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"THE REIGN OF ROWDYISM." By Arthur T. Guttery.

The Mother of Free Parliaments has been covered with shame. Her fair fame is soiled with a scandal that will never be forgotten. The "gentlemen of England" have disgraced our Senate by an outbreak of organised hooliganism, that we had thought only possible to backward races. Riot has prevailed, and the House of Commons has shown itself helpless in face of brutal violence and passion.

Rowdism is the accepted policy of Toryism, as led by Mr. Bonar Law; and the delay it has forced upon public business is called a triumph by the Conservative Press. Fury and fooling are the stock-in-trade of politicians who boast that the nation is eager to entrust to them the destinies of Empire. This faith in clamour and violence is no new thing; it explains the calculated insults which are the eloquence of the Tory leader. It moved the House of Commons, led by Lord Hugh Cecil, to howl down the Premier months ago; it has led the Tory Press to foment resistance to the law on the part of doctors and mistresses, and it created the mock revolution with which Ulster would shake our nerves. Now it has found its climax in a studied attempt to break the Parliamentary machine, and to reduce to impotence a Government whose authority rests on three successive General Elections.

November 13th, 1912, will remain a black day in Parliamentary history; on that day constitutional government yielded to riot. There would be some excuse for it if the passion was real and the indignation was instinctive; but the whole thing is a travesty; it is part of a game. It is a plot to force upon the country a General Election before the misrepresentations that have been given of the Insurance Act are found out. It is a trick to prevent the road being cleared for that land campaign in which social salvation will be found, and of which aristocratic interests stand in mortal terror. It is anarchy by arrangement, because the Tory party has been so accustomed to rule by the help of the House of Lords, whether in opposition or not, that it cannot accept the new possibility of a Liberal majority getting its will done. The dead-weight of the peers has been removed, and the champions of every vested interest now put their trust in hooliganism. In office these men pose as constitutionalists; out of office they are anarchists. The country must protect itself from them, for they would make orderly government impossible, and they would make us a bye-word among civilised nations. No one complains when they win an accidental majority in the Lobbies; but all sober men resent this intrusion of mob-rule into the Palace of Westminster.

The Liberal Party does not come out of this disgraceful incident with credit. There is no excuse sufficient to explain the absence of one-half its members from a critical division; Ministers of the Crown should have arranged their departmental duties so as to be on hand to vote in every division that affected the authority of the Government. The Liberal Party is faced by an infuriated Opposition, and slackness is not the way to deal with forces that are ready to break into riot. The Government has not done well. It should have refused to compromise with rowdism; it should have been calm and relentless in its treatment of the "corner-boys" who had intruded into St. Stephen's. To yield to violence is to sanction it, and the adjournment from Thursday to Monday was a confession of weakness. The law must treat Sir E. Carson's treason as it would Mr. Tom Mann; it must regard Lord Hugh Cecil's hysterics as it does Mr.

G. Lansbury. And it must measure out to a riotous Tory Party the same justice that it would to the Labour Party if it resorted to violence. If the Opposition will not allow discussion, then let an orderly resolution be put in dumb show; if the police must be called in, it is very painful, but better than to have Parliament degraded to shameful impotence in the eyes of the world. We had hoped that Mr. Asquith would prove a Cromwell; but Cromwell did not crumple up before a threat. It is said the Speaker might have resigned if the Government had not yielded; far better a Speaker resign than the House of Commons be dishonoured. To condone violence is to share its shame.

The authority of the Speaker has been weakened. It is doubtful if ever he will regain his prestige. For some time he has allowed the Opposition to indulge in interruptions and epithets that have verged on disorder. His new ruling that as long as cries are confined to certain words, such as "Adjourn" and "Divide," he is helpless, is a monstrous and fatal innovation. He has proved weak, in that he first rules a motion to be in order, and then, because riot follows, he pleads that it should be withdrawn. He adjourns the House, when he should, one by one, have expelled the disturbers. He is afraid of new precedents, but has created one that makes noise supreme. He would guard the rights of the minority, but has doomed the majority to helplessness. He has soothed Tory susceptibilities, but he has allowed the House of Commons to be robbed of fourteen precious days. It is a pitiable weakness that makes one long for the stern rule of the late Speaker Peel.

There is nothing for the Government but to go straight on, to call up its courage; to treat lawlessness with relentless justice; to make impossible the reign of rowdism; to sentence the House to hard labour for its drunken outburst; to sweep away archaic and obstructive pedantries, and to secure from Parliament those great measures of reform that are at once its authority and task.

LEEDS CENTRAL MISSION.

The eighteenth anniversary of Rehoboth Central Mission, Leeds, has been celebrated with splendid enthusiasm. On Nov. 3 Rev. G. Parkin, B.D., was welcomed by old friends who remember his fruitful ministry in Leeds Third Circuit. In the afternoon the cantata "From Storm to Calm" was effectively rendered by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Crowther. The principals were Miss McLochlan, Miss Crowther, Mr. H. Wilkinson, and Mr. Harold Kay. Mr. J. W. Vine presided. Rev. E. Dalton, D.D., preached to a good congregation on November 6th, and lectured with his accustomed eloquence on "The Church and Socialism." The Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor E. H. Brown (Vice-President of Conference), presided and gave an excellent address. The tea was well patronised. Mr. J. W. Pawson thanked all their friends on behalf of the mission. Rev. G. Bicheno, of St. Anne's, was the preacher on November 10th. In the afternoon he gave his popular musical lecture on "The Lady with the Lamp." Mr. Joseph Auty, jun. (Dewsbury), and Mr. H. Wilkinson served admirably as soloists, Mr. C. B. Howdill presiding at the organ. The chairman was Mr. Alfred Gillgrass. The pastor's birthday party on Wednesday, the 13th, proved a great attraction. Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Auty held a reception, and received birthday gifts on behalf of the mission. A fine programme of music was provided by Mr. W. Briggs' concert party. Miss Briggs was an accomplished elocutionist. Mr. G. A. Cusworth, York, a staunch friend of Rehoboth, presided. Mr. Thomas Howdill thanked all who had taken part. Total proceeds, including special gifts, £100. This is a great achievement for a down-town church working under very difficult conditions. A bold scheme is likely to be launched to free the mission from its debt. For this purpose a sum of £1,250 will be needed. Rev. Thomas Jackson, President of Conference, is paying a special visit on Sunday and Monday, December 15th and 16th.

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DR. PEAKE ON "THE PERMANENT VALUE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT."

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

The Congregational Church House, Deansgate, Manchester, is already a notable centre of Free Church life. The Governors have placed the whole religious community under a deep obligation by the institution of "The Deansgate Lectures." These lectures are meeting a need not provided for by any other agency, and give a popular presentation of the "Modern Problems of Religious Thought" from the standpoint of reverent and competent scholarship. Last Tuesday, Dr. Peake delivered the third lecture in the second series on "The Permanent Value of the Old Testament." The Milton Hall is an ideal gathering place for such a purpose. When Dr. Peake took his place at the desk a good audience, composed of keen and thoughtful men and women, gave him a hearty welcome. Standing slightly aside from the desk, the Doctor began to speak in his usual quiet conversational manner. The Chairman had introduced him as "a gentleman whom we all honour and most of us have learnt to love." It was speedily evident that this audience, at any rate, knew how to value the privilege of receiving instruction on such a subject from such a master. For an hour and ten minutes, without a scrap of note paper, and interrupted only by one or two brief outbursts of applause, the Doctor held his audience spellbound.

Commencing with a reference to his lecture last year on "The Old Testament after Criticism," he asked, "How far may the Scriptures of the Old Testament claim a right to be in our Bible?" This is no new question. Marcion's position was briefly stated, and shown to be obsolete. "We do not expect Gnosticism to rise up again in the Christian Church." Still the problem remained. Why should a sacred book still maintain its authority in a Church which professes to have left behind the stage of religious knowledge which it represented. For a long time it was possible to get over the difficulty by the allegorical interpretation of Old Testament Scriptures; but allegorism has no place nor appeal for us to-day. Nor can we go to the Old Testament in order to prove Christian doctrines. In illustration of this, Dr. Peake cited the doctrine of Atonement, and showed that the Book of Leviticus cannot be used arbitrarily for this purpose. We must come to the Bible in a scientific spirit, without theory or prepossession. We must think ourselves into the mind of the author of an Old Testament book and seek to find out what the writer really meant in the situation in which he was placed. The fact that the Old Testament is imperfect is the very reason why we want to keep it. "The Old Testament is not the New Testament written in hieroglyphics. The chief value of the Old Testament by the social reformer." This New Testament, and does not contain New Testament doctrine." "It is not wonderful," said the Doctor, "that in our day a great deal of attention is called to the value of the Old Testament to the social reformer." This value is very great. But we must remember its limitations. We cannot take legislation devised for such different conditions and apply it indiscriminately to our land and times. The real value lies in the principles it enshrines, and, having learnt these principles from the Hebrew prophet, we must go forth and apply them to the conditions existing in our midst. "Much of the value of the Old Testament lies in its extraordinary literary power," declared the lecturer, and in a passage of great eloquence and beauty he showed how impossible it is for us to go back to the idea of dictated utterance. The inspiration of the Hebrew prophet was a more complex process than that. It was the action and interaction of the Divine and human spirit upon each other. "Something, so to speak, which heightened all a man's powers of thought and emotion," and with this the power of expression was also lifted.

The expression of Scripture belongs to the class of great literature. It bears upon its very breast the marks of its heavenly origin. The Bible is a universal book in a sense in which neither Plato, nor Shakespeare, nor Dante are. The deeper value of the Bible lies in the fact that in the Old Testament and the New Testament we have a true revelation of God. Still, it is not as a book of theology that we find the highest value of the Old Testament Scripture. There is such a thing as emotional value. Something indefinable that escapes us as we try to pin it down to cold statement, but which we all feel as we read—it is this which gives the Bible some of its greatest power. This aspect was illustrated in a most telling way by quotation of the hymn, "O, worship the King all glories above," showing how the roots of some ideas therein expressed go far back to heathen mythology and the birth of human thought.

We were then reminded that whilst containing valuable material for theology there is something more valuable still in the experience of God which the Old Testament enshrines. This was magnificently enforced from the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. No Christian can admit, without disloyalty to his Lord, that theology is the deepest thing in Christianity. What Jesus was is infinitely greater than anything He could say. The deepest thing in Christianity is Jesus Christ Himself. Human language cannot express Him. What words and deeds could not do was done by His personality, and the supreme revelation is given in Jesus' life and death. And so in the Old Testament we have a religious experience, first national, then personal, greater than any words. It is a great mistake to take bits out of the Old Testament. "We must radically break with the atomistic view of the Bible, and recognise that its authority lies in the whole

revelation which it gives." The Bible is all valuable if we know how to take it in the right way. The atmosphere and historic background are indispensable to a right understanding of the truth. We must accept the Old Testament for what it really is. "The value of the Old Testament consists in the record of an exceptional movement of the Divine Spirit upon a people, taken at a low level, and lifting them to a higher level until it became possible for them to receive the revelation of God in His only begotten Son." God is as real in the Old Testament as in the New, but the knowledge and experience of Him is not so intense. Our Lord Himself used the Old Testament to nourish His spirit, and we Christians find in Him an example that we must copy. The Old Testament cannot become obsolete, for it provides the very atmosphere upon which the Christian revelation arose. These are a few imperfect notes of a lecture which won a hearty approval from a critical and discriminating audience.

In spite of the fact that he had spoken for over an hour with growing eloquence and warmth the Doctor spent nearly 50 minutes more in giving careful and exhaustive answers to questions sent up by the audience.

THE LATE REV. GAD THORPE.

The passing of Rev. G. Thorpe on November 10th was a sad surprise to both family and friends. Ten days before he had undergone an operation in the Hinckley Hospital with a large confidence in a speedy recovery and return to the work he loved. Though surgical treatment had revealed a malignant growth the doctor anticipated a temporary recovery. Among the friends who were permitted to see him but a short time before he died were Rev. M. Knowlson, a life-long comrade, Mr. Albert Shakesby, who was conducting a mission in the vicinity, and his colleagues. The funeral service, held on November 14th, in Hinckley Church, was conducted by Rev. S. Dodd, the local ministers, together with representatives of the District and Connexion, taking part. Rev. M. Knowlson gave a chaste address. The committal service was read by Mr. J. T. Bennington.

An Appreciation.

By Rev. M. KNOWLSON.

It was at the close of a missionary meeting at Emley, in the Clayton West Circuit, in October, 1874, when, along with the late Revs. Mark Baxter, John Rumsitt, and George Normandale, I was invited to supper by a thrifty, respectable Christian gentleman named Mr. Thorpe. There I made the acquaintance of a happy family, consisting of father, mother, and three sons, named respectively John, Gad, and Thomas. I found an air of comfort and Christian influence that was far-reaching in its effects. John and Gad had both attained their majority and were working in the mine, they were already on the plan as local preachers, whilst Thomas was pursuing his studies at the village school. John, as a preacher, was immensely popular, and was in great demand. Gad was thoughtful, modest and less demonstrative. Having presentiments that the ministerial vocation was his, he was giving himself with commendable abandon to preparation for that sphere, upon which he entered in the following July. Thomas found his sphere in the little Sunday-school, and to-day is its superintendent, though living four miles away. He also holds the office of circuit steward of that large and prosperous station. Thus from that cottage home in Emley there went forth three young men (all that it contained), whose supreme aim during all the intervening years has been to bless and save the world. Each man was strong, healthy, vigorous, but pre-eminently pious.

The first of the three to depart this life is Gad, the subject of this appreciation. Born early in 1850 he was thus at the time of his translation on Sunday, November 10th, in his sixty-third year and the thirty-eighth of his ministry. Into those years he pressed much service, for he was ever characterised for plodding perseverance, enthusiastic devotion and conscientious application to duty. During his ministerial term he served fourteen stations and five of them four years each. His work was not that which dazzled for the moment and immediately evaporated, but that which endured and was to be found after many days. He was especially the friend of the young, and had the joy of leading many of them into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. His own daughters are all members of our Church, and are actively engaged in Sunday-school and Christian Endeavour work. Both his first wife and second, who survives him, and mourns his loss, loyally assisted and sustained him in all his efforts. For over thirty-seven years he bore a most honourable reputation in the ministry. Being naturally shy, retiring and unduly sensitive, and having an inadequate conception of his own abilities, he never took front rank position, but he made full proof of his ministry, and was always the most loved where he was the best known. He was transparently honest. A wise administrator, always managing his circuits well, and developing their resources to the utmost extent. His sermons were thoughtful, practical and thoroughly evangelical. He was extensively read, and his well-stocked library gives an indication of the wide range of subjects he delighted to ponder. He was always regarded as one of God's "good men" of true heart, pure motive and single aim. While his circuits received first attention, he was by no means parochial in his sympathies. The Connexion Orphanages made special appeal to him, and he cheerfully gave seven years of his term in the Sheffield District to the Secretariat of the Committee. On his retirement from the office he was presented with a beautiful illuminated address in album form. In the Church Council, Temperance and Political work he took full share. Now that his valuable earthly life is ended we mourn the loss of a true friend, a brave comrade, a loving brother, a tender father, a kind husband, and a successful minister.

AMONG THE DISTRICTS.

The Sheffield District Committees met at Bethel, Cambridge-street, on Tuesday, presided over by Revs. G. G. Martindale and J. Keightley. The District Secretary reported the death of Rev. G. Thorpe, of Hinckley, who spent some years in the district. The committee was profoundly moved, and expressed its sympathy by a standing vote. Sympathy with the circuit in the second loss of its superintendent within two years was also expressed. A resolution of sympathy was also sent to Mr. A. Revell, of Sheffield, on the recent death of Mrs. Revell. Rev. W. D. Cox was reported ill, and a suitable resolution was sent to him. A scheme for the reconstitution of District Committees and payment of expenses was rejected. The General Committee's circular re Connexion Fund was read, and special provision for its discussion at the December meeting was made. In the Missionary Committee the South Yorkshire Coalfield Mission was again under consideration and mention was made of the valuable work already done by the ministers and officials of the Doncaster, Rotherham, Mexborough and Kiveton Park Circuits. Under the new missionary legislation it was decided to hold two conferences in the district. The December quarterly meetings are to be desired to send delegates and to fall into line with the legislation, as given in the Conference minutes. In the Building Committee it was reported that a new organ had been installed as Masbro', Sheffield First, and that £146 towards £150 expended had been raised.

Under the presidency of Rev. J. Ritson, the London First District Committees met at Holborn Hall last Thursday. The meeting was gratified to find that 629 scholars sat for the Scripture examination (an increase of 78 upon last year). The General Sunday-school Secretary will visit Dunstable on June 21st and 22nd, and Luton Second on June 23rd. Northumberland Park, Poplar, and Stoke Newington Circuits reported several additions to the Junior C.E. Societies in connection with the Young People's Days, and the chairman also referred to a recent Sunday evening service at which several young men yielded themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. The question of the Connexion Fund levy came before the meeting, and a brief discussion followed. But it was considered advisable that each member of the Committee should be supplied with a copy of the circular issued, giving alternative proposals, together with a copy of a statement showing the incidence of the proposals to the District. Certain items in the "estimated expenditure" were vigorously criticised. Stratford Circuit reported the completion of the sale of the Chapel-street property, £311 being cleared by the transaction.

ORPHANAGE "AT HOME" AT HALIFAX.

On November 11th the annual "At Home" promoted by the ladies of the Halifax group was successfully held in the Queen's-road Sunday-school. Rev. W. Shipley introduced Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whittaker as host and hostess, than whom the orphans have no warmer friends. He said they had lost, since their last "At Home," one of the greatest friends of the Orphanage by the death of the late Mrs. John Whittaker. They were glad to have her son and his wife as host and hostess. Mr. Whittaker, District Treasurer, delivered an effective utterance, and gave £3 3s. In the much regretted absence of Mrs. G. Howarth, the indefatigable secretary, Rev. W. Dickenson gave the report. A small stall of goods had been prepared, presided over by Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Howarth, jun., and Miss Lily Brearley. Total receipts £15 15s., being £3 in advance. Refreshments were provided, and a musical programme was well rendered. The room was tastefully decorated.

MARRIAGE.

A pretty wedding took place at Jubilee Church, Scarborough, on November 13th. The contracting parties were Mr. George Thomas Boyes, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyes, "Chesterfield," and Miss Alice Maud Ireland, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ireland, Cölumbus-ravine. The bride and bridegroom have a life-long connection with Jubilee Church. A crowded congregation witnessed the ceremony. The service was choral, Mr. A. W. Raine presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of cream crêpe-de-chine, trimmed with silk lace and sprays of orange-blossom. She wore a white tassel hat with lanœt plume, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, lilies, and other blooms, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith G. Ireland (sister of the bride), Miss Agnes Boyes (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Temple (cousin of the bride). They wore dresses of pale blue crêpe-de-chine, trimmed with lace and silk, and wore brilliant pendants, and carried bouquets of pink carnations, the gifts of the bridegroom. The latter was attended by his brother, Mr. Robert Boyes, as best man. Rev. G. T. Chappell officiated. After the ceremony a large company gathered for the reception. Congratulations were expressed by Revs. S. Bates, G. T. Chappell, and members of the staff at Scarborough and York. Subsequently the happy couple left for the South of England. The presents were costly and numerous. Our young friends will commence their new life at York.

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Table Talk.

Our Christmas Number, consisting of forty pages, will be issued on Thursday, December 5th, at the price of twopence. The Number this year will possess interest of an exceptional kind. Much disappointment was experienced last year by many friends, who were unable to obtain copies in consequence of the whole of an unusually large edition being sold out early. As there is sure to be a run on the forthcoming Christmas Number, orders should be placed with Newsagents at once. Particulars will be given in our next issue.

For our Christmas Number three prizes will be given for the best papers on "How to Spend Christmas." The papers must be brief, not exceeding 500 words, and must be forwarded to Mrs. Jones Davies, Hartley College, Alexandra Park-road, Manchester, by Thursday, 28th inst. The prizes will be 5s., 3s. 6d., and 2s. 6d.

Our readers will notice, per advertisement, a very important change of address. The Connexional Fund Treasurer, Rev. John Hallam, is leaving London about the 28th inst., and all letters, etc., on and after that date should be addressed to 95, Ewlesley-road, Sunderland.

Ebenezer Church, Halifax, has enjoyed remarkable financial prosperity during the ministry of Rev. W. Dickinson. Five and a half years ago the trust debt was £1,670, in addition to this the trustees promised £100 to the Bradford Central Hall debt and £190 3s. has been given to the Central Centenary Fund, making a total of £1,960 3s. By an effort just held, the last £100 has been raised, which has enabled the trustees to pay off the last debt. They are now in the happy condition of being free from debt. It is proposed to have a great thanksgiving early in the new year. The most pleasing feature about the debt extinction scheme is that, notwithstanding many efforts, there has been no friction, the members have been wisely led by the minister and by good and experienced officials. No big bazaar has been held, but systematic and proportionate giving has been taught and practised, and all the funds of the church have prospered in a remarkable manner, and have been able to vote sums of money to aid the debt extinction scheme. The circuit fund was never in a healthier condition, and the ministry has shared in the church's prosperity. The secret of the success is "First things first." No meetings have been permissible that have interfered with the spiritual interests of the church, and the best days are yet to come.

Glascote Mission, better known as Tamworth, under the ministry of Mr. H. P. Ellis, late of Stepney Green Tabernacle, is enjoying considerable prosperity. At one of its villages, Alvecoote, a mining centre, there is a revival proceeding which is assuming large proportions. Some of the worst drunkards in the place have been converted and the work is spreading. During one night last week there were no fewer than sixteen persons who professed conversion, and again some of the notorious characters of the village. The work commenced in an ordinary way, through the visitation of the neighbourhood and a mission conducted by Mr. Ellis. As we go to press we learn that the good work is extending, that another village on the same station has witnessed a gracious outbreak.

The Leeds circuits have decided to waive their privilege of entertaining the Conference of 1916 in order that the Conference of that year may be held in Nottingham. 1916 is the centenary of the introduction of Primitive Methodism into Nottingham, and the churches are wishful to entertain the Conference during their Centenary year.

Our friends at Heaton-road Church, Newcastle, are holding a fortnight's special services, conducted by the circuit ministers. Our recent note from another correspondent indicated that an unusually large proportion of the Sabbath evening congregation consists of young people. The possibilities of the church are full of promise. On a recent Sunday the services were full of power, the congregations large and eager, and signs are not wanting that soon those glorious possibilities will be transmuted into still more glorious realities. Rev. W. Duffield was the missionary the first week, and Rev. J. J. Alderson continued throughout the week following.

Rev. J. Burton, of Liverpool, writes:—"The man referred to in Alderman Linfield's letter in the *Leader* of 7th inst., has been in Liverpool plying his trade of obtaining money under false pretences. He styles himself Rev. Arthur James Green, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, is clerically dressed, tells a most plausible tale of having missed his boat to America, his luggage has gone, he is following, wants a little assistance, etc., and makes free use of Mr. Linfield's name. A warrant has been issued here for his apprehension. If he calls upon any of your readers it is to be hoped they will find means of handing him over to the police.

For the past three years Stoke Newington Circuit has been vigorously grappling with its financial problems, with the result that the situation is considerably improved. Last week a successful bazaar was held at Kingsland for clearing renovation costs, deficit on chapel fund and reduction of debt. During the last week of this month a bazaar will be held at Northwold-road to cover costs of external renovation. At Stamford Hill in December a special effort will be made for further reduction of debt and to clear renovation costs. The need of a new and larger church at Stamford Hill is painfully apparent.

Rev. W. J. Tristram, 18, St. John's-terrace, Leeds, writes:—"Kindly allow me to ask all circuit ministers from whose circuits young people have come to the Leeds Training College to communicate to me at once the names of such, and, if possible, the hall in which they reside. We have the names of some, but not of all. We desire that every Primitive Methodist student should keep in close touch with their own church during their period of residence."

Amid stormy wintry weather the harvest services at Silpho Moors were held last week-end. Notwithstanding the weather large congregations gathered. Friends came for miles round. The preachers were well rewarded for their rough journey from Scarborough. It was a delight to all to have present the veteran moorland preacher, Mr. Frank Hunter. His many friends will be glad to hear that, notwithstanding his advanced years, he still retains his zeal and affection for the chapel on the moors—the story of which must some day be told.

At the West Midland District Committee it was reported that the Conference Hall, under the ministry of Rev. E. S. Cole, was regaining its vitality. A scheme for the consolidation of the debt was warmly approved. There is to be a bold move in the district in favour of the missionary funds. Missionary conferences are to be held. It is also proposed to hold a great missionary meeting in Birmingham Town Hall next September, when it is anticipated Dr. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn, will be present to speak.

The Hinckley Circuit has sustained a heavy blow in the death of its superintendent minister, Rev. Gad Thorpe. It will be remembered that only last year Mr. Thorpe's predecessor, Rev. W. J. T. Scruby, passed away. Quite recently, too, Messrs. Potter and Arguile, two of the senior local preachers, have been called home. Much sympathy is being evinced with the circuit in this succession of losses.

At the marriage of Mr. George T. Boyes and Miss A. Maud Ireland, Jubilee Church, Scarborough, witnessed a striking tribute to the esteem in which both families are held in the town. The church was crowded, and as many remained outside. Mr. and Mrs. Boyes, the parents of the bridegroom, have for many years given of their best, in gift and service, to the interests of the church; and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ireland, the parents of the bride, have long rendered valuable service to our church. Mr. Ireland is society steward, trust treasurer, and school superintendent at Jubilee.

The Buckenham Memorial Church, Fakenham, one of the most beautiful buildings in East Anglia, is boldly grappling with a debt reduction scheme. During the past year £100 was repaid, and the church has again set to work to reduce the debt by another £100 this year. The minister, Rev. T. Vaughan, is very wishful to get the debt down to £1,000. The church is composed of about eighty members, who are among the bravest to be found in the county of Norfolk.

Arrangements have been completed for the Nottingham District Missionary Convention at Leicester, December 11th. With Rev. A. T. Cuttrey, Mr. J. Sivill, and Mr. Moses Bourne taking leading parts, a successful and inspiring gathering would seem to be assured.

The Shotley Bridge Circuit has done splendidly for missions. Its meetings have raised £150, which is £70 more than four years ago. Castleside, with only sixty-five members, contributes £22, and Lancaster, with fifty-five members, sends £21. Much credit is due to the efforts of Mrs. George, President of the Women's Missionary Federation, Miss M. Jewitt, Mr. J. Moss, and Rev. E. B. Storr.

Last Friday evening at Levenshulme Church a fine elocutionary performance was given by Mr. F. Harrison Slater, a young and accomplished recitalist of Holloway. Excerpts from "Oliver Twist" were rendered in a masterly style, and the performer succeeded in striking and sustaining the human note all through. The hearers heard with rapt attention the amazing adventures of the work-house boy, Oliver. The splendid delineation of the characters, Fagin, Nancy, and Bill Sykes, evoked much enthusiasm. A bright future may safely be predicted for Mr. Slater. Alderman Thompson, Oldham, presided. Quite a good number of students was present. The proceeds are for Hartley College Missionary Fund.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Richard Challinor.

On November 14th, Mr. Richard Challinor, of Eccleshall, near Stafford, departed this life, with tragic suddenness, at the age of fifty-four. He was for many years a local preacher in the Stafford Circuit, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends. His remains were laid to rest in the Eccleshall Churchyard on the 18th inst., prior to which a most impressive service was held in the Wesleyan Chapel (kindly lent), conducted by Rev. W. A. Eyre. Rev. T. Clamp, Mr. W. F. Lloyd, and Councillor M. Bedford also took part. The hymns were sung with deep feeling. There was a large and representative gathering of officials and friends. At the graveside Revs. W. A. Eyre and T. Clamp officiated. Before separating the friends sang—many with tearful eyes—"Shall we meet beyond the river?" We shall meet—in the morning.

THE GOVERNMENT'S TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

Great National Convention.

By Rev. J. Pearce.

Under the auspices of the United Kingdom Alliance and the National Temperance Federation, a National Convention to demand from the Government the promised new licensing measure in the session of 1913, was held in the new Wesleyan Hall, Central Buildings, Westminster, on Wednesday, November 13th. Although hastily summoned, there was a magnificent response, the great hall being well filled by representatives of all the churches and temperance organisations of the kingdom. The gathering was a huge success. The proceedings fittingly commenced by the singing of "Raise the song of triumph," and the rendering conveyed the impression that the choristers not only believed in this cause, but in the imminence of victory. All the speeches were brief, but excellent, punctuated throughout by tumultuous applause. The first speaker was Mr. Leif Jones, M.P., who presided. He claimed that in asking for temperance legislation they were asking for the measure that would prove the cornerstone of social reform. This was no mere pious demand—they meant business. They were going to prove friends, who not only gave them the Peer-killed measure of 1908, but had dealt with the slaughter-house—the House of Lords—and so made possible the keeping of their pledge to pass another and an improved measure. They could only overthrow the liquor traffic by arming the people in all parts of the country with power to limit or to suppress it. This was the demand they were going to present to the Prime Minister. The Bishop of Lincoln, who was accorded an ovation, moved the adoption of the memorial to the Prime Minister, which expressed the unfaltering faith of the memorialists in the repeated assurances of the right hon. gentleman, that temperance legislation should be "among the first-fruits of our recovered constitution," and urged that the need for legislation is still pressing and not less urgent than in 1908. His Lordship claimed that the long delay in dealing with the evil of intemperance meant an aggravation of the evil, but, though checked in 1908, they were going forward with undefeated determination.

The ringing voice of Mr. Charles Duncan, M.P., followed that of the ecclesiastic, and grateful were the tones, for humanity spoke in the representative of labour, and at once the great assemblage was profoundly stirred. Mr. Duncan spoke as one of the workers. "I know the evil of this wicked traffic," said he. "A gigantic piece of inhuman fooling was perpetrated when the Lords rejected the 1908 Bill. (Great applause.) But we have succeeded in drawing the dragon's teeth." (Tremendous cheers.) Obvious was it, as Mr. Duncan proceeded, that speaker and hearers agreed that the Lords' crime was the sin that hath never forgiveness. The Labour Party, assented Mr. Duncan, was the relentless foe of the liquor trade. Science next uttered itself in the person of Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, the eminent physician, who said they were approaching the Government as a great social reform Government. No Government had done so well. He blessed without qualification the insurance measure. "No greater measure has been placed upon the Statute Book. (Sir Victor Horsley endorses by clapping his hands, and the vast crowd gave prolonged cheers for Mr. Lloyd George.) But the millions voted for insurance will be wasted unless this measure be supplemented by a great temperance measure. What is the use of the Insurance Act if the public-house be kept open?" (Tremendous cheering.)

No one was accorded a finer reception than Rev. J. Tolefree Parr, who had a magnificent time and evoked an even greater enthusiasm. Mr. Parr urged the reasonableness and justice of their claim, on the ground that the licensing measure of 1908 "received a larger measure of support than any other Bill of the Government." "The action of the Lords in assassinating the Bill in Lansdowne House before it was even introduced into the House of Lords was, in my judgment, an act of double-dyed infamy. It was not only an insult to the House of the people's representatives and an outrage on parliamentary government, but an unpardonable affront to serious-minded and patriotic citizens of all Churches and parties, whose sole desire was to stay the ravages of strong drink (Vociferous applause.) It is axiomatic that increased facilities for drinking mean increased intemperance. "Public opinion now demands drastic reduction of the number of licensed houses, Sunday closing, and most urgently of all it demands local option."

Dr. Clifford—heartily welcomed—followed, with a breezy utterance. "If England is to be raised she must be delivered from the tyranny of the drink." "Give the people self-government—it is a means of expanding manhood." "There is much to encourage. The Government has knowledge and conviction and enthusiasm. Lloyd George has enthusiasm." "We have got a Prime Minister who never belies his word." "Keep your own heat white." Such are some of the *obiter dicta* of this veteran's thrilling speech. Sir Victor Horsley had a fine reception. His speech was democratic, sane and telling. He effectively quoted Bishop Gore's question in the House of Lords: "Are you going to legislate in the interests of the people or of property?" and Mr. F. E. Smith, "The House of Lords matters little." "We demand civic equality," he declared. "We must have a Temperance Bill as fair and just as the Scotch measure—not a fourteen years' time limit, but five." The memorial to the Prime Minister was unanimously adopted. It was hoped ere the meeting ended that the deputation would wait on Mr. Asquith and return with his reply; but parliamentary exigencies made this impossible, and another arrangement for receiving the deputation has to be made.

THE CORRESPONDENCE OF PROF. A. S. PEAKE, M.A., D.D.

PRISCA.—May I ask you for guidance as to how modern Christians should regard Christ? As an idea, and representative of the highest possible? or as these added to a person attracting the deepest admiration and love? If the latter, then how far may we go without irreverence or mawkishness?

I think that modern Christians in this respect do best when they hold fast the essence of the Catholic faith by which the Church has lived from the beginning till now. I say the essence and not the form, because the formulation of a Christology in the period of the great Councils, from the point of view of a particular Greek philosophy, while necessary for that age has in some respects become a difficulty to ours. Our thought does not move in the same class of ideas, nor express itself wholly in the same terms. There must always be a provisional element in the statement, and this is due not simply to the impossibility of expressing in speech, which is the precipitate of human experience, the true nature of a Being who lives without the range, and far above the level, of all experience known to ourselves. There is the further difficulty that human thought itself moves; philosophies come and go. If we believe in the unity of knowledge we must seek to bring our thoughts on religion into harmony with our general views of the universe; but since we are forced to recognise that these views will in future prove to need correction and expansion, we must beware of pledging the truth of Christianity to that presentation of it which is most congenial to our own mode of thought. But having guarded this point, it is still more important to remember that we must guard even more the essential truth which is clothed now in this garb and now in that. This truth is that in the Person of Jesus Christ God was present and active in a wholly unique way. Jesus was not just the bearer of a higher teaching about God and man, nor yet was He simply the sinless flower of humanity; but He was the eternal Son of God, who submitted to Incarnation for our sakes. We are not then to think of Christ as an idea floating before men's minds, and finding its embodiment partially in this great spiritual leader or that, but more fully than all in Jesus. Christ and Jesus coincide, and they do not coincide because Jesus is the representative of man at his best. He is not in the first instance our word to God put forward in our self-defence as man's loftiest moral and spiritual achievement, but He is God's word to man. And His supreme value lies just in this, that He is more than idea, He is personality; the supreme revelation of God, because in Him God translates Himself from His speech into ours, and that not mainly in the words He uttered, but in the word He was, in the character He exhibited, in the deeds He wrought. And I should not use the word "admiration," a term which does not recognise the distinction between the Divine and the human. We may admire Plato or Shakespeare or Newton, but it would be irreverent to admire the Incarnate Son of God. And it is the remembrance of this which will save us from irreverence or mawkishness. There can be no Christianity in the fullest sense without a deep personal love of Christ as a Person and complete self-abandonment to Him. But fondling expressions of this, as Wesley called them, such as "dear Jesus," "sweet Jesus," are sickly, and a healthy religion should avoid them.

A CORRESPONDENT.—How can the personal presence of God be realised? I have at times a great sense of unreality which even the Gospel record does not dissipate. Christ in the flesh, a living, tangible presence, would convince me far more than the record of His life in the distant past. I cannot rest either in my own experiences, they seem to me such as may be self-produced, testifying to no reality outside themselves.

Your difficulty no doubt is partly, perhaps largely, temperamental, and it is not wholly a disadvantage to have a temperament of this kind. But partly, I think, it springs from an illegitimate demand for a greater certainty than would be fitting for us. It is an essential condition of our spiritual training here that we should walk by faith and not by sight. Browning has truly said:—

"You must mix some uncertainty
With faith, if you would have faith be."

And I doubt whether an actual interview with Christ in the flesh would meet your need. It would be with this, as with other experiences, convincing, it may be radiantly convincing, while it lasted, but subject to the analysis of the critical and sceptical intellect when it had faded into the past. The people who saw Christ in the flesh largely rejected Him. You might reply, "But I should not do so." True, but that is because you have evidence which they had not. You wish to keep your own evidence and to have theirs as well. Many no doubt have felt the difficulty so poignantly expressed in Palgrave's hymn, "Thou sayest take up thy cross." It is just the test and the education of our faith that these difficulties do not daunt us. We must, to be sure, in times of storm have all our anchors out, and it is not one anchor or two, it may be, that will hold us, but a combination of several. Saturate yourself in the Synoptic Gospels, let His personality, His words, His character, His deeds, make their unforced impression upon you. Seek to understand and deepen your faith in Him by the indirect method of studying the impression He made on those who knew Him, and follow it up by considering the impact of His personality upon history. Then ask yourself what is the true account to give of One who in person and in deed is so transcendent, and who has spoken the supreme words of God on religion, who has set in motion so many forces to regenerate the sinful and uplift the race. Think of the history which slowly prepared for Him, as well as of the history which He has made, and note how there has been the constant attestation to the claims His church has made for Him by the greatest experts in religion. And do not be too sceptical about the validity of your own experiences, but remember at the same time that the collective is far weightier than the individual experience.

I have said before that we cannot rest Christianity on history alone, nor on experience alone, but that if the two are locked into an arch it will bear the weight of the defence.

Freshfield, near Liverpool.

ARTHUR S. PEAKE.

THE REVIVAL AT ENDERBY.

A Book of Remembrance.

By Rev. Joseph Odell.

It seemed a little unusual to me to be arranging for a mission on this most worthy circuit, and upon ground well known to me. But my dear friends at Enderby would not take nay, nor would they be content with a mere day or two. My excellent friend and most patient correspondent, Mr. John Stableford, a fine, straight young fellow of near seventy-five years, kept me well up to my promises, and I had to write finally to say: "Rather than do wrong to such people, I would come and stay till I went to Heaven." But once there, within a few days Heaven seemed to come to all of us at Enderby.

Ah! the change I witnessed. It was thirty-two years last July, on my first superintending visit to this village, that I had two hearers only to my week-night service. I had found an advisory note among my predecessor's documents urging that I should sell the chapel there as quickly as possible. My next visit was one better—a child came in, with the two there again. Not a bright prospect certainly. At the September Quarterly Meeting an arrangement was made for a mission, then called and planned as "Protracted Services." My beloved Jefferson, the true super of the circuit, held those services at Enderby, and the results were full of promise. The tide turned, and has been flowing (albeit with some ebbs) ever since. From the week when my brave colleague, Nadin Jefferson, took those journeys, made those visits, and preached those stirring, practical sermons, Enderby has never looked back.

For this mission I arrived there most comfortably through a drenching rain, October 26th, Saturday evening; our first meeting was full of promise. Of course, as it should be, my old comrade and ever-loving Jefferson was there, and gave the real key to the mission in an address on "Surrender." I followed, and found such responsive and willing hearts, that the blessing seemed all with us before we knew.

The first Sabbath was truly wonderful. I joined by most courteous invitation our Brother North in the Sabbath-school session. There had been unusual and expectant prayer. The answer was immediate—all the senior scholars and many little ones were amongst the anxious, prayerful, trustful ones at the feet of our Saviour. The atmosphere, with intense longing and loving, invested us all day. Then came the following days and nights. One afternoon an immense gathering of sisters; each night at seven I met many of the young converts and held our Lord's Technical Class, for the true science of life, human and Divine. Rehearsal of the Christ principles and the realities of practice were continuous in the class, and a never-to-be-forgotten formula of personality, joined to the personal Christ, was the clear gain of that series of lessons. After one of those nights, with a thrilling service following in the church, four youths, approaching manhood and all in John Stableford's class, gathered around me, and, confessing with a radiant joy their actual conversion, each unconscious of the other's call, declared separately that they were called by their conversion to prepare for the African mission work, and pleadingly asked how they should begin. It is often so. With such conversions, our all-glorious Lord is as ready to say "I send thee," as to say "I have appeared unto thee."

During the week-nights, with large congregations, there were notable conversions of adults. One night the entire choir and organist knelt around the rail, and sincerely and with the most intelligent abandon answered to our Lord. Sabbath, November 3rd, was a veritable Waterloo for our Lord. I had the freedom and joy of five services, and felt abounding youthhood at the close. But I had a true heroic Blucher to press home the victory. One of my own dear youths of other days, Edwin Harris, of Leicester, was at the front of the Cross in the afternoon, and gave a wonderful address. In the evening Brother Nearsall gave a marvellous appeal on the Square, and two glorious processions, with "expectation," ringing through the village were events to be remembered. How the new converts sang—Blessed be our Lord and theirs for ever! The two last nights, November 4th and 5th, were the most fruitful of all, several adult conversions and some of these sons and daughters of the Church were recorded.

One notable thing in this mission was that nearly sixty of the converts recorded their own names, ages and addresses in a book prepared and called "Our Book of Remembrance." With this in hand, my beloved Jefferson on Wednesday night, the 6th, held a reception meeting of new converts and happy, holy brothers. This work is to abide, and will bear increasing and imperishable fruit. Even so. Amen.

The many friends of Mr. James Strafford, of Leeds, will learn with regret that he is seriously ill at his home. For some time Mr. Strafford has been in failing health, but has insisted upon getting to business. Few figures are more familiar in Leeds Primitive Methodism, and no one is more highly esteemed. He has endeared himself to a wide circle by his faithful and generous support of our Church. We are glad to learn there is a slight improvement in Mr. Strafford's condition.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE —A TRAVELLING PREACHER.

I am entitled to call myself now, without question, a travelling preacher. I have discovered that a President of Conference must be an expert in the science of locomotion. He must be prepared to travel by night as well as day; must be equally at home in an express train or in an open trap without springs; must welcome sleep in a change of bed nearly every night; often constitute his knee his writing desk in order to get through his clerical work; and train his voice so that it can be equal to responding to all the claims of public speech and conversation at evening social gatherings. I knew something of Primitive Methodism before last June; I know more now, and shall know still more before next June. I have not found all things and persons perfect and ideal in all the circuits I have visited. I have thought that here and there changes could be introduced that would be an improvement; but, these things notwithstanding, there is in our Connexion to-day much to excite admiration, evoke thanksgiving, stimulate enthusiasm, and justify robust optimism. Evangelistic sermons and missionary addresses seem to be welcome everywhere. Whatever the text of sermon or title of lecture selected, a revival of religion, an increase of missionary fervour and generosity, and a bold aggressive propaganda in Church life and work have to find a substantial place. To any Primitive Methodist I discover talking "down" instead of talking "up" his or her Church I mete out judgment without mercy. Our Church is not stylish enough for some whose parents Primitive Methodism helped to raise from poverty to prosperity and social position. Their superior education and supposed higher social status are regarded as sufficient excuse for turning their backs upon the Church of their fathers. We pity such, but do not envy them.

I have recently visited village Primitive Methodism in the counties of Dorset, Salop, Cheshire and Bedford, and have been charmed by the sturdy type of Puritanism I have met with and the samples of old-time fervour manifest in evangelistic exercises. My visits to the Cleveland ironstone miners were mutually invigorating, and the opportunity of sharing the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. Calow at their Lingdale residence was a special pleasure. The labour and gifts to medical missions in all parts of the world of this remarkable man are astonishing. No fewer than 130 missionaries at home and abroad are now receiving from him free supplies of most valuable medicines. I saw a letter from a missionary who is labouring in India where the plague is making fearful ravages. He states that since he has used the remedy for plague supplied him by Mr. Calow the mortality has been reduced from 87 to 13 per cent., a result surely little short of being miraculous. The outstanding figure in the world of medical missions, and their greatest benefactor is a Primitive Methodist, Mr. J. Calow. While at Lingdale, Rev. Jabez Bell paid Mr. Calow a visit personally to thank him for the generous help he had received from him. The friends taking advantage of the visit of Mr. Bell and myself to this village arranged for a missionary meeting on the Monday afternoon and came in goodly numbers to hear of mission work in Fernando Po and Whitechapel. It is not a little suggestive when our people say they like to go to missionary meetings when something interesting about missionary work can be heard.

In canny Newcastle, at Kingsley-terrace Church, I was pleased with the vigour shown by the local branch of the Ladies' African Missionary Society. Sermon in the afternoon, followed by tea meeting, sale of work and lantern lecture were well attended. The circuit ministers, Bros. Davonport and Ferguson, entered heartily into the proceedings, and nearly £20 was secured for the African Fund.

But what of Durham and its miners? For nearly one month I have lived and moved and had my being amongst them, and my observations in respect to that realm of honey and henny must be reserved for a future issue of the *Leader*.

LEICESTER FOURTH—A REVIVAL.

Two of the most successful missions Leicester Fourth Circuit has ever witnessed have just concluded at Syston and Thurmaston, about one hundred and forty people, chiefly young men and women, having decided for Christ. Wonderful scenes have been witnessed at the penitential form, reminding us of the early triumphs of Methodism. Some of the best young men in the district have made a complete surrender to Christ, and are already eager for service; while an old man of seventy years, highly respected in the neighbourhood, found his way to the Cross. The evangelist was Miss Ruth Storer, local preacher, from Clayton West Circuit. Though only just seventeen years of age, this remarkable girl has already done a wonderful work. Her former visits to Thurmaston and Leicester Second were attended by conspicuous success. There are no traces of the sensational in any of her services. She wins her way to the people's hearts by the charm of her modesty, and the simple, unaffected presentation of the great themes of the Old and New Testaments. She never attempts great things, but with her marvellous instinct for discovering and presenting the vital truths of religion in the simplest form, and the rich imagination with which she makes the truth live and glow, she is always accomplishing great things. In dealing with converts, Miss Storer is remarkably apt and effective. With fine skill she locates the moral disease, and with equal promptness she introduces them to the Great Physician. She possesses a unique personality, consecrated to the high claims of religion. She lives in close touch with abiding things, and because she knows the way to the heart of God, she can appeal to the hearts of men.

HALIFAX SECOND BAZAAR. £100 Given to Another Church.

The bazaar at Queen's-road Church was opened on November 6th by Mr. O. Eatough, of Waterfoot; on Thursday by Mrs. W. B. Swift; and on Saturday by Mr. J. Butler, and a number of children. Mr. J. Eatough, in the absence of Dr. Macaulay, presided on the first day, Miss J. Lamb on the second day, and Mr. J. Greensmith on the third day. The second day's opening was effectively conducted by the ladies. The following sums were contributed: Mr. O. Eatough, £10; Mrs. W. B. Smith, £5; Mr. J. Butler, £5; children, £4 15s. 3d. Each of the three presidents gave £2 2s. each. The totals were: Openers and presidents, £31 1s. 3d.; collected by Messrs. W. Marsden and C. E. Brearley, £27 7s.; anonymous donations, £20 10s. Proceeds of stalls: Carnation, £39 4s. 2d.; roses, £31 14s. 5d.; chrysanthemums, £17 18s. 2d.; sunflower, £9 14s. 9d.; cornflower, £5 6s. 10d.; wallflower, £5 6s. 8d.; poppies, £3 14s. 3d.; lavender, £3 10s. 11d.; flower, £2 14s. 8d.; profit of handbook, £11 15s. 9d.; tableaux, concerts, and art gallery, £5 4s. 8d.; snowball,

£5 8s.; baker's oven, £2 11s. 2d.; ice cream, etc., £3 19s. 6d.; garden party, £5 12s.; post office, £5 2s. 8d.; admission, £20 1s. 5d.; other sums, £15 5s. 2d. On the announcement of the result, £273 3s. 5d., the Doxology was reverently sung. The attendance at the opening each day were good, and the entertainments were much appreciated. The result exceeds all expectation. Nothing could have surpassed the harmony and enthusiasm with which all have worked, led on by the Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. J. Eatough and Mr. F. Shaw). Rev. W. Shipley was supported at the opening by Revs. W. H. Matthews, J. Charlton, and H. Ironmonger. It has been decided to give £100 to the Pye Nest Church, to assist it in its courageous effort to extinguish its entire debt of £800.

MARRIAGE.

An interesting wedding was celebrated at Beverley on November 14th, the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Gray, son of the late Mr. N. J. Gray, and Miss Beatrice Annie Constable, daughter of Mr. Jas. Constable, builder and contractor. The bride and bridegroom are workers in the church, and highly respected. The ceremony was

performed by Rev. F. Ash, assisted by Revs. Geo. E. Lloyd and W. Woodley. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a charming dress of shaded rose and heliotrope silk trimmed with cream lace and ornaments; she also wore an embroidered veil with a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a choice bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and white carnations. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold bracelet with diamond and sapphires. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith Constable (sister of the bride) and Miss Nancy Gray (sister of the bridegroom); they each wore a dress of cream nun's veiling trimmed with cream lace and ornaments of white silk. They also wore white felt hats to match, and carried bouquets of pale heliotrope chrysanthemums. Their presents from the bridegroom were gold bracelets. Mr. Alfred Gray, brother of the bridegroom, officiated as best man. The service was fully choral. Mr. Chas. Goulding presided at the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held at "Rosemount," Newbigin, the residence of the bride's parents. Later Mr. and Mrs. Gray left for Scarborough, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were costly and numerous, including an oak timepiece with cathedral chimes from the employees of the bride's father.

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THE TEST.

By Rev. EDWARD McLELLAN.

CHAPTER XVIII.—A NEW FRIEND.

Bender went home in a state of mind bordering on distraction. He had thought himself familiar with every form of feminine hysteria, but he was blind and deaf in his ignorance of the springs of what he had just experienced. In his distress he went straight to his mother. Drawing his chair close to hers, he said with a frankness as self-revealing as it was new and engaging.

"Mother, why is it that a woman never responds to treatment as a man does?"

"Because you too often treat the two as identical," she answered promptly, when as a matter of fact they are as far asunder as the poles. That is why women should be treated by women. Why not? We know. You don't. You can be guaranteed so long as you confine yourself to functions and organs, but when you meddle with the machinery of the spirit you get woefully astray. But what has Hilda done now?"

"Hilda? How do you know I refer to Hilda?"

Mrs. Bender surveyed her son with the shadow of a smile hovering about her lips.

"You poor man!" she said composedly, laying her hand affectionately upon his arm, "how little you know about us, and how clumsily you hide yourself from our inspection. I know that it was Hilda who sent you away, just as I know that it was Hilda who brought you back—though why she sent you away I don't know; just as I am in the dark as to how you knew she wanted you back, for I have not conveyed such intelligence to you in any way."

"Then you knew that she had changed her opinion of me?" he cried, staring incredulously into his mother's smiling face.

"My dear boy, you may be sure that clever as women are they live in glass houses before other women. I was inclined to hate her at first, but when I saw how greatly she had suffered because of her mistake—whatever it was for, I repeat, of that I am totally ignorant—I forgave her. She is a wonderful woman, Stephen; not yet matured, which is hardly to be expected, considering the sheltered and somewhat limited nature of her life, but with great possibilities. Everything will depend on whether she can break through her chrysalis. If she cannot she will be a splendid nonentity, like thousands of other clever and beautiful women. If she does—well, he will be a happy man who wins her."

"And you knew all this, and never told me!" he reproached her gently.

"Am't you a bit irrational?" she suggested. "Where could I write to? Besides, I am not so sure that it would have been wise to precipitate matters. You needed the rest and she needed the lesson."

"That's the point," he exclaimed perplexedly. "As far as I can make out if I had come home a wreck to be nursed she would have taken me into her arms as if I had been a baby, and forgiven me everything without asking a question, but because I come home strong and sane, and with a great peace in my heart, and ask her not to be a nursemaid but a helpmeet, she considers her occupation gone, and will have none of me."

"Had she any right to think you might require such treatment at her hands?" Mrs. Bender inquired shrewdly. "You must remember that I know nothing of the causes which sent you away so hurriedly."

"If she thought so at first she argued from insufficient premises," he said earnestly. "But supposing we grant that; to a man's way of thinking it would seem as if a woman should rejoice exceedingly to find the man she loved a man and not a jellyfish."

Mrs. Bender shook her head whimsically as she replied, "Not if she regarded it as a part of the cross she had to bear for her own mistakes to nurse him back to manhood. But Hilda never regarded you as a jellyfish—she has too much sense."

"Do you think that?" he replied, answering the first part of his mother's statement. "I mean that about the cross. It seems so absurd."

"I do. We women cling to our crosses, Stephen," she went on musingly, a sad look in her eyes. "Some women are happiest when they can be legitimately morbid. It is a species of vice in which women can indulge without moral reprobation. It isn't healthy, but it has its own sensations. To a woman who won't smoke, who won't drink, who won't degenerate into a society hack, with her intrigues and dissipations, it is her escape from ennui. Morbidity is the last refuge of under-employed women. With Hilda, if I gauge her aright, it is a phase that will soon pass. She thought she was going to nurse an invalid; she finds that she is expected to stand by the side of a man far stronger than she is herself. It was a great shock, and you must not judge her too hastily."

Bender contracted his brows moodily as he pondered this over. Unintelligible as it was at first he saw a gleam of light in it, and he garnered a crumb of comfort in the possibility of more. His mother aroused him by another question.

"Did you tell her about Helm and the change?"

"I told her everything," he answered brightening.

"And how did she receive that?"

"Why that's it again," he exclaimed, springing to his feet. She was jealous and shocked. Do you mean that you think her objection to her present state would extend to that? Oh! it's monstrous," he protested warmly. "Is she so hidebound by her conventions that a work of grace is to be denied because it flows through what is an unrecognised channel? If I thought so—"

"Stephen," Mrs. Bender said soothingly, "put yourself

in her place. Think of her antecedents, her training, her point of view. Was it easy for you to see the light as you see it now? It will be interesting to hear Mr. Helm's version of the story. I am sure he had the most awkward nut he ever tried to crack when he tackled you. That he succeeded is a miracle to me, knowing you as I do. Do you think it will be any easier for her to accommodate herself to so drastic a change? In her way she is as strong as you are, only hers is a woman's way. I imagine Mr. Helm was very patient with you, and you were a stranger."

"But what can I do? Ought I to try to see her again? Will argument or appeal be any use?" he asked anxiously.

"No. Leave her to herself for a time. If she is the woman I think she is she will find the path. Your conversion, and the manner of it, and what it involves, has tumbled her whole world into ruin. She had seen herself the wife of a man following the beaten track of religious convention, in which she would have been conspicuous because of your distinction. Now she must see herself associated with a multitude who can give her nothing—as she views it. That is," she added a little wistfully, "if you intend to identify yourself with the people in London whose agents in the country were your friends."

Bender gasped at the truth of his mother's words sank home.

"I had never thought of it like that," he said slowly. "What a tremendous sacrifice it will seem to her—at first. And what a mad world it is," he exclaimed, his jaws tightening. "Yes, mother. You assume rightly I am going to help, and I am going to help all I can the people who had given me life. I don't know how. I haven't had time to think how. Helm gave me the address of a man down in Whitechapel he thought I'd like to know. I'll go and find him. If he's half the man Helm says he is he is worth knowing and worth helping. And if Hilda is half the girl I think her to be, she'll come to think so too. If she won't try—"

"You will be patient?" his mother said coaxingly.

"Patient, yes," he said firmly. "I have never loved any other woman and I never can, but not even she shall wreck my life a second time. I dare not lose the soul I have found to win even her. My salvation lies in my following the gleam as I see it, and it leads to Whitechapel. It may keep me there. I don't know. But that is where I start from. Good-bye, my dear, and don't expect me back until you see me."

He found the man he sought sitting in the little pay-box of the swimming bath the settlement boasted. He was receiving the pennies of the little gamins swarming for a plunge. He found the superintendent to be a man of medium height with a shrewd benign face, the merry mouth partially obscured by a falling moustache and the chin adorned with a goatee beard. His eyes twinkled with a sense of the fun in things, and his strong white teeth glistened when he laughed as he often did, for, despite his encyclopedic knowledge of the seamy side of East London life he was a man whose saving sense of humour had kept his outlook sane, as his deep spiritual experiences had kept his heart sweet and tender. Helm had pictured him as a wonderful organiser, a clever financier, and a man who could move in multitudes by the story of his work—and he sat there, with a cheery word for the ragged denizens of the gutter as he handed out the towels and collected the pence. In a moment's pause Bender handed in his card.

Mr. Mercer stepped from his little box, and held out his hand with a smile as he said,

"You are the man Mr. Helm wrote about. I am very glad to see you."

"Do you regard this as a part of your work?" Bender asked, his astonishment betraying itself in his tone.

Mr. Mercer showed his teeth as he smiled whimsically. "Everything is in the day's work here, from taking pennies to spending them. I don't often sit at the receipt of custom, but my daughter is out now. But come in and see the sport."

He led the way through the swinging doors into the great bath room, whence came a sound as of a thousand leather-lunged boys at their ablutions. The water was being lashed into a small fury as the bathers kicked and plunged and swam, their bodies glistening like great fishes in the light that fell from the roof. The superintendent was greeted with a yell of "Hello! Mr. Superintendent, watch me!" and a score of youngsters tried to attract attention to their faces and tricks. Bender watched the scene with a tense face, and then, bursting into a great laugh at the antics of one diminutive champion, he said eagerly,

"Mayn't I go in too?"

Mr. Mercer surveyed his visitor with astonishment, as well he might. It was not an unusual thing for visitors to be amused when they saw a group of London urchins at their sport for the first time, but it was decidedly unusual for one, and a distinguished one at that, to desire to join in. But Mr. Mercer was not easily disturbed, and his ready smile rippled over his face as he replied,

"The water is pretty clean, and I think I have a bath suit that would fit you. If you would like to join in there is no reason why you shouldn't."

"Just you rig me out then and I'll show the young beggars some tricks," he said with a grin. "That is if I haven't forgotten 'em," he added lugubriously, "but I don't think I have. If I haven't we'll have a pantomime. Here's my penny and an extra towel."

Ten minutes later he burst upon the astonished bathers, resplendent in a gorgeous suit, and, running up the steps to the diving board, he shouted, "Look out below there. I'm coming in," and with a great splash Bender received his baptism at the settlement.

Doubtless there had been riotous times in that bath before, but it is doubtful whether within living memory there had ever been a time that, for fun and merriment, equalled the half-hour that followed Bender's plunge. The noises he could make, the stunts he could do, in the water or out of the water, under the water and on top of the water, proclaimed him at once to every boy there a champion, and they went wild with delight at every new trick. As was fitting the noises were the most popular, and more than one boy must have swelled visibly in his attempts to blow like a whale and roar like a grampus at one and the same time. Then there were pennies to be raced for and dived for and floated for—pennies seemed to rain in that bath that night, and the stock in the treasurer's hands was exhausted before the surgeon's demand for pennies was met.

When he emerged rosy and dripping, his face shining with the exertion and merriment, he suddenly remembered that he ought to have been mourning his unhappy fate instead of behaving like a schoolboy. He did indulge in one reflection as he towelled himself to the urgent entreaty of a reiterated chorus to come again, and it was this, "It's done me good, and it's done Hilda no harm. If she could have a similar experience with a school of girls the wedding wouldn't be long delayed. In the meantime, if I am to take the mater's medicine, I can't take it in more agreeable doses than in the company of that sage looking individual who runs this meeting house. By George," he cried with enthusiasm, "this a meeting house! There's more soap about it than incense, and you wouldn't call those youngster's voices flute-like or organ-like, but its music for all that. I'll bring Hilda here for the honeymoon."

With which cheerful prophecy he rejoined the superintendent in the Mission House.

(To be continued.)

How to Effect an Increase.—A Sheffield Revival Commended.

SIR,—I have no doubt this question causes considerable thought and anxiety to many of the best spirits of our Church to-day. The recent decreases that we have tabulated have driven many of us to deep heart-searchings, and led us to ask, not only what is the cause, but what is the remedy. Many reasons have been given (some weighty and some otherwise) to explain the past, but the question of the hour with us is "How can we prevent decreases in the future?" Many in our churches, no doubt, are doing what they can in various ways to solve this problem. It would be well that any method which may have met with a fair amount of success should be made known through your columns, that others may go and, do likewise, wherever it may be found practicable.

May I commend to your readers, therefore, an attempt just recently made by two of the Sheffield churches in different circuits—namely, John-street Church and the Central Mission—with gratifying results. These two churches agreed to have a month's united mission during October, suspending all the ordinary services at each church, and concentrating the combined strength of the two churches on the mission services, the first fortnight in the locality of John-street Church and the second fortnight in the vicinity of the Central Mission. The missionaries were the two ministers, Revs. H. Fox and H. Coulbeck. Nothing sensational was attempted, either in the way of advertising or preaching. Simple Gospel solos and plain, straight talks to the unconverted were the chief characteristics of the services. And although the two churches were somewhat different in constitution, one being a suburban church and the other a down-town mission, the spirit of unity and combination that prevailed was a delight to witness. Well-sustained open-air meetings were held every night previous to the indoor services, and the whole church seemed to live in the atmosphere of prayer and holy expectancy, attempting great things for God and expecting great things from Him. And they were not disappointed.

Every night of the month witnessed some conversions. One night twenty persons registered their decision for Christ, many of them being young men just on the verge of manhood and members of the Institute. What that will mean to the Church in the coming days, who can tell? Every service from beginning to end seemed to be charged with Holy Ghost power, until the young men shouted and the old men wept for joy, exclaiming, "We have not seen anything like this for years!" This is a method that could be adopted in scores of our churches throughout the Connexion, and if entered into in the same spirit, I feel sure would be productive of similar results. For God's promises are still Yea and Amen to those who believe. In the hope that this plan may commend itself to some of our ministers and officials for the welfare of Zion.—Yours, etc., Wm. Hall.

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What our Readers Say.

Professor Humphries on "Where Much is Given."

Sir,—In his article in a recent issue under the heading "Where Much is Given," Professor Humphries has spoken bravely, and with penetration, but yet in kindness and sincerity. But though he tries to sound a hopeful note in places it seems to me that he is pessimistic about the subject. We frequently read in the *Leader* of high university and school distinctions being gained by members of our Church who are active workers. Within a few years three or four men at least have entered Hartley College with a University degree, and when we compare the proportion of well-educated men who enter our ministry with the proportion of similarly favoured men in other Churches who enter the ministry of those Churches, we see that, relatively to their numbers, our Church is receiving of her "best" sons as she ought. Moreover, when a young man has completed a University course, he has a means of livelihood in his possession, and it requires extra grace and sacrifice to face three years in a theological college and three more on probation before settling down. Then we must not blind our eyes to the fact that as yet the rank and file of our Church, and its property, do not offer the same congenial sphere for a man of higher education and great ideas for service as do some other denominations. Do not impute low motives or insincerity to them; a sphere invites a man, and some men are made by the opportunity they get of great and congenial work. We do not think less of our "greatest" preachers because they accept the "greatest" churches, and much the same spirit moves our young men. As our own Church rises in its level of average education and social position, we may be sure she will attract the very best of her sons into her ministry, but this result must necessarily come about slowly, just as a new article on the market must slowly gain its reputation, however good and cheap it may be.

But who are these men of superior advantages that they should enter the ministry or take a leading place in Church work? Their special training may be of no direct service to them, and the circumstances of their life may have exposed them to peculiar temptations of doubt and indifference, while they may be temperamentally quite unfit for the work of the ministry or local preaching. Cases in point in support of this supposition will occur to us all, and more readily can we recall the natural gifts of sympathy, passion, and language which have made of the humbly educated youth a preacher and pastor of great power. Personality, the power of organisation and leadership, the habit of imparting inspiration—these are qualities rarely found better developed on the score of education and social advantages alone. Professor Humphries repeats himself often as to the need for special fitness for the ministry—"provided, of course, that gifts of mind are matched with fitting graces of heart," "under the pressure of a divine call," "to stand before men as God's messenger," "coercion," "a strong hand," "necessity is laid upon us"—and we would place these before the best intellectual preparation the world can give. Mr. Humphries writes: "It can never be right for them to be mere lookers-on." We shall do well if we keep all our young men and women in Church fellowship as mere lookers-on, remembering that only the few are chosen to be special vessels of service. His point about the young men deserting oftener than the women, or taking no active part, suggests the parallel seen in the preponderance of women over men in all the Churches, and is related to the natures and manners of life in the world of the two sexes.

The young man's gratitude to the Church of his fathers may be shown as much in what he is as in what he does, and even believes; and should he leave the Church for another, let us credit him with purity of motives, and rejoice in his early Methodism, as we do in that of the late General Booth. A Scot is a Scot the world over. As to the slight decrease in the number of local preachers, we need not be much disquieted when we recall the changed conditions of travelling, and the emigration from country to town, and also the increase in the number of ministers. Though we should like to see more of the sons of our so-called "better homes" going on the Plan, we must remember that these young men usually live in the large towns, where demands on the pulpit are more exacting, and where opportunities for a small, quiet beginning, and plenty of practice, are few.

Lastly, the criticism of the dinner table is a very natural bit of "shop" to a young person of secondary school education, and though we may at times forget to make allowances, surely the only severe criticism ever offered is levelled at offensive habits and uncouth speech, or at the preacher's evident lack of those spiritual and temperamental qualities which, in our ideal, are absolutely essential to the minister of God's Word and the pastor of His people. It is to be hoped that Mr. Humphries' inquiry and appeal will not be without their intended effect.—Yours, etc., ONE YOUNG MAN.

At the Leeds Church Council on November 15th, Mr. J. W. Ladlay, the president, in the chair, resolutions of sympathy were adopted with Mr. J. Strafford and Mr. W. F. Beilby. Arrangements were made for an exchange of pulpits and for the Council anniversary to be held on April 2nd. During the past year the Council has helped to supply the pulpits in the Tadcaster Station; members of the Council have given their services to this practical form of home mission work. It was reported that their work has already resulted in fruit. The congregations have improved, the prestige of the circuit has been raised, and Boston Spa (a village church) has been reopened and a congregation secured. It was decided to continue this useful ministry during the next year.

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BE IN TIME.

There was an old man for whom I have always felt very sorry. With trembling hands he planted a tree before his door. He said he wanted to enjoy its shade. But long before the tree had grown big enough to give shade to anybody the old man was in his grave. He planted the tree too late. Had he planted it years earlier it might have been a comfort to him in his old age.

There are many things which are very precious to older people which must be secured while we are young. A man went to see the manager of some engineering works about his boy. He wanted him to be an engineer.

"How old is he?" asked the manager.

"Seventeen," replied the father.

"Then he is too old," the manager said.

"Too old at seventeen!" gasped the astonished parent.

"Yes," was the reply; "when a lad thinks he knows ought you can teach him nought; but if he knows nought you can teach him ought."

I suppose this manager had been troubled with big lads who thought they knew everything and were not willing to learn from others. However that may be, there are youths, and men too, who are humble enough to learn even though they be far past seventeen. But do not throw away your opportunities. Some of you are learning to play the piano or the violin. If you would be skilful players, get plenty of practice now. At the age of ten or twelve one hour of practice is worth as much as six hours will be twenty years later. Now is the time to acquire skill in music, so be in time.

Many old people wish they had begun to serve Jesus when they were young. As it was, they spent their best years in selfishness and sin, and now that they are old they have no comfort or peace. If you should live to be old, it will be a fine thing to look back on a whole life of goodness and usefulness. But to have that joy you must not waste any years. Begin to-day to seek out the will of the Saviour, that you may love and serve Him always. Be in time.

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Current Events.

By Joseph Ritson.

Anarchy.

The great battle between Feudalism and Freedom has reached an acute stage. On Wednesday week, when Mr. Asquith attempted to move his resolution to undo the "snap" vote of the Monday previous, the Opposition prevented progress by organised and calculated rowdiness. The Speaker adjourned the House till after dinner, and when the rowdiness was resumed later he adjourned till the following day. The Tories celebrated this victory by a scene which was a disgrace to Parliament. Not content with throwing their Order papers at the members of the Treasury Bench, they were guilty of a shameful outburst. "A stream of oaths and blasphemous remarks broke from the Unionist party," says the able Parliamentary representative of the "Westminster Gazette." "They may deny this, but there are plenty of witnesses to it. Labour members who know what working men under the influence of excitement or drink can say, declare that they never heard anything like the flood of downright blasphemy." Very fittingly a Liberal pointed to them and cried in tones of withering scorn, "The gentlemen of England!" The outburst did not even stop short of personal violence. As Mr. Churchill went out, Mr. Ronald McNeill seized the Book of Procedure on the Clerk's table and hurled it at him. The book hit Mr. Churchill on the head. Mr. McNeill then put his hands in his pockets and walked off as if he were the most innocent person in the world. Next day he apologised in the House, and his apology was accepted. But an apology from six feet six of poltroonery cannot wipe out of the public mind the memory of so shameful a deed. When the House met on Thursday the Speaker suggested an adjournment till Monday, so that precedents might be consulted and some method found of undoing the "snap" division more agreeable to the Opposition. This was agreed to by the Premier.

The Speaker's Blunder.

Nothing has created greater dismay in this disgraceful business than the ruling of the Speaker. He stated that the course proposed by Mr. Asquith was in order, but without precedent. Presumably he was consulted. It is even said that he preferred the method adopted. But it was his ruling that he could not deal with organised and disorderly cries of "Adjourn, Adjourn!" that created most dismay; for this means that a determined minority can now break the Parliamentary machine, and that is anarchy and the end of the British Constitution. Of all the blunders of that day we have no hesitation in saying this is the most serious. Whatever be the new plan, it will confessedly attain the same end. But surely rules of procedure exist for the House and not the House for rules of procedure. Erskine May, the great authority, lays down the principle "that in every stage of a Bill, every part of the Bill is open to amendment, whether the same amendment has been, in a former stage, accepted or rejected." As we said last week, the trick of the Opposition in defeating the Government in a "snap" division was a legitimate Parliamentary device; but to prevent that schoolboy trick from being remedied by organised violence is Parliamentary hooliganism. Nobody pretends that there has been any change of opinion on the Government side since the particular point was settled by the House by a majority of 121. Sir Frederick Banbury's amendment was a mere wrecking amendment unsupported by the least show of argument. The Tories were summoned suddenly from all quarters by a "code" telegram to support it, and in this way the Liberal Whips were caught out. To refuse the House of Commons the liberty of undoing such a piece of trickery is surely grotesque. Even the Tories do not deny that; they only object to the particular method.

Towards the Abyss.

The Tory party does the wrong thing every time. Any advantage they may have gained by the defeat of the Government has been lost by their anarchical violence. They made a fatal blunder in rejecting the Budget in 1909; they blundered again in their treatment of the Parliament Bill. Now they are making the most fatal blunder of all in throwing away the last vestige of a claim to be the party of law and order. The wild men of the party, who obey the commands of Mr. Garvin, have gained the upper hand. For the first time in history the Tory leader sanctions violence in the House of Commons, and deliberately announces that unless his party can have their way they will break the Parliamentary machine and destroy the British Constitution. If Home Rule cannot be wrecked as a Bill it is to be wrecked as an Act of Parliament. All this calculated violence in Ulster and in the Commons simply means that what the Tory party are aiming at is to restore the power of the House of Lords to veto Liberal legislation. It is monstrous in their view that a Liberal Government should be both in office and in power. That a Liberal Government should for the first time be in a position to do what a Tory Government has always been able to do is to them the end of all things. The Tory party ought to be able to control the destinies of the country whether in office or in Opposition. Mr. Bonar Law is quite frank about the intentions of his party. Happily we are clearly warned, and it is not the Government that are hurrying to the abyss, but the Tory party. Some of their organs in the Press and some of their wiser heads see this, and are speaking plainly; but the majority are either acquiescent or silent. But the people of this country will see it that they go about to break Parliament shall themselves be broken. It has been so in the past, and it will be so again. The British public is not fond of anarchy, and will know how to deal with an anarchic Tory party led by a second-rate and violent politician.

At Tchataldja.

It is now said that the end of the Balkan war is in sight. The Allies are in front of Tchataldja lines, although neither Adrianople nor Skutari has been taken. With the cholera raging in Constantinople both among the army and the refugees, it is difficult to believe that the Turks can hold out much longer. The rumours of an armistice have not yet materialised. Hostilities continue, and the European situation is still critical. If the agony is to be prolonged, the probability of European intervention will be increased. An early peace will be best both for the Allies and for Europe, as well as for Turkey.

As You Were.

On Monday Mr. Asquith, in a speech of perfect dignity and good sense, placed before the House the new proposal for undoing the "snap" division of a week before. The Government is still convinced that the course originally proposed was the best, as being in order and not without precedents. In deference, however, to the wishes of the Speaker, an alternative plan is adopted which will achieve precisely the same result. The ground having been cleared by the withdrawal of last week's motion, and the rescinding of the amended resolution, the way was open for the re-establishment of the Financial Resolution, which was "snapped" last week. The setting up of the resolution again will take a couple of days, and then by to-day the Government will be back to its time-table. Mr. Chiozza Money tactfully drew the Speaker's attention to his ruling of last week, which seemed to set a premium on disorder. The Speaker, while holding that he was right in the circumstances, left himself free to deal otherwise with such disorder in future. We are still of opinion that he blundered; but it is satisfactory to find that he does not now confirm what seemed to be his so dangerous ruling. All's well that ends well. The Government majority for the Home Rule Finance Resolution on Tuesday was 111.

Latest News.

While rejecting the Chancellor's terms, the doctors are prepared apparently to reopen negotiations with him. We shall see whether this policy of "Give, give" will be successful. Much will depend on what is demanded, and the temper with which the Association approaches the Chancellor. The formation of a huge Traffic Trust for London is an ill omen. The only exception will be the L.C.C. trams. Otherwise the public will be entirely at the mercy of the Trust. The relations between Austria and Serbia are seriously strained, and Europe will await the events of the next few days with grave anxiety. The Allies have appointed plenipotentiaries to arrange terms for an armistice with a view to peace. Turkey is to retain Constantinople and a strip of coast territory in Europe, Serbia is to have a port on the Adriatic and a strip of territory leading thereto. These proposed conditions of an armistice seem wise and reasonable.

SECULAR EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND.

Rev. G. H. Mann at the London Church Council.

There was a large attendance and a lively discussion at the Council meeting at Holborn Hall on Friday. Rev. F. Pickett presided. Rev. G. H. Mann (ex-President of New Zealand Conference) gave a well-reasoned and spirited address on "Is a Secular System of Education Desirable or Practicable?" He spoke mainly of the experience of secular education in New Zealand, where it had been in operation for over thirty years. No Scripture was read, there was no hymn and no prayer. It was, practically, the abolition of religion in the school, and the elimination of the name of God except by some casual reference in literature. A whole generation had now grown up under this system, and they were able to estimate its results. The direct fruits of the system were (1) a serious lack of discipline and a lack of reverence. It produced a conception of life which resented restraint. (2) Four-fifths of the children of New Zealand were growing up without religion, without the knowledge of God and the Bible. In one school he visited near his own town not one scholar could repeat the Lord's Prayer, though some were in their teens. They did not know the Ten Commandments, and could not recite any passage of Scripture. (3) It tended to the spirit of greed and selfishness. The colonials lacked the broad, generous spirit of the people of England. Hospitals were not supported voluntarily; there were few bequests for charitable institutions. Gambling was rampant. In New Zealand secular education had the best possible chance to succeed, as there was a remarkable protection of child life. None under 21 could drink or smoke according to law. There were hundreds of miles where no drink whatever was sold. Yet secular education was a miserable failure. Men of all denominations and of no Church were agitating for the use of the Bible in the schools. There were never less than 80 per cent. in favour of abolition of secular education. They found it impossible for the ministers to give adequate religious instruction to the day-school children. So great was the agitation against the present system that every State in Australia had protested against it. He hoped that in England they would never depart from their magnificent Bible system. He had recently visited many of their schools, and he had never seen anything so glorious and impressive. They had a heritage to be proud of in England and to be maintained.

In opening the discussion, Rev. W. A. Hammond said that the absolute exclusion of the Bible was not essential to a secular system. He did not personally desire that system, but the people of this country were tired of the religious controversy and were being driven to that logical conclusion. It was the business of the State to give elementary education, and of the Church to give religious education. The secular system would also remove all tests from teachers. An animated and helpful discussion was sustained by Revs. J. D. Thompson, J. B. Wilson, E. J. T. Bagnall, F. Pickett, Messrs. E. A. Howe, Steadman, J. H. Morton, H. W. Pinhorn, A. Cope, and Miss Smith. Mr. Mann gave an able reply to his critics. In the Executive meeting, sympathy was expressed with Mr. Adam Lee, J.P., in his illness; a resolution was passed re drink licences in music halls; and final arrangements were made for the great demonstration on November 22nd.

Springtime C.E. Reading Union.

SIR,—As the decision of the C.E. Central Council saves me the labour this session of sending out circulars and personal appeals to all old members to join again this Reading Union, I write in the hope that these words may catch the eye of many of our old members and induce them to renew their membership at once. I trust that this open letter may be taken by all our old members in lieu of the personal letter. Hitherto, orders for books, with remittances, have been sent to me, and the books have been forwarded through me. For the present session, at least, orders and remittances must be sent to Rev. W. A. Hammond, Holborn Hall, Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C., who will forward the books direct to the members.

There are four study-circles to choose from—viz., the theological, the missionary, the literary, and the social. Students may enter one or more of these. The following is a list of the books:—Theological: "Life and Teaching of Paul." By Rev. A. E. Garvie, D.D. The Century Bible Handbooks. 6d. net. Postage, 1d. Missionary: Two books are taken. (1) "The Future of Africa." Young People's Missionary Movement. 2s. net. Postage, 3d. (2) "In and Around the Orin Country; or, The Story of Primitive Methodism in S. Nigeria." 6d. Postage, 2d. Literary: "A Treasury of English Literature." Johnson to Burns. Arranged by Kate M. Warren. Introduction by Stopford A. Brooke. 1s. net. Postage, 3d. Social: "The Socialistic Movement." By J. Ramsay Macdonald. Home University Library. 1s. net. Postage, 2d. Ten per cent. is allowed on these prices. The books, of course, can be obtained through the circuit ministers, and this will save the postage, as they will come in the ministers' monthly parcel. In every case a postcard should be sent to me that the name may be included in our Union membership under the circle chosen and printed on this page.

New members will be warmly welcomed. Monthly notes on all the books will be found in "Springtime." Members old and new are urged to join a circle at once. Select your book for the winter's study, get it through your minister, or send direct to Mr. Hammond, and forward a postcard to me.—Yours, etc.

PETER MCPHAIL.

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THE LUNATIC BOY.

International Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 1, 1912:
Mark ix. 14-29. G.T., Mark ix. 23.

By Henry J. Pickett.

LINKS OF HISTORY.—We are almost certainly right if we take the scene of to-day's study as following immediately on the morning of the night scene which held us last week. Going back for a moment to Luke's account of that incident (Luke ix. 32), and using the Revised Version, we may fix the ascent of Hermon as taking place in the afternoon or evening of the Sabbath following the confession. Then the withdrawal of Jesus in prayer, followed by this bursting forth of hidden glory, making even the unsoiled snow dull in comparison. Meanwhile, the climb, the strong mountain air, makes the disciples "heavy," but "having remained awake," and now fully aroused, they are caught within the fringe of the glory cloud. The closing verses of last lesson form part of the conversation as they descend from the high experiences and conference of the night, and the morning at the foot brings them all face to face with problem, failure, desperate need. While upon the mountain conference has been held as to the "how" of the world's healing; at the foot of the mountain a very real proof of the world's want has been waiting for the baptized King.

I.—From the glory to the gloom, from the rapture to the mystery, the pain, the hard facts of suffering and duty, this is our experience as we pass to this study. *How true it is of life always!* Our rapturous experiences, our Sabbath of song and delight must never degenerate into selfishness; they are only rightly used as they serve to equip us for the Monday to Saturday contact with need. We should be on our guard. It is possible for our best things to become a temptation. Peter fell into this mistake (see last lesson, ver. 5). His characteristic, but quite ignorant and impulsive, prayer was best unanswered. At the foot of our Sabbaths is always a world of want crying out for the power, the sympathy, the grace which only Christ, through fitted witnesses, can bring. In Raphael's famous picture of the Transfiguration he represents the glory-scene in the upper part of the painting, while in an opposite corner at the foot he depicts the helpless disciples, the agonised father, looking upward for the absent Lord. How true that our problems master us in the absence of Jesus, but how gloriously true also that no eager, upturned glance to Heaven is in vain! God is always near at hand to those who long for Him.

II.—The scene at Hermon's base forcibly sets forth what we need in our life-walk always to remember—

The Ever-present Need

of the world for Christ's victorious work. Familiarity should never be allowed to dull the edge of this truth. The desperateness of the position is also true to life as we know it. Still, as then, men question or debate concerning it (ver. 16). What ought to be the authoritative voice and ministry of the Church is often smitten with helplessness. Reform is suggested, legislation, education, all good in its place, yet the world still waits for Christ's power. Let this become with us a deep conviction. The need is (a) *immediate*, (b) *acute*, (c) *insistent*. And the nature of this particular case is typical. For men and women are not themselves. It is a case of *evil possession*. Instead of being filled with the power of God, working out all righteousness, a life for which we were made, selfishness, mammon, sinful passions hold them in sway, working out all manner of wickedness. This is the actual situation, and it calls loudly for the God men have banished.

III.—The sad scene of need is little relieved as we turn to the picture of

The Helpless Disciples

described in ver. 18, and commented upon in ver. 19 by the distressed Saviour, distressed because, after all their training, they were so sight bound. What a humiliation for them! Appealed to by so eager and sorrowing a father in the name of their Master, yet as paralysed as the critical and opposing Scribes. What a poor recommendation of their Master! For, being His disciples, *certain expectations* had been excited, and they were utterly unable to justify them. Is not all this true still? Are not certain *ideals* and *longings* created by the name we bear as Christ's followers? Quietly it may be, unexpressed, aye, if anything is said the opposite is stated, but still there, nevertheless, and if we realised them, would not many a companion, workmate, friend, opponent, be won for Him? A *higher standard* is looked for from us. Power to curb *tongue, temper, passions*, ability to interpret things not to be understood by the unspiritual. And if we fail, what a humiliation is ours, and what a sorrow is Christ's! It is terrible to disappoint the legitimate expectation of God or man.

IV.—In delightful contrast is the view of

The Mighty Master

whose appearance at once turned the scene of helplessness and failure into a transfigured cloud of glorious victory. It may well be that the "amazement" referred to in ver. 15 was due to the unusual glory light still reflected in His features, for long communion does undoubtedly leave its mark upon our external bearing. We have (a) *the acknowledgment of His superiority* (1) from the crowd, ver. 15, (2) from the evil spirit, ver. 20. This is also still true. Rivals retire when He comes. (b) *His education of questioning*. (1) Of the scribes and the crowd (ver. 16), to silence them and leave them without excuse; (2) of the Father (ver. 21), to excite hope, to strengthen faith. (c)

His revelation of the secret of victory (ver. 23). He is so intensely eager to destroy evil, and so anxious for our complete life, that salvation is not a question either of either His ability or His willingness. It is rather a question for us. What is the quality of our faith? Do we believe in Jesus through and through and for all?

V.—Following the story of triumph, vers. 25-27, this is the burden of the private teaching, vers. 28-29, for in it Jesus declared for all time

The Great Secret,

alike of failure and of triumph. It is found in the life of perfect union with God. The loss of that is the utter helplessness of the soul. As the electric car is powerless to move unless linked to the live wire, so we are powerless for witness and work unless linked to God, and the arm or point of contact is *faith*, that is, the mastery of the religious faculty. This comes not except through cost, self must be slain, God must be all.

THE PRAISE OF GOD.

Endeavour Topic for Week beginning Nov. 24:

Psalm cxlvii.

Renan speaks of the Book of Psalms as "The eternal poetry of religious souls." Above all human composition the Psalms express the intimacy of the soul with God. Because of this we learn best of all from this book the holy art of praise. Henry Ward Beecher once said, "We have so few hymns of praise. You shall find any number of hymns that talk about praise and exhort you to praise. But of hymns that praise and say nothing about it there are very few indeed. There is no place in human literature where you can find such praise as in the Psalms of David." With such a Psalm as Psalm cxlvii, before us we do well to ask, how may we best praise God in our lives?

In Sacred Song.—This method of praise most readily recurs to our mind. We call our singing in God's house "the service of praise," and such it is. But it is not the only such service. If we give our religious song the only place in our thinking about the praise of God it is a sign that we have lost our sense of proportion. Praise is rather an attitude of soul than the utterance of the lips. Religious song, so far from being the only praise of God, may be the emptiest thing imaginable. We little think how we can even insult God by it. Our singing should be heartfelt and sincere, a serious and thankful address to God. Only so far as it is this is it praise at all. The most beautiful forms of words and the most harmonious music fail if sincerity and reverence are absent. When the preacher says, "Let us praise God," we shall do well to make it our earnest endeavour, really and truly to do that. This is the kind of praise that is "good" and "comely."

In Personal Prayer.—We seldom reach the height of our privileges in prayer. Our prayers are far too often little more than mere begging petitions. Children are early taught to express their appreciation of the smallest courtesy and the least act of kindness. The constant injunction to them is "Say thank you." We regret the lack of manners that the absence of this custom reveals. Our manners toward God are most deplorable. How seldom do we remember to say, "Thank you" to God? It might be well if we would invariably commence our private prayers by trying to recollect our previous prayers, and recall how they have been answered. Praise might well take the precedence in our praying. I read a few days ago of a minister who commenced his service with the Doxology. Why not? "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

In Joyous Living.—Our life is the gift of God, our presence in this world is by His will, our experience comes by His permission. How can we better praise Him than by living our lives bravely and cheerily? How dreadfully, when we come to think about it, do we dishonour God by our gloom and pessimism. We need to learn both the duty of happiness and the happiness of duty. Sorrow and pain will doubtless come to us, but we have no need to demean ourselves by whining. Let us honour our Maker by facing life with stout hearts and smiling faces.

JOHN T. TAYLOR.

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White Slave Traffic Bill.

SIR,—May we appeal for the enthusiastic support of all our London men and women at the Great White Slave Traffic Demonstration to-morrow (Friday), Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn-road, at 7.45. Although the Bill has passed the House of Commons, there is need yet for strenuous effort to save it from being weakened in the House of Lords. Indeed, it is probable that at this meeting London Primitive Methodists will ask the "Lords" to amend the Bill in one or two details with a view to the more effective protection of young women from the hands of the vilest traders on the face of the earth. We ought to crowd the large hall and manifest to the Government our burning indignation on this subject. With Lady Bunting, Rev. A. T. Guttery, Mr. H. G. Chancellor, M.P., and Rev. H. J. Taylor as speakers, this should be one of the most inspiring public meetings we have had. Rev. F. Pickett (President of London Council) will preside, and his son will give an organ recital at 7.30.—Yours, etc.,
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SUNDAY, NOV. 24th.

BERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD KENT ROAD, S.E., Rev. Joseph Johnson, at 11; P.S.A., at 3.30, Speaker, A. Richardson, Esq., M.P.; Rev. Joseph E. Gilbert, at 7.

BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing the Central Pier), Mrs. Jabez Bell, at 10.45 and 6.30. Thursday, 7.30 to 8.30, Devotional Hour. Visitors heartily invited.

CALEDONIA ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road), Rev. W. Roberts, at 11 and 6.30.

CULLERCOATS, Rev. D. Cooke, at 10.30 and 6.30.

HARRINGAY, Mattison Road, Rev. James Pickett, at 11 and 6.30.

HARROGATE, Rev. W. Younger, at 11 and 6.30.

MORECAMBE, Parliament Street, Mr. H. Cabborn, at 10.30; Mrs. Rickers, at 6.30.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church, Rev. T. Sykes, at 10.30 and 6.30.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Maple Street Church, Rev. R. Ferguson, at 10.45; Rev. H. Davenport, at 6.30.

SOUTHPORT, Church Street, Rev. J. T. Barkby, at 10.30; Rev. T. A. Young, at 6.30.

SURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, S.E., Rev. J. Tolefree Farr, at 11 and 7; Brotherhood, 3.30. Open Session, Grand Musical Festival.

The President's Engagements.

Burnley, Jubilee Church, November 23rd, 24th, and 25th; Stockport, 26th; Biddulph, 27th; Smallthorne, 28th.

Connexional Evangelists' Engagements.

MR. J. B. BAYLIFFE, Aintree, November 23rd to December 3rd.

REV. J. ODELL, Doncaster, November 21st to 26th.

MISS PERRETT, Scotter Circuit, till November 29th.

Evangelists' Engagements.

TOM HOLLAND, Blackheath P.M. Church, till November 25th.

ALBERT SHAKESBY, Horbury, till November 26th.

LONDON PRIMITIVE METHODIST COUNCIL. — Primitive Methodists removing to London will be directed to the nearest P.M. Church if some official of the church will notify the Rev. F. Pickett, 13, St. Andrew's Road, Enfield, N. The full London address must be given, which will be at once forwarded to the nearest minister of our Church.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

NOTICES must reach the Office, 72, Farringdon Street, London, E.C., by Tuesday morning. Terms, prepaid: Under 30 words, 2s.; each additional 10 words or less, 6d. Memoirs, reports of marriages, etc., must be accompanied by a prepaid notice.

MARRIAGES.

BOYES—IRELAND.—At Jubilee Church, Scarborough, November 13th, by Rev. G. T. Chappell, George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyes, to Alice Maud, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ireland.

GRAY—CONSTABLE.—On Thursday, November 14th, 1912, at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Wednesday Market, Beverley, by the Rev. F. Ash, assisted by the Revs. Geo. E. Lloyd and W. Woodley, Mr. Harry Gray to Beatrice Annie Constable, both of Beverley.

JONES—WOOTTON.—On November 9th, at Primitive Methodist Church, Sparkhill, by Rev. J. Pearce, William Edgar Jones, son of Mr. W. Jones, and Hetty, daughter of Mrs. A. Wootton.

DEATHS.

BONY.—On October 13th, at Kilburn, Mr. W. Courtney Bony, aged seventy-one. A good friend, a devoted husband, and lover of our Zion.

CHALLINOR.—On November 14th, suddenly, Richard Challinor, local preacher, of Eccleshall, near Stafford, aged fifty-four. "Until the day break."

GLOVER.—On November 12th, at his residence, 88, Crawford-village, Lewis Glover, aged fifty years. He faithfully served God and the Church.

INGRAM.—On November 17th, at 8, Faunce-street, Kennington Park, London, S.E., Charles Ingram, in his seventy-first year. For over fifty years a Primitive Methodist.

M'DOUGALL.—On the 7th November, at 11, Craig Park-drive, Glasgow, Margaret McGuire, aged fifty years, wife of Joseph M'Dougall, Alexandra Parade Church.

PACKARD.—On November 9th, 1912, at Hanford, Blandford, Frank Cooper Packard, Circuit Steward of Sturminster Newton Circuit. For thirty-two years a local preacher. Aged sixty-three.

REEVE.—On October 16th, at Cleveland Lodge, Ackworth, in her fifty-sixth year, Clara, the beloved wife of John Reeve, late of Normanton. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

SMITH.—November 13th, at 7, Charles-street, Hull, Ann, the devoted wife of Joseph Smith. Truly a ministering spirit.

WATSON.—November 16th, at Riccall (Selby Circuit), Charles Robinson Watson, aged sixty years, formerly of Gilling. Interred in Riccall Churchyard, November 18th. The friends who have written are heartily thanked.

WHITEHEAD.—On November 11th, 1912, at Newhey, Rochdale, Thomas Whitehead, the beloved husband of Amy Whitehead, aged forty-two years. For twenty-two years organist at the Newhey Primitive Methodist Church. A loyal and generous supporter of the church.

IN MEMORIAM.

DINNICK.—With intensified love to the memory of my sainted wife, Emma Jane, who was translated November 26th, 1906, awaiting the Lord's return.

THANKS RETURNED.

Mrs. G. Thorp and family, of Hinckley, desire to express their sincere thanks to all friends who have so kindly shown their sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

Mr. and Miss Bollen, 358, Main-street, Shettleston, tender sincere thanks to the many friends who, by letter and otherwise, have shown them sympathy in their great and sad bereavement.

Ministerial Changes and Engagements.

Changes in 1913.

Rev. W. News from Halifax Third.

Rev. R. Fletcher from Buckley, after four years.

Rev. E. E. Ramm from Southampton First.

Rev. J. Dunn from Ripley, after four years.

Rev. Arnold E. Lane from Wilton.

Rev. W. H. Maxwell from Blackburn Third.

Changes in 1914.

Rev. G. H. Butt from Cwm, after three years.

Rev. J. Charlton from Wingate, after four years.

Rev. R. J. Kirkland from Dent, after three years.

Engagements for 1913-14.

Rev. M. Amer from Oldbury to Bromsgrove.

PERSONAL.

We regret to learn that Rev. I. R. Barnsley, of Southampton, lies in a precarious condition, having been prostrated by a seizure on Saturday last, November 16th.

Rev. R. W. Keightley, of Loughborough, has been laid aside for a fortnight. He is fortunately recovering, although several weeks must elapse before he is able to resume full work.

The Mayor of Oldham, Alderman Ashworth, has received the enthusiastic congratulations of the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school of which he is superintendent. The Trustees and church officials of Bourne Church have also expressed their hearty congratulations to the Mayor on his election to the chief magistracy of the borough.

Rev. J. S. White has returned home much benefited by his stay in Blackpool. There are hopes that in a few weeks now Mr. White will be able to resume his work.

Mr. G. Brown, J.P., of Thetford, has been again elected Mayor of the borough for a second year in succession. The Mayor is the Sunday-school superintendent and society steward. Mr. J. G. Brown, son of the Mayor, and a member of the same church, and Mr. W. Fowell, J.P., assistant school superintendent, have been returned unopposed to the Town Council.

Councillor Harvey Robinson has been re-elected Mayor of Ossett. Mr. Robinson is well known and respected in the town, and has won his position by sheer merit. During the year the Mayor and Mayoress had the pleasure of receiving the King and Queen at the Town Hall during their tour through that part of Yorkshire. The re-election is a tribute to the Mayor's capability and popularity. On Sunday last the Mayor, accompanied by the Corporation, officials, and members of the public institutions, attended Divine service at Queen-street, Ossett. The chapel was filled, and the service was conducted by Rev. E. Lacey. He based his discourse on Isaiah xl. 3 "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The sermon was an indictment of wealth, a protest against the social reform that is not attended with the reform of mind and heart, also a plea for the awakening of the moral conscience. Throughout it arrested the audience, and was commented upon as one of the most stirring utterances heard on such an occasion.

Mr. Edward Laramy, of Pontnewydd, has been appointed a J.P. for the County of Monmouth. Mr. Laramy is a highly esteemed official in the Pontypool Circuit, being a trustee and school superintendent.

It is seldom that our Church is referred to in "Tit-Bits," but in a late issue the medical work of the Whitechapel Mission was described in a brief article. It is pleasing to find that the faithful and self-denying work of the President is finding increasing recognition outside our own Church. Such recognition, we hope, will lead to increasing support, which it sorely needs on its social side.

The address of Rev. W. Chapman is 21a, Extons-road, King's Lynn.

Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Fallas are leaving Bramley for Ilkley next week. Since his superannuation Mr. Fallas has lived in the Bramley Circuit, and has rendered valuable service. He will be greatly missed. The Ilkley Church is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of a senior minister so greatly beloved and endowed with such distinctive gifts.

The growing influence of Mr. T. Hamblett, J.P., in the Borough of St. Helens, was strikingly illustrated at the recent Municipal elections, when he was returned for the Parr Ward a second time, and by the handsome majority of 411. Mr. Hamblett is a local preacher in the St. Helens Circuit.

Mr. R. G. Heys, B.A., has been elected president and treasurer of the Scarborough Free Church Council in succession to Rev. A. Penny Evans, who is following Rev. J. McNeill at Liverpool.

Mr. Benjamin Clayton, treasurer of the Sunday-school, Ashton-under-Lyne, has been appointed deputy manager of the Manchester Labour Exchange. His first experience of this kind of work was as a clerk at the Ashton Exchange. From there he passed to manage the Exchange at Stalybridge. With the coming of the Insurance Act he was marked out for promotion to his present position, and he has had much to do with the initiation of this complex measure into the large industrial area of which Manchester is the centre. Not the least interesting of his

experiences has been the number of foreign employers, sociologists, and others who have come to Manchester to observe the working of this much-debated Act.

After one and a half year's service, Councillor W. Carr, Gateshead First Station, has been returned unopposed to the Gateshead Town Council. Mr. Carr is a local preacher, leader of the mission band, and a school superintendent.

Rev. W. Fidos has been re-elected president of the Malton and District Temperance Council.

A Free Church Council has just been formed for the Lunsdale and District, of which Rev. R. J. Kirkland has been elected its first president.

At the recent Municipal election in Sheffield Mr. D. Manterfield came within one vote of being elected for the Brightside Ward. Many of our people were so confident of his return that they did not trouble to vote. Mr. Manterfield is a highly-esteemed official in the Second Circuit. He would have been a valuable accession to the Council of the city.

Rev. W. Spedding has been elected a vice-president of Leeds Free Church Council.

Several of our Sunday-school scholars at Northampton have secured distinction at the recent Eisteddfod. Kettering-road school secured two prizes for violin solo playing, and Horsemarket school a prize for recitation. A year's free violin scholarship was awarded to Mr. W. H. Griffiths, of Kettering-road school, whose performance, the judge said, gave promise of great things. A singing scholarship was awarded to Miss Alice M. Staley of the same school.

Lady Green, of Glasgow, has recently given to Rev. J. W. Chappell, of Motherwell, a quantity of water from the river Jordan, obtained during her recent visit to Palestine, for use at baptisms in the church, and she has handed over for presentation to the first boy and the first girl baptized with the water gifts brought from Jerusalem, a serviette ring of olive wood for the boy and a string of beads for the girl. The children to obtain these presents are the bearers of honoured names in the Methodist Church, the one being the infant son of James Wassell, the grand-nephew of Mr. Richard Wassell, the oldest official of the church, and the first person to be married in the old Milton-street Church; the other being the infant daughter of Thomas Jesson, jun., the great-grand-daughter of the late Henry Jesson, one of the most influential officials of the Church in his generation.

Miss Ruby Holding, age twelve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Holding, of Audley, and a scholar at the Audley Sunday-school, has been successful in gaining two first prizes at Chesterton and Wolstanton Eisteddfods for soprano solos in the juvenile competition.

SELBY DEBT EXTINCTION.

To wipe out a long-standing Circuit Fund debt of £134, and to place the fund on a better footing, a floral bazaar was opened in the Museum Hall on October 30th by Mrs. Everatt, of Cablesforth Hall. There was a large and representative gathering, and the hall had been choicely decorated. The gathering was enlivened with the beautiful rendering of suitable solos by Madame Lily Wossnop, of Goole, and Mr. Ernest Johnson, of Goole. Mr. R. Biddick presided. The following day the bazaar was re-opened by Mrs. J. M. Brewins, while Mr. H. Sainter, of Castleford, presided. There was a good attendance, and suitable solos were rendered by Madame Harrison, of Castleford, and Mr. J. W. Coulson, of Hull. The financial results were:—Donations, per Rev. A. J. Bull, £9 10s.; Mrs. Everatt, £3 3s.; Mrs. Warth, £2 2s.; Mrs. J. M. Brewins, £1 1s.; Mr. H. Sainter, £1 1s.; No. 1 work stall, £57 9s. 10d.; No. 2 work stall, £38 11s.; Cablesforth stall, £31 0s. 10d.; fancy stall, £15 2s. 6d.; refreshments, £17 15s. 7d.; Skipwith produce stall, £7 2s. 6d.; sweet stall, £30; bran tub, £3 8s. 3d.; concert, £3 15s.; entrance money, £7 19s. 9d.; men's stall, £5 3s. 9d.; grand total, £235 10s. 6d. The result has exceeded all expectations, and will be a great help to the future working of the circuit.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE BAZAAR.

A successful bazaar was held in the Ashton Town Hall November 8th-10th, promoted by the Katherine-street Church and School. The stalls were attractively arranged and well laden. The officers of the different stalls were as follows:—Congregational, Mrs. Moore, president, Mrs. Haslam, treasurer, and Mrs. Bamford, secretary; refreshment stall, Mrs. Hill, treasurer, and Mrs. Chadborn, secretary; Young Ladies', Miss Burgess, president, Miss Merrill, treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Wild and Mrs. Cooper, secretaries; flowers and café chantant, Miss G. Wild, treasurer, and Miss C. Wild, secretary; men's, Messrs. B. Moore, president, J. A. Buckley, J. Bainbridge, and J. Chadborn, vice-presidents, W. Holland, treasurer; E. Clarke and R. Taylor, secretaries; scholars', Mrs. A. Brown, treasurer, and Mr. M. Leigh and Miss C. Bamford, secretaries. The officers of the bazaar were Messrs. J. A. Wild, president, B. Butler, treasurer, W. G. Merrill, general secretary, W. Churm, financial secretary, T. Howarth, recording secretary, and G. Courtman, organising secretary. The bazaar was opened the first day by Mr. W. Scholes, under the presidency of his Worship the Mayor (Councillor C. H. Waterhouse, J.P.); Councillor G. H. Kenyon, J.P., C.C., Mayor-elect of Dukinfield, presided on the second day, and the opener was Mr. J. H. Kay. A very attractive children's opening had been arranged for the third day, at which Mrs. J. A. Wild received the children's purses. High-class concerts were arranged by Miss Platt, L.L.C.M., Messrs. B. Clayton and J. B. Higginbottom, and the choir. The total, £450, was for the reduction of chapel debt.

HIGH WYCOMBE NEW CHURCH.

A well-appointed village chapel was opened on Wednesday last. The neighbourhood of Sands-road is a growing one on the outskirts of the town. Built of good red bricks, with stone dressings, with a schoolroom at the rear (separated by sliding partitions), and having two useful classrooms, the property affords a fine opportunity for aggressive work. Mr. Fred. Joynson, jun., an esteemed official at White Hart-street, opened the doors. He is a trustee for the new building, and contributed £10 to the funds. Rev. H. J. Taylor preached to a good congregation; the sermon was greatly enjoyed. In the Council schools tea was held, and well patronised. Following the tea, Rev. D. Dunn introduced Mr. A. Glenister, J.P., as chairman. He was pleased the Church Extension Fund was aiding this project. He had attended the stone-laying celebration, and now rejoiced in the event of that day. Rev. J. G. Cushing referred to their past efforts in materialising their spiritual desires. Now it was for them to spiritualise their material advantages. Rev. H. J. Taylor gave a rousing address, in which he showed for what Primitive Methodism had stood. He strongly appealed to them to stand fast in the faith. The centre of the world was in the Church, and in the centre of the Church was Jesus Christ. The financial statement, presented by Rev. J. G. Cushing, showed a total for the day of £43 13s. 3d., making £386 13s. 3d. raised toward the cost of £800. The following gifts were

also acknowledged:—Mrs. Bartlett and son, chairs for the Communion; Mr. J. Grace, table; Messrs. Hull, Loosley, and Pearce, linoleum; Mr. M. Milburn, velvet for pulpit; Mr. Walter Harvey and Miss Beckett, pulpit Bible; Rev. J. G. Cushing, pulpit hymnal; the Stallwood family gave the lamps, and Mr. G. Newell, sen., the collection plates. The White Hart-street choir rendered musical selections, with Mr. E. W. Johnson as conductor and Mr. F. Joynson, jun., as organist.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. W. Courtney Body.

On October 13th the earthly career of Mr. W. Courtney Body terminated after some months of illness. His passing is greatly felt by all, and especially the Kilburn Church, where he worshipped and which he aided in many ways. He was a most diligent man, and believed in everything being done thoroughly. He was a lover of church order, fused with true enthusiasm. He was most regular at the means of grace, week-days and Sundays, and did much to secure the attendance of others. He was a local preacher for many years, and made strenuous preparation for his work. He was a thoroughly alive man, and was always optimistic. He never sounded a depressing note. In the home he was lovable and beloved by his devoted wife and the workpeople. He has joined the other part of the Father's great family on the other

side, but he has left us the heritage of good example. The funeral was conducted in Kilburn Church in the presence of a large congregation by Revs. G. Shapcott, W. J.P. Price and R. N. Connell. The interment took place in Paddington cemetery, and at the grave side a great congregation sang "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Helen Bollen.

On November 8th the friends of Mrs. Bollen received a great shock when they learnt of her sudden call to the higher service. She was a quiet but effective toiler for many years, first in Tollcross Church and then for years in Shettleston. She was led to our Church and nurtured in her beliefs by her saintly father from her earliest days. Godly parental influence from the late Thomas Halliday and his partner left their impress on our sister, and she became a child of God indeed. Though only forty-four years of age, Mrs. Bollen's record of service is such as enriches her memory and make sit "not death to die." On Monday afternoon, November 11th, she was laid to rest in the Sandymount Cemetery at Shettleston. A service was held in the house and then in the church, Revs. W. H. Richardson and Geo. E. Wallace officiating. A mass of wreaths and other tokens of love were sent by friends who had felt the sweet influence of her life. The loss to the Church is immeasurable, but words fail when we think of her home. Our brother, Mr. James Bouleu, and his daughter Maggie have lost one whose place can never be filled—only the hope of heaven can bring cheer to their hearts. A memorial sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Richardson on Sabbath evening, November 17th.

Church News.

Brigg.

On Sunday, November 10th, we celebrated our choir festival and popular monthly service, the preacher for the day being Rev. Ernest D. Pigott. In the afternoon the P.S.A. was held. Mr. Butler, of Hawsham, presided, and Rev. E. D. Pigott gave the address. The soloist was Mr. W. Clarke, of Goole. The services were crowned with conversions.

Bristol Fifth.

The Mangotsfield chapel anniversary was celebrated on November 9th and 10th. On the 9th tea was provided by the friends giving all provisions. An excellent company gathered for the repast. This was followed by an interesting and timely lecture, delivered by Rev. J. Lewis Williams. Miss Beacham was soloist; Mr. S. S. Powell president. On Sunday the sermons were by Mr. Williams. Miss Morgan was soloist. At a young people's service in the afternoon Mrs. Baker and Miss Hughes rendered two duets, the circuit minister giving an address. Financial results excellent.

Bristol Second.

Towards the reduction of debt on Angers-road Church, a bazaar was held on November 1st and 2nd. The opening ceremony on Friday was performed by Mrs. Dix, of Birmingham, who as Miss Rundle was formerly an ardent worker in the church. Mrs. Dix was heartily welcomed, and contributed liberally. On Saturday Mrs. Ingham received the purses of money collected by scholars. Two Baptist friends acted as chairmen of the opening ceremonies. Messrs. Whitman, Davis, J. Clark, G. W. Rundle, F. E. Sampson, and S. J. News, B.A., along with Rev. F. A. Ingham, took part. Financial results £55 net. On November 3rd Mr. S. J. News, B.A., of Chippenham, preached in the morning and Rev. F. A. Ingham in the evening.

Briston.

On Wednesday, November 6th, a public conference of the Fakenham and District C.E. Union was held in the Primitive Methodist Church, with Mr. E. Bone in the chair. A thought-provoking address was delivered by Rev. W. S. Whiting. A highly helpful discussion was opened by Rev. H. W. Shellabear, supported by Revs. J. Prouton, A. J. Kellam, Messrs. W. Digby and Hastings. Public tea was provided in the Congregational Lecture

Hall, and served by Mesdames Shelabear, Dack and others. In the evening a C.E. Rally was held, addressed by Rev. W. S. Whiting and Mr. Hastings, Mr. E. Bone again presiding. The roll call was conducted by Rev. J. Prouton. Soloist, Mr. S. Beavor. A coffee supper brought a helpful day to a happy close.

Buckley.

On Sunday, November 10th, the Band of Hope at Connah's Quay celebrated their first anniversary, when Mr. Pritchard, of Hartley College, preached morning and evening. The Band of Hope children sang twice at each service, while the choir, under Mr. R. Foulkes, acquitted themselves well. In the afternoon the new Young Abstiners' League was commenced, when all our scholars who were present, over thirteen years of age, enrolled themselves as members, so that a very good start has been made.

Burnley First.

A successful circuit rally was held at Bethel, October 29th. Rev. W. Younger preached and lectured. Anthems were given by the united choirs from all the churches. A very good representation was present from every Society in the circuit. Words of welcome and encouragement were spoken by Rev. J. W. Fryer. A contribution scheme which was worked by Rev. A. Banham realised £35 for special circuit objects.

Camden Town.

A sale of work was held at King-street on October 28th and 29th. The sale was opened on the 28th by Mr. E. Tilesley, Mr. W. H. Moon presiding, and on the second day by Mrs. Allison; in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Heywood, Mr. J. A. Lake presided. As a result of the effort Rev. A. Sutcliffe stated that over £58 had been raised.

Chorley Circuit.

On Sunday, November 3rd, the anniversary services of Cunliffe-street Church were held, when we were favoured with a visit from Rev. Jas. Travis, making the twenty-seventh anniversary in succession of either church or school to which Mr. Travis has been invited, coupled with six years' previous ministry on the circuit. The anniversary was one of the best ever held, and the collections reached the liberal sum of £24, a substantial increase on previous years. In the afternoon a musical service was given by our splendid choir, with Mr. Fred Tootell as leader and

Mr. Albert Watson as organist. Mr. F. Eccles, of Blackpool, presided.

Successful church anniversaries have been celebrated at the following places:—Almond Brook, preacher Rev. J. W. Lancaster; Chorley Moor, conducted by Rev. T. A. Young; and Standish, preacher Mr. John Wright (the sixth year in succession).

Clayton West.

On Sunday, November 10th, sermons were preached in morning and afternoon at Cumberworth by Rev. William J. Clark. The evening meeting was conducted by scholars of the school, Master Norman Stephenson acting as chairman. The day's proceedings amounted to £2 11s. 3d., which will be devoted to African work. This church has within sixteen months established a Junior C.E., a primary class and adult school, and are now considering a weekend Bible class. A successful mission conducted by Rev. Clark has contributed ten useful members to the church, and there are indications that the work is not finished yet.

Derby First.

The most successful anniversary has been held at Borrowash Church. Special sermons were preached by Mr. Gilliver, of Nottingham. On Saturday a public tea was generously provided by the members and friends. Instead of the usual public meeting a gold and silver tree service was arranged by Rev. J. Taws. Mrs. Fisher, of the Anglican Church, presided, and the ceremony of stripping the tree was gracefully performed by Mrs. Taws, and yielded in fruit £19 10s. Musical items arranged by Mr. T. H. Owen were rendered at intervals. At the close Mr. Gaskin announced that the services would realise about £30.

Foxhill Bank and Accrington.

Chapel anniversary services were held at Foxhill-grove on Sunday, November 3rd, the preacher being Rev. E. R. Davies. In the afternoon the choir, under the leadership of Mr. P. H. Holmes, gave an excellent rendering of Mozart's 12th Mass. Mr. J. Addison, A.R.C.M., presided at the organ. On Monday evening a most interesting and instructive lecture on "The Proverbs of Solomon and Others," was given by Mr. J. T. Fielding, of Darwen, Captain Harwood (Mayor-elect), of Accrington, presiding. The collections amounted to £17 10s. 1d.

Glasgow Fourth.

On October 31st a "Hallowe'en Festival" was held at Shettleston Church,

when a large crowd gathered to partake of a pie supper which had been provided for by Mr. and Mrs. Bollen, the much-loved caretakers of the church. A good programme of music, etc., followed. Rev. W. H. Richardson presided, and paid a high compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bollen. The people responded generously. Between £9 and £10 was taken from the sale of tickets alone, and the friends are eagerly looking forward to the next event of similar character.

Guildford.

A successful effort has just been held for the reduction of debt on the church. The Mayoress, accompanied by the Mayor, opened the sale. The Mayor complimented the minister and people on the strenuous efforts they had made in struggling with the enormous burden, and wished them every success. Mr. R. T. Naish presided in the evening over the gold and silver tree. A large congregation assembled, filling the schoolroom. The proceeds were as follows: Guildford stall, £13 10s.; Working stall, £8; Art Gallery, 8s.; Flower and Fruit stall, 18s. 4d.; Refreshment stall, £2 12s.; African Curios, 4s. 3d.; Gold and Silver Tree, £38 16s.; donations £3 3s.; total, £67 11s. 7d.

Houghton-le-Spring.

The first missionary round has just been completed. By the aid of a lantern lecture, illustrating our work in South Central Africa, additional interest has been awakened. The lantern was supplied by one of our members gratuitously, and the slides by Rev. A. Baldwin. We intend to pursue the same method on the next two rounds. The income on the round is £21 6s. 5d., and expenses 6s. 6d.

Hull Fifth.

There was a large audience at Anlaby on Thursday, November 7th, when the Selby-street Junior C.E. gave a Service of Song entitled "Whiter than Snow." Mrs. Smith presided, and Mr. Ellis gave the connective readings. The members are greatly indebted to Mrs. Dennison, the Leader, and to Miss E. G. Dennison, the organist. The following Sunday, November 10th, Mr. George Ellis preached a forceful sermon. His appeal resulted in the church receiving one of its finest converts since its reopening. During the service Miss Cissie Anson sang a solo in splendid style, Miss Olive Johnson presiding at the organ.

King's Lynn.

The Local Preachers' Association's autumnal gathering was held at Gayton,

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when a goodly number attended in the afternoon to hear a paper by Rev. H. Semper on "The Preacher and His Sermon." As Mr. Semper was indisposed the paper was read by Rev. H. H. Woodward. An interesting conversation followed. Tea was provided, and then a public meeting was held, addressed by Messrs. E. Fuller, J. G. Mountain, and Rev. T. Woodall. Mr. G. W. Alcock presided. Rev. H. H. Woodward presented prizes and certificate to Mr. P. Denny, who was successful in the recent Connexional examination.

Grimsdon.—In connection with the Increase Campaign, a circuit rally was held on November 6th. A conference took place in the afternoon. Papers were read by Mr. E. Fuller on "The Word of God," Miss Scott "Private Prayer," and Rev. H. H. Woodward "Public Worship." Rev. H. Semper presided. After tea a largely-attended open air mission was conducted by Mr. T. Moore. The chapel was filled in the evening when addresses were delivered by Mr. A. Cutting (chairman), Rev. H. H. Woodward, Mr. W. Hunter, and Rev. H. Semper. The services will give an impetus to our ordinary circuit work, especially for the simultaneous mission to be held throughout the circuit on November 17th.

London-road Church on November 3rd and 4th was favoured with a visit from Rev. John Smith. On Sunday he preached, and in the afternoon gave an address to the P.S.A. and the Sunday-school. On the Monday evening Mr. Smith lectured in an interesting manner on the "Work of the British and Foreign Bible Society." Mr. Clayton Dines presided.

Kiveton Park.

The chapel anniversary was celebrated on October 26th-28th, when we were delighted by the visit of Rev. John Shephard, of Chesterfield. On Saturday evening Mr. Shephard lectured on "The English Revolution of the Seventeenth Century," under the presidency of Rev. W. J. Musson. On Sunday he preached splendid sermons, and the choir rendered magnificent service. The soloists were Misses Rodgers and Clarkson and Mr. B. Ross. Mr. A. Wigmore conducted, and Mr. S. J. Bates efficiently presided at the organ. On Monday over 100 partook of a sumptuous tea, after which Rev. J. Shephard gave a powerful lecture on "Divine Providence, or God's Hand in Every Person's Life." Mr. J. H. Harrison, of Shireoaks, presided. The total proceeds were nearly £16.

At Shireoaks the "coming of age" of our church was celebrated on November 3rd and 4th. This loyal cause has in twenty-one years raised £1,220, of which £450 was contributed to the circuit funds. Rev. H. Jones preached on Sunday, Miss Lily Harrison contributing a solo. On Monday a splendid tea was served, after which Rev. H. Jones lectured on "An Ideal Prime Minister of the Olden Time." Mr. Harold Adwick presided, and Rev. W. J. Musson also took part. The total income was £5 13s.

Ashton-terrace chapel anniversary was held on November 3rd and 4th, when Rev. W. Travis, of Sheffield, preached to good congregations. On Monday Mr. Travis lectured on "Billy Bray," Mr. T. Young, of Aston, presiding.

A successful young people's effort was held in our mission church, Malby. On Saturday a large number sat down to a good tea, which was followed by a concert. Mr. J. Wilding, lay missionary, presided, and our little mission, which holds 150, was crowded. An equal number came to a well-rendered "Service of Song," entitled "Old Davie." The reading was impressively given by Mrs. T. Lane. Mr. T. Davis, assistant colliery manager, presided. Mr. Rufus Lane ably accompanied. In the evening the mission was again full to hear Mr. W. Bradley, Rotherham. The mission hall has been re-seated, and under the leadership of our van missionary, Mr. J. Wilding, and steward, Mr. L. Lane, we are looking for a successful winter's work.

Leigh.

On Saturday, November 9th, about 150 friends gathered for a tea, given by Rev. F. and Mrs. Jeffs, in celebration of their silver wedding. The tables were prepared and ably served by Mesdames Jeffs, Hayes, Clegg, Martland, Hulme, Dack, Darlington, F. Holden, and others. A good supply of floral decoration was provided by Messrs. Fernley and Squires. Hearty congratulations and good wishes were expressed to the host and hostess by many friends. After tea a public meeting was presided over by Rev. F. Jeffs, who explained that the purpose of the celebration was not that of self-display, but for publicly thanking God for His great mercies during twenty-five years of remark-

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ably happy wedded life, and also as a means for helping the bazaar funds. Interesting speeches were contributed by Revs. J. H. Cretney, G. H. Hanney, and T. Bullock. Choice selections of music were rendered by Misses Porter, Dack, and Hayes, and Messrs. Aspinall and Evans. The proceeds, about £5, go to the bazaar funds.

Leyland.

The Band of Hope anniversary was held on Temperance Sunday, when Rev. Wm. Barker preached morning and evening. In the afternoon a great demonstration was held, when the Band of Hope, with the Midgill Hall Wesleyan Band of Hope and Boys' Brigade, headed by the Leyland prize band, paraded the village. Afterwards Rev. W. Barker gave a stirring address to a crowded congregation. Miss Nicholson (the May Queen of Preston) sang solos at each service.

Little Broughton.

On November 10th a large company assembled to hear the rendering of the Service of Song "In London Town." Mr. P. Coulthard acted as conductor, and Mr. T. L. Daley as organist, Mr. T. Birkett giving the connective readings. The soloists were Misses Wilkinson and Skerry and Mr. W. Byers. The collection amounted to 15s.

Lowtown.

At the colliery village of Bamfurlong we have a society of forty-three members, a school of over 200 scholars, and church property valued at £1,200. For years we have been hampered by a debt of over £500. Recently we obtained a loan of £100 from the General Chapel Loan Fund, which will considerably relieve us. We have just held a successful bazaar, by which our position will be further strengthened. We were favoured with capital attendances. The following took part in the opening: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Grundy, Mr. J. Bridge, Mr. A. Parkinson, J.P., Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Rigby, and scholars. The subjoined results were attained: Donations, £22 12s.; stalls, etc., £103 14s.; total, £126 6s. We have just concluded our first missionary round. The services and meetings were addressed by Rev. R. Banham, Mr. J. Dyke, Mr. J. E. Bridge, and Rev. J. T. Collier. Financial results—Lowtown, £10 2s. 4d.; Golborne, £6 6s. 4d.; Lowtown-road, £10 5s. 9d.; total, £26 14s. 5d.

Mexborough.

On Sunday, temperance sermons were preached by Rev. J. N. Clague. He pleaded for all present to sign the temperance pledge, and facility for this was given by the ministers' vestry being set apart for the purpose. At the after meeting Mr. G. F. Newbert, of Hull, who was present in the congregation, was requested to speak. In responding, he gave many instances from his personal observations during a long and busy business career.

Nuneaton.

The Queen's-road C.E. held their anniversary on Sunday, November 3rd. There was a preparatory service held on Saturday night previous, when addresses were given by Rev. Hawes (Baptist), Rev. T. Dodd, and Rev. H. Llaud. The president (Mr. W. E. King) acted as chairman. On Sunday Mr. Llaud's addresses were very instructive and helpful. Miss Pegg was the soloist. In the afternoon the juniors delighted the audience with their service. Mrs. J. Mason presided, Rev. H. Llaud giving a short address. The programme consisted of songs, solos, choruses, and recitations. A volley of clapping greeted a little chap of five years after saying his recitation. Some little amusement was created when three little ones presented flowers—a button-hole to Mr. Llaud and bouquets to Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Dodd.

Penge.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Penge Church was celebrated on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday last. On Saturday a splendid entertainment was given by the local junior Salvation Army Band. The services on Sunday were conducted by Rev. William Curry. A church social was held on Monday, presided over by J. B. Housden, Esq. An interesting feature of the social was a number of "five-minute speeches" by old members of the church. Good service was rendered by the choir and orchestral band.

Pickering.

The Misses May Harrison and Florrie Elkins have conducted a successful ten days' mission at Pickering. The week-night gatherings have been excellent. Night after night the gospel in sermon and song has reached the hearts of the people. A number of the young people were led to decision for Christ, and some few adults also were drawn into the beginning of the

better life. At the close of the mission a "faith tea" was held, followed by a meeting in the church, at which Miss Harrison gave a lecture on "Woman's Place in the Church and World." Miss Elkins rendered solos and recitations.

Ramsgate.

On Sunday, anniversary services were held in connection with the Queen-street Church, the preachers being Revs. B. Senior and W. Easey. In the afternoon a Musical service was given by the choir, assisted by friends. Mr. J. Fells, J.P., presided. On Thursday, in continuation of the anniversary, Rev. W. Easey delivered a lecture on "Reminiscences of a Mission Van Tour." Mr. T. W. Chapman presided, and a coffee supper followed.

Ripon.

An entertainment was held in the school-room on Friday, presided over by Mr. Wood, Songs, etc., were admirably rendered by Miss Garbutt and Messrs. J. Clarkson, T. Prest and J. M. Eccles. A humorous sketch, entitled "The Suffragettes," was given by Mrs. E. Bailey and Misses Eva Bailey, Edith Bailey, A. Horner, N. Dawson and M. Richmond. The event of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful marble timepiece, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Tom Prest, senior Society Steward, on the occasion of his marriage. Appreciative words were spoken by Mr. J. Cole, Mr. J. M. Eccles, and Mr. E. Bailey. Rev. J. W. Hutter made the presentation.

Scarborough First.

St. John's-road Church anniversary was held on Sunday, October 27th, Rev. George Hind was the preacher. Sepulchre-street choir very efficiently gave a musical service in the afternoon, and on Monday Rev. J. Hind lectured on "The Sabbath," under the presidency of Mr. W. M. Kidd. On November 3rd the Filey Fishermen conducted the services, at which large congregations were present. In the afternoon they gave a Service of Song. On the 6th a great tea was provided, when nearly 200 sat down. The public meeting was presided over by Councillor Rowntree, J.P., and addresses were given by Revs. A. Perry Evans and G. Hind. Total proceeds, £36 10s. 6d.

Scholes.

A sale of work was held on Saturday and Monday last at Wooldale Town End, to clear the debt off the organ. The sale was opened by Miss Philpotts. Miss Boothroyd presided. On the second day Miss Peace presided, and the sale was opened by Mrs. Robertshaw. Great credit is due to the few workers in this little church for the sacrifice they have made. No appeal has been made for outside help, and yet the sum of £26 has been realised, and this will be made up to £30 by other efforts.

At Scholes the young people gave an entertainment before a large audience on Saturday last. Proceeds £4. This is the first effort in connection with a bazaar to reduce the debt on the Sunday school.

Scarborough Second.

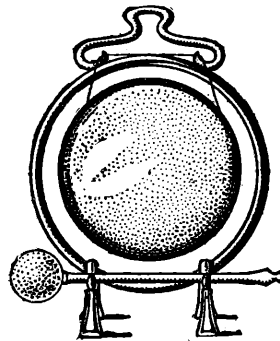
The chapel anniversary services were held at Gladstone-road on Sunday, November 10th, the preacher being Rev. S. Bates, of Doncaster. In the afternoon a musical service was given by the Harmonic Choir. Chairman, Mr. G. W. Duck. On the following Tuesday Rev. S. Bates delivered his lecture on "General Booth." Chairman, G. Newlove. On Wednesday a great tea was held. Trays were kindly given by Mesdames Duke, Bowes, Dugleby, Fould and Nendick. A public meeting followed. Chairman, F. E. Taylor. Speakers, Revs. S. Bates, G. T. Chappell and H. Aldridge. The services have been a great success, both spiritual and financial. Proceeds over £28, being £3 in advance of last year.

Sheringham.

Missionary services were held last week. Rev. J. Annison, of Yarmouth, served well as deputation. Proceeds, £26 10s. 11d., which is £2 10s. over last year. A prominent feature regarding the collectors is that three of them are over eighty-two years of age—Mrs. Grout and Mrs. Woodhouse, of Weybourne, and Mrs. Martin, of Runtun.

Shrewsbury.

A splendid temperance meeting was held at Castle Court, on Thursday last, the body of the church being well filled, presided over by Mr. Woodall, who signed the pledge sixty-five years ago, and addressed by Mr. Benson and Rev. J. Pearce, the latter speaking on "The Fight for Temperance." The Belle Vue Church friends decided to form a branch of the Young Abstinents' League.



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Victoria-avenue church anniversary has been the most successful in the history of the church. Rev. Fred Humble, of West Hartlepool, was the preacher. A fine musical service was rendered in the afternoon, when Mr. Tom Jewitt presided. On the Monday Mr. Humble gave his lecture on "General Booth." Alderman Dysart presided. The tea was served on the Tuesday, and the "At Home" was held on the Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Jewitt were host and hostess, and a capital musical programme was rendered. Mr. T. W. T. Richardson made the financial statement. Proceeds nearly £24, more than double the previous year. Rev. J. G. Bowran spoke words of appreciation, and incited the friends to further efforts.

Paradise-row has had a week-day visit from the President of the Conference, Mr. Jackson preached a rousing sermon in the afternoon, and lectured to a large company in the evening on "Rescue Scenes in White-chapel Slums." The lantern slides were most telling. For more than an hour and a half he held the people entranced. Councillor R. Spark presided. We hope to have the President again at an early day.

Stoke Newington.

A successful bazaar was held at Castle-street, Kingsland, on November 7th-9th. It was opened on the first day by Mr. L. Dudley, with Mr. L. Newell as chairman. Mr. W. Warner Bromley, LL.B., opened on the second day, Mr. J. Skinner presided. On the third day Mrs. E. A. Price was the opener, and the president Mr. J. Edmondson. On the third day the children brought purses, which were received by Mrs. D. Odell. The soloists were Miss N. Keen, Mrs. Housden, and Miss Squires, L.R.A.M. The bazaar was a great success. Total proceeds £111, for the Renovation Fund. It is hoped to make this into £150 by December.

Streatham, S.W.

The Angles-road church was favoured by a visit from the President of Conference on Sunday and Monday, November 3rd and 4th. The services were highly appreciated, and were of an inspiring character. On Monday evening an attentive audience listened with great pleasure to the earnest addresses of the President, also Revs. Geo. Trusler and John Richardson. Mr. Ponting presided. The singing of the old hymns and tunes was much enjoyed, and the value of the Hymnal Supplement realised. The services of all, and also gifts from those unable to be present, were suitably acknowledged by the steward.

Sturminster Newton.

Missionary meetings have recently been held on the Ibberton and Sturminster

rounds. Rev. G. Stanyer, of Shaftesbury, was the deputation for the former and Rev. F. W. Harper, of Bournemouth First, for the latter round. Despite bad weather, which affected the attendance at some of the meetings, the attendances and proceeds have been on the whole satisfactory.

Swindon First.

A school special was held at Stratton St. Margaret, November 3rd and 4th. Mr. A. C. Bishop (of Newbury) preached on Sunday to good congregations, and presided at a children's service in the afternoon. On Monday there was a well-attended public meeting, presided over by Mr. S. Payne, of Swindon, at which Mr. Bishop presented the Brinkworth and Swindon District challenge banner won by the school in the Scripture examination of 1911. Miss L. Hill suitably replied on behalf of the school. Mr. S. Payne then presented Miss Hill with a Bible given by the candidates of the examination. Addresses were also given by Rev. P. M. Richardson and Mr. R. G. Cripps.

Wisbech.

We held our C.E. anniversary, November 3rd and 6th. Preacher, Rev. A. E. Rose. In the afternoon we held a meeting under the presidency of Mr. A. Butt. Miss Bradley sang a solo. Rev. H. W. Seaman (Baptist) and Rev. A. E. Rose gave addresses. On November 6th we held a conference. Rev. H. J. Pickett, of Liverpool, presided, and gave an illuminating contribution when he wound up the afternoon's proceedings. We had two papers—"The Importance of the Consecration Service," by Mr. M. Sutton, and "Christian Citizenship or Social Service," by Councillor R. Payne. They both aroused a good discussion. A public meeting was held at night, Mr. Diggle, of Outwell, presiding. Solos were given by Miss M. Chapman and Miss Bradley. Mr. F. Waling gave an effective address on "Science as applied to Christianity." Then came Rev. H. J. Pickett, who spoke on heroism and put in a plea for the heroic mood. He made a most fervent appeal to all Endeavourers. It was a magnificent meeting, and will raise us to higher levels of living and service.

Women's Missionary Federation.

Pontypool.

The first annual meeting in connection with the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Pontypool was held on November 5th, and was a most successful meeting. The secretary was pleased to report forty-one members had joined during the year. A resolution on the White Slave Bill was passed, and has been sent to Mr. R. McKenna, M.P.

Shildon.

A branch of the W.M.F. has been formed in Shildon Circuit, county Durham. Mrs. J. E. Leuty attended the inaugural meetings, which were held last week at Close House. Sister Jennie Baxter presided at the afternoon meeting. All present regretted the absence of Rev. Tom Robson, through illness. The officers of this new Branch are as follows:—President, Mrs. T. A. Martindale (Shildon); secretary, Mrs. Pletts (Old Shildon); treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Rutherford. Vice-presidents and sub-secretaries were appointed from each church in the circuit, and about thirty members were enrolled. A public meeting was held in the evening, at which Mrs. Leuty told the story of African Missions. President, Mrs. Martindale. Soloist, Mr. W. Potts. The meetings were a distinct success, and much credit is due to Sister Jennie Baxter for her work in arranging the meetings, together with Rev. T. Shaw.

Sunderland and Seaham.

The auxiliary met at Tempest-place, Seaham Harbour, on the 5th inst. Mr. J. W. Huntley presided, and Rev. J. Dennison (Wesleyan) gave an address. Mrs. Davidson rendered two solos in a charming manner. Tea was generously provided by Mrs. E. Philipson. At the close a strong resolution on the "White Slave Trade" was carried. The secretary was requested to forward a copy to a leading Cabinet Minister, and also to the local Members of Parliament.

Woodfalls.

The ladies held an "At Home" on Wednesday, October 30th, as their second effort towards church renovation. An interesting feature was the silver tree, which was unveiled after a miscellaneous programme had been rendered by the ladies. The proceeds amounted to £17 16s. 6d.

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Lot 6.—Heavy Wool MOTOR SERGE, 52 inches wide in Black or Navy, good substance and excellent wear, worth 2/6 per yard, but Sydney George will cut any length at 1/3½ per yard, or 12 yards for 14/9, post free.

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Lot 10.—1/1½ ALPACA for 9½d. Good serviceable quality Alpaca, 40 inches wide, in Black, Navy, or Cream, any length cut at 9½d. per yard, or 12 yards for 9/2, post free.

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Lot 12.—1/8 Black Silk-finished ALPACA for 1/-. Superior quality fine Black Silk-finished Alpaca, 40 inches wide, any length cut at 1/- per yard, or 12 yards for 11/6, post free.

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Lot 14.—Dainty White LACE CURTAINS for small windows, 2½ yards long by 27 inches wide, 1/3½d. per pair, or 2 pairs for 2/6, post free.

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Lot 29.—3 Brown Striped TURKISH TOWELS, size 20 by 40, thick make, for 1/6, post free.

Lot 30.—White Hemstitched Damask TABLE CLOTHS, 52 by 52 inches, for 2/6, post free.

Lot 31.—White Satin Damask TABLE CLOTHS, hemmed for use, size 58 by 69 inches, wonderfully cheap at 3/6, post free.

Lot 32.—2 Good White Hemstitched Calico PILLOW CASES, for 1/6, post free.

Lot 33.—Good White FAMILY CALICO, 36 inches wide, 4/4 per dozen, post free.

Lot 34.—Good Single Rubber WATERPROOF BED SHEET, 27 by 36 inches, 1/4, post free.

Lot 35.—6 Good White Damask SERVIETTES, 23 inches square, for 2/9, post free.

Lot 36.—5 Yards of Check GLASS CLOTH, 24 inches wide, for 1/8, post free.

Lot 37.—2 Real Silver-mounted Hand-painted FLOWER VASES, for 1/-, post free.

Lot 38.—White Mercerised NECK MUFFLERS with spring button fastener, 8d., post free.

Lot 39.—Child's Set of KNIFE, FORK, and SPOON in box for 6d., post free.

Lot 40.—Heavy Cream Silk-finished Knitted MOTOR SCARF, 10 by 54 inches, fringed ends, 2/-, post free.

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Lot 44.—Long-waisted CORSETS, boned with Real Whalebone, cut low in bust and deep over hips, sizes, 18 to 30 inches, 2/-, post free.

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Lot 46.—Ladies' Hard-wearing Grey Stockingette DIVIDED SKIRTS, 1/3 per pair, or 2 pairs for 2/4, post free.

Lot 47.—Ladies' woven Merino COMBINATIONS, in Pink or Natural, unshrinkable finish, in all sizes up to 24 waist, 1/5 per pair, or 2 pairs for 2/8, post free.

Lot 48.—Men's excellent quality Dark Tweed TROUSERS, in all sizes from 30 to 42 waist, 5/9, post free.

Lot 49.—Men's Dark Tweed JACKETS, in all sizes from 30 to 42 chest, 6/10, post free.

Lot 50.—6 Nickel Silver TEA SPOONS for 1/-, post free.

Lot 51.—6 best quality E.P.N.S. TEA SPOONS, 1 JAM SPOON, and BUTTER KNIFE, in box, for 3/-, post free.

Lot 52.—6 White Handle TABLE KNIVES with 6 FORKS to match, for 2/6, post free.

Lot 53.—Handsome Silver-plated HAND MIRROR, worth 5/-, for 2/6, post free.

Lot 54.—THE HOUSEHOLD BOX, 1/-, containing 1 Hammer, 1 Screwdriver, 1 Finger Plate, 1 Toasting Fork, 1 Hat or Clothes Peg, 1 Bolt, 1 Padlock and Key, 1 Hasp and Staple, 3 Meat Hooks, 2 Brass Wardrobe Hooks, 1 Potato Peeler, 1 Set of Six Meat Skewers. Complete in box for 1/-, post free.

Lot 55.—Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Black Worsted STOCKINGS, for warmth, seamless feet, 1/- per pair, or 3 pairs for 2/10, post free.

Lot 56.—Ladies' Dainty KEYLESS WATCHES in Oxydised or Nickel Case, perfect timekeeper, 5/-, post free.

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