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10 HYMNS AND TUNES

The Poetry of T. E. Brown.

(Born May 5th, 1830).

BY REV. R. WILFRID CALLIN.

went into a summer-house at the end of a garden. Sitting down at a little table, he noticed that the top of the table was covered by a sheet of glass, whilst underneath, carved in the wood, were these lines:

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot! Rose plot.

Fringed pool,
Ferned grot—
The veriest school

Of peace; and yet the fool
Contends that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is

cool? Nay, but I have a sign; 'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

This little poem, "sweetest of all swallow-flights of song about a garden," as Arthur Mee has put it, is the best-known work of T. E. Brown. The lines betray the man. His heart went out in love to the the heart went out in love to the beautiful things of the world; but they were not things only to him; they were images, suggestions, reminders of God. In "Scarlett Rocks" he describes the thoughts which came to him during a walk on the sea-shore. He picked up the broken fragment of a shell, was struck by its "accurate loveliness,"

" And all that keen contention to express
A finite thought,"

and it seemed to him that he had just and it seemed to him that he had just stumbled in God's workshop, where the things the Divine hand had made were just lying about. He simply could not shut eye, ear, or mind, to the flaming spiritual suggestiveness of beautiful things. No name occurs so often in his English verse as the name of God, and a man cannot long. so often in his English verse as the name of God, and a man cannot long be in T. E. B.'s company without feeling that he is also in the company of God. Not merely was the will of God an essential part of his philosophy, as one has put it; but the presence of God was part of his

Expecting Him, my door was open wide: Then I looked round. If any lack of service might be found, And saw Him at my side: How entered, by what secret stair, I know not, knowing only He was there.

* This precious sense of Divine com-panionship on the highways of the soul did not come to Brown without tears or struggle. Let the reader tears or struggle. Let the reader turn to "Dora," and he will see how (even theologically) the compass needle of his faith had swung vio-lently from side to side before it settled to that calm, steady, convic-tion which over-ruled all other thoughts. "Aber Stations" was By A. E. PARCELL
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David Grayson tells us that he once | Stations" is one of the most per-Stations " is one of the most per-sonal, direct, and moving poems of sorrow in the English language. "Pain" is the new faith expressed in a philosophical hour. The superb scene of forgiveness which concludes "Betsy Lee" is the ripe fruit of spiritual victory—no man could so write about forgiveness who had not bimself wereful and fought them."

the night. Brown had had to fight to win his serene faith in God, and, after the fight, he had discovered that it was God Who had insisted on the fight, for He wants men to seek after Him because they need Him. This is the background of that simple parable, "In a Fair Garden," with its conclusion:

God seeketh us, and yet He would be

In more mystical vein, "The Pitcher" conveys the same conviction. There, Brown dares to say that when a man does not know the worth of the presence of God, God will leave him for a time, to waken that man to his spiritual need—and then He will meet him again.

To seek God and to find Him is thus the privilege of life—the goal of experience. I think it was on this account that this lover of Nature was account that this lover of Nature was so tremblingly an admirer of the more subtle things in childhood. The prospect of a child's faith in God shook him with an exceeding great joy. "God is Love" is one of his tributes; but who that has ever read it can forget the loveliness of "The Prayers"? Let me quote it:

I was in Heaven one day when all the prayers Came In, and angels bore them up the

Stairs
Unto a place where he
Who was ordained such ministry
Should sort them, so that in that palace

bright The presence-chamber might be duly

For they were like to flowers of various And a divinest fragrance filled the room.

Then did I see how the great sorter One flower that second to me a hedge.

one nower that seemed to me a hedge-ling rose, And from the tangled press Of that irregular loveliness Set it apart—and—"This," I heard him

Set it apart—and—"This," I heard hum say,
"Is for the Master"; so upon his way
He would have passed; then I to him:
"Whence is this rose? O thou of cherubin
The chlefest?"—"Know'st thou not?":
he said and smiled,
"This is the first prayer of a little child."

In his Many dialect poems Brown as laid upon the grave of the old Manx life the most beautiful tribute it will ever receive. In them he is revealed as "the greatest Manxman living or dead." In his English verse he is the scholar, one of the brilliant company who made Clifton College. Bristol; a scholar rather than a thinker, and in the last best period of his life, a scholar whose heart had conquered its perplexities and found

in God the peace of life. It was good to know God here, but now and then there swept upon him a desire for that more intimate knowledge which will only come when the eager spirit will only come when the eager spirit has been stripped of fleshly hindrance. This explains the mystical music of "Land, Hol" which is not (as many think) a description of the Isle of Man, but a cry for immortality. He has gathered it all up in that hungering verse in "Dreams"

I'd come to Him with one swift arrow-

dart, Aimed at the zenith of th' o'erbrooding blue; Straight to the centre of His awful

The flight long-winged and true Should bear me rapt through all the spheres that part.

Let me, in this centenary tribute, say that I cannot read this countryman of mine without being chastened and

METHODIST TABLE TALK.

The Bishop of Birmintham.

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The way Dr. Barnes has refused to induct into a living a clergyman who will not conform to the Prayer Book may easily prove to be the turning point in the history of the Church of England. The clergyman is the nominee of the Anglo-Catholic trustees, who have the gift of clergyman is the nominee of the Anglo-Catholic trustees, who have the gift of the living. He cannot take up his duties until inducted by his Bishop. It is a question of some dividing line between Canterbury and Rome, or perhaps between Birminghum and Truro, for the Bishop of Truro is one of the nominating

The Temptations of Popularity.

Mr. Hannen Swaffer, the dramatic critic, has been writing in the Sunday critic, has been writing in the Sunday Express about the death, at 48, of a famous comedian. "Poor Harry," says Mr. Swaffer, "like so many others of our greatest entertainers, was a victim of the very popularity he enjoyed. He drank. I can be frank about it, because I, too, have been a victim of the same curse. I wonder why nobody ever speaks boldly about the curse of drink. The more popular a man is the more he suffers."

United Methodists.

There are 399 United Methodists in the Navy and 300 in the Royal Air Force. There are nine officiating chaplains in the

A Popular Welsh Preacher.

A Popular Welsh Freacher.

It is not easy to put these Welsh
preachers in any order of merit, nor is it
necessary. I suppose that J. D. Jones
is really one of them; Morgan Gibbons
another. But the Rev. H. Eilvet Lewis,
of King's Cross Welsh Tabernacle, is
perhaps the most typical of all the men
who have haited from the Principality in who have haited from the Principality in this generation. A bard several times over, a poet of some standing, and a preacher of rare charm, he is now writing a chapter of his autóbiography month by month in the magazine he edits. It is called Y Dysgedydd, which, I understand, being translated, means The Instructor, a title that no English youth would look at, but the Welsh is most impressive. It is a great achievement for any man to hold a congregation in the heart of Northern is a great achievement for any man to hold a congregation in the heart of North-Central kondon decade after decade. Evet Lewis has done that with distinc-

Welsh versus English.

From what little I know about it, I should say that the Church members from over the Welsh border are more enthusiastic and consistent church-goers than the less enlightened English. The language, too, assists church attendance. Speaking English the week round in business, on Sunday they worship in their own native tongue. That in itself must own native tongue. That in itself must tongue.

Laura E. Richards.

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I note with pleasure that "The Golden Windows" has run through thirty-seven editions, and I am not surprised. The gutea author knows how to write for boys and girls, and hundreds of preachers and teachers are in her debt. The Bishop of London has read her stories to the choir-boys of the Chapel Royal. That is good, but better far to tell the stories.

The Baptists Following.

I recall what the celebrated Peter McKenzie said about Anglicans following Romanists, and Methodists following Anglicans, although it did not impress she. What I am pleased to notice is any Church that readily adopts what it finds

good in the others. Here are the Bap-tists going to Liverpool for their annual Assembly, and their secretary openly say-ing that this year for the first time they are adopting the Anglican method of meeting in sections simultaneously. Each section takes a subject and gives itself time to thrash it out. Those not interested need not go. Our own Conference falls into grand committees on one day, and this must be all to the good.

Dr. Robert Kilgour.

Dr. Klögert Allgour.

Dr. Kligour has just completed his
"majority" as translation and editorial
superintendent of the British and Foreign
Bible Society. He speaks of the wonders
of Bible translation. Homer has been
done into 20 languages, Shakespeare into
40, Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" into
125, whereas the Bible has gone into 630,
and parts of it into 280 other tongues.

What Dr. John Short Has Found Writing in the monthly magazine of

stead, his successor, Dr. John Short, says that he has always dreamt that some day he would find his ideal church, and find himself working under ideal conditions, and he now knows that his dream has come true. There could hardly be a finer tribute to any minister or any church

One of Our Own.

Primitive Methodists are not too swift to express appreciation of their own men. Caution restrains—sometimes until men have broken down in service for the want have broken down in service for the want of the word that cheers. I understand that it is very refreshing to attend the General Committee or the thorner of the standard of the committee of the standard of t I have referred to this article already, and with much appreciation. Now a popular weekly speaks of it as "eminently sane," and quotes it repeatedly in its leading column. I heartily wish that every teacher of senior scholars in Sunday and day schools could take this sane view. Neither teachers nor preachers will get neitner teachers nor preachers will get far on this perplexing subject until they far on this perplexing subject until they have gone to the trouble of facing up to facts and doing a bit of solid thinking. They must also be consistent. I hear, for instance, that last week-end scores of Primitive Methodists turned out by motor Primitive Methodists turned out by motor and by parties in motor-coaches to the District Synod, to hear a sermon on Sunday observance. I wonder what ought to be said, and if any courageous men will say it.

Basil Mathew's New Work

All who have read "The Clash of Colour," or anything that Mr. Basil Mathews has issued, will be delighted Mathews has issued, will be delighted to know that he has now transferred himself from Geneva to London to join the personal steff of Dr. Mott, at Edinburgh House. He will devote himself to literary work for the youth of the world. He knows how to do it, and, happily, he is all aflame for world peace and misself to the control of the world.

Carnegie's Benefactions.

" "Treasure "King Solomon's Mines" "Tre Island," and "Brewster's Millions Island," and "Brewster's Millions" are relatively poor compared with the wealth of the Carnegie Endowments. On this side of the Atlantic they provide public libraries and church organs; on the American continent no end of scientific and general educational institutions, to say nothing of Peace movements financed from the same source. Dr. Nicholas

Murray Butler, director of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has just issued his report for the past year. Among the many things done, and, I suppose, in the interests of peace, is the providing of a heating apparatus for the library of the Vatican in Rome, and also a photo duplicating apparatus. Our friends of the Church of Rome have always remembered the passage about where the carcase is there are eagles gathered together. They are not alone in where you cannot find what you want. Whatever may be thought about some of the endowments, it is an astonishing thing that any one man should have been able to amass so much money, and have had the wisdom to direct it to so many moble uses.

A Very Special Map.

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I have not yet found out why I am specially interested in maps of every special points of the property of of an army lurnished with rams' horns going forth to compass every tariff-walled country seven times. And I fancy them making a long blast and a great shout, and the walls falling down flat.

A Tale of Distemper.

A small boy heard his father ask the attendant at the Battersea Dogs' Home if the newly-acquired dog had had distemper. Next day, the father, who was a builder, was amazed when asked by his son: "Daddy, do all dogs have to be white-washed?"

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Spring Session of the Hull, Grimsby and Lincoln Districts was held at Cleethorpes. Splendid arrangements had been made by Rev. F. H. Edwards and the Cleethorpes Church. The members met for tea on Tuesday, kindly provided by the Cleethorpes ladies, followed by the "Social Hour." The association by the "Social Hour." The association sermon was preached by the president, Rev. I. Annison, who gave a most thoughtful and arresting discourse. On the Wednesday morning the brethren met the Wednesday morning the brethren met for a Communion service, conducted by the president and Rev. T. Sowerby. This was followed by an excellent paper on Eddington's "The Nature of the Physical World," by Rev. C. Jennings. The critique, of great merit, was given by Rev. W. S. Terry, The debate that followed was characterized by valuable contributions from the members. In the contributions from the members. In the afternoon Rev. W. Fryer gave an inspirafternoon Rev. W. Fryer gave an inspir-ing address on "Authority and Religion." The subject arose out of a debate at the last session. Revs. G. P. Cammish and G. King gave a fine lead to an animated G. King gave a line lead to an animated discussion. In the evening a good congregation gathered for the public meeting, under the presidency of Mr. H. Chapman. Most helpful addresses on "John Wesley, the Thinker," and "John Wesley, the Prophet," were given by Revs. T. Hacking and W. Harper.

DIBILER AT NORTHAMPTON.

Memorial Windows Installed.

"Hard and unproductive" was the description applied to his work in Northampton by the first Primitive Methodist preacher in that town. He was Mr. James Hurd, who had been sent by Burland (Cheshire) Circuit to carry the Gospel to "the regions beyond," in 1884. The work of Primitive Methodists continued to be difficult in Northampton for intuned to be difficult in Northampton for a number of years, and John Petty described his two years' ministry in the town as the "most distressful period" town as the "most distressful period" of his life. Yet these pioneers were building better than they knew, and today the result of their labours is seen in the strong position our Church now occupies in the town. A progressive spirit has characterised the activities of our Church in this industrial centre for years; the latest expression of this is seen in the Methodist Homestead, a desen in the Methodist Homestead in the Methodist

seen in the Methodist Homestead, a de-lightful colony where aged members spend life's eventide.

The jubile of the present church in Kettering-road has just been celebrated in a worthy fashion. A fitting beginning was an early morning Communion on Sunday, when a large company, repre-sentative of the circuit, were blessed. Among those taking part was the Rev. Ernest Smith (auperintendent of the Ernest Smith (auperintendent of the Description of the color special preacher for the day was Rev. H. G. Meecham, M.A., B.D., D.Ph., of Oldham, whose masterly discourses were de-livered to crowded congregations. In the afternoon a great Young People's Rally was attended by scholars from all our afternoon a great Young People's Rally was attended by scholars from all our schools in the town. In the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. C. J. Pearce, the chair was taken by Miss M. Gibbs, a daughter of one of the founders of the church. The history of local Primitive Methodism was told by Rev.

Primitive Methodism was told by Rev.
C. Leonard Tudor.
C. Leonard Tudor. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Barton, and Rev. Ernest Dover read B. Barton, and Rev. Ernest Dover read the Scripture. A chaste address, reviving memories of the departed, and calling those present to fuller consecration was delivered by Rev. George Bennett, who commenced his ministry in Northampton fifty-five years ago. One of the windows forms the circuit's memorial to the late Down I M. Sexton and this was unfifty-five years ago. One of the windows forms the circuit's memorial to the late Rev. J. H. Saxton, and this was unveiled by Mr. Tudor. A public tea was served in the school hall. The tea had been generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faulkner, devoted members of the church,

The celebrations concluded with a fine

The celebrations concluded with a fine public meeting. Coun. J. W. Arnold presided with his accustomed graciousness, Prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin Owen (Wesleyan). The eloquent and thought ful address of Dr. Meecham deeply stirred his hearers. It was a noble place for a high sense of Churchmanship and an urge to present the Gospel in a way that would arrest attention and bring home to men and women the truth of Christ, so much needed in this age. The address was evangelical in the best sense.
The Rev. Raymond Taunton, who comes d Taunton, who to minister on the circuit next July, was heartily welcomed, and in a short speech contributed to the success of the meeting. contributed to the success of the meeting Thanks were warmly accorded to all wh Thanks were warmly accorded to all who had helped to make the jubilee such an outstanding event, and special mention was made of Mr. Chas. A. Pearce, the was made of Mr. Chas. A. Pearce, the gatherings the ministry of music was enjoyed, and was provided by the choir, under the lendership of Mr. W. F. Marshman, Madame Edith Linnell (organist), and the soloists, Mise Gladys Smith, Miss EVA Andrews and Miss W. Marshman,

Theraley. — The monthly Muxiliary Meeting was held at Thornley, Mrs. J. Dyson presiding. Mrs. T. Bowran, of Gateshead, gave a very interesting address on "Missionary Work." The soloist was Mrs. Richardson. The District Committee report was given by Mrs. Usher, of Wheatley Illi, and the missionary ketter was read by Miss Kirk.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE

THE YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED

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The Synod met at Wolstanton. Chairman, Mr. W. H. Hawthorne (Vice-President of Conference); vice-theirman, Mr. W. H. Hawthorne (Vice-President of Conference); vice-theirman, Mr. W. H. Hawthorne (Vice-President of Conference); vice-theirman, Mr. W. H. Hawthorne, W. Swarbrick, Boy. H. Rhead, Rev. J. W. Swarbrick, Boy. B. G. D. Routine business was quickly despatched. Chapel affaired and the conference was quickly despatched. Chapel affaired and despatched. 21,114; investidents, £5,714; 120. Trusts are free of debt. Legislation on inaoivency passed unanimonal. Str. W. Trusts are free of debt. Legislation on inaoivency passed unanimonal. Str. W. Trusts are free of debt. Legislation of chapel at Wootton. A Government enquiry was demanded into design down of coal-mines, etc., in the Talke District, Bannor Circuit was recommended to have rolled from second approved minister. Rev. F. G. A. Cook was received into at Cheale, Rev. G. Dash, G.C.D. The candidates for the ministry, Mesers. T. W. Balley and S. G. Wood, ware passed sented by Mrs. T. Lloyd to Tallam Green School, Whitchurch, and the Missionary Sheid to Raukin-road, Grewe Second, which the control of the ministry of the ministry of the control of the passed of the passe

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The sessions of the Synod at Ripley were opened by a fine service on the Thurnday, when the Rev. G. A. Morgan, the power and glory of life when it is all God-directed and controlled. The business of the District Meeting Chapel Compression of the Chapel Chapel

warmly expressed for the splendid way they had catered for delegates and friends.

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memorable discussion on the present educational position revealed an anxious expected of the latest Government proposals. Opinion was expressed in definite terms on other important public questing the qualification of the Mow. Norman H. Smaith, M.A., for the vacant college professorability, was adopted. There with a least-searching discussion on the work a least-searching discussion on the work as the control of the contro

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The Synod at Wymondham opened on Thursday evening, when Rev. E. S. France, G.C.D., preached. The business of the State of Control of the State of Control of the State of Control of Control

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The Synod was held at Tadcastor. Rev. F. H. Shimmin presided at the Friendly Society meeting. Rev. A. Robert-shaw, secretary. Rev. B. A. Barber pre-sided at the Chapel Committee. New church halls have been built at Cudworth and Wakefold, and new schoolrooms at

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Ferrybridge and Lofthouse Gate. Rev. F. Winterburn was appointed chairman of the Syned, Ald. W. Barber, J.F., of the Syned, Ald. W. Barber, J.F., dock, secretarry, Revs. A. Bilsborough and W. H. Kent, secretaries. Mr. H. Dawwoon appealed for greater support of the spoke for the Women's Auxiliary. Public Questions resolutions were considered on Monday morning, and the resolutions on Monday morning, and the resolutions on the Sunday-school work. The discontinuous of the Sunday-school work. The Sunday-school work.

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candidates for ordination, Revr. A. W. Boote and R. J. Smith, were heartly revenue and R. J. Smith, were heartly revenue and R. J. Smith, were heartly revenue and the service stirred profoundly the audience that peaked St. Alban-teroad Christon and the Rev. Wn. Death of the service stirred profoundly the audience that peaked St. Alban-teroad Christon and Cambridge District was revenue and the Rev. Wn. Overlon affected a moving prayer. The provisional legislation from Lyran and Cambridge District was revenue and Jas. H. Saxton were spoken to, and the highest peak yet touched in missisty. The next Synod is to be at Hawerhilt with the Rev. Wn. Potter as G.C.D. The school secretary, Rev. S. A. S. S. ministries, and the missionary score-tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score-tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score-tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, whose form of service has marked the highest peak yet touched in missionary score tary, when the peak yet touched in missionary score tary, when the peak ye

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efficiency. At the Young People's Meeting on the Saturday the Revs. J. T. Wilkinson, B.A., B.D., and E. Allport made effective appeals to the moral and made effective appeals to the moral and the state of the moral and fifty scholars. The meeting was in the and wilking the state of this gathering was the children's choicer of some hundred and wilking the state of this gathering was the children's choicer of the state of the state

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Marshall. The Revn. W. Bardsley Brash, E. McLellan and C. B. Johnson were the Gay's Procession of Witness and Open-sir Service in the Market-square were well attended, and a distinct access. Montained the Market-square were well attended, and a distinct access. Montained the Market-square were well attended, and a distinct access. Montained the Market Service of the Marke

ary Day, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. Noccross rendered scoulents errivice.

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time of heart-searching and of spiritual
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by the Revs. A. J. Wigley and W. C.
Tonka, who are this year seeking superannuation, and to the memories of the
who, during the year have been called to
the higher service. The Rev. T. Greener
Gardner had made excellent arrangements.

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The Synod held at Staveley opened with Dwine Service on Thursday. The Rev. C. to Dwine Service on Thursday. The Rev. C. to Service on The Synod Service of the Lord's Super. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. F. Wickins presided at the reception, wheat Lees. Mr. and Charles, The Synod was Wilkinson (president), Ald. J. M. Hawst (vice-president) and Rev. H. H. Bradley, secretary. The application of Rev. N. Wilkinson (president), Ald. Jas. Hawst (vice-president) and Rev. H. H. Bradley, secretary. The application of Rev. N. Bradley, and the Rev. H. H. Bradley, secretary. The application of Rev. N. Bradley, and the Rev. H. H. Bradley, secretary. The application of Rev. N. Bradley, and the Rev. H. H. Bradley, and the Rev. H. H. Bradley, and the Rev. H. S. Charley, and the Rev. H. Flechty. Mr. W. Booth and the Rev. H. Carlinson, and the Rev. A. Impressive Grown Service was conducted by Rev. W. T. Colo softed the Ordination prayer, and to the ordinand. Early morning services were conducted by the Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A. and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and Rev. J. Burkity. J. B. Hardy, M. A., and

Grimsby and Lincoln.

The Synod at Epworth has been one of unusual fervour and power. The inaugural sermon was preached on Thuraday by the Rev. F. H. Edwards, when a fine tone was created. The Sacramental Service followed. On Friday a heipful public meeting was addressed by Revs. W.

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There and R. B. Hall. Before the businesse sentions a deputation was received, which included the Rector and Revs. B. Cole (Baptist) and W. A. Pickard (U.M.). The Synod spopulate the Rev. J. The Synod spopulate the School and the Synod Church and the School and the School and the Synod Church the Rev. R. Wanghing, and unemployment. The meetings were synod Church the Rev. R. Wangh spoke on "Youth — the Greatest Coing Concern," Glowed by Rev. J. A. Simons Synod Church the Rev. R. Wangh spoke on "Youth — the Greatest Coing Concern," Glowed by Rev. J. A. Simons R. Wangh, and Synod Church (U.M.) the meeting was addressed by Rev. C. Williamson, who spoke on the subject of C. Williamson, who spoke on the subject of B. M. Shephard, who spoke on "The Modern Challenge to Modern Youth." Sunday was greated by The Rev. W.

B. M. Shephard, who anote on "The Modera Challenge to Modera Totaling to Hodera Youth."

Sunday was a great day. The Rev. W. E. Farndale delivered the Charge to the three candidates for ordination—Revs. We the condition of the Charge to the three candidates for ordination—Revs. We then the Charge to the condition of the Charge to the alternoon. A mass Meeding was conducted by the Rev. A. Surfees, and addressed by Revs. J. A. Tingle, J. Graham and Mr. J. B. Appleby, whiles Memorial Church, addressed by the Rev. G. H. Green and Mr. F. Hornor. In the evening a powerful service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Dixon, and addressed by the Rev. G. H. Dixon, and addressed by the Rev. J. H. Edwards was appointed to Siegness, Rev. F. Mayes was elected G. C.D. The handling of the business by Rev. F. H. Edwards day afternoon to visit the Enworth Rectory at the invitation of the Vicar. Returning, a discussion took place on the Work of God, which was followed by the two public meetings on Monday evening were addressed by Revs. F. A. Mayes and G. H. Green, and Revs. F. S. Clalow and G. Fawestt. Each speaker was charged abljects of the "Methodist divers" were dealt with. Thus ended a splandid Synod arranged most alequated by the Rev. F. Gibbon, supported by the Spoeth friends.

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The Burnoldswick Church, for the first time, entertained the Synod. Rev. T. Cook and helpers made careful preparations of the sessions, and have been considered by the sessions, and have been considered by the sessions, and have been considered by the sessions, and have been catherings. The G. C. D., Rev. J. Brace Cook and the sessions, and have been catherings. The G. C. D., Rev. J. Brace Catherings. The Catherings of the University of

Wareham and W. Ashby, under the presidency of Messrs. J. L. Rigg and E. Harrison. A splendid choir, under the leadeship of Mr. E. Gill assisted whole hearted in the public services. Next year we go to Alice-street, Keighley, with Rev. T. A. Fairweather as G.C.D.

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accorded to Rev. J. S. Waltham Stanwell and to the Heroford Friends for generous hospitality, and to St. Owenstreet choir for choice musical items. Next year's Synod will be held at St. Owenstreet Co. The first section of the secti

SOUTH-EAST LONDON MISSION

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD KENT ROAD, S.E.1.

Sisters' Settlement 29th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, MAY 10th.

UNITED PRAYER MEETING at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 11th.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Henry J. Taylor. Soloist: Mr. Albert Cook (Gold Medallist)

8.18 p.m. FELLOWSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN. Speaker: Rev. J. T. Lyon (Central Africa) Chairman: Mr. Albon Crouch (Enfield) Soloist: Mr. Albort Chudley.

5 p.m. TEA AND SOCIAL HOUR FOR DESTITUTE MEN.

MONDAY, MAY 12th.

12.0. SERMON by THE REV. JOHN McNEILL (The Famous Evangelist)

1.15. PUBLIC LUNCHEON-President: Mr. W. H. HAWTHORNE

(Vice-President of the Conference)

8.0. SISTERS' MEELING.
President: Mrs. J. T. Barkly.
Speakers: Rev. John McNeill, Sister Dora and Mrs. Gilbert.

ORGAN RECITAL by Mr. E. S. HANCHETT.

7.80. EVENING DEMONSTRATION.
Chairman: Mr. Sydney Walton, M.A., B.Litt. Speakers: Mrs. Philip Snowden, Rev. H. J. Taylor, Rev. G. E. Wiles, Rev. J. E. Gilbert.

Soloist, Afternoon and Evening, Miss Winifred Pearson (Woking). SPECIAL SINGING AT ALL SERVICES.

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COME TO THE MEETINGS AND SEND A GIFT TO-Rev. JOSEPH E. GILBERT (Supt.), St. George's Hall, Old Kent Rd., London, S.E. 1 lowed. All day the Oldfellows' Hall was utilised to accommodate the crowds whe could not get into the Synod Church. Fine open-air meetings were held, and Kvangelistic Appeal was as nightly as of old, though the visible results were not so calculathe. The Mass Meeting held in the Congregational Church on Monday and the Rev. W. II. Heny, Weeleyan chairman of East Anglia. Messra. Savidge and Coggle, candidates for ministry, preached on Saturday and Monday mornings.

Salisbury and Southampton.

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E. W. Ramm, and with deep feeling the Revs. R. R. Collier and W. V. Harper related their call to the ministry. The gave the charpe to the candidates and the Rev. A. Sutchife the charge to the church. On Sunday afternoon, after a church. On Sunday afternoon, after a Silver Prize Band, an open-air demonstration was hold, conducted by Rev. A. Sutchiffe, Mr. J. Cleland and Rev. W. R. Rev. J. H. Hedford conducted the Evangulistic Service on the Sunday evening. The meeting on the Monday night was a constant of the sunday of Mr. F. Weolley, the vice-president being Mr. W. Burridge, Throughout the being Mr. W. Burridge, Throughout the Saningstoke Clurch and the church orchestra and brass band ably supported Rev. Exra E. W. Ramm and his officials for the excellent arrangements, and to the hosts and hostesses for their hospitality.

Shrewsbury.

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Devon and Cornwall.

Rev. J. Lambert Baggott was elected chairman, Mr. F. Wooling vice-chairman and Rev. J. Jeffrey Wabon scrotters, and under the capable leadership and the season of the Sunday Schools excled a good discussion. Arrangements for a District of the Sunday School Convention were considered. The state of the Sunday School Convention were considered and resulting and the season of the sunday school convention was passed and an increase of over £25. A strongly-world, Tho Orphanage report showed a not increase of over £25. A strongly-world, resulting the section of the strongly-world, the strongly-world resulting the section of the strongly-world resulting the strongly-world and the League of Nations. Mr. I would be a strongly-world by the strongly-world resulting the strongly-world resulting the strongly-world resulting the strongly-world resulting the strongly strongly and the strongly-world resulting the strongly strongly and the strongly world and the strongly-world resulting the strongly strongly and the strongly strongly strongly strongly and the strongly strongly

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The Synod was hold at Thirsk under the presidency of the Rev. E. Evans, with Mr. F. H. Dodsworth as vice-chairman, and Rev. T. Ladlay seretary. This Synod was the Mr. F. H. Dodsworth as vice-chairman, and Rev. T. Ladlay seretary. This Synod N. M. Cuthbort, which gave tone to the whole meetings. The business sessions were of a fine order, and a gracious spirit pervaded. Public questions were consistent of the property of

THE MAY MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY

HOLBORN HALL, GRAY'S INN ROAD

Saturday, May 10th, 1930, at 5.30 p.m.

GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY

HARTINGTON ADAMS, Esq. (Cleethorpes) The Revs. G. AYRE & G. E. WILES will take part. Speaker: Rev. S. E. BUCKLEY (Nambala, Central Africa). Organist : Mr. C. H. BISHOP

Missionary Display entitled "The Triumphs of the Cross," will be given by the Young People of Whitechapel Mission.

Sunday, May 11th

MISSIONARY SERMONS IN ALL METROPOLITAN CHURCHES.

Tuesday, May 13th

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE, NEWINGTON BUTTS, S.E.

10 a.m.—Public Prayer Meeting, conducted by Rev. J. W. EVERING-HAM.

10.30—MORNING MEETING. Chairman: W. W. TURNER, Esq., of Leeds.

SPEAKERS .

Mr. W. H. HAWTHORNE (Vice-President of Conference).

Rev. J. T. LYON. Central Africa. Rev. E. ALDOM FRENCH.

Rev. G. AYRE will give the Annual Report.

1.0-Public Luncheon in the Lecture Hall. 2.30—LADIES' MEETING.
President: Mrs. E. H. BROOKS
(Ealing).

Vice-President: Mrs. E. ROGERS (Gravesend).
Soloist: Miss MARJORIE KNIGHT-

BRIDGE.

SPEAKERS:

Mrs. T. J. GRAINGER (Nigeria). Rev. W. NORCROSS (Nigeria). Mrs. J. JOHNSON will give the Annual Report.

4.30-Public Tea in the Lecture Hall.

6.0—Song Service, led by Rev. J. MAIN-WARING and Mr. SKEGGS.

6.30—THE GREAT EVENING MEETING. FRANK HARDY, Esq. Chairman:

(Mansfield). Speakers:

Rev. P. KINGSTON (Nigeria). Rev. W. Y. FULLERTON, D.D. (Baptist Missionary Secretary).

Rev. A. LOWE (Leeds). Annual Report by Rev. G. E. WILES.
Organist: Mr. E. HANCHETT (St. George's Hall).

The Luncheon will be given by the Hull District and the Tea by the Missions District.

Tickets for Luncheon and Tea 3/-; Luncheon only 2/6; Tea only, 1/-.

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modern life for the highest ends. Sinday was a great day, community was a great day, and the same and the Sacramental service was held. Operair work was well done, the only discussed when the same day, and the same dareass were well attended, and stirring addresses were well attended, and stirring addresses were batters. The morning and evening services were conducted by Revs. J. J. Parlow and D. Bradbury, both services being of service there present surrounded things solves to Christ. The work of God in the district was discussed on Monday afternoon in deep humility, and yet in great for the G.C.D. guided us in a most gracious and efficient manner through all the business.

Home Missions.

The Mission District Synod was held at Guidlord. On Friday evening the guess of the Mayor and Edgoress of Guidlord (Coun. and Mrs. C. T. Bateman) at Freedynto. On the constitution of Guidlord (Coun. and Mrs. C. T. Bateman) at Freedynto. On the constitution of the Council of Guidlord (Coun. and Mrs. C. T. Bateman) at Freedynto. On the constitution of the Council of Guidlord (Coun. and Mrs. C. T. Bateman) at Freedynto. On the Council of Guidlord (Council of Guidlord (C

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Mrs. G. W. Meachim.

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Jonnings, W. T. Ramsel.

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G. H. Bolton, A. Lockwood.

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On Thursday, April 17th, Mr. Henry Impey of Surbea obesa, entered into rest. For the last few years our brother has made himself invaluable in the work of the circuit, and has won a large place in the public life of the community. He will be greatly missed by his Lincolnshire friends. To many the name of our brother will be inseparably associated with Luton. For the control of the property of of the pr Impey.

Marriage.

Mr. J. H. Ranby and Miss D. Bowles.

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There was a large congregation at
Colibbrook Church on Easter Monday to
witness the wedding of Mr. J. Harold
Ranby, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ranby,
of Belvedere, Kent, and Miss Dorothy
Bowles, Colhorbook, Bucks. Rev. James
Mogg (uncle of the bride) officiated,
assisted by Revs. W. Cowle and W. V.
Wheeler, while Mr. Chris. Saxton was
the best man. Given away by her father,
the bride wore a charming dress of gold
lamé, with tulle well and coronet of
orange Ulossom. She was attended by
and Miss Elsie Butter (of Luton), Miss
Monica Brittain (of St. Neots), and Miss
Connie White (of Luton), Miss Moherts
and Mrs. Henry Rayner were at the
organ. The wedding breakfast, held at
the Public Hall, Colibbrook, was attended
by about 60 guests, including the Mayor
and Mayoress of Northampton. Mr. and and Mayoress of Northampton. Mr. and Mrs. Ranby received numerous presents from a wide circle of friends. Their future home will be at Belvedere.

A Book of Saints.

" A People's Book of Saints." By J. "A People's Book of Saints." By J. Alick Bouquet. (Longmans, Green and Co., 7s. 6d.) This comely volume will afford pleasure to all those who come to its careful perusal with unbiassed minds. But beyond pleasure there will be profit of the property of the property of the profit of the property of the profit o its careful perusal with unbiassed minds. But beyond pleasure there will be profit and much inspiration for the devout heart. For these "saints" are not made up clothed with uncarthly vestments; they are flesh and blood humans, who in their own day and after their own manner served their Lord in practical ways, and the saint work of the control of t both nation and Church are rendering today. There are in all about forty whose characteristics are outlined in this excellent book. They begin with St. Ignatius and Polycarp of the second century, and come along through the centuries to the come along through the centuries to the seventeenth, where we have valuable sketches of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Francis de Sales. The volume contains sixteen beautiful illustrations.

Slisden.—Mrs. C. T. Fletcher presided at the branch meeting. Miss Moore gave a most helpful address. Miss Ursula Tunnicliffe rendered two solos, accom-panied by Mrs. Sam Foster. A Faith Tea was provided.

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Normanica.—The monthly meeting of
the Circuit Auxiliary was held in the New
Sharleston Church on Monday, Mrs. J. T.
Clarke presiding. Mrs. Winterburn, of
Wakefield, gave a very fine address on
"Christian Love." The missionary letter was read by Mrs. Bloomheld. Mrs.
Hodgenou was the soloist, and Mrs. W.
W. Taylor the accompaniat.

OUR SERIAL STORY.

"THE DAVENTRY HANDICAP" By EDWARD McLELLAN.

"Gungersby's Grit." "The Winning of Gloria." "The Cruise of the Roarer." "Shrewsbury of the Guards," etc., etc.

12000000000000000000 CHAPTER XXVIII.

TOM LEICESTER TAKES POSSESSION.

"Abigail," Florence said, when that irrepressible presented herself, "can you guarantee to be on your best behaviour

ight?" Yes'm," Abigail said, "Yes'm," Abigail said, scenting largesse. "Is it company, Mum?"
"Yes," Florence said, affecting a severily she was far from feeling. "A gentleman with a nice taste in food. And he knows a said."

he knows a good dinner when he eats one.

He has often dined at the Corner House."

Abigail turned up what did duty for a nose, but she reserved her fire. She had a shrewd suspicion there was more to There was!

I want you to show him what you can do. I have no doubt you have already told him that if you only had the chance, you could give him such a dinher 'as would make him bless his stars he was a living man.'" Is it Lester, Mum? Your showfer?"

"Mr. Tom Leicester, Abigail whispered hoarsely.

"Mr. Tom Leicester, Abigail. But he is not my chauffeur. He is one of my father's partners."

"Lor lumme!" Abigail cried in dismay.

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"An'! guv 'im bulls-eyes at the pictures,
an' e scrunched 'em up an' said they was
luvly. You won't gimme the sack,
Mum?! wouldn't av guw 'im bulls-eyes
if I'd 'a known he was your father's
pardner, Mum. 'E won't larf at me, will
'e, Mum?!"

I'll show 'm I can."
There was a long discussion over details, and when they had been worked out Florence knew that Abigail would be as

good as her word.

good as her word.

If the truth is to be told it must be admitted that Florence did very little work that day. She sat at her desk, pen in hand, with all the appearance of diligent concentration, but the yield was a shockingly poor one. She would begin diligent concentration, but the yield was a shockingly poor one. She would begin busily enough, with a sentence or two, and then fall into deep abstraction, from which she would arouse with a start, shake herself, and d' it all over again. At I sat she gave it up and went for a walk. It was a sharp December day, and the she was the property of the she was a sharp become day, and the she was the she lightly, and spent the afternoon writing to her mother. Then, considering that her dinner-guest was a man who until recently had been a foreman in her father's works, and that after dinner she vas going to an East End Lads' Club, the allow 1 herself an unconscionable time for dressing. It is to be inferred time for dressing. It is to be inferred that she regarded the evening as possess-ing an importance which demanded a

careful toilet.

Tom was not so fortunate. It was one of those days when his fingers were all thumbs, and when his calculations were thumbs, and when his calculations were all wrong. He would make an estimate, and check it, and cross-check it, and get a different answer every time. He would read a letter, dictate an answer, and when he came to sign it discover that he had notited to answer the most important inquiry in the letter. His ordinary day's work w's an exacting one, but being so work w's an exacting one, but being so badly bungled, this one was detestable. But the work had to be done, and he did it; but when towards five o'clock he stopped for a word with Joe, he felt nearer exhaustion than he could ever remember feeling at any time in his life.

"Joc," he said grimly, "you are a man of experience. What does a man do when he has a sinking feeling at the pit of his stomach?

ot his stomach?"

Joe looked up from his task, straightened his back, rubbed his oily hand over
his bald patch, and said tentatively,

"Full or empty?"

"Why," Tom said with a short laugh,

"Why," Tom said with a short laugh,
"I was going to say full, of course; but
now I come to think of it I don't
remember going out to lunch to-day."
"You don't remember?" Joe said
scornfully. "Aren't you certain? I
should know whether I'd had any lunch
or not."

"No. I haven't, Jee," Tom had to admit. "I must have forgotten all about it. "In the have forgotten all about it. "It's been a busy day." I have for a busy day to make me for the property bluen," Joe sald with decision. "But there's no accounting for lapses. If it had been full, now, I should ha' said that a good, stiff dose of camonile tea was what you wanted. First thing in the morning afore you cats your bacon and eggs. But bein' as it's empty my motter'd be to fill it, an' try what that'd do. As for why it's empty. what that'd do. As for why it's empty, that beats me. It's many a long year that beats me. It's many a long ye

"Did you ever forget a meal, Joe?"
Tom said, his tone implying that an answer in the affirmative would take a lot

answer in the animodo of believing.

"Yes," Joe said, giving Tom a shrewd look. "It was when I went a-courtin', an' I'd made up my mind to pop th' ouestion. I was that scared she'd say.

I made up no' that I forgot my tea. I made up for it at supper time, never fear. And if it had been anybody des but you, Ton, I should have said "Shershay la famm." That's the phrase, ain't it? But you are not a ladies' man, Tom, so it can't be that. Leastways not outside your own home, so to speak. You think a mighty lot o' them, I know."

Yes, "You said, preparing to beat a creat." Just so. I do think a lot of them." Have to make an extra good dinner." that I forgot my tea. I made

dinner."
"Do," Joe advised heartily. "And see it is a good un. A bit o' thick steak, or a chop. Don't try none o' them ragoust as they calls 'em. Swindtes I calls 'em. More horse than cow in them I'll bet my hat. A bit o' thick steak, and a bit o' good suct puddin' to top it off, like. That's Le best cure for a sinkin' feelin' anacs the best cure for a sinkin' feelin' down there that I know. That's what I've ordered for my dinner to-night; and if it ain't there on time, my landlady will be informed in plain English what time it is."

Tom laugh 1 and went off to his rooms to get ready. He cut himself shaving, and he lost his collar stud, but he was ringing the bell at the flat at five minutes

Abigail opened the door, and before h

Abigail opened the door, and before he could utter a word he was deluged with the longest sentence he had ever heard.

"Come in sir an' if I'd known you wasn't a showler but on'y a pardner in 'er father's firm I wouldn't never 'ave arsked you to scrunch them bulls' eyes but chocklits an' there was no offence was there an' we didn't talk about 'er did we an' I thank you very kindly for takin' me out cause you thought I was lonely an

I wasn't. I wasn't."
"They were very nice, Abigail," Tom said, struggling to disentangle himself.
"I'd rather have a bull's-eye than chocolate any time. And I know," he went on, speaking in a lower tone, "that when I've had my dinner, I shan't think much of the cook at the Corner House."

Abigail's little face broke into the broadest grin it could register, and satisfied that she had made the amende honorable she retired to her kitchen to produce her masterpiece.

A keenly observant eye might have

noted that when Tom and Florence met noted that when I om and Florence met they looked at each other out of slightly startled eyes, but their greeting was natu-ral and quiet. Tom's face was pale, and there was a suspicious moisture on his forehead. Florence's face was unusually flushed, but that might have been due to the fire. It is certain that in all her life she had never looked so winsome. the nee. It is certain that in all her lite she had never looked so winsome, although it is probably true that Tom was unconscious of any of the details that made her so. Florence, however, was not so dull. She thought Tom had never looked so manly a figure, but she was aware that his tie had been badly tied.

aware that his tie had been badly fied.

They found it difficult to talk at first, and Florence had to start the verbal hares for their chasing; but the constraint soon passed. By the time the soup and fish had been disposed of, and the joint served, and they were secure from interruption for a reasonable space, they had reached an ease which made it possible for Florence to say.

reached an ease which make it possible for Florence to say,

"I am glad your appetite is good.
Abigail would have been prostrated with grief if you had been finitely."

Tom saw no double meaning in that,

d said seriously,

I am ravenous! I had no lunch

to-day."
"Were you lunching with someone w destroyed your appetite?" she said

pointedly. She did not intend to let him escape.

"That's Jack!" Tom said suspiciously.
"Ill break his head."
"Jack's head can wait," ehe said calmly. The lice was broken now, and fear had left her. "Why did you say that to lunch with me would spoil your appetite? Am I an orge. 'r or is it because I have a past . 'r or were you afraid that I should talk you to death?"

is because I have a past . .? or were you afraid that I should talk you to death?"

She did not look at him as the shot she will not look at him as the shot she did not look at him as the shot she was forthcoming she glanced up and met his eyes, and her fears returned. They were as clear and steady as a sheltered mountain-pool, and there were depths in them as cool and refreshing, and they were searching her own as if for a sign in them as cool and refreshing, and they were searching her own as if for a sign of lives a sign of the she was that Tom's face had grown white, she knew that ther own was burning and afame. It was she who broke the spell by exclaiming hurricelly, "I wasn't the "You were never that," he said decidedly, looking forlormly at his plate. Abigall must be salished, but appetite had suddenly failed, and the sinking feeling was more pronounced than-sympathetic; but a snob . never!" "I was!" she insisted botly, as if to make the case against herself unanswerable. "And hateful. But it was only a phase. Like measles. Alf your people and mother the said to the said of the said of

would make the loveliest bridesmaid England had ever seen."
"That was Joan," Florence said, blushing again. "She's an angel."
"No, that was my father," Tom said, smiling. "My mother and Joan asked him why he limited it to England. He admitted the error and accepted the amendment."

amendment."
"Your father is charming," Florence said, her embarrassment growing. "His son was the only member of the family who refused to admit that . . . that a 2 " she stopped, unable to proceed.

"His son was the only member of the family who had to observe danger signals," he sid steadily, his confidence growing as Florence's confusion increased. "He rejoiced at your growing intimacy with his family, He exulted in the knowledge that you were making his sister so happy. He did not dare to risk sooiling that."

sister so nappy, spoiling that."
"He did not take much trouble to find out anything for himself," she said

out anything accusingly.

"He read everything you wrote," he said. "That told him what he wanted

But it couldn't," she protested. "A "But it couldn't," she protested. "A writer can write a anything."
"You can't," he said. "Your pen portrait. and you protest a study of a portrait to the study of the original."
"A portrait hever resents a study; an original may."
"Would you have come to lunch with Jack if I had asked you?"
I have accepted the first invitation you

"The secrepted the first invitation you have even seeme."
"Then we were desired to study the original as well as the portrait."
"You know that that is an utterly inadequate way of expressing it." It was a vague answer, with many possible meanings, and Florence, for reasons not far remote from her growing trepidation, chose the obvious one.
"I understand. We are to meet at

"I understand. We are to meet at Christmas. And you are to be best man at a wedding at which I am to be a bridesmaid. If we are not to meet as the only strangers in the two families you think it strangers in the two families you think its time we became better acquainted. I think so, tob. Hence my request for a talk. It would be absurd, wouldn't it, for us to maintain a stand-offsis attitude? That was what you meant, too, wasn't it?" She spoke a little breatthessly, for there was a look in those steady cyek that

"No," he said bluntly. "That was not my reason at all. Nor was it yours. We are not strangers."
"Why, then, we must be friends after

We are not strangers."

"Why, then, we must be friends after all," she said, attempting to be casual.

"No," he said as bluntly as before, we can't be friends."

"I must ring," she exclaimed.
"Abigail times these courses to a minute. She'll be fumin;. Did you think that she would tell me all about your taking house. I have been suited to be a suited to be a suited to be a suited. The air had been tense, and this necessity for changing the dishes was a reprieve. "She's a great little woman. I enjoyed taking her out," he was a reprieve. "She's a great little woman. I enjoyed taking her out," he added.

"There was one big fly in her oint-ment," Florence persisted. "You refused to allow her to talk about me, Don't you know that to talk about her mistress is the most interesting thing any was one big fly in her oint-

maid can do?"

Abigail came in then, and, noiseless as a cat, and deft as an expert, she changed the course. Then she served a dessert with the pride of one who is thinking that the Ritz would have no standing of the library that the state of the library that the library t r it had been tasted.

When she was gone Tom said,
"I prefer that my studies of portraits
and originals shall be

"Then from now on 1 may take it that you will include me as a subject worthy of an occasional inspection."

tion."

"No," Tom said, returning to his blunt manner. He knew that the dainty confection he was eating was Ahigail's magnum opus, but he might have been eating sahes. "You are not a picture in a gallery, to be stared at. You are a masterpiece to be possessed, and hung in a man's heart and home. I knew that a year and more ago on that Sunday at "The Grange." I knew it when you came to see Jack about Frank. I knew

"The Grange." I knew it when you came to see Jack about Frank. I knew it that night when I drove you home, That's why I thought it time we had a talk. We shall have to meet. Our families are being related. Our business interests are entwined. We can't escape occasional encounters. I wanted you to know why those encounters must be of the most occasional kind, unless . unless they were to be of a different kind altocether."

unless they were altogether."

Florence made no pretence of being surprised. She had evaded this moment about the back had known that it must come. She had known it since that Sunday morning more than a

Now that it had come sho trembled from head to foot. 'But, even so, she attempted to gain a little respite. She knew it could not be a long one.

knew it could not be a rong.

I fought you that Sunday," she so of the standay of the standay of the shearth in a low, strained voice. "And I fought you for a whole year. You made a breath at Cambridge, but I repaired that, and fought you more desperately than ever. Then my walls went shuddering down Then my walls went shuddering down that night at Thurgstone's flat, and you gave men osign. Nor since. Why? Was it the action of a man who wanted . to hang a masterpiece in his heart . to leave the original cracked, and torn, without lending a hand to repair it?"

"Yes." he said, his voice as low and "Yes," he said, his voice as low and strained as her own, their eyes hiding nothing now. "Yes. You had to work out your own salvation unaided by me. Except that you knew. You did know." he challenged, as she gave him no answer. "It would have been easy to storm your "It would have been easy to storm your fort when the defences were down. I knew that. But you would have resented it afterwards. I knew that, too. I had to wait until you were ready to meet me on equal terms. Then I knew you would send for me. You have sent, and I am here. If you surrender now, it will be because you know that you must."

Florence was thrilling with exquisite emotions, her fears all gone, her tremblings ceased; but even yet she postponed the inevitable.

"You are the strangest lover who "You are the strangest lover who ever woode a woman," she said softly, her eyes dewy with a great tenderness as she saw the marks of strain on his strong face. "You have never once told me that you loved me. You hurled a sermon at me in the chapel at home, and you thundered at me in Hyde Park like a Marble Arch orator. I is that your idea of making lowe?"

n all the time," he said springing to his feet, Abigail's confection scarcely touched. "Haven't you?"

" And you've never asked me if I loved "And you've never asked me if I loved you," she protested, ignoring his question, but he came to where she sat and took her hands—outstretched as if to ward him off—and raised her to her feet. "I have talked to you as if you were a lackey," she said.

she said.

"I have known all the time," he said, drawing her to him. "The only question that remains is whether you would prefer to be a bridesmaid at Jack's work of the property of the provided for the provided property of the promised Joan," she said, in a shudder of delicious anticipation. "That is, of ourse, if I could bring you to the point of proposing lit."

And then she gave him her lips.

(To be continued).

MR. TOM HOLLAND AT BLACKHEATH.

For over twenty years Mr. Tom Holland and members of his family have paid visits to the High-street Church, Blackheath, and the services held during Blackheath, and the services need during the week-end have proved his unabated popularity. On the Saturday evening the Rev. T. A. Kelley presided over a con-cert given by Mr. Holland, his daughter, Mrs. Wray, and his son, Mr. M. Holland. On the Sunday Mr. Holland conducted worship morning and evening, whilst in the afternoon and after the worship morning and evening, whilst in the afternoon and after the evening service the party rendered musical programmes, Mr. B. Adams and Mr. J. Rollason respectively presidently large companies attended all growded in the evening. The choir was in attendance, and ably rendered as anthems "And the Glory of the Lord" and "The Hallelujah Chorus." On Monday evening another big crowd assembled. Chorus." On Monday evening another big crowd assembled, over which Mr. B. S. Winwood presided. Notwithstanding So Winwood presided. Tookinstanding four services on Sunday, the party were again in splendid form, and thrilled the congregation. The week-end was a few tival of song. Those present were edified and inspired. When at the close thanks were expressed, and the audience in-formed that Mr. Holland had booked a formed that Mr. Holland had booked a date again next year, the spontaneous applause signified appreciation of the ser-vices rendered and those promised. Throughout the week-end Mr. Norman E. Clewitt, the organist, rendered splendid

CRADLEY HEATH. Unveiling of Memorial Window.

Unveiling of Memorial Window.
The already beautiful church at
Grainger's-lane, Cradley Heath, has been
turther enriched by the addition of
another stained glass window. It is the
work of Mr. Henry A. Payne, R.W.S.,
the artist of the other windows in the
church. The subject is "The Naitivity,"
and is in memory of the late Mr. Dan
Gill, who laid the foundation stone of the church in 1905, and who through life was a constant supporter. The memorial is the gift of his widow, who memorial is the gilt of his widow, who performed the unveiling ceremony at morning service on Easter Day. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Wilkinson, B.A., B.D., who preached on "The Power of the Easter Fact," taking a parable from the window as the basis

The window reveals the characteristic work of Mr. Payne in its combination of classical restraint with pre-Raphaelite detail, for he is a disciple of Morris and Burne-Jones. It depicts the scene around the cradle of Christ. Mary, bearing a sense of mystery and devotion, is kneeling by a lowly manger, on which rests the Infant Christ, sheltered beneath a rustic canopy. At reverent distance stands Joseph, with a look of wistful concern upon his countenance. The three shepherds, who have come from their midnight awakening to "see the things which have come to pass," stand wonderght awakening to " see the things have come to pass," stand wonderwhich have come to pass," stand wonderingly and eagerly, each leaning upon his
staff. Over all, two angelic faces look
down, suggestive of the heavenly rejoicing at the Birth of Christ. The angelic
song heard on the distant hills finds echo and suggestion of its continuance in the words twice enscrolled, Gloria in excelsis words twice enscrolled, Gloria in excelsis Deo. The window bears the inscription: "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of the late Dan Gill, J.P., who laid the foundation stone of this church, and remained throughout his life one its constant supporters, this window dedicated by his widow."

The window has been adapted from

dedicated by his widow."

The window has been adapted from an old Spanish picture in the possession of old. Spanish picture in the possession of Mrs. Gill. This old picture was a source of great joy to her late husband, and by happy inspiration it was suggested that Mr. Payne be asked to repeat the picture as far as possible in the design for the window. It provides not only a chaster and permanent memorial to our late friend, but adds still further to the enrichment of the beautiful church. The rriend, but adds still further to the en-richment of the beautiful church. The thanks of the church and trustees to Mrs. Gill were tendered by the minister. The church now contains four windows which churen now contains lour windows which are the work of Mr. Payne, who recently was commissioned by His Majesty's Government to execute windows for a memorial chapel in France, near Vimy Ridge.

News of the Districts

Leeds.
Leeds District Committees of the Young People's Department met at Dewsbury, Mr. B. Warhurst presiding. The reports gave rise to considerable discussion. The Sunday-schools showed a decrease of 345 scholars, but there were some encouraging features. Lupset School, formed in a new area on Wales. The state of the school of the schoo and teacher training in the district. Attention is being increasingly paid to the Abstainers' League. Rev. J. J. Hutchinson has rendered devoted service as secretary of the Examinations Committee. Royston School, Barnsley Circuit, was congratulated on securing the Barnsley Sunday-school Union examination shield. After the committee exceptions of the secretary o Sunday-school Union examination shield. After the committees a conference was held in the interests of the Young People's. Campaign. Mr. H. Smithson presided. Rev. George Osborne gave a fine address on the modern religious dilemma, and an interesting discussion followed. In the evening Mr. W. H. Lawrence presided, when Ket G. Osborne gave another conducted the roll call. Rev. F. J. C. Dyer thanked the Dewsbury friends for heir hospitality. their hospitality.

Salisbury and Southampton.

The Committees met at Bournemouth, Rev. A. E. Reavley presiding. There

was a good attendance. The school secretary's report stated that although a decrease of eight teachers and three scholars is reported, this is the lowest scholars is reported, this is the lowest decrease for a number of years. Attendances both morning and afternoon were interersing. An increase was reported in the number of branches of the Young Crusaders' League, and in the Bible Reading and Prayer Union. Arranges-Shield, won by the Dews-road School, Salisbury, to be presented at the Symod. The applications of the Revs. W. V. Harper and R. R. Collier for admission into the Approved List were forwarded. Portsmouth Circuit is applying for the Rev. J. Lames Bagger on ministed to attend the Methodist Union meetings in London. Missionary matters were to attend the Methodist Union meetings in London. Missionary matters were fully considered, and an increase in missionary income was reported. Special reference was made to the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and also that of the Laymen's League. Trust debts are being reduced. It was gratifying to note the number of circuits with little or no debt on their trust estates. The report of the on their trust estates. The report of the new project at West Meon, Droxford, was considered highly satisfactory. The "Gregory" Shield, held by Jersey School for three years, has been won by the or three years, has been won Vinton (Bournemouth) School.

WHAT NIGERIA CAN DO. Exhibition at Felling.

This is the description of a Missionary Exhibition and Sale arranged last w by the Felling Girls' Auxiliary of Gatesbead First Circuit. It followed Gateshead First Circuit. It followed immediately after the first of the Passion Week Services, and was held in the Young Ladies' Room, which they have themselves furnished with carpet and easy chairs. Each girl had "given one and begged one" of the articles on the stall. They were all of low price, and are contained in every week's grocery order. The stall looked like a "general store," for Nigeria produces nearly everything. Every stantinoced lice a "general store. TorNitgerian router was expended, and
everything which is produced from the
exported raw material. In addition to the
sale stall, tables all round the room were
covered with exhibits tent by missionaries
and friends. These numbered about 200,
and were indicative of every phase of,
which the Nigerian had worn round his
neck until he became a Christian, a bridal
cloth from Northern Nigeria, numerous
examples of native crafts, household linen
worked by the girls at the Jamestown and
Mary Hanney Institutes, an elephant's
day Hanney A side-stall showed memertoes of Palestine brought home by a Fellierd's cance. A side-stall showed memertoes of Palestine brought home by a Felling Ind, a salor sent out in connection
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with the recent disturbance with the recent disturbance with the recent disturbance and the recent showing and I round the walls were caregole ought to know. We have hearly 600 native workers, and just under 83,000 Christians on the field. Last year nearly £16,000 was raised out there, including Government grants. Seventy-five per cent. of Nigeria's imports are from this country, and we purchase 60 per cent. of her extra with the recent of the result of of the re

lection of Nigerian riddles.

A charge of threepene was made on entrance, and when the visitors had had their first look round, tea and biscuits were served.

During the evening the minister read extracts from essays by the boys at Oron. The proceeds were £3, of which £1 was taken at the door. Miss Sponton was in charge of the refreshments, and Miss F. Taylor, of the stall. The exhibits were arranged by Miss Durch the hanch treasurer, Miss Hetherington, at the door. The general arrangements were carried out by the secretary, Miss Olive Taylor.

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LAY PREACHER ORDAINED.

On Tuesday, at Northwold-road, Stoke Newington, in the presence of a large congregation, Mr. Stanley Bubbers was ordained to the lay ministry of our Church. Mr. F. A. Dowse (circult steward) presided. The candidate's account of his call was finely given, and deeply moved his hearers. The Rev. R. account of his call was finely given, and deeply moved his hearers. The Rev. R. W. Russell gave the charge to the candidate and the Rev. J. Mainwaring the charge to the church. Mr. Dowse presented the ordinand with a Bible, a gift from the circuit. Mr. Bubbers is one of three brothers who are serving both Sunday School and Church with rare enthus siasm and distinction.

Church Bazaars.

A successful bazaar was held on Faster Tuesday at Intake Church, nearly £80 Juesday at Intake Church, nearly 220 being raised. The school was tastefully decorated in all the colours of the rainbow. Mrs. J. H. Coldwell deputised as opener for Mrs. Kenning, who was unavoidably absent. Mrs. T. W. Casey pre-

avoidably absent. Mrs. T. W. Casey presided, and gave a most encouraging address. Thanks were tendered to all who had contributed to the success of the sale by the Rev. W. J. Targett and Mr. H. Vaughan. A Two-days' Bazaar was lied on Tuesday and Wednesday in connection with Brougham-street Church, Hartiepool, Mrs. T. Coulson (formerly of the Hartiepool Circuity performed the opening ceremony. Mr. J. W. Burch presided, supported by the Mayor of Hartiepool, Coun. Wardle. Rev. R. Laidler and Mr. J. Weatherhead returned thanks. A sylendid musical programme was arr nized by did musical programme was arr nized by wardie. Rev. R. Laüdier and Mr. J. Weatherhead returned thanks. An expension of the process of t

caused much merriment with his items. The annual Spring Sale was held at Matlock Church on Thursday. Mrs. G. L. Meachim, B.A., presided and Mrs. F. B. Wildgoose, of Hackney, opened the sale. Mrs. Raymond Lill sang, to the delight of all. In previous years we have held an evening concert, but this year it was abondoned as that the friends with was abandoned, so that the friends might was abandoned, so that the Iriends might attend the Home Mission Rally of the Wesleyan Church. It was a gesture of co-operation which caused no loss to us in the final result. The proceeds were £112. The concert by the "Rascala" (the young men of the church), held !he previous week, realised £43 12s., and a few weeks before the "Pink Dominous"

few weeks before the "Pink Dominoes" (the young women) gave their concert, which realised £40. So the total raised for the Trust amounted to nearly £200. A very successful bazaar in the form of an Olde Egglish Fayre has been held at Gresley. Disappointment was effect and the supplies of the supplies the Let't that Councillor G. E. Billiton, P. Wall Leieszer, could not be with us on account of illness. We were fortunate in securing the Vice. President of the Conference as his deputy. The chair was taken by Councillor L. Gregoro, the doyne of Wesleyan Charles of the Wesleyan Charles of the Wight, of Donisthorpe, the contents of the purses totalling £27. Mrs. P. A. King (C. of E.) presided. About 50 boys presented purses on the third day to Mrs. Wight, of Donisthorpe, the contents of the purses on the third day to Mrs. Wight, of Donisthorpe, the Conference of the Presided and the Wight of the Wight

Barasley Second. — Anniversary sermons were preached at Royston Church by Mr. E. Westerman, of Darfield. A musical service was given in the afternoon by the charge of the service was given in the service of the servi

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Chairman: J. H. Holmes, Esq., of Leicester.

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The Rite of May.

BY REV. A. C. WILLIMAN.

May has come; and what is its mes-sage? For in the pageant of the months each has its message to proclaim. Shake-speare, in his "Midsummer Night's Dream," makes Theseus say of the sleepers in the wood:—

"They rose up early to observe The Rite of May."
"The Rite of May." Can we not find "The Rite of May." Can we not had in that suggestive phrase an answer to our question? For surely the message of May is a call to observe the wonder of Nature's Ritual, both in the grandeur and glory of its cutward form and vesture, and in the hidden mystery of its

Our imagination is stirred by the marvellous procession of these Spring-time days, when every bursting bud, un-loiding leaf and opening flower, seem sacramental with mystic meaning, and every bird-song vocal of the eternal. All seems birds one used to the earning and leave to birds one used to the course, we are glad awakenings and new beginnings. We are moved, unless of course, we are strangely insensible and unimaginative, by the mighty magic, the wondrous artistry, by which the world of Nature is being transformed by the spirit Artist is at work, suffusing every bush and bough, every garden and greensward, with the glow and glory of the invisible, and spreading over the earth, so recently scarred and blighted by wintry blasts, a shining garment of loveliness—a healing the rediance and inspiration of it all there is no wonder that we are moved to admiration, that we are filled with a to admiration, that we are filled with a new sense of rapture; and that

"The heart with gladness fills, And dances with the daffodils." * . *

Yes, but what has the daffodil to say to us as it swings its golden bell in the wind? What is the May-message to our souls as we listen to these jubilant voices souls as we listen to these jubilant voices of Spring? What deeps are being sounded, other than the deeps of the sea, in the murmur of the Spring tides? We need to ask these questions, for the thought of Nature's Ritual must lead us on beyond the outward delight of its senon beyond the outward delight of its sen-suous appeal, to a deeper appreciation of those unseen realities which Nature en-shrines; those hints and suggestions of "other things" which he hidden, and of which the outward glory is but the re-velation and expression.

It is in the appeal of Nature to read the meaning of its own parable that we discover the real message of these Maydays, the appeal to see behind the beauty days, the appeal to see behind the beauty tion. This is surely the secret of all true mystical reflection, to see "into the life of things," to discover within the outward glory the inner light, and to know with an assurance that rests upon something deeper than the witness of the the glory that belongs to the ameen and senses, that Nature's temple is filled with the glowy that belongs to the unseen and the glowy that belongs to the unseen and what we glow the glow that the glow that we glow the glow that we glow the glow that we glow the glow that glow that glow the glow that glow that glow that glow the glow that glow the glow that glow that glow that glow that glow the glow that gl

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when the Roman named the month of April they thought of it as the Operation of the Control of the Control of April they thought of it as the Operation of the Control of th

"And filled and quickened by Thy breath.

Our souls are strong and free, To rise o'er sin and lear and death; O Love of God to Thee."

It is for the realisation of this we plead as we reflect upon the glories of these as we reflect upon the glories of these of the control of ٠ .

"So while we gaze with thoughtful

On all the gifts Thy Love has given,

Help us in Thee to live and die, By Thee to rise from earth to heaven."

Winchester.—A most successful men's effort has been held at Alresford. The Sunday services were conducted by Mr. C. W. Bosworth, of Southampton. On eternal Spirit in the flowing tides of natural life, is to find in Nature affinities that are full of searamental significance.

It is recorded of the astronomer, Kepiter, that he once said, "My with is the leadership of Mr. C. Mills. Mr. Bos. find everywhere in the external world, in like manner within and inside me." This 1816.

General Missionary Committee.

REMARKABLE EXPANSIONS IN AFRICA.

BY REV. ARTHUR BALDWIN.

The Quarierly Meeting was held in Ford-street Church, Coventry, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. Swinden, whilst the Rev. W. H. Campbell served as scretary. There was a long list of absentees, including Mrs. E. H. Brown, who was absent through illness, and a letter of sympathy was sent to her. The outstanding feature of the April of the The Quarterly Meeting was held in of the wonderful success that continues to sionary results cannot be tabulated. For example, the number of members can be given, but figures do not indicate the character of the membership. It is in-cidents such as that riarrated by the Rev. H. Wakefield of the poor man who sold-what he had to pay his class money, that reveal the loyalty and devotion of the native Christian.

Home Missions.

Home Missions.
The two spartments alternately take precedence in the introduction of their business, and this time Home Affairs appeared first on the agenda.
Reports—There were twenty of these reports, apart from those of the individual Home Stations, and these indicate which we engage. They dealt with the Liverpool Commission, New Areas, Village Methodist, Sesside Campoigns, Off-the-Beaten Track Campaigns, the London-Home Missions membership, and Brudsenell-mad (Leeds) Boys' Home—only to mention half of them. to mention half of them.

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All the arrangements are complete for passing through Synod and Conference, the scheme for the re-construction of the Liverpool Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Circuits, making them into two new circuits, each with two married ministers. Six extension schemes in new creates and partials by the content of the ministers. Six extension schemes in new areas, made possible by the generous grants of the Missionary Committee, were carried through last year, and assistance has been promised to other four schemes to be undertaken this year. The report of the Special Commission on Village Methodism, which imperations the property of the Special Commission on Village Methodism, which imperations the property of the Special Commission on Village Bernell Commission on Village Bernell Commission on Village Bernell Commission on Village Bernell Commission on Village Reveal Commis being forwarded to Conference. The Rev. J. T. Barthy spoke on the work of the London Forward Movement, and im-pressed us anew with the great value of the fund he has raised. Worcester Park building project is to go ahead. The Wesleyans and United Methodists are co-operating in our schemes at Orping-ton, Seven Kings and Bush Hill Park, and the seven was a constitute of the control of the seven was a constitute of the control of the control of the seven was a constitute of the control of the control of the seven was a constitute of the control of the control of the seven was a control of the control ton, Seven Kings and Bush Hin rars, and we are co-operating with the Westeyans in their schemes at Rainham and Dagenham. Both the Seaside and Off-the-Beaten Track Campaigns are to be

extended this summer.

An innovation was the provision of a separate report on every Home Mission Station, and these revealed that, whilst in some places we are not holding our own, in others magnificent aggressive work is being done. The report on the "Advance" Magazine showed that the "Advance" Magazine showed that the cost to the Missionary Committee for the year had been £242, or £48 less than in the preceding year, and under the new arrangement it is anticipated that this cost will be considerably reduced. The Rev. E. W. Smith bore striking testimony to its excellence. He said that the control of the said that the could declare that there was no more interesting magazine on the was no more interesting magazine on the market than "Advance." It ought cer-tainly to have a much wider circulation.

Foreign Missions

of the wonderful success that continues to be realised. The largest increase in mem-bership. in. our. history was recorded, namely, 3,402, bringing the membership up. to 24,370. When we compare these figures with those of ten years ago, when figures with those of ten years ago, when, the total membership was 6,197, we see the marvellous growth of our. African, work. Besides the members, there are and 17,778 day scholars, an increase of 1,477, whilst double that number are in the Sunday Schools. The institutions generally are crowded, and there are now ax native candidates for the ministry, and the condition of 1,210.

The local income has reached £28,916, an increase of £7,219.

The delegates to Conference appointed were the Revs. A. J. Hockin and J. T. Lyon, Mr. F. Hardy, Mrs. T. J. McKenzie, Ald. T. L. Gerrard and Mrs. McKenzie, Ald. T. L. Gerrard and Mrs. J. E. Leuty. Our representatives to the Conference of Missionary Societies are the Rev. G. Ayre, Mr. F. Hardy and Mrs. J. G. Soulsby. Our representatives on the Young People's Missionary Department are the Revs. G. Ayre, G. E. Wiles, A. Baddwin, J. Swinden, W. J. Ward, and Mr. F. Hardy. The meetings held at King's Lynn in Joly. Nottingham in October, Sheffield in January, and Liverpool in April.

of the committee nor next year was a com-hed at King's Lynn in July, Nottinghan and Liverpool in April.

Departmental Reports.—Miss Buwes gave the Women's Missionary Federation report, showing their unbroken history of progress has been maintained. Their crease of 186, and they raised last year £13,718, an increase of £47. Messrs. R. Fletcher and F. Hardy were appointed the G.M.C. representatives on their Executive. The Rev. C. F. Groves gave Executive. The Rev. C. F. Groves gave Department; 140 medals and 229 hars had been won during the year, and 1,300 new certificates had been issued. There are now 1,867 Sunday School secretaries new certificates had been issued. There are now 1,867 Sunday School secretaries and 413 circuit secretaries, an increase of over 460. Mr. Grooves was warmly Rev. J. B. Hardy, M.A., nominated as his successor. Mr. F. Hardy was again appointed president. In the Lantern Department, the Rev. J. S. W. Stanwell reported a busy season. About 150 sets Balance Sheets.—These were all taken

Balance Sheets.—These were an integether. In the Home Department the income from all sources was £22,615, a decrease of £1,236, whilst the expenditure was £24,605, an increase of £244, so that we finished the year with a debit balance of £2,744, or £2,060 more than last year. This was not surprising, in view of the industrial conditions that have prevailed. The Sustentation Fund turned out well. The levy on the circuits was actually a little less than the amount they contributed. Four circuits failed to send their contributions, though one has promised to send it. It is hoped the have well fall into little in the well fall into little. Balance Sheets.—These were all taken gether. In the Home Department the

The African balance sheet revealed the pleasing fact that the income, amounting to £48,698, is an increase on last year, and the debit balance is reduced by £1,776. It now stands at £1,895. The secretary had aimed at wiping it out. He has got nearly half-way, and we hope that this year he will achieve his purpose. The Rev. S. E. Buckley has been necessitated, for domestic reasons, to retire from the field, and will take a home station at Conference. The African balance sheet revealed the

Rhodesian Deputation Report.

This is a volume of sixty printed pages, and contains a mass of invaluable information and a series of recommendations which have received the careful consideration of the Executive. Many of these were adopted, and it is believed will ensure greater efficiency in the work. Foreign Missions.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Gerrard are sailing for South Africa on May 23rd, and a
resolution of Jarewell was passed, to
which the Doctor replied, acknowledging
the kindnesses be had received whilst on
furlough, and his sense of the great
honour it was to be a missionary. The
Rev. H. Waltefield was welcomed, and
espoke of the joy and success in service.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesdau, May 7th, at 11 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN:

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SPEAKERS:

The Right Hon, LORD FORSTER OF LEPE Rev. IOHN WILSON, D.D.

> (of Woolwich) Rev. W. J. NOBLE (of the W.M.M.S.)

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In ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, the Annual Service on behalf of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, at 4 p.m. Preacher: THE RIGHT REV. E. J. PALMER, D.D., late Bishop of Bombay.

CLAPTON MISSION

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MAY MEETINGS.

4.18 Musical Programme. 5.30 Public Tes. 7.0 Rav. TOM SYKES, Lecture—" The Genius of Methodism."

CLAPTON PARK TABERNACLE.

Sunday, May 11th. 11, 3.30 and 8.30 Rev. TOM SYKES.

Mendey, May 12th.

3 pm. UNITED: "MOMEN'S OWN." Spaker: Rev. J. T. LYON,

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Of Parents of Members and Supporters of the Home will be held in the ALEXANDRA HALL of the Institute, on Monday, May 12th, 1930, at 3 p.m. THE MAYOR OF STEPNEY (Alderman H. Lazarus, J.P.) will preside

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The REV. THOMAS JACKSON will present the Report. Callection for Home Fund.

PUBLIC TEA in BRUNSWICK HALL at 5 p.m. Tickets 6d. each.

PUBLIC MEETING in the INSTITUTE at 8 p.m.

Chairman-A. T. DAVIES, Esq., J.P., O.B.E.

Speakers-W. Clarke Hall, Esq., I. F. Bryan, Esq., J.P.

Demonstrations and Concert items by Members of the Brigades, Ever-Ready Band Solo by "BILLY BUCKLAND" (8 years old Boy Enterlainer).

Collection for Comp Fund.

He will live at the Kufue Station. The Rev. J. B. Hardy, M.A., it to be invited to fill this position. Another important decision is the establishment of a girls' school at Nazahila. For years we have had the Kufue Institute for boys, but no complementary school for girls. Now that defect is to be remedied, and the Government, alive to its importance, have promised us a grant of £250 a year. The Rev. J. W. Price is to be invited to underthe ministry. Some of our most promising teachers are to be sent to the Government Jeans School at Mazuku for a two years' course of training, and on their years' course of training, and on their return to work on the missions, the Government paying two-thirds of their

conjunction with our Weslevan In conjunction with our Westeyan a friends, we are to embark on an exten-sion into the Copper Field area, where great developments are taking place.

Already some thousands of white mer Already some thousands or wind are there; towns are springing up, and there is no religious provision for the people. The proposal is that we shall be people. The proposal is that we shall be responsible for supplying the staff, and they for providing the buildings. The report is to be published at 1s., and we urge our people to secure this most in-teresting document.

teresting document.
There was a public meeting on the Tuesday night, well supported, under the chairmanship of Add, T. L. Gerrard, and addressed by the Revs. W. R. Wilkinson and W. Norcross. On the Wednesday night an impressive Ordination Service was held, when the Rev. W. Dolling related his call to the work. The Rev. J. C. Mantripp gave the charge to the can-didate and the Rev. J. W. Clifford, M.A., the charge to the church. The Rev. G. Preece and his officials were heartily thanked for their generous entertainment of the committee.

The jubilee celebrations of Kettering-road Church, Northampton, were pre-ceded by a Romany Fair, which proved to be one of the happiest events the coded by a Romany Pair, which proved to be one of the happiest events the church has had for years. As a result of the two-days' sale £553 were raised. Some 250 workers were entertained to Some 250 workers were entertained to supper by the esteemed circuit stewards— Coun. J. W. Arnold and Mr. C. J. Pearce. Words of appreciation to the workers were offered by Rev. Ernest Dover and Rev. C. Leonard Tudor. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Many friends will learn with deep sorrow that Mrs. Finlay, wife of Rev. C. Finlay, is at present in the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle on Tyne. She underwent: Serious operation at all progressing satisfactorily. This is the third operation Mrs. Finley has faced during the last few years, and that same courage which characterisch her service for Africa in company with her busband ordeal.

The Rev. W. S. C. Leach desires to The Rev. W. S. C. Leach desires to point out that the returns for the Teacher Training Department are really better than reported last week. Actually there were 832 entrants, 429 of whom sat for the examination, of which 108 gained honours, 175 first class, 129 pass. So that 410 altogether passed the examination. The figures in last week's issue covered the first section only. The Sunderland and Newcastle District must have suffered from the industrial situation.

Rev. I. T. Ridley desires to warn our people against a new sect, calling them-selves "Cooneyites" or Go Preachers. They travel about the country and seek the loan of our chapels, especially in the the loan of our chapels, especially in the villages, and the co-operation of those who have been associated with them. They have an air of simplicity and piety, but do not hesitate to sow discord Incy have an air of simplicity and piety, but do not hesitate to sow discord wherever they go. If the chapel is re-fused or having been lent for a service or two, is denied them, they seek to hold cottage meetings, by which they deceive even the elect. Mr. Ridley has suffered cottage meetings, by which they deceive even the elect. Mr. Ridley has suffered from their invasion, and desires to warn others of their insidious ways. It is not the first time our friends, especially in small places, have had to guard their heritage against unwelcome intruders. We hupe our people will be on their toward series. guard again.

A unique event occurred in the recent election of members for the Oldbury control of the Coldbury of the Coldbury caches were elected, in the persons of Mr. G. H. Griffiths, of Langley (Black-heath Circuit), and Mr. G. H. Price, of Rounds Green Church (Oldbury Circuit), Mr. Griffiths headed the poll. For several years he was well known in different parts of the Connection as a successful evangelist, but settled at Langley nearly event on the several parts of the Connection as a successful evangelist, but settled at Langley nearly vice to his own and sister Free Churches. Mr. Price has been deeply interested in the young life of his church. Some time ago he resigned the teaching profession to become the Liberal agent for the Stourbridge Parliamentary Division.

During Holy Week services for the deepening of spiritual life were held at Park: a venue Church, Northampton. Among the ministers taking part were Rev. Harold Bickley, B.D. (Doddridge Memorial Church), Rev. Geo. H. Russell (Congregationalist), and Rev. Sherwin Smith, M.A., B.D., chairman of the Bedford Weelsyan District. On Good Friday ford Wesleyan District. On Good Friday evening the Story of Jesus was told by representatives of each of the church's representatives of each of the Churus activities. It was a most impressive service and was largely attended. Suitable music was arranged by Mr. Harold Nash.

On Good Friday Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, of Black Park (Rhosymedre), celebrated their diamond wedding. They received many warm congratulations. "John Roberts, the Singer," is well known and highly respected over a wide area. For sixty-six years he has served as procentor in the Black Park Church, where for a considerable period he has also filled the office of class leader. Mrs. Roberts, in less public ways, has also

manifested great devotion. Though advancing years necessarily limit their activities, they are still keenly interested in the well-being of the Church.

The spirit of Christian unity was strongly manifested in the parish of West Bowling, Bradford, on Good Friday, when a service was held in St. Stephen's Church, the ministers of the Free Church, the Church of the Chur Featonby was the preacher.

The only surviving trustee of the original Kettering-road Church, Nortisampton, is Mr. Thomas W. Britten. He was one of the three present at the consecration of the site, which was conducted by the sainted Rev. Jesse Aubworth. For over half a century Mr. Britten has been a zealous worker for controlled the saintenance of the saintenan

Officials of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches of Whithy and neighbourhood met at a tea-table conference held in the Brunswick Hall on Wednesday, April 28-04. After tea the Rev. A. E. Guile (Wesleyan) introduced the theme of approach to Union. Conversation followed in the evening the Rev. A. E. Bernstein of the Conversation of the Wesleyan Church on "The Hymns the Methodists used to Sing, and Why," and was supported by the united choirs of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches. Rev. E. Metcalfe (Primitive Methodist) presided. The meetings were was expressed that in Whithy and district no serious difficulties need arise when Union comes.

Primitive Methodists in London will be Primitive Methodists in London will be interested to know that the Rev. Tom Sykes is paying a visit to Quick's-road Church, Wimbledon, this week-end, May 3rd-5th. Commencing on Saturday evening, a series of meetings have been arranged to cover the week-end, special features being a mass meeting for men class of the series of the series

A Young People's Rally will be again held this year at the Holborn Hall in connection with the Metropolium Missionary Meetings, and the earliest returns indicate increasing interest. A central London-school is sending a hundred scholars and a Middlesser church reports a considerable contingent. Church and school authorities in Other London will be able to the control of the cont ween sixteen and eighteen will be carried both ways for the single fare, providing the group numbers at least eight. Inquiry should' be made at the railway station, and arrangements made in advance. The numbers of uniformed organisation inanu arrangements made in advance. The numbers of uniformed organisation in-crease year by year, and this time places will be reserved and a special response provided for Guilds, Social Clubs, and all kinds of non-uniformed week-day organisations.

In Lynn and Camb. District Synod deep sympathy was expressed with Mr. J. B. Coggle, a candidate for the ministry, who, after preaching his trial sermon, had to be informed that his brother had assed away during the Synod.

Councillor Harry Robinson, local preacher, for the third time has succeeded in being returned to the Horrasea Urban District Council, and, along with Coun-cillor A. E. Silling, has been elected to serve on the Guardians' Assistance Committee for the district.

Mr. Arnold H. Mason, son of the Rev. W. H. Mason, has been successful in get-ting two pictures hung in the forthcoming Royal Academy in very good positions.

Much gratification has been caused on

Churches and People.

VICE - PRESIDENT'S ENGAG May 3rd and 4th, Wembley,

The arrangements for the Metropolitan The arrangements for the Metropolitan Missionary Anniversary, as announced in the Leader to-day, for Saturday, May 10th, and Tuesday, May 13th, afford the strong expectancy not only of great audiences, but of unusually excellent audiences, but of unusually excellent meetings. The missionary spirit was never so prevalent in the Churches as now, and the weck-end included in the dates given will alford our friends in the Metropoliton area and all who come from the provinces an opportunity to manifest the ardour that has abounded throughout the year. At Saturday's rally, always a popular event, the young people of Whitechapel Mission will present a Missionary Play. Those who have thought of White chapel Mission will present a Missionary Play. Those who have thought of Whitechapel Mission only in terms of social derelicts of old and needy people will whitness another phase of the work carried on by Thomas Jackson and his colleague, the Rev. J. E. Thorp. Mr. Hartington Adams, of Cleethorpes, will preside, and Africa will be represented by the Rev. convol of young reople, and those adults who delight in mingling with youth, will be there this year in even larger numbers. be there this year in even larger numbers. The gathering will give an impetus for the week-end.

Tuesday will be everybody's day at the Metropolitan Tabernacle. Mr. W. W. Turner, of Leeds, will preside at the morning meeting. Mr. Turner is among Turner, of Leeds, will preside at the morning meeting. Mr. Turner is among the most devoted workers and officials in the city of Leeds. A great and long record of service is his commendation to a London audience, and this will prove sufficient for a most cordial welcome. The Vice-President of Conference will ably represent his lamented and greatly belowed collegacy. the attempt of the provided of the provided will be provided the provided will be provided the provided with the provided will be provided to the provided will be prov Wesleyan Methodist though he be, is now almost as widely known in our own Church as in his own. Where has he not been in our Church during the last year in the interests of Methodist Union? For his own sake and for his bold leadership in the interests of Union he will be accorded a warm greeting. The Rev. J. T. Lyon, just home from Central Africa, will worthily represent and sustain the interests of the foreign field.

The afternoon meeting on Tuesday, when the women take charge, will possess characteristics all its own. organisation, unabated enthusiasm and cohesion of effort the women are altogether admirable. They deservedly merit all they achieve, and achieve they altogether admirable. They deservedly merit all they achieve, and achieve they do. Mrs. Brooks, of Ealing, and Mrs. Rogers, of Gravesend, will serve admiration of the serve a trainger, of tratesnead, to whom will be accorded a worthy reception for the distinguished service she initiated and rendered in Nigeria. The Rev. A. J. Hockinhas a remarkable story to tell of service

suggest it. Mr. Frank Hardy, who has toured South Africa as a member of the Missionary Deputation, will preside. His knowledge of our African work is immediate and authoritative, and his enthusiasm for the expansion of the Church, both In the homeland and in Africa, is both in the homeland and in Africa, is not of recent days. His occupancy of the chair is most appropriate. Dr. W. Y. Fullerton, the eminent Baptist, whose life has been pent to the forecrost of the control of the con then, and of whom we cannot be speed on terms of affection, will give us a message from his heart's deep core. Our Churches in London will be introduced to one who is at present a comparative stranger. The first first of prospective Methodist Union Speaker of the Rev. Paul Kingstone, of Nigeria, who will tell how ore Union has eventuated it is in operation on the Nigerian first of the New York of missionary work have rarely been so admirably represent of the New York of the Nigerian first of Nigerian first of the Nigerian first of Nigerian first of

Amongst the many exhibitors at the Preston Art Exhibition, Mrs. L. V. E. Colbourn, A.B.W.S., has won a distinguished place. Her work is represented by a water colour, "Dalehouse Village," Yorkshire. This is another of the many successes Mrs. Colbourn has gained. Site and her work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for orbital to the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for orbital to the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for orbital to the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for orbital to the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for orbital to the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She has had for the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had to be with the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had to be with the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had to be with the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had to be with the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had to be with the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had the work are referred to in "Whols Who in Art." She had had the work are referred to in "W Who in Art." She has had for some years an association with the British Water Colour Society, and has exhibited at Cheltenham, Northampton, Leeds, Salford and other towns. Mrs. Colbourn is the wife of Mr. R. S. Colbourn is steward of Bury Second Circuit, and a daughter of the Rev. A. Æ. Protor, Bognor. Mr. and Mrs. Colbourn serve our church at Raddiffe with great and

In our report of Dr. Streeter's address in Hereford Cathedral last week the sen-tence, "Rich in formulas and phrases," should have read, "Sick of formulas and

The Young Men's Missionary Movement is vigorously pursuing its purpose, and is destined to become a strong force in the Methodist Churches, and will be in the Methodist Churches, and will be mightler still when the Churches form one Methodism. During the week-end of May 9th—12th there will be a house party at "High Leigh," Hoddesdon, Herts, where young men of the movement usually assemble for conference and outline their work. "High Leigh," is an attractive centre. The enthulsails secret. attractive centre. The enthusiastic secre-tary of our Church, Mr. F. W. East, 10, Cheeley-gardens, E. 6, will be glad to hear from young men of our Churches who contemplate spending the week-end hopeful of a representative group of our Church being in attendance. It will be an African and Home Missionary Confer-ence, representative of Nigeria, Rhodesia and London. Full information as to terms, brains, etc., will be readily sup-plied by Mr. East at the address named.

The evening meeting should surpass il previous years. The arrangements

the Stelmersdale Circuit by the appointment of two circuit officials to responsible positions in local government. Mr. Caleb Smith, the circuit steward, has been elected chairman of the Upholland Urban District Council, and Mr. J. A. Atherton, society steward of Skelmersdale, is the chairman of the Skelmersdale Urban District Council. These two Councils are responsible for the local government of the area covered by the circuit, and thus our Church is making a very fine contribution to the civic life of the neighbourhood. the Skelmersdale Circuit by the appoint-

There is a vigorous missionary spirit in the Northwood Church and School, on the Harrow Circuit. During the last ten years Miss Mary Barnes, a servant maid, has collected for missions 18,901 farth-ings, besides £14 l8s. 1d. in her box, a total of £24 l3s. 2d. She has won the medal and also a bar for collecting.

Coun. Joshua Wild, J.P., of Shore Edge Church, Oldham Fourth Circuit, has been appointed chairman of the Urban District Council of Shaw. It is Urban District Council of Shaw 1 til the first time that a Primitive Methodist has occupied such a position. Coun. Wild is one of the leading officials of Shore Edge Church. Also recently he, along with Mr. J. W. Dyson, of Healds Green, have been appointed stewards of the above circuit, in succession to Mr. E. Stott and Mr. R. Basker, who have efficiently served the circuit in this capacity for fifteen years.

An impressive service was held at Tysoe, Banbury Circuit, on Good Friday, when Mr. T. H. Gardner presented to the church a beautiful individual Communion cauren a ucautitul individual Communion service on behalf of himself and family, in grateful memory of their beloved daughter and sister, Amy K. Gardner, Miss Amy Gardner passed into higher service at the age of 18 years. She was a found to School to be the conditions of the service of the Miss Amy Gardner passed into higher service at the age of 18 years. She was a Sunday School teacher, and treasurer of the Banbury Women's Missionary Auxiliary, and entered heartily into the various activities of the church, A Communion Service conducted by the Rev. R. Bolton followed the presentation. At this the followed the presentation. At this the amount of the family, and the service of the family, and between sixty and seventy people took part.

Many friends of Mr. D. W. Wright, secretary of our Highley Church, and local preacher, will be glad to learn that he has now recovered from the illness which was reported in December. He is at present in Norfolk, his native county.

Mr. John Henry Gibbon, who has been organist of the Bright-street Church, Sun-derland, for thirty years, on account of health reasons has been compelled to resign. A successful "At Home" was resign. A successful "At Home" was held, at which Ald. Charles Peacock, on behalf of the church, presented Mr. Gibbon with an easy chair, and spoke of the long and valuable services he had ren-dered. Mrs. Gulcher Johnson presented Mrs. Gibbon with a beautiful three-tier

A presentation was made to the Church at Oakenshaw, consisting of a beautiful flower vase, by Mrs. J. L. Ferguson and her two sons, in memory of her husband, Staff-Sergt. J. L. Ferguson, who died in action in the late war.

Love, Adventure, and War.

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"The Runner," by Ralph Connor (Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6 net) is a long engaging story of Canadian settlement life and the war between America and Canada in the early years of the inteteenth certury. It is packed with incident, graphic descriptions, and portrayal of pioner life.

The property of the proper The exploits of "the Runner" are snown from beginning to end. But a supernormal character such as he, who appears at every crisis, and handles every circumstance with uncanny wisdom and skill. stance with uncanny wiscom and skill, fascinating every woman of any age and position at first meeting, is hardly convincing. Still he is one worth knowing, and the narrative of romance and adventure gathered about him is in Ralph core gameree about nim is in Ralph Connor's best style, leading up to a final chapter which is a veritable climax and masterly in its telling. Readers will find here both instruction and entertainment of a high order.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

Rev. Joseph Johnson presided last Friday, when applications for Deed Poll Friday, when applications for Deed Poll membership were approved from Rev. S. Lawrence George, Messrs. H. Clark (Chelmsford), Thomas Ibbetson (Barnoldswick), and Wm. Farrar (Bradford). A deputation consisting of Rev. Jacob Walton, Geo. E. Wilea, J. Lambert Baggot, John H. Bedford and Mr. Thornley was appointed to visit the South Front Ibruch, Southampton, and confer as to its future. Sympathy was expressed with Rev. W. A. Hannoond in the death of his Rev. W. A. Hammond in the death of his daughter, and with Mrs. H. Impey in the death of her husband. A communi-cation was received from Rev. A. Bakd-win, intimating that the directors of the Chapel Aid Association had again made Chapel Aid Association had again made grants of 2000 to the General Chapel Fund, 2000 to the S.M.W. and O. There 2000 to Hartly College, 2700 to the Connexional Fund, and 2200 to the 2200 Also that the directors of the insurance Connexional Fund, 2000 to the Suffering Also that the directors of the insurance Connexional Fund, 2200 to the Suffering tion, 2000 to Hartley College, and 2200 to the Loudon Ferward Movement: tion Fund, £220 to Hartley College, and £250 to the London Forward Movement; total £1,500. The directors were warmly thanked for these generous contributions. Attention was called to the noble stand Bishop Barnes, of Birmingham, has taken in defence of the Protestant Faith

within the Church of England, and the Committee decided to forward him an assurance of its unqualified appreciation. The Committee learnt with much satisfaction that the Derby Circuits had decided to entertain the Conference of 1931. faction that the Derby Circuits had decided to entertain the Conference of 1931. The following were appointed to represent our Church on the International Committee of World-wide Methodism: International Committee of World-wide Methodism: Barricky, John W. Ciliford, M. A. Joseph E. Gilbert, S. Horton, Joseph Johnson, J. C. Mantripp, S. Rowley, John Swinden, Jacob Walton, Geo. E. Willes, Messrs. J. A. Broughton, W. Albon Crouch, F. A. B. Gilltrow, T. L. Gerrard, Thos. Proud, James Skinner, J.P., and John Walker. In reply to an enquiry for guidance as to the use of chaples by communities which are not recognised trustees are under obligation to act within the terms of the Model Trust Deed. Sanction was given to the sale of four cottages, Birmingham-street, Halesowen; to the transfer of Nunthorp Society from Stokesley Circuit to Middlesbrough Second; to the sale of four manse, Hull to the transfer of Nunthorpe Society from Stokesley Circuit to Middlesbrough Second; to the sale of manse, Hull Eighth Circuit; to the sale of land at Hashington, Sandbach Circuit, rendered unnecessary in view of Methodist Julion, and to the sale of a strip of land for street improvements at Stegness Bank. The death of Rev, Alfred Parkin, in

his 63rd year, was reported, and much sympathy was expressed with his widow sympathy was expressed with his widow in her bereavement. Fine tributes to his character and work were borne by J. Marcus Brown, T. Proud, S. Horton, S. Rowley, J. C. Mantripp and G. C. Normandale. Sympathetic reference was also made to the death of the widow of the late Rev. John Gillender. A report was presented by Mr. John Walter on the recent consultative meeting between Western Methods: Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Fund, in view of Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Fund, in view of Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Fund, in view of Methodist Mutual Aid Fund, in view of Methodist Union, and our representatives were re-appointed, together with Messrs. W. H. Hawthorne (Vice-President of Conference), Jos. Longstaff, J.P., T. L. Gerrard, and A. B. Hillis, to meet the committee of the W.M. Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Society in Manchester, to further explore the question of the future.

CHARLES WESLEY'S TOMB.

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Charles Wesley died in his house in
Chesterfield-street, Marylebone, on March
2bth, 1788. He was buried in Marylebone Old Churchyard. For a considerable time the memorable obelisk has been
in a deplorable condition, but is now
being restored and re-lettered. On
Wesley will be held in the old church, at
which an address will be given by Rev.
F. L. Wiseman, B.A. A memorial tablet
will be unveiled at this service. Charles F. L. Wiseman, B.A. A memorial tablet will be unveiled at this service. Charles Wesley's hymns will be sung. It is hoped there will be a good rally of London Methodists at the interesting service. Those who would like to contribute to the restoration fund should send their donations to Mr. Cyril Eastman, Thorn-wood Lodge, Campden-hill, W.8.

THE REV. J. G. BOWRAN'S BIBLE SOCIETY SERMON.

Each year, in the name of the Church, the President of Conference preaches a sermon on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. For two years in succession this duty has been discharged by the Rev. J. G. Bowran. The service by the Rev. J. G. Bowran. The service was held on Thursday evening last in the was held on Thursday evening last in the Heaton-rad Church, Newsustle-upon-Tyne. One who was present described it as "the most beautiful devotional ser-vice he had ever attended." The Rev. Tom Robson opened the service, reading the Scriptures and engaging in prayer. The singing of the choir in two anthems helped to the spirit of worship. Taking as his text I. Thesselonians I., 8. "For from you hath sounded out the Word of God," Mr. Bowran showed how the Bible God," Mr. Bowran showed how the Bible Society for 125 years, through its linguists and translators, its printers and binders, its Bible-selfers, both men and women, had been "sounding out" the Gospel through the world. Our own missionaries had done much translation work, all of which had been produced by the Bible Society for the use of our native the Bible Society for the use of our native peoples. Last year 11,400,000 copies or portions of the Word of God had been distributed, an increase of 1,428,000 on the previous year. An offering was taken on behalf of the society, and an appeal is being made throughout the denomination for the same purpose, so that the Church's contribution should be a worthy one. It was a beautiful service, and will long be remembered by those who were present.

DR. S. W. HUGHES. Visit to Scarborough,

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Dr. S. W. Hughes, of London, paid a welcome visit to Jubitee Church, Scar-borough, on Tuesday. The preacher faced a magnifecent congregation in the afternoon, and preached a wonderful servine to the servi

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Governing body of the Interna-tional Labour Office of the League of Nations has been meeting this week in Paris. It is meeting there at the express invitation of the French Government, as invitation of the French Government, as the present session marks the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the first ordinary business session of the Governing body which was held in Paris. One of the most interesting items on the agenda concerns the application of the Free City of Danzig to membership of the International Labour Organisation. It will be recalled that Danzie is a free territory. be recalled that Danzig is a free territory be recalled that Danžig is a free territory under the special protection of the League of Nations. The territory consists not only of the city itself, but of four other towns and two hundred and thirty villages as well. The application is based on the fact that the territory constitutes an important industrial community of 400,000 inhabitants, in which social legislation is highly developed.

Susannah the Dauntless.

"Susannah the Dauntless." By Richard Starr. (Sampson, Low and Co. 7/6.) This is a story, exceedingly well written, of a most lovable girl full of grit and courage. Susannah is a dressmaker's of a most lovable gir! van or giri san-courrage. Susannab is a dressmaker's assistant, an impulsive girl, but possessing a confidence and courage that carry her into almost undreamed-of romance and lourny. Her lovers, each of different hourny. Her lovers, each of different ber life, but one is satisfied that in Bill Coster she found her true mate. A dean and thoroughly enjoyable story.

METHODIST IDNON. Rally at Watford.

In connection with the London First Synod at Watford, a Methodist Union Rally was held on Friday evening in Queen's-road Wesleyan Church. In the Queen's-road Wesleyan Church. In the unavoidable absence through illness of Sir Robert W. Perks, the Rev. Dr. J. Parton Millum (Wesleyan) presided, and gave a fine tone to the meeting by declaring that he was whole-heartedly in favour of Union, because he believed it would help in the redemption of humanity. The Rev. E. Moom French followed with the exercise Edward French followed. would help in the redemption of humanity. The Rev. E. Aldom French followed with an impassioned appeal on behalf of the Methodist Witness. The Church must declare that it knows God, and that He can save to the uttermost. The late Rev. J. H. Saxton had promised to speak at this meeting, and his place was taken by the Rev. Jacob Wallow who claimed that Union was imperative. When the same the same that the charge of the same that the charge of the charge of the same that the charge of the charge and help us to make a more offertive and help us to make a more offertive tenowship would bring enreunient to an and help us to make a more effective stand against the insidious growth of sacerdotalism. A special feature of the gathering was the hearty singing of Methodist hymns, led by a united choir, and Miss Ida Brocklehurst delighted and Miss Ida Brocklehurst delighted everybody by her magnificent rendering of "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth" and "The Holy Child." There was a very good audience and the meeting proved a fine send-off for the Synod.

A competition between the Girl Guide Companies of the Forest Hill was recently won by the 8th Forest Hill Company, belonging to the Central Church. The competition included inspection with regard to health, compris-ing care of clothes, hands and hair, knots ing care of clothes, hands and hair, knots and their uses, triangular bandaging, and Morse signalling. The District Commis-sioner, acting as judge, congratulated the entire District on the high standard of its work. The success of the 8th Forest Hill Company entitled it to represent the District in the Divisional Competition for Greater South-East London. The final result was very gratifying, the 8th Forest Hill Company securing fourth place.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING Association.

FORTY - EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday, May 6th, 1930, AT THE

Metropolitan Tabernacle, S.E. At 4 p.m. in LECTURE HALL. Mr. R. L. STUART, J.P. (Chairman of Committee) will preside.

BRIEF ADDRESSES BY Rev. GUY H. KING (St. Matthias' Church, Upper Tulse Hill, S.W.)

Rev. ERNEST G. BRAHAM,

M.A., B.D. (General Sec. Designate N.S.S.U.) At 6.30 p.m., and during the Evening, MUSICAL SELECTIONS by Spurgeon's Orphanage Handbell Ringers

At 7 p.m. in the TABERNACLE.

Chairman: Mr. DANIEL REYNOLDS, J.P. Speakers : Rev. DINSDALE T. YOUNG, D.D.

(of Westminster Central Hall) Mr. J. EATON FEASEY

(Editor, "Notes on Scripture Lessons")

Soloist: Miss CARRIE TUBB.

Doors open at 6.15 p.m. Admission Free. All are heartily invited to attend. Tickets may be had on application to Mr. STEPHEN C. BALLEY, Hon. Sec., 56, Old Bailey,

What Our Readers Sav.

story of the witchest to correct an historical force. Your correspondent asys, speak-ing of twenty years ago: "A chief who had been one of the leaders (hostile leaders) at that time, came out on this Synod Sunday and welcomed with gifts that very missionary who had been the first to bring the Gospel to Unaukoli Town." In one sense this may be true, as the love. F. W. Dodds has laboured for Mr. Dodds, or any other missionary of our Church had worked among the loss, I sent the following report to the But I am writing to correct an historical of our Church had worked among the bos, I sent the following report to the G.M.C., on December 1st, 1910: "In the Bende district we have built two churches, and are building a third. The first is at Udoro and the second is at Bende Town. There are three school-masters. Two are with me at Bende and the other is conducting a school at Uzusthe other is conducting a school at Uzua-koli, a town eight miles from Bende, where a third church is in the course of erection by the people." I chose the site for the church; the land was given me by the chiefs. I saw the site cleared of by the chiefs. I saw the site cleared of bush, and the building was started before bush, and the building was started before I returned home. I preached and slept in Uzuakoli occasionally. There were the usual initial difficulties, but we got a footing in the town at that time, at Ozcitum, the town lying between there

It is only fair to say that nothing worth It is only fair to say that nothing worth mentioning was done until Mr. Dodds, through persistent endeavour, pressed for-ward the work. Still, I think I must claim precedence in the Ibo field, as I was the first to enter the country and to open it for our Church. The matter may be trivial, but at the forthcoming 21st be trivial, but at the forthcoming 21st birthday celebrations the facts should be accurate. We will all take our hats off to the men who since those first days have rendered such heroic and sacrificial service, and to none more than the esteemed, superintendent, Rev. F. W.

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THE DENOMINATIONAL MAGAZINE.

SIR.—Recently I listened to a first-class speech by a member of the Book Com-mittee concerning the present state of the ntly i member of the member of the ming the present state of No man could have stated ter. Unfortunately, I have similar appeals, and mail. These could be stated to the member of the m magazines. No the case better. magazines. No number the case better. Unfortunately, I have heard periodically similar appeals, and the total effect has been small. These appeals for larger sales are generally wondering whether there is no other way out of a critical situation. If the figures stated approach accuracy, ben it seems as if something drastic needs to be done effectively to deal with it, for certainly we cannot afford the serious loss the present method incurs. I does not be stimpted. method incurs. I do not in any way blame the Book Committee for the situa-tion. I think it is impossible for any committee to do better on the present lines. Even less do I think the editor is to be held responsible in the slightest degree. The editor is certainly one of the adject and most highly-equipped minis-ters in our Church, to say nothing of his very high sense of his office. He is an asset to any Church from any standpoint. asset to any Church from any standpoint. I think the position is entirely out of his hands, for the reason that the magazines as they now exist are not required. If they were required they would sell. Why, then, continue them at a loss we can ill then, continue term at a loss we can in afford? There is a dead loss on the Aldersgate of over £200, and the Messenger, Springtime and Morning, I gather, do not fldurish. In fact, one of those named are in a satisfactory state.

Now, is there no way out than these little response? Surely there is no loss of prestige in dealing drastically with a business that is in this condition and in of prestige in business that is in this condition and in this state through no fault either of the Book Steward or Editor, I think that there is a place for one magazine to rethere these present ones. Aldersgate, place the three present ones—nuersgate, Christian Messenger and Springtime— but I am quite certain that there is not soom for more than one. There may also be a place for a good children's

THE NIGERIAN SYNOD REPORT.

Sire—The report of the Nigerian Synod in the Leader of April 24th fills us with joy and gratitude. It is a magnificent lose matter is a really good thing. The surface of the

peal.
What is the remedy for dealing with the present situation to save the serious drain on our resources of hundreds of pounds a year? I venture to suggest one. pounds a year? I venture to suggest one.

(1) That we unite the office of Book Steward and Editor. Make it a joint office, as I believe the United Methodists do. This would save approximately £400 a year. (2) Because this might increase the work unduly, I suggest that someone specially fitted for the task be appointed to edit the Children's Magazine. to edit the Chlüdren's Magazine. Surely in our Church there is some man or woman who, while not being a second edition of Arthur Mee, has special gifts for editing such a magazine. I suggest, too, that the Teachers' Magazine could fittingly be placed in the hands Sunday School Committee, at httingly be placed in the hands of the Sunday School Committee, and the Preachers' Magazine in the hands of the Local Preachers' Training Committee. These are specialised magazines, and could be best done by individuals specially could be best done by individuals specially qualified. This course would reduce the work of the joint office of Book Steward and Editor. And as we should have to remunerate their doing the work, the amount saved by the union of offices would be reduced, but even then a substantial amount would be saved, at least £300. In addition, there would be saved the present serious loss on the Aldersgate the present serious loss on the Aldersgate. I estimate the amount that would be saved by such a course as suggested above would be at least from \$2500 to £600 per annum.

Now, Sir, I venture to say that in me present state of our finances, with the Connexional levy at its present figure, there is no justification for the continuance of a condition of things that involves such a serious loss. We simply Now, Sir, I venture to say that in the ance of a condition of things that involves such a serious loss. We simply cannot afford it, either for prestige or any other reason that I know. I am certain that the Book Committee and all concerned are desirous of a change in the present outlook. These are merely suggestions resulting from thinking about the position as stated at our District Committee. e.-Yours, etc.

LINKING UP THE YOUNG. Six,—I am indeed sorry that "A Minister's Son" has had such an unfortunate and discouraging experience, and such cold receptions in his attempts to enter the fellowship of at least two Methodist cold receptions in his attempts to enter the fellowship of at least two Methodist churches; sorry also to read of the experi-ence of the young lady to whom he relers, in her relation to Congregationalism. On the face of it, it would certainly give any-one a very bad impression of the hospi-tality of the Free Churches. As an offset, I beg to give my own experience when a youth. At the age of eighteen I moved from my native place to another, into the midst of entirely strange people. On the evening of my arrival I looked up our the evening of my arrival I looked up our church, and entered right away into fellowship, at a week-evening service, with the good folk there. I had a fair recep-tion; they did not fling their arms round me or make a fuss; but I kept on going for the sake of the work and because I vanted new friends. I have always been little patience mately I found pleased that I exercised a little and common sense, for ultimately and common sense, for ultimately I found them to be a really good community, and make bold to say that I owed my future career very much to the roal kindness I discovered in them. Since then I have had opportunities of observation From other angles, from the ministry itself in particular, and my own conclusions are that if a young man or woman is strongly inclined to Christian fellowship and servation from the control of the common find a home. The coldness of churches is often commented upon, but often the real fault is on the other side. I should say the churches referred to by often the real fault is on the other side. I should say the churches referred to by "A Minister's Son" are the exception, and not the rule. The churches today are ready to welcome the enthusiant, but I cannot understand any enthusiastic youth, particularly a minister's son, finding, "other ways of spending Sunday."
Yours, etc., A Munistre.

LAY PREACHER'S TUBILEE.

On April 17th a presentation was made to Mr. W. G. Bowles, an aged and honoured layman of the Mountain Ash honoured layman of the Mountain Ash Circuit. To recognise the fifty years' ser-vice, a rally of the churches was sum-moned, and two comfortable chairs and an illuminated address were handed to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowles by the cir-cuit steward, Mr. A. J. Hamblin.



MR W C POWIES

Friends assembled from far and near in token of their affection and to pay their tribute to the quality and success of his preaching. Rev. A. W. Ballile, M.A., B.D., presided. Rev. R.J. Fenwick and Rev. J. Fe Friends assembled from far and near in tong be spared to strengmen the names of younger workers at the church at Miskin, where they now regularly attend in worship. Rev. B. Beckerlegge and Mr. J. T. Williams both sent letters of regret at their inability to be present.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

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The relations between our "little church on Briery Hill," Ebbw Vale, and Nebo Baptist Church have always been of a cordial nature, and very recently substantial evidence of the feeling existing was seen in the gift of an organ existing was seen in the gift of an organ friends at Nebo, having installed a pipe organ, immediately offered their organ, which they had previously used, to our trustees free. Needless to say the offer was gratefully accepted, and our friends at Briery Hill are delighted with an instrument of considerable value. This has enabled one to the been deserved to supply it. They did not merely compliment us on our work, but helped considerably in its execution. The organ will be a constant reminder of the abiding goodwill of a sister church.

Stread, Glea.—A successful Circuit Rally was held at Scrubbs on Good Friday. After ten, a most enjoyable meeting was held, presided over by Mr. G. Recks, Revs. A. J. Googh, C. Dunham, Messrx. T. Eldridge. R. Fern, G. N. Hawkes, Miss Winfield. This church having been closed for some time, it is hoped that during the summer months some services may be held. The Rev. A. J. Googh is sparing no effort to make his term a success.

REV. BERT COULBECK.

Mission At Barlestone. Barlestone is a mining village on the Hinckley Circuit, and our Church has been in existence there for many years.

The society has ebbed and howed, but there has always been evidence of evan-gelistic fervour. It is one of the few places where an annual camp meeting is held, and where a Love Feast has sur-vived. For a second time the church has vived. For a second time the church has been favoured with a visit from the Rev. Bert Coulbeck, and the whole neighbourhood has been stirred by his story and song. The energy and resource of the missioner are wonderful. It was announced that the mission would open with a Faith Tea on the Saturday, but a strong contingent of supporters arrived by bus from Leicester, and in the after-noon the streets of Barlestone resounded with praise and prayer and testimony. A splendid number gathered for tea, after which another open air mission was held. In the evening the chapel was full, when the congregation was moved with the story of modern miracles in the realm of character and spirit, and with song from Mr. Coulbeck.

Song it to the measurements of the song it is a song it i Sunday was a busy day. In addition to the usual school session and services,

ORDINATION OF

LAY PREACHER.

The ordination service of Mr. John Blythin was held at Hunter-street Church (Chester Scoond). Much interest was shown in the candidate, and a good congregation was present to hear me story of his call and experience in preaching. The Rev. F. R. Brunskill conducted the service and gave an address. Mr. W. H. service and gave an address. Mr. W. F. Mealing presented Mr. Blythin with copy of "Ur of the Chaldees," and spok copy or "Ur of the Chaldees," and spoke on the need of diligent preparation and prayer in the responsibilities of the pulpit. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir, ted by Mr. J. W. Forniston, with Mr. A. W. Hardcastle organist.

Маггіаре.

Mr. S. C. Powell and

Miss F. Hunt.

On Salurday, April 18 as pretty wedding took place in Bethel Carety, buddey-road, Wolverhampton, between Mr. Stanley C. Powell, son of the circuit steward, Mr. H. Powell and Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. D. Hunt. Both the bride and bridgegroom are active workers in church bridge member of the choir. A large number of friends were present at the service, conducted by Rev. J. Kinnish, with Mr. Stanley Mole at the organ. The bridge and t-tain borne by her finy constin, Pearl Hunt. The bri 'esmalds, Misses Hill and Apse, were picturesquely attired in shell pink georgette in the mediaval style, and carried handbags and shower bruquets of maure tulips. Mr. Leslie style, and carried handongs and bruquets of mauve tulips. Mr. Let Hunt was an efficient best man. The were Messrs. R. and Hunt was an efficient best man. The groomsmen were Messrs. R. and C. Stevens: A reception and breakfast followed at Raynold's Cafe, where the guests were sumptuously entertained by the bride's parents. The popularity enjoyed by the wedding couple was indicated in the many valuable presents received. received.

"South Indian Schemes," by W. J. S. Simpson, D.D., 5s.; "Preaching by Parable," by J. W. W. Moeran, M.A., 2s. 6d. (S.P.C.K.)

MARGARET HARWOOD'S COLUMN.

M. H. has kindly sent word where we can get "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet." The copies are half-a-crown each, she tells me, but she adds that they are worth it. This sketch takes up a whole evening. Other sketches recomwhole evening. Other sketches recom-mended by those who have given them are "Five Hundred Pounds Prize," "Apartments to Let," and "Owd and New"; also, two correspondents recom-mend "Our Picnio," which is for nine-teen women. Please continue to send along the names of sketches that you

along the names of sketches that you have given, as it is proving very helpful to many readers. If an invalid would like a correspondent, will she please write and tell me so.

W. J. writes aboun the Sunday after-William of the sunday after the sunday take the form of singing and recliting, but that does not mean that it must always take exactly that form. W. J. wants some new ideas. Why not put the whole of the service into the hands of the children? Many achoes training are capable of taking the chair at the service. (They would not be guilty of making a too long speech, as their elders sometimes are.)

of making a too long speech, as their elders sometimes are.)
It seems to me that the "Demonstration" E. M. M. tells me about, called "Stories of the Master," would be enimently suitable for such a service. It can tell you where ta get it. And E. M. M. says that if any of you care to write the post that the contract of the suitable services are the suit of the second to the suitable services th to her about the costumes, she will give what advice she can. They have given it with great success. There is no better way of getting children familiar with the Scriptures than by letting them give the grand old stories in the form of drama. Children love it; it makes the Bible real to them. We ought to go in for this work in our Sunday Schools far more than we do; there would be no bored and yawning children if we did. I can give you the name of a firm publishing dramatised Scripture for children of variance of the did. I can be supported in the control of the did. I can five you then the sum of you will try!. A correspondent says: "I earlie here ay of getting children familiar with the A correspondent says: "I notice how

A correspondent says: "I notice how your friendship is growing with hundreds of unseen women, and what a boon it is to poor souls struggling in small churches

to poor souls struggling in small churches to know that they are not the only ones who have to struggle."

I know from my letters how very true this is. Many a struggler in a village cause has taken heart because he or she has read here of somebody doing just the same thing somewhere else.

thing somewhere else.

If things are hard and you feel blue,
Think of the others worrying too;
Just because your trials are heavy,
Don't think the rest of us haven't

We do forget, being so absorbed in our We do forget, being so absorbed in our own worries, that others are "in the same boat"; we feel lonely in our worries, and we don't like it. Perhaps you have some sort of trouble in your home that you feel the property of the sort of the property of

I have a very kind letter this week from a man who says: "I find your column helpful, and very often spicy." I smiled and was glad. Cakes are not the only things made better by the addition of a little spice.

tion of a little spice.

Another letter, asking advice about a lamily matter, reminds me of an epitaph on a certain man who was "Such a lover of peace, that when a contention began to arise between life and death he yielded up the ghost to end the dispute."

He took the line of least resistance, and He took the line of least resistance, and so do many other folk. It is a fatal and foolish thing to do. The people who do not not be the folk of the f

See it work in a home. A timid, spine-less woman is married to a domineering man. Not having the courage to fight

for her own individuality, the woman, taking the line of least resistance, gives in. She becomes a shadow and a nonentity, her husband becomes an unbearable tity, her husband becomes an unbearable tyrant—and the woman will surely pride herself on the result for a time, and tell you she did it for the sake of peace. What has really happened is that two people who should have helped, and ilded, and mellowed one another have made one another even worse than they were at first—characters that might have were at first—characters that might have been fine have been ruined, all for the sake of this so-called "peare." People who are like this are seldom honest enough to sky, "I'm taking this line because I have no courage." They give themselves a good pat on the back, and delude themselves into thinking they are peaceable folk.

"Ef yu want peace, the thing you've

got to du,
Is jest to show you're up to fightin'

If this woman had cultivated enough the man she married to conquer his faults instead of encouraging them, they would have found a love and a peace worth fighting for; she would have held his affection and admiration.

Don't think I want to encourage I am all for tack kind-ness, toleration. But those are positive virtues: "peace at any price" people are all negative. Even folk who seem 17, Farringdon-street, London, E.C.4.

to be born without a back-bone can grow

ne if they try hard enough.

Now a word about recitations, as the Now a word about recitations, as the time for using them is getting so near. Some time ago I promised you that I would let you have a selection of little gens that I have collected. Four of those, for boys, I have already mentioned. those, for boys, I have already mentioned.

I now have about a dozen, or maybe sixteen, including those four. They are all short, as I believe it is a great mistake to inflict too long recitations on grown-ups or children. (I have suffered, and speak from experience). It shall be glad to send out this selection, but please send an envelope one all larger than ordinary, and don't be too experience that the stanger than ordinary and don't be too for the stanger than ordinary and don't be too for the stanger than ordinary and the stanger than the stanger

Will you please, when writing for efforts, not say, "May I have efforts suitable for young women, or married "women or men." as the case may be. suitable for young women, or married women, or married women, or listall have to send round and make a collection amongst you for a new typewriter; mine will be worn out. If you want a list of efforts I will gladly

And now a word of cheer sent by J. S. ' Just being happy is a fine thing to

do, Looking on the bright side, rather Sad or sunny musing is rather in

the choosing,
And just being happy is brave work
and true."

THE LATE REV. A. PARKIN.

The funeral took place at Grantham n Easter Monday. The service was held n Commercial-road Church, where Mr. in Commercial-road Church, where Mr-Parkin ministered for five years before removing to Tipton last July. The church was filled. The Tipton Circuit was represented by its circuit steward and another official, and there were pre-sent representatives from the Sunderland First Circuit. Ministers from the Not-tingham district were present, and the Research Committee and the West Midland District, the Rev. J. Bilton, of Bilston, and representatives from Worksop and Chesterfield II., old circuits of Mr. Parkin, The service was worthy of the life and and representatives from works and the content of the life and service of the decased. The circuit minister, Rev. R. F. Skinner, conducted with litting reverence. The lessons were read by Revs. J. Laking and F. Henderson Brown, and prayer was offered by Rev. Eth. Minister, Market and F. Henderson Brown, and prayer was offered by Rev. Eth. Minister, and prayer was offered by Rev. Eth. Minister, and the address, which was a noble tribute to a devoted life. He spoke of our brother's consecrated energy, and his tender home life. As the cortige moved from the emetery gates to the graveside, the prople safe the second of the content of the words of the words

ing. "They marked the footsteps that He

trod; His zeal inspired their breast; following their Incarnate

And, following tneu God, God, Possessed the promised rest."
After the Rev. F. Henderson Brown had read the committal, the mourners and the crowd dispersed, not to forget but to thank God for a life well lived and now completeness.

The Rev. J. Bilton writes: "Through-out his ministry, the Rev. A. Parkin was a source of irresistible attraction to the man in the street, and the man in the was a tremendous attraction to His genial presence and friendly him. His genial presence and friendly chat will be missed there. The young people of his circuits ever found in him a big friend, and they responded and rallied round him. His evangelical preaching won many to the Christian life, and the weekes of his illness at Tipton were gladdened with the remembrance of the conversions he had seen at the missions he conducted before his breakdown. A big human with a big heart was he, and his visits to homes heart was he, and his visits to homes shadowed by sorrow were a benediction. In addition to circuit work, he revelled in the opportunity of witnessing for Christ, which the seaside missions at Bridlington and Yarmouth presented to him. The service in Commercial-road

Church, Grantham, will be long remembered. Good Friday witnessed the pass-ing of our friend, and Easter Monday the burial; and hearts are gladdened as the assurance comes of a glorious resurrection to eternal life."

The Rev. J. H. Rose, of Bromsgrove, rrites: "It is difficult to realise that he Rev. Alfred Parkin has finished his the Rev. Alfred Parkiti has finished his carthly course. His sphendid physique seemed to assure him a full term in the ministry and a long life. In his early days the journeys in such wide circuits as Wangford, Wymondham and East Dereham presented no difficult to him and the devoloped sphendidly as a preacher and administrator. Early in his ministry and administrator. Early in his ministry some properties of the control of nincent service ne rendered in the circuit is often-referred to. As an open-air evangelist he has won many for Christ. Last July he came from Grantham to Tipton, and soon gripped a difficult situation. With all his old-time ardour he tion. With all his old-time ardour ne threw himself into evangelistic work, the result of which is seen in the circuit's report this year of an increase of twenty members. His break-down came as a report this year of an increase of twenty members. His break-down came as a surprise, for he had ever been conscious of great strength. He has done a splen-did work."

Handbooks of Religion.

"Handbooks of Religion." A new series dealing with the vital matters of Christian He for every man and woman, issued by Eyre & Spottiswoode, 2/6 paper, "My Duty Towards My Nelghbour," by Rew. Francis Underhill, Warden of Lid-dor Houses and "The Pitgrins Way," are devotional books wither for the Junydon House; and "The Pilgrim's Way," by Rev. Desmond Morse Boycott. They are devotional books written for the purhape devotional books written for the purhape they are of the High Angiteno effer and can hardly make a wide appeal to Free Churchmen. In "The Pilgrim's Way," we are told that Holy Baptism is necessary to salvation and must be followed by Confirmation. That it works away original through the Secrament of Penance and Confession. Rev. F. Underhill, in "My Duty to My Neighbour" is far more practical, and deals with the philanthropic temperament or spirit and its expression compared to the philanthropic temperament or spirit and its expression of our age—The poor man's home. How much can a family live on? War and criminology; and on these subjects Mr. Underhill has many wise things to any. The issue of books like these cannot deepen the religious experience and bead say. The issue of books like these cannot fail to do good, and if wisely read, will deepen the religious experience and lead to a wider service for God and man.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Miss Bossons in Norfolk.

The visit of Miss- Ethel Bossons to North Walsham Circuit will long be remembered by those privileged to hear her, and to see her convincing demon-strations. A rural circuit, with its small strations. A rural circuit, with its small opportunities for the presentation of modern methods, but in the hands of so capable a demonstrator, difficulties were surmounted and striking results achieved. On Saturday evening Miss Bossoms talked on "Primary Methods." On Sunday. day morning the telling of a story to the children delighted both old and young and a visit to the school in the afternoo voung; and a visit to the school in the afternoon brought her demonstration in closer touch with her task. On Monday all were deeply impressed by her address on "Atmosphere and Worship," when a pleasing feature was the presence of a large contingent from Slotey, where a crevival among the young people is in progress. Tuesday found Miss Bossons arong 1:e boys and girls, preparing them for the final demonstration. All were keen and seemed to enjoy it immensely. This was followed by a teachers' train-ing class, in which all were willing and interested pupils.

interested pupils.

Wednesday evening was a fitting climax
to the whole series. We saw what a
Sunday-school could be—orderly, artistic, Sunday-school could be—orderly, artistic, reverent, instructive, worshipful. They were just our own boys and girls, not even picked for the occasion. They were taught by our own teachers and their expression work read to us afterwards revealed how well they had been taught.
The work Miss Bossons does is not easy. Everyone who presents a new idea has much to overcome. We are sure, however, that her work, so able and so thorough, and done with such a graciousness of spirit, cannot fail to have a lasting effect upon our Sunday-schools.

THE METHODIST

WITNESS.

Meeting at Hinckley.

A successful Methodist Union Rally has been held in the Hinckley Wesleyan Church, when representatives from the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Circuits guthered. Mr. Moses Bourne, J.P. (ex-Vice-President of Conference) presided (ex-Vice-President of Conference) presided and ably represented our church. His address on the Methodist Evangel, Experi-ence and Enthusiasm, gave the right note to the meeting. Prof. C. R. North, M.A. (Handsworth College) spoke for the Wes-leyan Church, and in a forceful way dealt with the Methodist Witness, expressing the opinion that this would best meet the opinion that this would best meet the needs of our age. Rev. E. R. Squires (United Methodist), of Birmingham, gave a stirring speech in which he pleaded for a revival of the spirit of Early Methodism. Rev. R. Heaps (Wesleyan) and Rev. H. Booth (P.M.) also took part in a very profitable gathering. An interchange of pulpits took place on the previous Sunday.





SERVICES AND PREACHERS.

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH LONDON AND SUBURBS.

SALHAN CIRCUIT. Train or Tram from BALHAM HILL, Oldridge Road, S.W. 11, 20. W. Roberts; 6.30, Rev. G. W.

Rev. W. Roberts; 6.30, Rev. G. W. Weatherill.
Wishlebon, Quick's Boad, S.W. 11
and 6.30, Rev. T. Sykes.
UPPER TOUTING, Lynwood Road, S.W. 11, Bev. G. W. Weatherill; 6.30, Rev. W. Roberts

SLACKFRIARS MISSION (Surrey Chapel). 11, Rev. W. Green; 7, Rev. Joseph Johnson. BRUNSWICK HALL, 210, Whitechapel Road, 11 and 6.50, Rev. J. E. Thorp.

CALEBONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road). 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. T. Barkby. HIGHEIRY VALE, Elwood Street. 11 and 6.30, Mr. Bond.

CAMBEN TOWN, N.W., King Street, off High Street 11 and 5.30, Rev. Sam Rowley. FOREST WILL. Stanstead Road. S.E. 11. Bev. G. Bennett; 6.30, Mr. A. Gledbill. FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W. 11, Bev. G. A. Price; 6.30, Rev. T. H. Bicker-

GIPSY HILL, Hamilton Road, S.E. 11, Rev. D. W. Spending; 6.39, Mr. W. Attwood.

HAMMERSMITH. Dalling Bond. 11 and 7
Rev. George Faulkner.

HARRINGAY, Mattison Road. 11 and 6.30. Roy G. R. Tensaull KENNINGTON, S.E. King's Own Mission. 11 Bev. J. B. Phippen; 6.30, Rev. J. Coulson

KENSINGTON (Notting Bill), Fowell Street (off Lancaster Road), 11, Rev. J. W. Ever ingham; 6.30, Mr. J. Tonner. KENTISH TOWN, Carlton Road, 11, Mr. C. H. Peters: 6.30, Rev T. Graham.

LEYTON TABERNACLE, High Road (near Town Hall). 11 and 6.30, School Anni-

MARYLEBONE, Seymour Place (off Maryle bone Road). 11, M. A. C Wakefield; 6.30, Rev. J. W. Evering...m. PADDINGTON, Harrow Road (near Royal Oat Station). 11, Mr. H. Hagger; 6.30, Mr. T. Proud

ST GEOGGE'S HALL, Old Kent Road, S.F.

HAMILY, RCY, J. E. GIIDETE
SHOOTER'S HILL, Eginton Hill, S.E. ("BuSS), H and 6.50, Rey, Raymond Taunton,
STORE NEWINGTON CIRCUIT, ("Bus 67, 70
73),

NOETHWOOD ROAD, II, Ber, J. Mainwar ing: 5.9, Rev. G. C. Normandale, Caossway, (Kingaland), II and 6.30, M; W. Juniper. STAMFORD HIM, NEW CHURCH (Raven-dale Hoad), II, Mr. O. T. Betts; 5.39, Rev J. Mainwaring.

WEMBLEY, Enling Road. 11 and 6.30, M: W H. Hawthorne. W H. Hawthorne.

WEST EALING, Uxbridge Road 11 and 6.3Rev. G. Standing, D.S.O., D.C.G.

WEST HAMPSTEAD, MIII Lane. 1115, Mr. A
LOVALL B.SC.; 6.30, Mr. C. Fowler.

WEST NORWOOD, Knight's Hill. 11, Mr. A. Emmett: 6.30, Rev. D. W. Spedding.

PROVINCIAL.

BEXHILL, Christ Church, Springfield Road (near Bexhill Hospital), 11 and 6.30, Rev. Lewis H. Allison. BIRKENHEAU II., Mount Tabor, Holt Road. 10.45, Mr W. E. Harrison; 6.30, Mr. J. Jones.

BIRMINGHAM. Yardley Road, Small Heath (car 84 to Blake Laue). 11 and 6.30, Rev. R. J. Payne.

BIRMINGHAM. Stratford Road. Sparkhill 11. Rev. D. Oakley: 6.29. Mr. F. R. Beasley

A. Nev. D. Camley; c.s., afr. F. B. Bessiey, B.A.OKFOOL, Chance Hivest (facing the Cen-tral Pier). 19.45 and 6.30 Rev. G. W. Booth. OBLEMER BOAD. 19.45 and 6.30, Butdens. LATTON "SALEM"). 19.45 and 6.30, Rev. H. F. Johnson. ECERTON EGAD (North Shore). 19.45 and 6.30, Studens.

Oliguemouth I. BBARKSOME, Pools Road. 11, Mr. J. W. Carrick; 6.30, Rev. J. D. Callo-

URNEMOUTH II.. Wimborne Road, Winton, via Richmond Hill, from Square. 11. Rev. A. E. Beavley; 6.30, Rev. H. E. Elderkin.

BRADFORD, Central Hall. 10.30 and 6.30. Hev. Luther Wareham. P.S.A. at 3. 3RIDLINGTON QUAY. 10.30, Rev. T. Bullock; RIGHTON, London Road. 11, Rev. E. S. Williamson; 6.30, Rev. J. M. Gunson, B.D.

RISTOL, Eastville (Tram Terminus). 11, Mr. W. T. Salmon: 6.30, Mr. E. G. Rainey. w. T. Saimon; 6.30, Mr. E. G. Rainey. "MY9N, London Road. 10-65, Rev. H. 6. Millward, 6.50, Mr. B. B. Morten. AMBRIDGE. Castle Street. 10.45, Rev. T. B. Heward; 6.30, Eov. A. E. Rowe.

CHATHAM, GRAVESEND, AND SHEERNESS.
CHATHAM. Magpio Ilail Road. 10.45.
Mr. W J. Waterman; 6.50. Rev. W. Glover.
GHAINGIAM. The Central. Nelson Road.
10.45, Mr. Pickering; 6.50, Rev. Travis.

ARLISLE, Cecil Street. 10.45 and 6, Rev. W. H. Campbell.
LAGTÑ-10N-SEA. Zion Church, Old Road11, Rev. W. J. Musson; 6.30, Mr. F. Bradbrook. brook.

AD1EY HEATH, Grainger's Lone Church
10.45 and 6, Rev J. T. Wilkinson, B.A., B.D.

ULLERCOATS. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. W. F.
Bellew.

ERBY III.. Central Church. 10.45 and 6.15 Rev. C. F. Gill. OUGLAS, 1.0.M., Bucks Road. 11, Rev. J. Gorton: 639, Rev. H. F. Greenhalgh.

LOCH PARADR. 11, Rev. H. F. Gre 6.30. Rev. J. Gorton. O.S., Rev. J. Gorton. OVER, London Boad. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A. T.

Slater.

33T30URNE St. Aldan's Church. Seastd (corner of Whitley Boad). II, Mr. P. Syrus: 6.30, Rev. B. D. Pigott IXMOUTH, Exmouth Parade. II, Mr. W. Martin; 6.30, Rev. S. Buckley.

FALMOUTH, Chapel Terrace. 11 and 6.30. FLEETWOOD, Mount Road (facing Prome-nade). 19.45, Mr. F. Dagnall; 6.50, Mr. J. Billington

FOLKESTONE. 11 and 6.30, Rev. P. E.

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RESEAT VARROUTH, The Tample, Priory Gardens, near North End of Market Place.

18.6, Rev. J. R. Riddey, B.A., B.D.; 620,

GRIESSY I. Proteorgute. 10.00 and 6, Mr.
Tom Holland, Dragon Parade Church. 11

and 5.0, Bev. R.A. Barber.

HASTINGS, Newgate Road, Bosemia.

Boy. E. D. Pigott; 6.30, Mr. H. Seeking HULL I. Jubilee Church: Spring Bank. 10.30, Mr. E. Driffill; 6.30, Bev. L. Robinson.

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LEEDS III., Cardigan Road, Burley. 18.45, Mr. R. Hodgson; 6.30, Rev. F. H. Shimmin. E. Hodgson; e.s., nev. F. n. Smining. LEEDS III., REHOSOTH, Park Lane. 10.45 Bev. A. N. Brough; 6.30, Mr. W. E. Clesg Bev. A. N. Brough; 6.30, Mr. W. E. Clesg

Rev. A. N. Brough; 5.30, Mr. W. E. Clegg. LEESS VIII. Meanwood Bond. 10.30, Mr. W. J. Hose; 5.20 Mr. C. R. Robinson. HARMILIAS VENUE. 10.45, Mr. A. E. Taber; 6.30, Mr. A. L. Shires. LEICETER, Einckley Road. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. F. Holmes.

Rev. F. Holmes. LIVERPOOL 1., Princes Avenue Church. 10.45 and 6.30 Rev. R. K. Spedding. MANDHESTER, Great Western Street. 10.30, Rev. Herbert Leggate; 6.30, Student. MATLOCK, Bash Road Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. J. B. Hardy. M.

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MORECAMBE, Pedder Street Church.
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CARBOROUGH I, St. John's Road (Falsgrave), 10.30, Rev. G. T. Chappell; 6.30, Mr.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEMONSTRATOR. - Engagements of Miss Rosnons.-April 26th-May 5th Tunstall District.

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MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ENGAGEMENTS

Ministerial Changes in 1831. Bev. G. P. Camish, from Hull VII. Engagements, 1839-31.

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Marriages.

Mr. A. F. Pearce and

Miss L. Harford. The little chapel of Blundon, Swindon Circuit, was filled on Thursday, April 18th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. F. Pearce to Miss Lillie Harford,

Burgess, of Louth, to Miss Winifred Ida burgess, of Louth, to miss wintered ida Barker, daughter of Mrs. C. W. Barker, Louth. The Rev. T. Sowerby officiated, assisted by Rev. F. A. Mayes. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was attired in beige satin and hat to match. attired in beige satin and hat to match. Her bouquet was of forget-me-nots. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Barker and Miss C. Barker, and they were attired in dresses of forget-me-not blue crepe-de-chine, with hats to match. Their bouquets chine, with hats to match. Their bouquets were of narcissi. Ms. T. Sowerby presided at the organ. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride, about sixty guests being entertained. The honeymoon was spent in London. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess nave received a large number of presents.

Mr. L. G. North and Miss D. E. Griffiths.

both of whom are members of our Church the chapter of the bridge being the control of the core may be controlled to the core may be completed to the core may be

Sunday School Lesson.

Facing Persecution. Acts 3: 11 to 4: 31. May 11.

By Rev. W. E. Farndale Peter's Second Sermon. Peter's address on the Day of Pentecost had been piercon the Day of Pentecost had been pier-ing and powerful. No less effective was his second sermion in gaining converts. But this later speech had the further result of leading to friction with the authorities and stirring up persecution. Explanation: Not 1, but Christ. The

healing of a life-long cripple had created heating of a mesong cripin that declaration a great sensation. In the colonnade on the cast of Herod's temple (known as Solomon's Porch, perhaps because a relic of Solomon's temple) Peter seized the occasion to testify of Jesus to the gatherocasion to testify of Jesus to the gather-ing crowd. The aposted disclaimed any familing sirtue of his own. Equally he factorized the fact has the property of factorized the fact has the property to was Jesus the house of the fact has been applied to the fact has the Bringer. Visitality for soul and body stram from Him. This was proved by the fact that, though slain, the could not be held by death. As a great pioneer, caust had entered the realment of the dood the lack that, though stain, He could not be held by death. As a great pioneer, Jesus had entered the realms of the dead and emerged, able to give life to whomstower He would. To secure these benefits from Him the sole condition was feith. faith. Peter had no superior sanctity, but he did possess faith in Christ, and it was this faith of his which had made him was this latth of his which had made him the channel of healing. Peter was not the author of the blessing, but the agent only, and he was anxious that Christ should have the full glory. Have we learnt to imitate Peter in this?

Exhortation. Swiftly Peter then turned the attention of his hearers to their own relation to Christ. Sinful had turned the attention of this turned the district own relation to Christis Sinfu had their own relation to Christis Sinfu had their own relation to the Roman governor. They had cepulated Christ's lordship. ("No king but Cassar.") They had copected an unwilling judge into giving a death sentence. Christ's character ("holy and righteous") had not availed to stem their attack upon Him. Actually they had preferred that Barabbas, a taker of life, should be released and that Jeaus, the Life-Giver, should die. Great was their guilt. But pardon that the peasant teacher was the Messish. Because of this ignorance God was willing to absolve them, if they would now turn in humble homage to the Christ. If only all the nation would thus repent, then would Jesus return and Paradise be regained in a wondrous restoration: restoration: restoration: restoration: then would Jesus return and Paradise be regained in a wondrous restoration. From Moses onward, prophets had pre-dicted this glad consummation. Then let the listeners join the ranks of believers, and so hasten the coming of the Christ's kingdom. If we in our day could but prevail on the world to accept the sway of Jesus, what a millennium would

Winning the Men. Peter's pungent appeal proved irresistible to hundreds. Women became believers. But so, too, did the men. The number of male add the men. The number of male adherents increased that day to such an extent that the extent that the keeper of the roll of members found among the names of the converts no less than 5,000 men. A virile religion should still win men.

When the Easter Message meant Imprisonment. To us Easter spells joy. We are glad of the Gospel news that lesus rose from the dead. But the Sad ducees in Jerusalem (and priests, rulers and elders were Sadducees) did not believe in any resurrection, and hence were ingry that Peter should proclaim a ris teacher. Besides, did they not hate the very sound of the name of Jesus ever since He had interfered with the temple since He had interfered with the temple traffic from which they derived much gain? Peter and John were therefore arrested. Preconceived ideas and love of money will hinder acceptance of truth. More than that, they will make listeners hate the preacher and cause them to seek his hurt.

his hurt.

What Peter Thought of in Jail. In custody throughout the night, Peter might well wonder what to say when in the prisoner's dock the next day. Then he remembered how Jesus had dealt with the Sadduces. The Master had quoted to these opponents Psalm 118. Peter decided. cided to use the same weapon on the morrow. And he did. In many a tight

corner we may find guidance by thinking

corner we may find guidance of what Jesus did.

Persecutors Amazed. So outspoken were Peter and John at the trial that the judges were astounded. Then they traced their boldness to the fact that they had been in the company and under the is contagious, and so is courage. To be

in His company.

What to do with Threats. The court What to the firm was not opportune to do violence to the two apostles. For that they would have to wait until the popular enthusiasm had died down. If they had succeeded in killing lesus they would yet silence the followers. Peter and John, therefore, knew the stern warnings from heavy were no idle threats. Many were no idle threats. felt that the time was not opportune to therefore, knew the stern warnings from the bench were no idle threats. Man-fully they had acquitted themselves in court, but they had great need of re-plenishment from on high to face the storm that was sure to burst upon them. Their first act, therefore, was to gather their friends for prayer, that they might lay all these threats before Him. They rose from their knees in utter confidence that they would be upheld in every hery trial that might yet come. A new filling of spiritual might had been communi-cated to them. Happy the Christian whom worldly threats but drive the nearer to his Lord, and so become occasions of richer infilling of the Spirit.

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"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS."

At the beginning of this year I was ill, ery ill. For thirty days I had to lie in very iii. For thirty days I had to lie in bed. Some people can lie in bed, and through the windows see mountains and woods, and fields and a river, but all I could see was a big wall and a little bit of sky. On the bedroom wallpaper there of sky. On the bedroom wallpaper there were hundreds of roses, and on the window curtains hundreds of affodils and other Spring blossome, but, of course, they were not "real" flowers. No bees will ever come to suck pollen out of these, and I soon got tired of looking at the state of the sta looked at these "real" flowers— hyacinths, tulips, carnations, daffodis, cyclamens, snowdrops—and thanked God for their beauty. And in my heart I thanked the friends who spoke to me with flowers. I don't think I shall ever

forget them. There came a day when the doctor said I might go out of doors, if anybody would take me in a motor-car. Before this, one good friend had said that as soon as I for a long risk, and off we went. If you have never been ill and kept indoors for three months, you can't know just how I felt. We hadn't gone very far before my eyes were caught by the flowers growing by the roadside, and the very first flowers, and was growing to hundred the said of the said of the went of the said of the was the caltsfoot. It is one of our earliest flowers, and was growing by hundreds on some waste land. It seems specially fond of railway embankments. Occasionally you may see it in ploughed fields, but the farmer would rather have it at Jericho. "Hello!" I said to myself, "there's the coltsfoot."

"The act's lizelf on sterile ground.

Like gold itself on sterile ground The golden coitsfoot flower is found." The golden celtsfoot flower is found." In a flash I was back in my boyhood. Every Good Friday afternoon, if the weather were fine, my fasher took us a long walk, which led us by old linestone quarries where the collector grew in militions. It is really a wonderful flower. It is a diny sunflower, first cousin to the daisy and the groundsel and the dandelion. In one dandelion I have counted nearly a hundred florets (tiny flowers), but there are three hundred and fifty florets in one collection. Some boy and where they live and glow for many days. What God says to others by the collector

I may not know, but to me He said ever so many lovely things that day. On other days we went out again and along other roads, and every day God was saying things with flowers. At one time saying things with flowers. At one time it was the primose, growing in hundreds and thousands; again it was the butter-cups and daisies, all wide open and turned to the sun. We saw in gardens being flowers than these, but the wild-flowers had their special message of love. Now that May is here, the fields and gardens and hedges and trees will be fields and gardens and hedges and trees will be followers, but he cares may be the control of much more for us, His children "The world is so full of beautiful

things,

I am sure we should all be as

happy as kings.

Our Story. Florence, four years old, was taken by an older sister to service. It was the first time. When the congregation bowed their heads and covered gation bowed their ganon powed their heads and covered their faces for the prayer, Florence pulled her sister's sleeve and asked, in an earnest whisper, "Phyllis, do I have to hide, too?"

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Endeavour Topic.

Floating Endeavour. Doing Business In Great Waters. Luke 5, 1-11, May 11th. By Rev. J. E. Woodfield.

It is said that "America is such a huge island that one forgets that it is an island at all." But this is something that we. at all." But this is something that we, in this sea-girt Britain, never forget. For generations our sailors have sailed the generations our sailors have sailed the seas. Many of our great songs are about the sea. Much of our history has been made on it. We think of Drake and Raleigh, and many others who might be mentioned. It can be truly said that we have been a sea-faring people. Being a little island has had much to do with the little island has had much to do with the making of our character. All round our coast there are dangers to shipping, and often have our brave men been called upon to go to the help of those in dis-tress, oftentimes sacrificing their lives to save "those in peril on the sea." We never lose our love for the sea, and a times we long for the sight and smell of it. Some of us never lose our interest in ships; the sight of a mighty, majestic occan liner thrills us, and makes us long to sail the great waters. The sea is some

The Topic reminds us of our duties to those who sail the high seas, and the passage on which it is based can be said to forecast the phase of work we are called upon to consider in our present

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study. The Jews were not a sea-faring people, but many followed the calling of shermen, and our Lord told those of His disciples who had been so occupied that they were to be fishers of men. The incident is an illustration of the duty of all Christian disciples. We are not only to go out into the highways, but to do business in the great waters." We are to fish for men in the great sea of life, to rescue those in sin, to save those in peril, and to seek to win them for Christ. This work is very definitely undertaken by what we call " Floating Endeavour." The more we know about it the more do we appreciate it, and the more proud we be of our great movement. Unfortunately, many Endeavourers know Unfortunately, many Endeavourers know very little about it, or their interest in it would be greater than it is. In most of our great ports this very important work is carried on. Visits are made to the docks, literature is distributed, short services are held, and a personal word is spoken to the sailors. Many of them greatly appreciate this interest in them. Most of them are glad of "something to read," while the services have often touched a chord in the hearts, and souls have been led to Christ through this

It is impossible to tabulate all that is It is impossible to tabulate all that Is being done in this way; many thousands of ships are visited each year; hundreds of services are held on board or on the quays. About 60,000 letters are sent every year to sailors who cannot be home for Christmas. Thousands of other things are sent, such as scarves, mittens, things are sent, such as scarves, mittens, stationery and needle-cases. What these letters or small gifts must mean to the men we can hardly imagine. We all enjoy our Christmas gatherings, but our sailors are often unable to be at home at this time. Some have nobody who sallors are often unable to be at nome at this time. Some have nobody who thinks about them; no letters from loved ones; and it must mean much to receive a letter or gift from someone in the home-

All this is done by a voluntary staff of workers, and it should call forth our warmest admiration and support. An warmest admiration and support. An appeal is made to all who can to do something along this line. We may not be able to visit the ships, but some can make the kind of things which are needed and appreciated, and most could write a few letters. Many of our sailors are very fine fellows, and worth winning are very fine fellows, and worth winning for Christ, and by doing something in this way we may be helping to achieve this. It is a very commendable and noble work, and one that most can have a part and lot in.

WHAT THE CHURCHES ARE DOING.

Bristol Fourth .- The seventy-third Birth-Brisiel Fourth.—The seventy-third Birthday Party of Clowes' Sunday-school was a great success, the host and hostess heing day services were conducted by Rov. F. P. Pearce (morning), and Mr. C. Edward Barker, of Hartly College (evening). In the afternoon an exercise, "Springline and Flowers," was given by the school However trained by Miss. The claimman was Dr. John Duerden, and the processes approximated 427. Calae.—Special services were held at Chittee on Good Friday. The Rev. W. H. Lawson, of Swindon, pald his third visit to the control of the control o day Party of Clowes' Sunday-school was a

splendid singing of the children and choir, made a deep impression. On Monday Mr. Parr preached in the afternoon. In the evening a large audience gathered, under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Freeman, of Rattry, supported by Revs. G. A. Howard and J. T. Bennington. Mr. Parr's lecture, "Wanted—a Man," was a masterly deliverance

Crewe First .- The choir connected with our Wedgwood Church, Heath-street, have accomplished many fine perform-ances, but it is questionable whether they ances, but it is questionable whether they have achieved a greater success than on Monday with their performance of Haydn's "Spring" and miscellaneous Part II. The principals were Miss Hilda Naylor (Batley), Mr. Leonard Platt (Widney), Mr. Archie Doorbar (Biddulph), Naylor (Miney), arr. Leonard Trait (Wines), Mr. Action Dondard (Gildelph), Winnes, Mr. Action Dondard (Gildelph), Archive Dondard (Gildelph), Archive Dondard (Gildelph), Archive Mr. Arch

Fincham.—Great numbers attended at Flacham.—Great numbers attended at Fincham to take part in the annual hazaar, presided over by Mr. A. Thorpe of Downham. Mrs. C. Pattern, of Mandalan, declared the bazaar open. The "Trassuc Arch" presented a charming appearance, and bore a large proportion of financial fruit. It was disrobed by Mesdames G. Banyard, A. Caley, and Miss Lake, I an the afternoon an hour's it attend the service. Councillor A. L. concert was held under the guidance of Clouting has become one of the first

the Rew. J. Prouton. In the evening the Upwell Choir rendered an excellent sacred programme. Mr. A. Shinfield, of King's Lynn, proved a first-rate chairman. Net proceeds, 435.

Gatesbead.—An excellent rendering of contact Ottech to Calvary's was contact Ottech to Calvary's was sent of the Church. Coun. J. Routledge presided. A supper was held at the close. The preachers on Sunday were Mr. J. Granger and Mr. S. H. Grainger.

Gillingham (Dorset).—The church Council of the Church County of the Church Council Large congregations attended. Council. Large congregations attended. The sermons and services were most in-spiring. The choir gave a selection at the Sunday services. After divine service on the Monday afternoon a public tea was followed by a splendid lecture, "Ruts and Roads," by Rev. T. Nightingale. Mr. G. Davis, C.C., of Blandford, presided. Rev. J. L. Baggott and Mr. F. W. Davis

tendered thanks. Grimsby First .- The Flottergate School Anniversary has been a great success. The Anniversary has been a great success. The special preacher was Rev. F. Clifford Taylor, M.A., B.D. His fresh discourses were much enjoyed. A special feature of the Children's Service on the Sunday afternoon is the model exercises that Mr. F. H. Walsham prepares each year. This Anniversary "Steps in the Life of Jesus" was Walsham prepares some years and the subject, and it proved a great attraction. The singing was under the leadership of Mr. E. R. Benton, assisted by Mr. J. D. Walsham. Mr. A. C. Stoer, I. R. A.M., A.R.C.M., was at the organ, and Misse Eniel Faucett at the piano. The and Miss Enid Fawcet at the piano. The services continued on the Monday, when Mr. Taylor gave a most appropriate address. The following Thursday evening the Infants of the Primary Department, under the guidance of Mr. E. J. Walsham. gave a most interesting concert. Severa of the tiny tots received encores. The young teachers of this department also gave a sketch. The chairmen for the gave a sketch. The chairmen for the occasions were Mr. Joseph Barker, J.P., Mr. J. H. Allen, and Mr. F. W. Wardell. Mr. J. W. Willows, the superintendent, brought the claims of the school before the large audiences. Mr. W. B. Bailey, the treasurer, was able to announce that £102 had been raised. Rev. Geo. Fawcett joined in the expression of thanks to all ho had taken part.

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Høyland.—The Rev. W. Swinnerton
conducted the service on Good Friday at
Gore Hill Church, preaching a helpful
sermon in the afternoon, and also lectuing at night on "Will Crooks," Coun.
J. Bramham presided. Proceeds from tea
and lecture. £3 3s. 8d.

Methodists to occupy the position as chief citizen of the borough. Sunday was a memorable day to him and the church, when for the first time it welcomed the Mayor and Corporation. A special order of service was arranged. Rev. James M. Ridge preached an excellent sermon based on I. Cor. i., 22-24. Rev. E. P. Richardon I. Cor. i., 22-24. Rev. E. P. Kichardson assisted in the service, and Mr. Harvey Winkworth (circuit steward) occupied the pulpit in the evening. On Monday a pulpit in the evening. On Monday social was held, when the church express

social was hold, when the church expressed its appreciation of the honour conferred upon Councillor Clouting.

Lancaster.—The Endeavour Anniversary at Moor-lane was held last week, the special preacher being the Rev. W. H. Paulson, a former minister of the circuit. Paulson, a former minister of the circuit. A large number of old friends gathered for the services. In the afternoon the juniors, with some of the seniors, gave an Exercise under the leadership of Mrs. Gibson, Mr. A. J. Gibson presiding. On the Monday a successful Rally was presided over by Mr. R. Earnshaw, the speakers being the Revs. W. H. Paulson and the service of the property of the propert

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four in the Belgrave Gate Church. The
Rev. J. H. Barker presided at the morning Communion service, and Rev. G. W.
Filior ing Communion service, and Rev. G. W. Elliott gave the address. There were 138 communicants. Each year this service grows in numbers and fervour. The event of Council, Mr. H. F. Smith, was devoted to that of combined choirs, who rendered the Passion and Easter portion of the "Messiah." Mr. Walter Pole conducted, with Mr. Fred Clarke as the organist. Mr. G. E. Hilton, who has led the choir Rev. st. E. Hitton, who has led the choir fer the previous ten years, was unfortunately unable to do so, which was much regretted. Members of our churches come long dis-tances to have a part in these Good Friday services, which give an impetus to the circuits.

circuits.

Lydaey (Gies.).—Special services were held at Easter. Mr. Philipots, of Gorseinon, was the preacher. A musical service was hold in the afternoon, Mr. Philipots giving the address. Mrs. Lichter of Mr. J. A. Hooper, circuit steward, sang at the evening service in excellent style, accompanied by her husband. The choir rendered several anthems afternoon and evening, conducted by Mr. W. Fair-clough. The organist was Mrs. G. Handelough.

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Mr. T. Parr and Mr. E. Sampson returned
thanks. Proceeds £10.

Manchester.—The 79th School Anniver-sary, held at Upper Moss-lane April 12th-14th, passed off very successfully. The Rev. F. H. Shimmin, of Lecds, was the preacher, and his sermons on the Sunday and address on the Monday erening were most inspiring. The tea on the Saturmost inspiring. The tea on the Satur-day was well attended and the meeting day was well attended and the meeting which followed was addressed by the Rev. S. J. Gilson (Wesleyan) and presided over by Mr. F. Leech. On Sunday afternoon, a capital address was given by Mr. J. L. G. Bowran, Mr. Harold Kelley presiding. The meeting on the Monday was presided over by Mrs. R. J. Jones: the Revs. F. H. Shimmin and J. E. Woodfield were the speakers. The chapel and school choirs served excellently

chapel and school enoirs served execuency at the various services.

Malmesbury. — The Crudwell Church held a Sale of Work on April 24th, which was opened by Mrs. E. Riddick, who spoke very highly of the work village Methodism was doing. The sale realised





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Church, who below the property of the School Anniversary Services at Stretford were a complete success. On Saturday the public tea was followed by a delightful pageant, "The Growth and Progress of the Sun Standard Movement," given by the "The Growth and Progress of the Sun-day-school Movement," given by the teachers and scholars, Mrs. Saunders (of Lytham) presiding. Rev. H. L. Hered distributed the prizes for attendance. Mr. W. Rostron reported an increase of scho-lars, and every department in a healthy condition. Rev. W. Swales (of Hull) gave an address, and was also the special president of the Sunday. The scholars preactive for the Sunday. The scholars rendered a musical programme in the afternoon, Miss Gladys Holden in the halfer, Special music was given by the choir at all the services, with Mr. J. H. Taylor at the organ and Mr. W. D. Snape conducting. The proceeds were in advance of fact these conducting. The

vance of last year.

North Waham.—A circuit effort was held on Easter Monday on behalf of the New Manse Fund. Rev. C. H. Pitt, B.A., preached in the afternoon, and after tea Mr. A. Archer presided over the evening meeting, when Rev. C. H. Pitt gave a splendid address. A Treasure Casket containing gifts for the Manse Fund was opened by Mrs. J. Hardingham. Fund was proposed by Mrs. J. Hardingham. effort realised £33 ½. 10d., making £441 148. 10d. raised for the new manse since last Easter.

Norwick.—The annual effort on behalf

Narwick ... The annual effort on behalf Norwick.—The annual effort on behalf of the Trust funds, held at Cowgate-street on Good Friday, proved a great success. By the generosity of Miss Gladys Cooke was followed by a secred concert by the choir, conducted by Mr. E. Hansell, which included selections from "The Messiah." Mr. I. Moore presided, Mr. H. Hansell being the pinnist. The proceeds were in advance of last year.

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Nottlugham. — The Women's Own
Anniversary at Ruddington commenced
with a tea and meeting, the president
being in the chair, Mr. Shears being the
speaker, and Miss G. Harspool soloist.
The services of Mrs. Savage on Sunday
were greatly appreciated. Anthems were
compared to the Mr. O shore conducted the The services of Mrs. Savage on Sunday were greatly appreciated. Anthems were sung by the W.O. choir, conducted by Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mr. S. Cross presiding at the organ. On Monday a concert was given by triends from Radeliffe-street and West Bridgford Churches, Mr. Felton presiding. The work of Mrs. Jones at presiding. The work of Mrs. junes a Ruddington is meeting with much success.

Peterborough Second. — The Cobden-street Church enjoyed a special week-end at Easter. The proceedings began with a public tea on Good Friday, followed by an organ recital by Mr. L. Hibbins, B.A. In the evening the choir, under the direc-tion of Mr. W. Hibbins, rendered the cantata, "Light out of Darkness." All cantata, "Light out of Darkness. And the soloists were in excellent voice, and the evening was enjoyed by those present. Mr. H. E. Freeman presided. On Sunday Mr. H. E. Freeman presided. On Sunday Rev. A. Goodacre preached to good con-gregations, the soloist at night being Mrs. Bullock. In the afternoon the "Women's Own" gav a service of song entitled "The Scarlet Geranium." Mrs. Hubbard occupied the chair; Mrs. Goodacre gave the pied the chair; Mrs. Goodarre gave the connective readings, and Mrs. George presided at the organ. On Monday the "Women chapter of a set of the previous of the reading to the reading to the reading being ably given by Miss Shape, of Hull. Finances very good. Rhosymetre.—Special services held at Black Park during the week-end have been very successful. A splendid congregation the suscenticement minister (Rev. 1. W

the superintendent minister (Rev. J. W. Jenkinson) preached a seasonable sermon. After a public tea in the afternoon, a con-After a public tea in the afternoon, a con-cert was given by a party of juveniles, conducted by Mr. Edward Roberts. Mr. T. E. Partis presided. The Chapel The Chapel of the Chapel of the Chapel The Rev. E. W. Challenger (Wen) preached at the morning and evening ser-vices, and Mr. Chas. Roberts (Preston) in the afternoon. All the discourses were much appreciated by excellent companies.

spiring season; the nightly services con-ducted by various ministers during Holy Week proved most helpful, and were well attended. A United Service for the Free Churches of the district was held in Sea-

combe Wesleyan Church on Good Friday. In the evening our choir gave an impressive rendering of the cantata, "From Olivet to Calvary." The services of Easter Day marked the culminating point, when Rev. R. M. Rutter and Rev. D. Cook conducted inspiring services.

Seaham Harbeur.—A grand orchestral concert, accompanied by the Crotchet Vocal Quartette Party, was given in the Tempestylace Church on Good Friday Charles Church on Friday Charles Church on East Church on East Church Chairman. Mr. Robert Young was the conductor. Mr. John Turnbull presided at the organ, and the planist was the conductor. Mr. John Turnbull pre-sided at the organ, and the pinnist was Miss Mary Young. Mr. Young had suc-ceeded in organising a large and efficient band. All the selections were most excel-lently rendered. whilst the quartette party tently rendered, whilst the quartette party delighted the audience with their songs. The Rev. B. Haddon expressed appreciation of the services of the chairman, the Crotchet Party, the band, and especially of the senductor.

Shellield (Petre-street).-A Methodist Shellidd (Petre-street).—A Methodist United Communion Service was held at Petre-street on Thursday, April 17, when seven ministers took part—Rews. S. O. Tattersall, W. A. Jones, and R. W. Hull (Wesleyan); D. V. Godfrey and A. G. Bennett (U.M.); and J. McGain and E. Goldthorpe (P.M.). The preacher was Rev. D. V. Godfrey, of Firth Park U.M. Church, and the service was conducted Rev. D. V. Godfrey, of Firth Park U.M.
Church, and the service was conducted
by the minister of the church, Rev. E.
Goldthorpe. Twelve societies from the
northern part of the city were represented,
and a fine tone pervaded the service.
St. Ives (Hustis.).—A Sale of Work
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has been held for the purpose of reducing the large debit balances on the Trust and Circuit Funds. There has been a splendid rally of the members. Mrs. F. M. Warren (Congregationalist) opened det he sale, and Rev. J. J. Harrison president of the friends were great properly defended by the sale of the reducing the sale of the sale and the sal

cert. Statithes.—The Raily of the Circuit Churches was held on Good Friday, the Rev. A. Thornton presiding. A fine address was given by Mr. F. J. Horne, of Sheffield, a native of the circuit. The roll call of the societies was conducted by Rev. J. Toyon. A solo by Miss Pearce, London, and a selection by the Statithes Eighbermen were greatly amorgiated. After kev. J. 1 oyn. A soio oy Miss Fearce, London, and a selection by the Staithes Fishermen were greatly appreciated. After tea an inspiring open-air service was conducted by Mr. W. Gittins. At the evening meeting Rev. R. Laidler. Of Hardepool agave abovering Life. Councillor James Turnbull, circuit steward, presided. Miss Pearce and the Fishermen greatly added to the enipyment of the meeting by their singing. Mr. D. Manship was organist. Rev. J. Toyn paid a great tribute to Rev. A. Thornton, who leaves for Grimsby in July, having spent a most successful four years' probation on the circuit. Swidden First.—The Easter services conducted at Wroughton by Rev. W. H. Lawson were followed by a slee of work.

Swiaden FHRI.—In the Laster services conducted at Wronghino by Rev. W. H. Landon M. Wronghino by Rev. W. H. Landon M. Mary, Mro. Yates declaring the sale open. In the evening a splendid concert was given. A special feature was the items rendered by the Sunshine Band. Mr. P. Warren, of Chiseldon, presided. Thanks were accorded by Mr. W. Robinson (circuit steward). Proceeds £20.

Thoraton Heatth.—On Falm Sunday the choir of our Thornton Heath Church enderton of the experimental content of the evening service. A good company enjoyed the rendering. The soloists were Madame Rachel Bristow, Mrs. Joseph Walker, Mr. A. Couchman, Mr. N. Backshall. The choir was conducted by Madame Rachel Bristow (Mrs. Skene), and Mr. F. G. Paul was at the organ.

by Madame Rachel Bristow (Mrs. Skene), and Mr. F. G. Paul was at the organ. Wednesileld.—Ladies' Day proved an unqualified success. Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jeavons, and Matron Charter served admirably as speakers, whilst the ladies' choir, conducted by Mrs. A. S. Leyland, rendered items in pleasing style. The financial result is easily a record, and reflects great enthusiasm and sacrifice.

Books Received.

DOOKS RECEIVED.

"The New View of Christianity," by Prof. Bethune-Baker and the Enquiring Layman. (George Newnes, 2s. 6d.)

"If I had only one Sermon to Preach on Immortality." Edited by W. L. Stidger. (Allen and Unwin, 7s. 6d.)

"The Accuracy of the Old Testament." By J. Garrard Duncan, B.D. (S.P.C.K., 6s.)

Women's Missionary Work.

Ashington.—A special united meeting of the branches was held in Pegswood Church. Mrs. Moore, of Morpeth, presided. Mrs. Wonders sang a sweet solo, and Mrs. Baldry read the missionary letter. Miss Hall, late of the Bolivian mis-

and Mrs. Baldry read the missionary letter. Miss Hall, late of the Bolivian mission field, thrilled her audience with a
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of the st was provided by the Iadies of the church. The evening meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. M. Craddock. Mrs. H. Shaw (United Methodish) gave a splendid address. Soloist, Mrs. Birtles. Mr. T. Smith was the accompanist. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Firth crtumed thanks. Proceeds for African Fund, 22 10s. 10d.

Bearnameath. — The April Auxiliary Meeting was held in the Winton Church, under the presidency of Mrs. A. E. Reavley, accompanied by Rev. A. E. Reavley. Miss Davies read the scripture, and Mrs. J. Medley condered two two was a construction of the Mrs. Mrs. In Medley condered two very vivid and telling word-pictures of life in India as it specially affects the women. Tea was served by the Winton ladies, who were thanked by Mrs. W. J. Ward. Proceeds, £5 14s.

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dress on our work in Central Africa was given by Rev. W. Spencer, Report of the annual district meeting was given. Tea was provided by the ladies of the Roth-well branch. Mrs. Banham made sales-

well branch. Mrs. Banham made sales-from her missionary basket, and these, together with proceeds from the tea and collection, realised £4 17s. 9d. Martham.—The monthly branch meet-lag was held at Hickling, Mrs. Pigg pre-siding. Mrs. E. Balls led the devoltions. The missionary letter was read by Mrs. F. Helsdon. Address by Miss F. Play-ford. Soloise, Mrs. Pitcher. Mrs. Mann!

presided at the organ. Tea was provided by the Hickling friends. Collection for missionary fund, 14s. Norton Canes.—Mrs. Booth presided over the Auxiliary Meeting; the Rev. Dean

over the Auxiliary Meeting; the Rev. Dean Turner leading the devotions. Mrs. Turner was the soloist, accompanied by Mr. W. J. Street. Mrs. Stones gave a very interesting address, and Rev. Alport thanked all who had made the meeting so enjoyable. The Norton Canes ladies provided tea. The collection realised 25 8s.

Missionary Federation has been formed at Alpraham, Tarporley, after the visit of Miss L. V. Mackay. The officers elected are: President: Mrs. Jos. Wright; secretaries, Mrs. Cornes and Mrs. Jackson; treasurer, Rev. G. Jackson. Twenty members have been enrolled. The first meeting was held at Alpraham on Tugday, under the presidency of Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Dollard. Of Corwe, gave a beipful Utiosette.—The annual branch meeting took the form of an "At Home," the Uttoxeter ladies being hostsesse. An ap-

Tarporley.—A branch of the Women's Uttoxeter ladies being hostesses. An ap-

propriate address was given by Miss Wood. Soloist, Mrs. Astle. Officers appointed: President, Mrs. G. W. Meachin; vice-president, if Miss. Forrester; treasurer, Miss. C. M. Leason. The monthly meeting was held at Bridge Farm, Stramball, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker. Mrs. G. W. Meachim presided. Soloist, Mrs. Staniey, Miss Porrester read Soloist, Mrs. Staniey, Miss Porrester read the month of the Wesleyan Women's Meeting, read very interesting letters from missionaries at the Bahamas. Proceeds, 21 18s. 64. £1 18s. 6d.

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