ends of the earth.

### The Premier's Visit to U.S.A.

It will be a big disappointment to both countries if Mr. MacDonald's much talked of visit to America does not take place. There is a feeling in both countries that once it is settled that Mr. MacDonald is to cross the Atlantic clear proof is afforded of a naval agreement having been sighted, if not actually reached. It is inconceivable that he should go at all unless that were the case. It cannot be claimed that the ordinary citizen of either country is very curious about the terms of such a settlement. He is content to leave questions of parity and gun elevations to the experts. What concerns him is not the precise nature of the "jack-pot," but that England and America

have agreed to fashion one and set it to work. The visit of the British Prime Minister to America is an announcement to the whole world that if this has not been done it is going to be done, and it may safely be asserted that the world will sit up and notice. The United States of America will not be slow to make the most of the event. Interest deep and keen has been aroused already, and that will strengthen with true Transatlantic cordiality once the visit is definitely announced. But such an event is of far more than local importance, great as the localities are. We have always argued that one of the most urgent needs of this age is a better understanding with America, for upon that hangs so much that affects the weal of the world. Mr. MacDonald may talk "navy" to Mr. Hoover, but the two of them will probably have to talk about it. It is for that reason that we hope to read before long that Mr. MacDonald has booked his passage.

### Vital Statistics.

The Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, Sir George Newnes, says in his annual reports that England and Wales are almost within sight of a stationary population. He points out the remarkable change in the constitution of the population which the declining birth and death rates have brought about—there are fewer children and more people past the prime of life. It is satisfactory to be informed that the rate of infant mortality in 1928 was the lowest which has ever been recorded in this country, and that there is no cause to expect that the maternal death rate was the highest on record. During 1928 there were 660,000 births, and 43,000 children died in the first year of life. In the same year 2,990 mothers died and tens of thousands were seriously invalided. As Sir George points out, this serious mortality is not due to neglect of the care of the State so much as to the unwillingness on the part of many mothers to avail themselves of the help provided, and to the fact that many local authorities are not active enough in perfecting their maternity service. Such a sad wastage of life shames us, and it is to be hoped that the Government will spur lagging authorities to a greater diligence.

### Arab and Jew.

We are accustomed to being told that "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," but there are cracks in the Near East who appear to be as irreconcilable as anything involving a clash between the Orient and the Occident. The trouble between the Arabs and the Jews, which has resulted in riots and bloodshed, runs deeper than the incident over the right of way by the Wailing Wall of Jerusalem. The unfortunate and could have been avoided if a little less liberty had been given to the Arabs and Jew voluntarily agree to live in the same country in peace, each respecting the other's traditions and religions, such incidents will be repeated. All that a Mandatory Power can do is to see that such breaks as have just occurred are checked, and to punish those who may be held accountable for what has taken place. It is, of course, possible that the local difficulty affecting the right of way by the Wailing Wall can be disposed of by arbitration, but that presupposes a mood on the part of the contestants which cannot be said at the moment to exist. Until that has been created, and by its aid other points of dispute settled, the task of keeping order will devolve on the British Government. It will be agreed that that will be a thankless task. It is already being accused of being too severe, and of not having been severe enough, which is tantamount to admitting that it has probably done the best it could.



# A Seventeenth Century Dean.\*

St. Paul's, during its long history, has had some famous men as its Deans, and to-day has a scholar and divine of peculiar eminence occupying that great position. It is, however, safe to say that never before or since has it had such a Dean as John Donne, who occupied this office from November, 1621, until his death in March, 1631. He was a lawyer, soldier, statesman, lawyer, poet, essayist, divine. It is as poet and preacher that his reputation lives in growing estimation among his admirers to-day.

Mr. Edmund Gosse, in his account of Donne's life, says: "And so we leave him, surely the most undulating, the most diverse of human beings as Montaigne would say. Splendid and obscure he was, in the extreme versatility and passion, the profundity, the saintliness, the mystery which were attributable to him. No one, in the history of English literature, it seems to me, is so difficult to realise, so impossible to measure, in the vast curves of his extraordinary and contradictory features. Of his life, of his experiences, of his opinions, we know more now than it has been vouchsafed to us to know of any of the great Elizabethan and Jacobean galaxy of writers, and yet how little we fathom his contradictions, how little we can account for his impulses and emotions. Events of which we have for years made his least adventures the subject of close and eager investigation must admit at last that he eludes us. He was not the crystallized saint that Walton adored and exalted. He was not the crafty and redoubtable courtier whom true recusants suspected. He was not the prophet of the intricacies of fleshly feelings whom the young poets looked up to and worshipped. He was none of these, but all of these, and more. What we hold? It is impossible to say, for with all his superficial expansion, his secret died with him. We are tempted to declare that of those men he is one of whom least is essentially known. Is not this, perhaps, the secret of his perpetual fascination?"

This fascination of Donne is a fact calling for recognition. Walton, in his preface to the edition of the chief source of knowledge for his career and character and this was at best very partial. After a period of eclipse he has had recent years a revival of interest in his poetry, as Professor Grierson's edition of the "Poems" testifies; and now there are signs of a more intense study of his prose. Mr. L. P. Smith has edited selected passages from "Donne's Sermons"; and Mrs. E. M. Simpson has added to the world's study of the "Framed Works of John Donne." The edition of the Nonesuch Press includes both poetry and prose. This affords for the first time an opportunity for gaining a comprehensive glance at the versatile genius of a man of whom Ben Jonson said: "That he esteemeth John Donne the first poet in my world in his things and in the man, as a preacher, it was said by the publishers of his last sermon: 'It hath been observed of this Reverent Man, that he preaches in French, and in Latin, and in Greek; and that he has exceeded others at first; so, at last he exceeded himself.'"

Of Donne's career a brief outline must suffice. He was a Londoner born, a precocious boy. He was at Oxford when only eleven years of age, and three years later transferred to Cambridge, where he of a considerable fortune, he saw something of the world. He was of Roman Catholic parentage. On coming of age, he joined the Anglican Church. While he was secretary to the Lord Keeper, he fell deeply in love with his master's niece. Their secret marriage ruined careers at Court, and the young couple were plunged into poverty, as his dolorous letters testify. Yet theirs was a glorious love story. On leaving for one of his long absences, he writes one of his most delightful poems commencing:

Sweetest love, I do not goe,  
For the weariness of thee,  
Nor in hope the world can show  
A fitter Love for mee:

But since that I  
Must dye at last, 'th best,  
To use my selfe in jest,  
Thus by Iain'd deaths to dye.

A reconciliation was effected with the angry father after some years of hardship. Then just before his wife's death Donne took Orders. He had been urged to do this earlier, but felt some reluctance on account of spiritual fitness. A change came in his experiences. In place of intellectual acceptance of Christianity he was led by self-examination and soul-struggle to the dedication of his will to God. King James had urged him to think of the Ministry, and it was he who, inviting him to dinner, said: "I will carve to you a dish that I know you love well; for, knowing you love London, I do therefore make you Dean of St. Paul's."

Donne's poetry can be studied in its entirety in this edition. It is compounded of various elements. Those who, like Walton, seek to exalt the divine, are silent concerning much of this, and suggest that Donne himself sought to suppress the effusions of his youthful days. There is no firm foundation for such a suggestion. The fantastic style and the elusive thought characteristic of the times cannot hide the fact that he "exels in brief flashes with good beauty, and in sudden daring phrases that have the full perfume of poetry in them." "A Hymne to God the Father," is one of the most tremendous poems in the English language. The last verse is a flash-light into Donne's heart:

I have a sinne of feare, that when I  
Must have spurne  
My last third, I shall perish on the  
shores;  
Swear by thy selfe, that at my death  
thy sonne  
Shall shine as he shines now, and  
heretofore;  
And, having done that, Thou haste  
die.

Little space is left for the prose, and especially the sermons. Here he is most at home in dealing with sin, death, destiny. The glories of this earthly state are faded to him. His poems are full of things, to be valued as such, which means that they are to be valued not at all. He often returns to the thought that eternity, which is cognate with almost oneness with God, outweighs all other considerations. Donne was hardly a mystic, yet the implications of much of his theology, as this is revealed in his preaching, are mystical. Enrichment for mind and soul awakes those who will explore this mine of divinity partially antiquated yet wholly alive.

## People of Importance.

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# MARGARET HARWOOD'S COLUMN.

Letters are beginning to come in rapidly about efforts for the coming winter. A. G. E. wants money for installing electric lights; somebody else a new oven, and somebody else a boiler. Money is needed urgently for many and various reasons. So many of these letters say: "We have tried the old ways of raising money, can you let us have something new?"

There is as great a demand for originality in this sphere as there is in any other. Some brainy persons must have thought of all the "old" ways of raising money. John Stuart Mill said that all good things that exist are the fruits of originality, and yet one of the most amazing things about us is our ability to copy. We have an absolute horror of appearing to be different from other people; also, we are often too lazy mentally to bother to think for ourselves. All down the ages we have depended for progress upon men who were not content to take their thoughts and ideas ready made from somebody else.

I read an article by a doctor recently in which he said there was little danger of the brain being overworked; provided due care is taken of the body, the brain is not overworked. We are, therefore, and are better people than we are. We can go through life being ordinary, taking our thoughts from others, letting the machines in our heads do as little as possible; or we can try to go on knowledge and to think for ourselves. We may be deprived of health and of money, but our minds are not overworked, and they will increase with years.

C. S. has sent me a problem unlike any sent to me before. Somebody has written "in" for "is" in a letter to marry, and she wants to know what I think.

I believe I'm right in saying that it is "in" whatever in cousin marriage provided that each party to the marriage is healthy and that the stock from which they spring is healthy, too.

My correspondent has made some efforts, has sent a few amusing games, which I shall be pleased to pass on to anyone who would like them.

I saw a picture of a smiling "nigger," and these words:

"If you're cussin' round a lookin' black."

Other folk will do it back; So Honey, just you smile."

We perhaps do not realise the value of looking happy. The mere sight of real happiness in us all good, we feel better for seeing a smiling face; smiles are infectious. Still, the miserable faces, even the sour ones, ought to interest us, too. Once we have heard the history that has made them miserable and we may marvel that they are not more so.

I heard somebody say, only this week, in speaking of a person whose manner is "off hand": "Some of us seem better at other times, and are of us seem better than we are." Manner is not always a true indication of the personality, and if we are really interested in our fellows and wish to try to get the truth to penetrate beneath the surface.

It would like to make you see, if I can, the type of woman described to me by a correspondent this week, a foolish, irritating woman, who ought to see herself as others see her. My correspondent dresses having to visit this woman, to whom she is related, and she draws even more her return visits.

Call this foolish woman Mrs. S. You must never, under any circumstances, call her by her name, and never give her due notice. She will meet you at the door like this:

"Oh, it's you! Could you come to-morrow; I was just going to turn out a bedroom."

She never wishes you to enter her door unless you have been to her for special preparations; all her "best" crockery must be out, and her best tablecloth and silver. In short, you are invited to her house because she wants to see you, but because she wants to show you her possessions and her wonderful skill as a housewife.

My correspondent says: "She makes me feel a worm. Everything she says and does is right. I am always wrong. I feel I must clean every inch of my

house when she is coming, because all the time she is here she is comparing her ways with mine, and her house with mine."

Being obliged to visit this relation, and to ask her back, is having a really bad effect on my correspondent's nerves. In fact, it is never to visit this relation, for person who suffers, but whose impractical, sensitive individual pays the penalty.

Mrs. S. is immaculate in her person and in her dress, and she is a perfect housekeeper; she never "runs out" of anything, and never misses a cobweb; all the same, she is unkind and inhospitable. It is not hospitable to invite people to your house merely to "show off" your possessions; and I don't care if she has visitors every day in the week, she is still inhospitable. Nothing can be more unkind than to make other people "Feel like worms."

Lord Chesterfield said to his son: "Never seem wiser or more learned than you company." If you are better and wiser, and do know more, it is bound to be obvious in time.

My correspondent can manage to do it. I advise her to retire like a snail into her shell; let the tiresome ways of Mrs. S. be the light; tell her; treat her kindly, but don't show her to impress, influence, or worry; and above and beyond all, don't imitate her. Don't clean even the house for her visits. Let her take things as they are. If she talks, let her talk, and then go quietly on your own way. Strength of a quiet mind is the kind is needed to make all people like Mrs. S.; to allow them to make one nervy and agitated is fatal.

Here's another problem of quite a different kind. If any of you have any suggestions about solving it, we shall be more than grateful to hear them.

Sister M. tells me that they have a splendid weekly women's meeting, with an average attendance of about seventy-five. They want to give their annual concert. They have had glees, dialogues, recitations, and other things, but they want something different. At least fifty women must be able to take part, and they have to have a good singing. I have in my brain that I shall pass on to Sister M., and I do want my readers to be interested in this women's meeting; to send some to me.

M. N. is faced with exactly the same problem.

There is one more suggestion for the "Bag Effort." I saw this bag this week. It was roomy, useful, strong, and very good to look at. You can make it of any shape, and it is very cheap. It was button-hole stitched all round. Up from the bottom of the bag grew all kinds of bright flowers worked in wool in very gay colours. It sounds simple, and it is, but it really looked charming.

I can't finish my column this week without saying anything better than this which I read this week, "Never believe anything to be for your good which obliges you to break your word, sacrifice your modesty, hurt the feelings of any person, or which inclines you to any practice which will not bear the light."

—Margaret Harwood, c/o The Editor, "Methodist Leader," 17, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

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Miss Ivy Layton, of Ebenezer Church, has been successful in passing the examination in London for the Associate Diploma of the Tonic Soap-Lodge (A.T.S.C.).

## ALDERMAN W. LAWLEY.

Alderman William Lawley was one of the best known and best loved men that West Bromwich has produced. His death at 85 years of age plunged the whole town into mourning, for all his life and all his talents had been given to the service of his fellow men. He commenced work at seven years of age, and his brother, the late Ald. Joseph Lawley, began business as iron-founders. They met with success, and in 1881 they became members of the Town Council, a position he retained till his death, being raised to the Aldermanic Bench in 1918. He once gave an invitation to someone to dine with him, but his wife's illness caused him to withdraw. From boyhood he was a member of Lyng Church and Sunday-school. It was largely by his enterprise and generosity that the present beautiful building was erected in 1900, and all through he has assisted it financially. As God has blessed him, so he has given. The last of his gifts, £100, was towards the renovation, and by a strange and fitting coincidence his funeral was held in the newly decorated building. But his spiritual force and fervour was as great as his generosity. He was a joyous, energetic, and cheerful man, and was a member of the West Bromwich and Primitive Methodist, having lost a dear and great friend. The funeral was attended by a large representation of the local churches, Town Council and its officials, the Liberal Association, and members of the firm. A crowd lined the street as the procession passed. The service was conducted by Revs. A. G. A. Lees and J. Spoor.

## Marriages.

Rev. C. T. Smith and Miss D. Powers.

A wedding which was of considerable interest and was solemnised in the Portland-lane Memorial Church, Lincoln, on Saturday, August 31st, was that between Rev. C. T. Smith, late of West Bromwich, and Miss D. Powers, of Lincoln. Both are members of families well known in our Lincoln churches, and have a religious and a social life. The Rev. J. W. Slack officiated, assisted by Rev. T. McKenzie. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked lovely in a dress of ivory crepe-de-chine, with diamond buckle and knots of orange blossom, and wore a silk-embroidered veil, with wreath of orange blossom and heather, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and carnations. The bridesmaids were Misses Vera and Kathleen Powers (sisters of bride), Miss M. Smrs. (Bridegroom's sister), and Miss Lottie Byle. The Rev. J. A. Leale, of King's Lynn, acted as best man, and a company of Girl Guides, of which the bride was captain, formed a guard of honour as the bridal party left the church. The honeymoon is being spent at Scarborough.

Mr. A. E. Overton and

Miss E. Gadd.

A large company of interested friends gathered in the Methodist Church, Scarborough, on Saturday, August 31st, to witness the marriage of Mr. Albert E. Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Overton, and Miss Ethel Gadd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gadd. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Revs. W. Overton, uncle of the bridegroom, and J. Williams. The bridesmaids were Misses Joan and Jean Powell. The bride is a member of the Mill-street Church, Scarborough, and secretary of the Trust. The choir of the two churches united for the service, with Mr. S. Parkinson at the organ. The reception which the schoolroom was a testimonial of about 80 guests. The good wishes of the many friends were spoken by the ministers and others. The honeymoon is being spent in Bournemouth.

Mr. J. Clayton and

Miss L. M. Elliott.

A pretty wedding took place in the Methodist Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on August 31st, between Mr. Joseph Clayton, formerly of Ashton, now of North Hargry, London, and Miss Lilian

Mary Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Elliott, of Ashton, and granddaughter of Mr. Robert Elliott, of Bradwell. The bride, accompanied by her father, was attired in ivory georgette; she wore a wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss Louie Warhurst, wore a dress of floral georgette. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hibbert were groomsmen. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. George Walmsley, assisted by Rev. J. W. Overton, of the Mill-street, Ashton, and Mr. J. Williams, of the Parish Church, Marnham. The large number of guests present were an expression of the high esteem in which they were held. When Mr. Clayton left Ashton recently he was the recipient of a beautiful clock with Westminster chimes from the clergy and school officials of the Parish Church. The reception was held in the Parish Church House.

Mr. R. W. Hill and

Miss A. Cooper.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist Church, Marnham, on August 30th, between Miss Alice (Alice) Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooper, and Mr. Robert W. Hill, son of Mr. J. C. Hill. The Rev. J. W. Overton, of the Mill-street, Ashton, presided at the organ. The Rev. J. Ansell, assisted by Rev. G. P. Cammish, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory georgette, and wore a veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of lilies. She was attended by Misses Rene and Gerrie Cooper, bridesmaids, and Miss Ruth Hill, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Edward Hill was the best man. A reception was held in the hotel, where the happy party left for Weston-super-Mare, where the honeymoon is being spent. Both bride and bridegroom are devoted and energetic workers, and they received many useful and valuable presents.

Mr. W. J. C. Lawrence and

Miss E. L. Yates.

A large company assembled at the Wimpledon Church on Saturday, August 31st, to witness the marriage of Mr. W. J. C. Lawrence, of Wimpledon, and Miss E. L. Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yates. Rev. William W. Weatherill, assisted by Rev. G. W. Weatherill, the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin and carried a diamond veil and orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies. She was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Muriel Patten and Evelyn Yates (cousins of bride), and Misses M. and E. Yates. The bridegroom wore a suit of pink and white blue crepe-de-chine with hats to match. They carried bouquets of yellow roses. Mr. H. Lawrence acted as best man, and Mr. Alan Yates presided at the organ. Both bride and bridegroom are grandchildren of the manse, their respective grandfathers being the late Rev. Chas. F. Yates and Mr. H. Yates. Both are ardent workers at Quick's-road. The bride is a member of the choir and assistant leader of the Devonshire District. The bridegroom is a local preacher, choirman, and Young People's Devotional Hour leader. A reception was held in the manse, where the presents were both numerous and costly.

At the International High Mobile Conference of the Independent Order of Rechabites, which was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Brighton, on Saturday, August 31st, three active members of our own Church were appointed on the national body of officers for the ensuing two years. Mr. Chas. F. Yates, of Brighton, was elected High Chief Ruler, which is the highest position in the society; Mr. T. Allport, C.C., of Westchester, was appointed as Secretary of the District; and Mr. James Sotley, of London-road, Church, Brighton, was also elected a member of the Board of Directors.

Kenneth Friend has been awarded a Cheeseman Exhibition, tenable at Yewill Secondary School for three years. His parents are associated with South-street Church, and both are local preachers and missionary enthusiasts. Mrs. Friend is the secretary of the book sale in the Auxiliary of the circuit and also District treasurer of the same movement, and Mr. Friend is the circuit secretary of the Laymen's League.



# Sunday School Lesson.

## Stories of a Courageous Leader.

### (3) The Deliverer of Israel.

Exod. 12: 29-41; 13: 20 to 14: 22.

September 15th.

By Rev. W. E. Farndale.

**Mobilised at Midnight.**—The reappearance of Moses in Egypt, together with the recurring disasters upon the Egyptians keyed higher and higher the expectation of the Hebrews. Then came the Great Ultimatum of 11: 48. This was not merely a threat to Pharaoh. It was a promise to Israel. At midnight that very day their long captivity should end. So indeed it fell out. Terror-stricken by an epidemic that took toll of every Egyptian household, the king and his people hurriedly urging the immediate departure of these God-haunted slaves. Presents were thrust into the hands of the Hebrews, and they were bidden to go. Then came a memorable scene. Men, women and children conveyed to one rendezvous. Any previous military training which Moses may have had must have been well utilised in preparation for this hour. His plans had been laid in readiness and on a given sudden signal every slave moved forward. In numbers was the number of the Israelites high. The old chronicler, according to our English version, put the number of men down as 600 "thousand." Probably he meant to say that the total population of the Hebrews would be 600 "families" and this is accepted by Dr. Hastings as possibly right. That would make the number of the Israelites as about 3,000 in all. In addition to these, however, there also gathered a mixed multitude of non-Israelites, including a large number of warlike tribes who had been enslaved. For all these Moses had inaugurated a New Era by his mobilisation.

**On Trial.**—Peoples and tribes may sometimes swarm forth as did the Scythians of Asia in the 7th century B.C. or like the Boers of South Africa moving westward to Natal and other parts. But the migration of Israel has a significance all its own.

**The Camp by the Sea.**—The first stop had been at Succoth (the district around Pithom) about ten miles' journey. Then next came encampment at Etham (perhaps near Ismailia, for which see map). The rank and file would have probably have imagined they were to take the northern and most direct route to Canaan. Instead, the command was given to march southwards. Their second encampment was thus by the "sea," by which is meant this Gulf Suez, an arm of the Red Sea. The Gulf probably then extended much further inland. It may be as far north as Lake Timah. What was the cause for turning south? In 13: 17, it is implied that had Israel followed the "northern route" they would have met with armed resistance and that their spirits, broken by long subjection, would have been utterly unready to face this. Hence the southern route to the place where they were so marvelously to find a crossing. In 14: 4, the reason given is that greater glory might be shown to the Lord. The two explanations are in no means irreconcilable.

**Pursued.**—The absence of these slaves had made a tremendous difference in Egypt. The country was without any available labour. The cry now was: What- ever have we been doing to let them go! To overtake the Hebrews, hampered as they were by the presence of children, was no difficult matter.

**Panic Checked.**—Fear spread in the camp at the approach of the enemy. Moses had to endure bitter reviling. But his exhortation was: Stand firm. The Lord shall fight for you. Even modern disciplined armies have to guard against mutiny and desertion. Moses, however, was not a strategist. He was a leader of the mystic power of his strong religious conviction.

**A Stormy Night Crossing.**—A wild night. A strong easterly wind. "The water divideth." And as a Lord the Hebrews made their way. Some interesting parallels can be given. Thus in the Russian Revolution the Czarist army which was strongly fortified against

them by the Turks, at the isthmus of Perekop, by a passage made for them by the wind through the shallow waters of the Putrid Sea at the N.W. corner of the Sea of Azov, Suez more striking is the fact that Major General Tulloh himself observed the waters of Lake Menzaleh at the entrance to the Suez Canal receding at a strong east wind for a distance of seven miles.

**The Destruction of the Enemy** is narrated in the verses following the passages quoted above. The darkness and Denseness enveloped the Egyptians and not until dawn did they realise that their prey was escaping them. In chariots

they hastened to attack. But now they became panic stricken. God looked upon them (Ex. 14: 20), i.e., with fiery flashes of lightning. Thunder rolled. Torrential rain fell (Psalm 77, 17-18). The chariots were bogged in the wet sand. When they would at last have sought the safety of the shore from which they had come, the waters returned and engulfed them.

**Slaves no More.**—Thus in one night Israel crossed from Africa to Asia. Still the fact that the fact that they passed from slavery to freedom. And all by the power of God using natural means and a human leader.

The fact is that our dream of the world-family takes us beyond any political expedient of modern times. It is nearer to the Kingdom of God than a mere federation of private interests can ever be. It goes beyond anything yet visualised in modern politics, and depends on the diffusion of the Christian mind and temper. Nothing but the Christian religion goes to the root of the matter. It is our missionaries (at home and abroad) who are really at work on the problem.

## Guild of Kind Hearts.

### FOLLOWING JESUS.

When I was a boy there was one story in the Gospels which I specially liked, and that was the story of Matthew's Master. I was going along with Jesus. People bringing cloth and silk and fish and other things for sale had to call at Matthew's office and pay taxes on their wares. Had he continued his work as a tax-collector, Matthew would have become a rich man. He and Jesus must have seen each other less often. I feel sure they had a few talks about the work which the Master was doing.

I dreamed one day that I heard Jesus say to him: "Matthew, you are a young man and I would like you to be one of my friends and helpers." "I have got a few good people here," said Matthew.

"Yes, I know you have," said the Master, "and I can't promise you riches if you come with Me, but my Heavenly Father will provide for all your needs, and you will help Me to save the people from sorrow and sin." "If I could help you I would like to," said Matthew. "Very good," said the Master, "but I shall be about that. I shall be passing here another day, and will see you then." Days passed. Every day and every night Matthew was thinking of Jesus, about Whom there was something so fascinating that it was a delight to be with Him. "If I were His friend, helping Him to do good to people," he said to himself, "it would be better than sticking here, thinking about nothing but money. I should be happier, I know."

The day came. Jesus was passing by, but stopped a moment or two and looked at Matthew. "I can't be sure who spoke first, but in my dream I heard Matthew say, 'I've arranged for someone to take over my office and work, and I'm ready to come with you, whenever you say the word.' "I'm glad," said Jesus; "and now I'll go along with you." And Matthew got up and went away with Jesus. Very soon afterwards he did a fine thing. All his friends and acquaintances were at his house. He invited business to go with Jesus, so he invited as many of his friends to dinner as would fill his house. He invited the Master as well as his friends. Indeed, he had an introduction to his new friend. St. Luke tells us he made a great feast, and there was a great company of tax-gatherers and other men that sat down with him. Had we lived in those days, I am sure we should have loved to be friends of Jesus, shouldn't we? Yes, and we may point to His life and believe, if not in exactly the same way as Matthew was. He travelled with Jesus from place to place, saw His miracles of healing, and heard His words. Indeed, we are people who think that Matthew knew shorthand, and wrote down many of the sayings of the great Teacher, making it possible for us to read those words in the Gospel that bears his name.

If while young you become a friend of Jesus you may do great things for Him. He meant to extend his love, where he lived in His work, as we learn if we are willing. And the learning was easy, because He loved Jesus. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, a Frenchman of France. Many of his soldiers loved him greatly. One of these, when the surgeon in the hospital was cutting into his breast to extract a bullet, which had been lodged there in battle, said to him,

"Go but an inch deeper and you will find the image of the Emperor." He meant that Napoleon's image was engraved on his heart, so proud and fond was he of him. To love Jesus like that—and Matthew did—is the grandest thing of all the world.

Our Wesleyan minister was addressing the boys and girls about being sorry for sin. "What do you mean by sorrow for sin?" he asked. A little girl replied, "Because I go red when I am found out."

All greetings from Rev. Arthur Jubb, 601, Stapleton-road, Bristol.

## Endeavour Topic.

### "Enter China."

(6) China in the Family of God.

Acta 28, 17-31. September 15th.

By Rev. W. E. Burkitt.

The conception of a world-state is a piece of political idealism, but the thoroughly practical belongs to those far-off dreams that are inspired by the Christian religion. All nations know the fundamental principles of Christianity, and he who is true to the foundations of the scheme are already laid. But though the prospect is very alluring, few people will recognise the East as the West in particular, the world-family implies a vastly higher morality than that at present embodied in the smaller family. Family localities at present are developed as much by antagonisms as by affections. They thrive upon antipathies and exclusions. In the new world-family those aids to solidarity are lost. Its virtues have become expansive because its localities have to be universal.

Moreover, its unity will have to admit wide diversity of tradition, culture, and temperament. Present racial differences are too fundamental to submerge. If family relationships in the world have to wait until all races approximate to European culture there never will be such a family. It is true that the East is becoming more and more like the West in many particulars, but that is a phase that will pass. It is also true that the Chinese are pursuing the West in the materialist and individualism at the present, but we must not imagine that they will ever become "almost British." Their own characteristics are too distinct to be so easily and therefore will have to be accommodated in the new family.

Yet such a movement toward a world family with all its characteristics unchanged. It is happily a fact of history that peoples have gradually approximated to some common quality by the process of intermarriage. We recall how the Ancient Britons improved their stock by acquiring many of the qualities of their Roman conquerors. There is a margin of distinction between the races. And probably the world-family can only grow inasmuch as there is at work a principle of evolution by selection. All nations have distinctive qualities that will improve the stock, and China would have a very important contribution to make.

When we enquire what are the immediate prospects of such a development our thoughts turn naturally to the League of Nations. This is our most practical and nearest ideal of a world-family. We shall be disappointed, however, if we look here for a manifestation of the virtues of family life. The League of Nations is not so much the fruit of Christian idealism as of hard

## Marriages.

Mr. G. Grainger and Miss Edith E. Chapman.

The wedding of Mr. George Leslie Grainger, of this date, and Mrs. J. W. Grainger, and Edith E. Chapman (daughter of the late Rev. Mr. H. Chapman and grand-daughter of Mr. John Leslie Grainger, of Shields, took place in the Glebe Church, South Shields, on Thursday, August 29th. The best man was Mr. Wilfred Grainger and the bridesmaid, Miss Gladys Jepson. The ceremony was conducted by the Revs. G. Armstrong, and J. T. Gallon. Both the families are well-known in the district. Mr. Grainger's father, who held in the highest esteem, the bride has been a faithful worker in the Glebe Church practically all her life, and has been instrumental in the marriage of her grandfather for many years. He still is Society Steward and Treasurer of the Glebe Church. The happy couple left for a holiday in North Wales, and the heartiest good wishes of their many friends.

Mr. W. J. Price and Miss G. Dunn.

On Saturday, August 24th, a very interesting marriage ceremony was celebrated in the Howden Church, East Yorks, the contracting parties being Miss Christine Dunn, younger daughter of Mr. W. J. Dunn, of Howden, and William John Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Price, of Wylde Green, Birmingham. The father of the bride conducted the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. Walters, of Goole, and Dr. Lucan Pratt, of Liverpool University. Miss Grace Dunn was bridesmaid. Mr. Fred Price was best man. The bridesmaid was Miss B. Sanders, daughter of Mr. B. Sanders, who took her medical degree at Birmingham University about the same time as the bride and took her degree in law at the same time. She was also present. After a reception at the home of the bride's parents the happy couple left for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon will be spent, after which they will be resident in Birmingham.

Mr. F. J. Burgess and Miss G. W. Sanders.

A pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised in the Surrey Chapel, on 17th, the contracting parties being Mr. Frederick James Burgess and Miss Grace Winifred Sanders. The Rev. W. Green officiated. The bridesmaid was Miss B. Sanders and Dr. Burgess, wore blue crepe-de-chine dresses, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. Mr. Arthur Burgess was best man, and the bride was accompanied by her father, Mr. Jesse Sanders. Both bride and bridegroom are popular at Surrey Chapel. The bridegroom is chalmaster and a practical teacher in the Sunday School of Children's Mission and church. The church was filled with friends. The reception took place in the Institute. Shortly after the happy couple left for Folkestone.

# WHAT THE CHURCHES ARE DOING.

**Bollington.**—The "Women's Own" anniversary was held on August 25th. The preacher was Mrs. E. Wainwright, of Bolton, who gave very helpful and inspiring messages. A solo by Mrs. Ben King, and a duet by Mrs. King and Mrs. Edgerton were effectively rendered. Chorus by the choir. Mr. H. W. C. was conductor, and Mr. Geo. Berry organist. On the Wednesday a tea was given by four of the ladies in the garden at Lower House, kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hulme. A short service was held in the house, Rev. J. A. Snaith giving the address. Proceeds—Sunday's collections, £5 6s. 9d., and proceeds of the £20s. 3d.—were in aid of Church Funds.

**Burnley.**—The annual Convention of the Burnley to Barnoldswick Circuits was again held at Barley, a little village which nestles at the foot of Pendle-hill. The Rev. T. Cook, who has just commenced the superintendency of Barnoldswick Circuit, presided. The service commenced at 2.30 p.m. with a hymn, followed by an afternoon to a good assembly of friends from the neighbouring circuits. After an enjoyable tea, a public meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Slater, of Nelson. The addresses delivered by Rev. H. Dixon, of Burnley First, and Rev. S. K. Chesworth, of Colne, were greatly appreciated. Thanks were expressed to all by the Rev. H. Stratton. The Convention is an annual one, arranged by the Burnley and District Ministers' Fraternity, of which Rev. R. E. Prescott is the secretary.

**Burnley Second.**—The school anniversary has just been celebrated. The principal preacher and lecturer was the Rev. H. S. Millward, of Buxton. On the Saturday Mr. W. Oldham, president of the Burnley S. S. Union, presided over a well-attended lecture, supported by Revs. J. H. Watkins and R. B. Preece. The Sunday morning service was conducted by Mr. G. E. E. and was delightfully rendered by the children. Mr. Millward preached with much power and effect both afternoon and morning. Another interesting address was given by the choir. Conductor, Mr. H. Lonsdale. Organist, Miss E. Stansfield, L.C.M. The anniversary was the most successful for many years, in spite of the recent stoppage in the cotton industry, and the advance of £12 upon last year's income is very gratifying.

**Greave First.**—The quarterly meeting was held at Ramsbottom-street on Wednesday. There was a large attendance and a very fine meeting. There was an interesting discussion on "The Methodist Men's Movement," which manifested a keen purpose for spiritual progress. A committee was appointed to arrange a meeting of the men of the circuit to secure practical results. Meetings were also arranged to increase the devotional life of the churches. Finance was excellent. £25 was voted towards reduction of mortgage on the Manse, leaving a substantial balance. The Rev. David T. Mann was unanimously invited for a fourth year, and accepted.

**Derlington.**—On Wednesday, August 28th, at the close of the service conducted by Mr. Wilson Bridge, presentations were made to Miss M. Chambers on the occasion of her marriage. On the behalf of the Sunday-school, presented to Miss Chambers a Bible, and Miss V. Wardale offered good wishes on behalf of the choir, and presented a silver cup from the members and friends of the society.

**Ditcot.**—Our church at Ditcot, Walsley Circuit, is immensely poorer by the passing of two of its oldest members. Mrs. E. Bosley, who had attained the ripe age of 80 years, had lived a beautiful life, and had laboured long and faithfully in sincerity. Mrs. Hobbs passed from a very unexpectedly. She, with her husband, had just celebrated her golden wedding. She loved the Church and gave of her best to its service.

**Dukinfield.**—In connection with the young ladies' class associated with the Foundry-street Sunday-school, Dukinfield, an event of unusual interest took place on Tuesday last. It took the form of a social gathering, the main purpose being to make presentation to Mr. Charles Bottom, of 31, Victoria Road, of a certificate of appreciation as teacher of the class. Mr. Percy Bottom, society steward, presided, and Mrs. G. H. Booth presented to Mr. Charles Bottom a beautiful silver-

mounted umbrella, suitably inscribed, as a mark of esteem and respect in which he is held. Miss Dorothy Grant was the soloist. Miss Marion Eastwood being the pianist.

**Hornsea.**—The annual circuit gathering was held at Aldbrough on Saturday. The Rev. F. Holmes, of Manchester, conducted Divine Service in the afternoon, and gave a very helpful and inspiring message. Afterwards tea was served in the schoolroom. In the evening the Sunday-Schools of the circuit took part in a singing competition. The chairman was Mr. W. N. Johnson, of Roos, and the judge of the singing Miss Limon, of Withernsea. Hornsea scholars secured the most marks and thus became holders of the challenge shield. Brandesburton School was second, thus winning a handsome vase. The Rev. F. Holmes also gave a short address at this meeting. The circuit ministers returned thanks at the close.

**Leyton.**—The first series of sectional efforts for the new Primary Fund, a section held, and nearly £175 has been raised. The married women of the church handed in the largest sum, and the whole effort secured credit on this special church.

**Rhonda.**—The circuit effort, held at Llynwypa on Tuesday, August 27th, was an inspiring success. Nearly 450 people attended, and the Faith Trust, a circuit result. The church was filled for the evening rally. Rev. Stephen L. Lane presided, assisted by Pastor David Smith. The choir, under the direction of E. Jones, as responses from the churches. The singing of "Aberystwyth" by the large audience fittingly concluded an evening of great enjoyment and interest. The financial result proved satisfactory. Special thanks are due to the many lady workers and the energetic circuit secretary, Mr. G. E. E.

**Rhosymedre.**—Electric light has recently been installed in two of the churches on the Rhosymedre Circuit. In both cases the splendid lighting apparatus has been supplied by Al. Rualon, on August 12th, the lights were "switched on" by Mrs. Horace Jackson, of Wrexham. The Rev. G. and Mrs. E. Jones, of the same address, and the vocalists were Madam John Williams and Mr. Wilfred Butler. Mrs. Williams, of Clowely, performed the ceremony at Vron August 20th. The speakers were Mr. R. Baxendale (of the North Wales Electricity Distribution) and the Rev. W. J. Hemp, of North Wales. The Rev. W. J. Hemp, of North Wales, presided. The service was provided by the Vron Male Sextet. The circuit ministers (Revs. J. W. Jenkins and W. H. Greening) also took part.

**Scunthorpe.**—The Centenary Church held a successful Garden Fete in the beautiful grounds of Normandy Hall, by kind permission of Sir B. Sheffield, Bart. A splendid company was present to welcome the sponsor, Mrs. J. D. E. (Wesleyan), who, in her address, paid a tribute to Scunthorpe Primitive Methodism. An attractive programme was carried out by the members of the church, and among of maypole dancing, fairy play, and action songs. Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Waugh, and Miss M. Toole were responsible for the training of the young ladies. An excellent tea was served in a marquee. Stalls for the sale of sweets, ices, etc., were well patronised. Rev. K. Waugh expressed thanks to all who helped and contributed to the success of the effort.

**Seaham Harbour.**—The members of the Tempest-lake Ladies' Guild have just celebrated a most successful anniversary. There were good congregations on Sunday, August 25th. Mrs. McConnell, of Chester-le-Street, was the preacher, and her messages were most helpful. There was a large attendance at the tea on the Monday, and in the evening we had a full church for the Annual Rally. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mrs. Mackey presided, and afterwards conducted the Roll Call. But the climax of the anniversary was reached on the Wednesday night, when the members of the Guild gave a Grand Historical Display—a Pageant of Noble Women. The Miners' Hall was taken for the event, and it was filled to its utmost capacity. There were about 800 people present. Rev. B. Haddon presided. Mr. R. Young's orchestra did great service during the evening. The ladies taking part

in the display were in suitable costume, and they all took their parts with great credit and enthusiasm as well as to the delight of the large audience.

**St. Ives (Hunts.).**—The ministers' reception meeting, which, owing to the illness of the minister, had been postponed to the 20th, took place on Thursday, August 22nd. At an afternoon service, Rev. J. J. Harrison gave a very helpful discourse. After a public tea a meeting

## Women's Missionary Work.

**Barstley First and Second.**—The Auxiliary meetings were held in Rev. Ryhill Circuit. In the afternoon Sister Bessie, of the Central Mission, Sheffield, gave a most interesting address on "The Bible" and the work of the B. and F. Bible Society. Tea was generously provided by the ladies of the church. The evening meeting was presided over by Mrs. T. Sale, when Sister Bessie gave an interesting address on the State of the People in London and Sheffield. Miss R. Mills sang a solo, accompanied by the church organist, who kindly played for both solo and choir. The service closed with a monthly letter. Mrs. G. Porter returned thanks. Proceeds for African Funds, £3 13s. 4d.

**Beaumont.**—The August meeting was held at Ferryhill Village, under the presidency of Mrs. Taylerson. The Scriptures were read by Mrs. R. Willey, and the missionary letter from Miss Harrison by Mrs. H. Stanford. A beautiful solo was ably rendered by Miss Nellie Benford; Miss Alice Hodgson served as organist. Mrs. Dodd sang a solo. The service was a helpful address. Godspeed was expressed to Mrs. Osborne on her departure for Canada. The Ferryhill ladies generously provided tea.

**Glaisborough.**—The monthly meeting was held at Trinity-street, under the presidency of Rev. A. Surtees. Miss Millward was the soloist. The service was a field was read by Mrs. Bell. An interesting address was given by Mrs. Topp (Barnard). The pianist was Mrs. E. Wood. Tea was given by Mrs. Edna Surtees, Northedge, and W. Crane.

**Luxley, Isle of Man.**—The annual garden party was held on Miss Bateman's lawn. The service was held at 2.30 p.m. The weather was favourable and a good number of friends attended and spent an enjoyable time. Mrs. Phillipson presided, and the address was given by Mrs. Davies, returned missionary from India. Solos were rendered by Mrs. T. Heywood, Miss Jean Cubbon, Miss Ada Caven, and Master Davies. Recitations by Doris Phillipson and Vanda Collier. Mrs. Heywood accompanied the singing.

**Leeds City.**—The monthly Auxiliary meeting was held at the Wesleyan, Spencer, of Rothwell, presiding. The address by Pastor, Edm. (Congregationalist) urged all members to strive to live Christianity and by so doing help the cause of missions. Solos were ably rendered by Mrs. Clough, of Morley. Mrs. Banham's missionary ballad realised £12, and the address was given by Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. Davies, who has recently come into Leeds Sixth, was cordially welcomed.

**Maidenhead.**—A special meeting of the Maidenhead Branch was held at the Queen-street Church on Thursday afternoon, under the presidency of Mrs. Maynard (London), supported by Mrs. O'Dell, Mrs. Frost, and Mrs. Harrison. The service was favoured with a visit from Miss Bowes, who gave a very interesting and much-appreciated address on "Africa." Mrs. Harrison (High Wycombe) contributed two solos, which were greatly enjoyed. There was a large attendance. Tea was provided at the close by the Maidenhead ladies. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Parkin and Mrs. Porter to all who had helped to make the effort a success. Financial result, £20 3s. 6d.

**Watlington.**—The summer meeting was held at Shelford, presided over by Mrs. T. Armstrong. Mr. A. Turney gave a splendid address. Mrs. Turner was the soloist, and was accompanied by the choir. Mrs. Renison contributed two choice recitals. Tea was afterwards served by the Shelford ladies, on the 28th. The service was kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Miller. A meeting of high order, followed by an excellent tea, and then a delightful stroll by the Trent side, together with the gracious hospi-

ty of our Shelford friends, all combined to make the outing a truly happy one.

**Reading.**—On Saturday last a hearty meeting was held at High Street Church. There was a good and representative attendance. Mrs. W. P. Smith (Croft Street), presiding. Miss D. Powers (High Street), read the missionary letter, and a solo was given by Mrs. Jackson (Wokingham). The service was a most interesting to his discourse upon "The women of Africa as seen by the Missionary" and were glad to get so much information at this time—especially from one of our old Lincoln scholars; a son of our W.M.F. President. The tea was kindly provided by the High Street ladies.

**Reading.**—The circuits' united Auxiliary. A shower of rain necessitated the afternoon auxiliary gathering being held in Cumberland-road Chapel with Mrs. C. R. Maynard as president. It was a red-letter day in the annals of the branch and for the vice-presidents. Mrs. White and Mrs. Orell—both voices of their pleasure in being present. The address of Mrs. B. Batty, of Nigeria, was followed with close attention as she described the "thousand and one" duties which made up the life of a missionary. Mrs. G. Prior's solo and Miss G. Bailey's recitals were greatly appreciated. Mrs. J. J. Smith read the missionary letter. The President (Mrs. C. R. Maynard) presided. The service was a most interesting and good wishes from headquarters. Returning to the garden, kindly lent by Mrs. C. R. Maynard, it was possible to have tea in the open. Several stalls were arranged for the sale of needlework, etc. Mrs. Clurke, of Barnburgh, presided over the evening concert. The solos and the illuminating story of the missionary play, "Lada," arranged by Miss E. Whitehead, were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. F. W. Hill presided and the address was given by Rev. T. Glassby. Mr. F. K. Day led the devotion, and Miss Bertie sang a very appropriate solo. The service was a most pressing thanks to all helpers. Proceeds, £22.

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**Sheffield.**—A delightful afternoon ensued the success of the garden meeting held in the grounds of "Lyndhurst" at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marlow. The surroundings were considered a fraternal spirit, and this was shared by Mrs. G. Frankel (the chief inspector of the Health Department of the Sheffield City Council), who presided with dignity and charm, and expounded her practical interest and sympathy. Musical items by Miss D. Emmerson, accompanied by Miss G. Wright, added to the enjoyment. An eloquent address was given by Rev. E. D. Webb, of the United Methodist Church, on the work of Sam Pallen in China. Afternoon tea was provided by the host and hostess, and a collection realised £4 7s.

**Stockport First.**—The monthly meeting at Ebenczer was held on Thursday last, when a good attendance was present. Mrs. J. Taylor presided, and the address was given by Miss J. Watson, Secretary of the Manchester District W.M.A. Council. Mrs. Holroyd (district treasurer) offered prayer, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Younger. The monthly letter was read by Mrs. Chetham. Interest was quickened by the visit of the district treasurer, and the district secretary, Mrs. Gargett, branch secretary and district president, who had succeeded them in her recent illness, read the monthly letter. The address was given by Mrs. Cockran, of Middlesbrough, who was for many years a teacher in Wesleyan primary schools in the Madras district of India. The speaker gave us several graphic word pictures, which illustrated the great difference Christianity makes in the life and character of the Hindus. The Rev. J. Crawford led the devotions and Mrs. Batty presided at the harmonium. Over one hundred ladies were present. Thanks were expressed by the Rev. T. Allison Brown.

**Swindon.**—The August meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at "Windmill Leaze," Lyndhurst Tregoe (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rummings), on Wednesday, August 28th. A very interesting and profitable meeting was held. The Rummings presided and the address was given by the Rev. T. Sutcliffe. After tea the friends visited the famous Lyndhurst Tregoe Church of St. Mary, dating from 1666, and the beautiful gardens of Viscountess Boleingbroke, the lady of the manor, kindly thrown open for the occasion.

**West Auckland.**—The monthly meeting was held at Copley on Wednesday, Mrs. Hunter presiding. A most interesting address was given by Rev. Mabel Snowball (Congregational), Staindrop. Miss Brunskill read the missionary letter. Mrs. Tarn, Woodland, was soloist. Mrs. Sowerby presided at the organ. The Copley ladies kindly provided the tea. Proceeds for Missionary Funds, £2 17s.

**West Hull.**—A meeting of the West Hull Branch was held at West Hill, Wednesday. Ample preparation had been made. Mrs. Marsh (wife of the new superintendent, Hull City Circuit) presided, and Rev. A. S. Terry, of St. John, gave an admirable address. The President was supported by Rev. T. Hacking, Miss K. Dodsworth, who read the missionary letter, and Miss Burman, whose solos were delightful. A good company remained for tea, the total proceeds realising £12s. 6d.

**Workington.**—The John-street Church Women's Auxiliary for the month took the form of a garden party (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stalker) in the Summer View Disputing. A number attended from the various societies. Mrs. Gaiskill made a proficient president. Mr. J. H. Flint, of Kelghley, led the meeting in prayer. The missionary letter was read by Mrs. Titterton, and the circuit minister, Rev. A. R. Walsham, gave an excellent address. Mrs. Penrice, of Piccadilly, very effectively rendered two solos. Mrs. Sharp, the oldest member of the Auxiliary, was present, and as it was the 87th anniversary of her birthday, she was the recipient of a woollen coat, presented by Mrs. W. G. Taylor, on behalf of the Women's Own, and a lovely bouquet of roses was charmingly offered her by Mrs. Audrey Chace, a woman, thus bringing a memorable afternoon's outing to a close.

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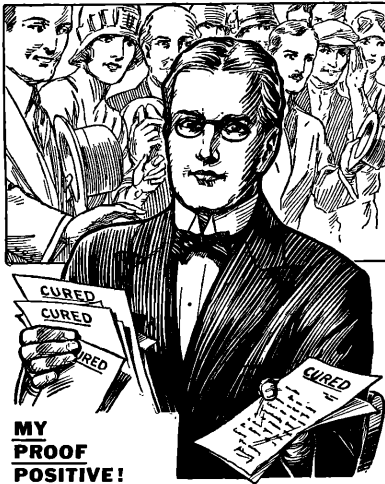
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Mrs. H. M. Pemberton, 5, Vicar's Row, Carleton, Skipton, Yorks., has suffered for many years from Rheumatism in the joints and muscles. She writes: "I had suffered dreadful pains. Nothing I ever tried did me any good. At last the dreadful pains ceased so bad they seemed to take years off my life. The least little change in the weather, too, affected me. There is none of all that now. I am walking better than I have done for years, and the swellings have entirely disappeared. Your treatment is worth its weight in gold."

### "Afraid Might Lose Use of Hand"

Mrs. Miller, 184, Greek Road, March, Cambs., 64 years of age, has been suffering from Neuritis and Gout on and off for ten years, the last five weeks very badly indeed, with smarting, itching, and swelling—chiefly of the wrist. She writes: "I don't know how to thank you enough for your Treatment. I was afraid should not be able to use my hand again. I had to hang it in a sling, but now I can use it to do anything. I think it is wonderful."

### Sciatica and Lumbago Cured

Mr. Herbert Wilson, 25, Lincoln Street, Millom, Cumberland, a Boiler Fireman, writes: "I began to feel a great relief after a week's treatment, and so gradually better every day until now, when I have finished the treatment, I can say I feel a new man altogether. I can go for long cycle rides and do my work with ease, which I had not been able to do for over two years, as my work requires a lot of bending. I can never thank you enough, but shall always recommend your splendid Treatment."

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## MY STATEMENTS! PROVED BY FACTS.

For every statement I make I can marshal an array of FACTS in proof. Just glance through the letters on this page, and read what former sufferers say about my wonderful home treatment.

I am telling you nothing but the simple truth when I say that I could fill column after column of this Journal with hundreds and hundreds of such letters.

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