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## "I WRITE UNTO YOU, YOUNG MEN."

By Rev. W. Younger.

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

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

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

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



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feel more qualified in physique and alertness to succeed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Re-opening of St. George's Hall.

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

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Maitland, a generous friend of the mission, who, on receiving the key from the Mayor of Bermuda, unlocked the gate and led the way into the main hall, now chastely and tastefully decorated. Here, in few but eloquent words, she expressed her sense of honour in being allowed to reopen St. George's Hall, her willingness to do all she could to help the Christian activities of the mission, and her pleasure in receiving a token of the mission's growth in the form of the Hymnal and Supplement handed her by Rev. H. J. Taylor. Divine worship followed. Rev. S. W. Hughes gave a timely and eloquent address, which was greatly appreciated. At the fully occupied table-stools friends listened with pleasure to words of congratulation and good wishes from Revs. J. Tolefree Parr, G. Arncliffe and G. E. Bur. H. J. Taylor happily responded.

The evening meeting was a memorable gathering. Sir Banister Fletcher, the Senior Sheriff of London, made an admirable chairman. He said that he entertained a very lively interest in the South-East London Mission, because of the enormous amount of good it was doing, because of the personal good he had derived in years past from that great Christian gentleman, James Janing, and because in the work of reconstruction—social and moral—no institution in London was doing more good than St. George's Hall. That beneficent work had been once recognised by the Corporation of London in the form of a gift of £100; he hoped to secure a repetition of this recognition. Rev. G. Bennett's speech was well received. He heartily congratulated Mr. Taylor on his return, and through the war period. He believed in the mission, because it was out to rectify every social and moral abuse; it strove to check the appalling wastage of childhood, and it exercised the sublime ministry of helping the hindmost and lowest of men. He believed in the motives of the workers of the good, but the true secret of the success of the mission was the spiritual love of men, emanating from Christ, working for Him and moving to Him. Mr. H. J. Taylor expressed deep gratitude for all assistance rendered. Joy reigned for the merces of the past; high hopes for the welfare of the future. A great meeting fittingly closed with the singing of the Doxology.

### Honouring the Brave.

The Marsh-Street Schoolroom, Hanley, was crowded on Thursday last, the occasion being the presentation of two beautifully painted mahogany panels, "War" and "Peace," the gift of Mr. Wilson Smith, in remembrance of the young men from the Sunday-school who served and those whose lives were sacrificed in the lamentable war. Aldermen W. S. Hackney, J. P., presided. The roll was read by Mr. F. S. Seabridge. Several from the Hanley School became Majors in the Army and won considerable distinction. One of the young men, W. Mycock, who is now back in his Sunday class as teacher, was recommended five times and ultimately won the Military Medal for bravery in the field. Mr. J. W. Bewick, J. P. of London, who is now a Knight, and Mr. Williams and Mr. W. Maitland, Mr. A. Kent and Mr. V. L. George also took part. The choir rendered an appropriate anthem.

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

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## Current Topics.

As was generally expected, Mr. Arthur Henderson is M.P. for Widnes. The poll declared on Friday last showed that he had secured a 50% majority. His opponent, Mr. C. G. T. Thus a Coalition majority of 3,694 has been converted to a minority of 987. We congratulate Mr. Henderson, and on personal grounds rejoice that he had secured a 50% majority in Parliament. His sane judgment and his moral principle will be of great value in an assembly where these qualities are not greatly in evidence. He is a Methodist and a practical Christian. He is a prominent leader of the Brotherhood movement. He may be relied upon to place first things first, and to emphasise the fact that "righteousness exalteth a nation." Widnes has long been represented by a member of an organisation which has never been true to its watchword, "Our trade, our politics." Mr. Henderson placed temperance reform in the forefront of his programme, and his election means an acquisition to those forces which operate to make England a place fit for heroes to live in.

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

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

By an almost unanimous vote the Congress rejected the Government plan of dealing with the mining industry as a scheme contrary to the best interests of the nation, and resolved to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Miners' Federation, with a view to compelling the Government to adopt national ownership and that control, as recommended in the Sankey Report. The Prime Minister is to be interviewed immediately, and in the event of the Government refusing to comply with the demands a special Congress is to be convened. It is possible that the next what future action shall be taken. The view was expressed that the Government would not yield, and Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Congress might find it necessary to meet in London in the next two or three months. A spirit of grim determination was evident in the discussion, and while at the moment we express no opinion on the merits of the case, we are convinced that nationalisation is a bold and correct. It is quite possible that the Government will split on this question.

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

## NOTES AND NEWS.

## Lights from Side Windows.

What a magnificent week of weather! Brilliant sunshine after refreshing showers. No such September has been known since 1907. For late September sunbathers on moor and mountain, broad and narrow, have been delightful. But for the farmers, with their somewhat late harvest, it has been an incalculable blessing. No one can estimate the value of these fine days. We talk in millions of pounds, and spend four millions of dollars on national affairs. These fine days are worth millions of pounds to the country. A wet harvest would have been a great national disaster. Much of the wheat has been safely gathered in. Barley is still out, some not yet cut. Many days would have spell ruin. But the days are splendidly fine, and, commercially, they are of great value to the nation. Let the people praise Thee, O God. Let all the people praise Thee. Harvest festivals are being held, but multitudes never enter the sanctuary to give God thanks. It is deplorable that it is so. We might the Giver of all good say, "Where are the nine?" Surely, if ever a nation has cause to be grateful it is this nation in these days. And yet many fail to express or even realize their gratitude to God. We hope our people in town and village, city and hamlet will make much of their harvest festivals. Let them be real thanksgiving services. The Lord hath done great things for us, where we are glad.

We are grateful to Dr. Guttry for this outspoken words on the brutalizing exhibitions that are being given in this country under the denomination of prize fights. Nothing more degrading and more brutal than the lurid descriptions in the great daily papers, or the pictures that appeared setting forth various phases of what is called the "Prize fight." It is a return to the barbarism of the past. It should call forth the strongest denunciations from all who are concerned about the higher interests of the people. Mr. Dymond, in a letter to the "Christian Worker," aptly quotes a line from Byron which correctly sets forth the case. It was in the age of Roman decadence:

"Butchered to make a Roman holiday," When titled lords and princes, wealthy magnates and nobles, even women of supposed refinement, can pay fabulous prices to see men batter each other almost to death, and the great newspapers print the details of the contest, one can but feel that the public taste and conscience has sadly declined. It represents one item of national decadence, and should be fought with as true with the Christian Worker. Phatic protests from every section of the Christian Church. Possibly it is one of the sad results of war. The aftermath of war is almost as terrible as the war itself. The experience of the last few years of violence and destruction is sure to produce a terrible harvest. We are reaping that harvest now. The tragedies at home are as terrible just now as the tragedies of the battlefield. Almost every village, as well as town and city, has its tale to tell, its tragedy to unfold, its shame to record. The simple fact is that unrestrained brute force is degrading and dangerous and against its development every citizen needs to guard.

Surely our great daily papers have some responsibility in this matter. It cannot be their duty to pander to the lower tastes and desires of the masses. Some, at least, have prided themselves on being the great educators of the people. But we seem to have fallen on evil days in this respect. The news sheets have not been very inspiring. For the last few days, while the Great Trade Union Congress was being held, and such important matters as "Direction" and "National action" were under discussion, the only announcement of any news value was "The Tar and Feathers Courtmartial," with a couple of columns of the seamy side of life, as though these were the most important thing the nation had to consider or think about. Surely it is one of the most prominent place in our great newspapers should be given to something better than minute accounts of unwholesome and shallow actions that are unredemptive to human nature. The misfortune is that these things become as fuel to the fire in certain minds. Young lads are anxious to put on the gloves. Even church clubs and Boy Scouts are anxious to get into the "noble art." Cricket is not exciting enough. Even football is a little too tame. We regularly saw a set of gloves in the vestry cupboard, and enquired what the men that are surrenders to the boys! Imagine our Lord and Master, in the great military age when he lived, when physical force was as widely worshipped as it is now, instructing His disciples "to lay down the sword." "I send you forth," said He, "as lambs among wolves." The meek shall inherit the earth. What then, O Jesus, say, of Dr. Sheldon puts it, if He came into the vestry and saw a set of boxing gloves, would He rather fancy He would take His whip of small cords, and say, "Take these things hence. Make not My father's house a house of fighting, but of prayer." The Church must take up its stand, and not

only have clean hands in this matter, but a clear message, and make its protest bold and strong against such degrading sport as seems to be dominant now. Thanks to Dr. Guttry for his protest. We heartily endorse it.

There is plenty of room for the protest of the Church in this in many ways. The Church is a Protestant Church, protesting against what is degrading to the youth and manhood and womanhood of the land. Apologies were made during the war for the use of language which some of our men had learned to use. Thank God only some of them. Like Daniel, many refused to defile themselves with the current speech of camp or trench, and have come out of the war unscathed and unsoiled, clean in life and clean in eyes. But what can be said when military leaders rush into print with foul language marking almost every sentence? It would be well if they could be made to feel that the use of such language disqualified them for leadership. That nobody takes seriously the man who cannot speak, much less write, without using unparliamentary language, that their very statements are largely discounted by the terms they use. The Church has much to make up. We are not amongst those who deny the Christian Church, who speak and write of its failure. We do not think that it has failed, but it has failed to deliver. Even in the dark days of the war it did far more nobly than many seem to imagine, and the fruits of its toil were seen in many a noble life, and in much of the new speech of the people. But much of its work was arrested by the conditions and war service, and must be restored and strengthened. Its standard must be lifted high, and its ideals of life and speech and conduct be maintained.

Now the chance has come for renewed service and the call is as great as the opportunity. The nation needs the Church; the nation needs religion. For "no nation can live without religion," as one of our statesmen recently said. We are becoming strangely secularized about religion. We talk of organized religion, the religion of the soldier or "the religion of a doctor," as Dr. Scott phrases it. We prefer religion without any adjective. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength, and the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' This is the religion. The religion for which the Christian Church stands, the religion which should be proclaimed to all nations. Love to God and love to our fellow-men. And no one can or will proclaim that message but the disciples of Jesus Christ. Never was the call so great as now to proclaim the great Gospel. The real, thrilling, throbbing word outside our Churches need it. The glaring wrongs of society, high and low, rich and poor, call for it. If the people are to be saved from the slough of despond, the Church must proclaim her message of inspiration and hope. Brutal sport must be checked or abolished. Profane language must be swept away as a pestilence; the bitterness of class hatred must be transformed into the fellowship of brotherhood, and holiness unto the Lord must be written upon the very bells of the houses and the pots of the household. Common life must be made pure and noble.

Religion is supreme. It is a hopeful sign of the times that great Labour leaders like Brice and Girdle and Henderson see the need of religion, and declare that more material improvement will not meet the needs of men. That the unrest of the hour is spiritual as well as material. That no material betterment can man and his soul be saved from the things of this life. That has been the cry of the Church all the way along. As Rev. Tom Sykes said at the International Conference at Bromming Hall, "Mankind has got to be saved, and it shall be by the religion of the ages." The history of the world proves that any attempt to live by muscle only means failure. The heart and flesh cry out for God. God is the ultimate end of all human action, and unless we realize this, we will doubtless come, but the Church has still her function in the world, and in these days she must fulfil it to its fullest extent. We greatly rejoice in Mr. Henderson's call to the Church to take up the theology for referring to it again. "The time now is when the Church must challenge the world. Too long has the world challenged the Church." Yes, the Church must challenge the world, and the time is now for great things. "New occasions teach new duties, and we are glad that the call is coming to the younger men of our Church to arise and grapple with the world, and the conditions of the world, and the world's great things. No doubt numerous programmes are being drawn up and announced during this month, but heart, soul, life, energy, strength are the essential things. 'Ye shall receive power,' said our Lord, 'but ye must first be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and then ye shall receive power.' We are glad that our programmes might be effective during the first winter of peace since the dark days of war. New is the time to launch out into the deep, to adventure great things for Christ.

A friend of mine holds the opinion that with the passing of the breezy personality of Lord Charles Beresford there has gone one of the three of England's most modest men. The two left are Bernard Shaw and Horatio Bottomley. But what has Sir Edward Carson done to be left out of the Trinity?

The "British Weekly" of September 11th records that Sir W. P. Hartley has been invited to be the Mayor of Colne, his native town, for the ensuing year. Sir William has gone to the three of England's most modest men. The two left are Bernard Shaw and Horatio Bottomley. But what has Sir Edward Carson done to be left out of the Trinity?

Robert Louis Stevenson called Edinburgh "an east-windy, windy city." Sir W. P. Hartley himself impressed me as east-windy, windy, but certainly is not West-end. It is a typical Lancashire mill town, and the people are hearty, outspoken, neighbourly folk who love a good, well-earned holiday. Sir William, of which he has been a member for some time ago had the pleasure of visiting the cottage homes Sir William has erected for the old people of the town, and was delighted with both the charming prospect and the homes themselves, which are neat, compact, with plenty of air and light. With a view to my own old age, I began to make inquiries about the conditions of occupancy, but was informed that as had not been fortunate enough to be born in the town on the hill there was no chance for me.

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And more than once I was told as a piece of information that Sir W. P. Hartley was a Methodist, though there was not, be it said, a Primitive Methodist amongst them. They seemed to regard him as one of the institutions of the town. Sir William had, I was told, promised to build a hospital for the town, to cost £25,000 to £30,000.

When is Jesus Christ to get his share in the rise of prices all round? People are paying the same for their religion as they are for their food. Some time or attended a service in a city church the other day, and was amazed to see that on the collection plate the number of pieces of silver was very small, while the coppers and farthings were still falling. I was sitting in front seat at the pictures and a penny for one in the church is not just. A religion that is not worth paying for is not worth having.

My friend, Rev. Tolefree Parr, told a story last Sunday at the great Brotherhood meeting in the Wesleyan Central Hall, Tooting, in the course of his address of "The Bible in National Life," which the men immensely enjoyed.

"Last week," said he, "I was speaking on the same platform with a young Labour leader, a very able and, indeed, brilliant speaker, and a candidate for Parliament at the last election, who informed his audience: 'The Bible says' (a pause, and a look at Mr. Parr), 'at least, I think it is the Bible, 'Satan finds some mischief for us if we stand.' He said he had his head and laughed, and the audience, evidently better informed than the speaker, simply roared, while someone called out, 'No, it was Isaac Watts.' The speaker accepted the correction at once. 'I see I have made a mull of it.' At the close, when he shook hands with Mr. Parr, he said, 'You won't forget my bowler.'"

It was a pleasant surprise to me to learn that "Alpha of the Plough" is Mr. A. G. Gardiner. It will do good news to the readers of the "Daily News" that, although he is no longer the Editor of that journal, he is still a member of the editorial staff. A Saturday "Daily News" without A. G. G. would be a loss indeed. He seems to me often to reach the high-water mark of inspirational journalism.

Altogether apart from the question of politics, thousands of Methodists will rejoice in the election of Mr. A. Henderson as M.P. for Widnes. In the Labour movement he is a steady influence, and few men can put their ideals of the intellectual worker so well before a popular audience as he can. In Widnes he will have a striking example of the utter uselessness to which industrialism can reduce a town. There is a story of a man who had a large business in another region once mistaking it for his home, but, on alighting, found it so much worse than his accustomed surroundings that it immediately set off to find the proper shore. A. KENTON runs Pen.

The address of Rev. W. Daw is 10, Park-view, Wallend-on-Tyne, and not as in the Year Book.















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District Committee held at Holborn Hall, Rev. W. Curry presiding. Resolutions of sympathy with Rev. T. Postfield and others in their afflictions were passed. The interest of the gathering centred in the

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## Services and Preachers.

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### SUNDAY, SEPT. 21st.

#### London and Suburbs.

**BALHAM CIRCUIT.** Tram or Train from VICTORIA.  
BALHAM HILL, Oldridge Road, S.W. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. W. Chappell.  
WIMBOROUGH, Quicks Road, S.W. 11. Mr. W. J. Burrows; 6.30, Mrs. Burgess.  
UPPER TOTTING, Lynwood Road, S.W. 11, Miss M. J. Neale; 6.30, Mr. Allan Grant. Bus service 92 and 88.  
**BERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD KENT ROAD, S.E. Services, 11, Rev. W. Harper; 6.30, Broderhead; 7, Rev. H. J. Taylor.**  
**BURSWICK HALL, 210, Whitechapel Road, E. 11 and 6.30, Rev. E. Dabbs.**  
**CALEDONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road), 11, Mr. Merchant; 6.30, Rev. W. H. Wright.**  
**FOREST GATE, E., Upton Lane. 11 and 6.30, Rev. W. Sutton.**  
**FOREST HILL, Stansfeld Road, S.E. 11, Mr. R. Cress; 6.30, Rev. A. Goodacre. Visitors welcome.**  
**FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Road, 11, Rev. W. Jones Price; 6.30, Mr. F. H. Lodge.**  
**GIPSY HILL, Hamilton Road, S.E. 11, Rev. A. Goodacre; 6.30, Mr. J. I. Morton. Visitors welcome.**  
**HAMMERSMITH, Dallington Road. 11 and 7, Rev. J. Holland.**  
**HARRINGAY, Matlow Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Swinden.**  
**KENNINGTON, S.W., King's Own Mission, Royal Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. S. Horton.**  
**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, Richmond Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. E. Butt.**  
**SURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfriars Road, S.E. 11 and 7, Rev. J. Teleford Parr.**  
**WEST NORWOOD, Knight's Hill. 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. Bennett. Visitors welcome.**

#### Provincial.

**BEKHILL, Springfield Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. B. Phippen. (Only one mile from Bialto Station.)**  
**BIRMINGHAM, Bristol Hall, Bristol Street. 10.45, Rev. J. H. Hirst; 6.30, Mr. J. Harper.**  
**BIRMINGHAM, Yardley Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A. Bateon.**  
**BIRMINGHAM, Tysley. 11 and 6.30, Rev. W. Barlow. Visitors welcome. C.K., Wednesday 8.10.45 and 6.30, Rev. D. Colby.**  
**BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing the Central Pier). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. D. Colby.**  
**Central Road. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. B. W. Tucker.**  
**Egerton Road (North Shore). 10.45, Mr. H. Slater; 6.30, Rev. R. Ainsworth. Devotional Hour, Tuesday, 7.30.**  
**BURNMOUTH FIRST. COMMERCIAL ROAD CHURCH. 11, Mr. T. Young; 6.30, Mr. F. C. Lisle.**  
**HERBRIDGE MEMORIAL CHURCH, Caron Road. 11, Mr. J. H. Edgecombe; 6.30, Rev. A. Sutcliffe.**  
**BRADFORD, Central Hall. 10.30, Sister Cooper; 6.30, Musical Service.**  
**BRIGHTON, London Road. 11 and 7, Rev. W. Mason Kelly; 6.30, Rev. F. M. Kelly. Visitors welcome.**  
**CLACTON-ON-SEA, Zion, end of Pier Avenue, Old Road. 10.45 and 6.30.**  
**COLLIERCOATS. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. J. W. Fryer.**  
**DOUGLAS, I.O.M., Backs Road. 11, Rev. F. W. Hemmings; 6.30, Rev. A. Baxter.**  
**Loch Parra. 11 and 6.30, Mr. Morrin Jones.**  
**EASTBOURNE, Seaside (corner of Whitley Road). 11 and 6.30, Rev. G. Blicehen.**  
**FLEETWOOD, Mount Road (facing Promenade). 10.45, Rev. James Burton; 6.30, Rev. Samuel Johnson.**  
**GLASGOW FIRST, Alexandra Parade Church. 11 and 6.30, Rev. R. Robson.**  
**GREAT YARMOUTH FIRST, The Temple (near Church Path. 10.45, Mr. G. Millil; 6.30, Rev. J. Bawley Wilson.**  
**Beeches Road (North Gosport). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. T. Banks.**  
**Nile Road (Gosport-on-Sea), near to the Pier and Cliff. 10.45, Rev. J. Bawley Wilson; 6.30, Mrs. Fink.**  
**HARROGATE, Dragon Parade Church. 11 and 6.30, Rev. E. McElahan.**  
**LEEDS WINTH, 11, Greenwood Road. 10.30, Mr. J. Sadler; 6.30, Mr. W. Smith.**  
**Harbottle Avenue. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. M. T. Phipps.**

**LIVERPOOL FIRST, Prince's Avenue Church. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. T. Guttery, D.D.**  
**LIVE 1 POOL FOURTH, Queen's Road, Bootle. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. Phil. J. Fisher.**  
**MANCHESTER, Barnes Green Church, Blackley. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. T. H. Chambers. Visitors welcome.**  
**MATLOCK, Bank Road Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. John Bradbury. Monday, 7.30, Devotional Hour.**  
**MORCANE, Pedder Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. R. Shields.**  
**Parliament Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Services.**  
**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. Younger.**  
**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Kingsley Terrace (Wedge Road Car). 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. J. W. Price.**  
**NOTTINGHAM FIRST, Cannon, Broad Marsh. 10.30 and 6.30, Mr. G. Kemp.**  
**SCARBOROUGH, Jubilee (Aberdeen Walk). 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. Turner. Visitors welcome.**  
**SCARBOROUGH, St. Saviour's Street, near Market Hall. 10.30, Rev. W. Dickinson; 6.30, Rev. H. M. Cook.**  
**SOUTHPORT SECOND, Church Street. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. G. S. Hooton.**  
**ST. ANNES-ON-THE-SEA. 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. J. Campbell, F.R.S.**  
**TORQUAY, Market Street. 11 and 6.30, Rev. Ezra E. W. Hamlin. Wednesday, 7.30.**  
**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Camden Road. 11 and 6.30.**  
**WEST BROMWICH SECOND, Lync Church, New Street. 11 and 6.15, Rev. J. Scarlett.**  
**WEST-SUSSEX, Brighton Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Kirby. Wednesday, 7.30, Devotional Services. Visitors welcome.**  
**YORK, Monkgate (John Potty Memorial). 10.30, Rev. T. Elliott; 6.30, Rev. T. J. Gladwin.**

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

#### Connexional Evangelists' Meetings.

**MISS PERRETT, Maltby, near Rotherham.**

#### Evangelists' Engagements.

**MR. AND MRS. BARRACLOUGH,** Wrenthorpe, September 20th and 21st October.  
**SISTER ELLEN,** applications for Special Services to be addressed to care of Rev. D. J. Dando, Church Street, Huddersfield, Yorks.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

##### Births, Marriages, Deaths.

**Notices of Births, Marriages, Deaths, &c., must reach the Office, 72, Farringdon Street, London, E.C. 4, by 10.30, Tuesday morning.**

**Prepaid Terms: 30 words and under, 2s. 6d.; each additional 10 words or less, 1d.**  
**Members of the Council of Marriages, &c., MUST be accompanied by a prepaid advertisement.**

#### BIRTHS.

**SIXER.**—On September 10th, at 39, Chaptel-avenue, Hainth, to the wife of W. A. Sixer, jun., Liverpool, a daughter.

**WALLET.**—On September 9th, at Half-Hills, Biddulph, Congleton, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallet (nee Nellie Barrett Prouse), God's gift of a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

**BORRELL.**—Kemp.—September 12th, at Zion P.M. Chapel, by the Rev. R. Bingley Hall, William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Borrell, to Rose, youngest daughter of the late J. Kemp and Mrs. Kemp, all of 11th.

**DENNIS.**—Wentworth.—On September 11th, at Holdehouse Church, Huddersfield, by Rev. A. F. Hayden, Frank, son of Mrs. Dennis, to May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson, of Stoneyfield.

**FLETCHER.**—Wentworth.—September 11th, 1919, at Trinity Wesleyan Church, Harrogate, by Rev. A. S. Lyne, Sydney Richmond Humphrey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher, of Harrogate, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wentworth, of Harrogate.

**HUGHES.**—GERRARD.—On August 26th, at Central Hall Church, Wigton, by Rev. G. S. Hooton, Rev. Charles, son of the late Mr. John Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (late of Crawford Village), to Julian Amy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerrard, of Wigton.

**LOWE.**—JONES.—At Kreslow Road, Liverpool, on August 26th, by Rev. W. J. Trevelyan and W. A. Lead, Bertha F. Lowe to Miss Mary Jones, both of Liverpool.

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

**YEOHANS.**—STIMSON.—On August 20th, at Elm Church, by Rev. H. Askey, Frank E. Yeoahans, son of Mr. Chas. Yeoahans, Cove, Farnborough, to Leah, daughter of Mr. John Stimson, "Brookbank," Elm, Wiltshire.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING.

**BROOKS.**—GAZE.—September 11th, 1869, at Lichenham Church, by Rev. R. B. Bell, William Brooks to Sarah Gaze. Present address, 37, Woodbridge-road, Ipswich.

#### SILVER WEDDING.

**BYRAM.**—HOGARTH.—At Wilton-street, Northwich P.M. Church, September 17th, 1894, by Rev. W. Harris, Fred Hyman to Lucy Hogarth. Present address, Elmswood House, Market Drayton.

#### DEATHS.

**ABRAMS.**—On September 12th, at 171, Cornwell-road, Nethells, Birmingham, Joseph, the beloved husband of Nellie abrahams, aged eighty-two years. Mourned by his family and many friends. Buried at the Wesleyan Cemetery, Birmingham.

**BRIDGE.**—On September 9th, at Keworth, James Street passed peacefully away, aged eighty-three. "He giveth his beloved peace."

**WATKINSON.**—On September 7th, at 10, High-street, Southwark, Joseph, the beloved husband of a painful illness, bravely borne. "He was a good man, in whom there was no guile."

**WYER.**—News has been received that Ple. Frank Wier, beloved wife of Alfred Wier, Wakefield, reported missing on August 30th, 1918, is now believed to have been killed on that date. "We who love him sadly miss him, and hope that he is now in the arms of his Father, who has been thinking of him for many years."

**YARROW.**—On September 8th, at 98, Pinfild-street, Scarsion, Nicholas, dearly beloved husband of Mary Jane Yarrow, aged ninety years. "After much suffering, peace, perfect peace."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**BURNS.**—In loving memory of dear Tom (Goldstream Guards), son of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Tower-terrace, Burnley, only brother of Rev. Abel Briggs, James-town, on September 5th, at Keworth, a painful illness, the Homeland, September 15th, 1916. "His memory is sweet and precious. The fragrance of his life remain."

**BURROUGHS.**—In loving memory of Sarah Ann Burroughs, widow of the late Rev. John Burroughs, of the Grove, Beverley, Yorks, who entered into rest, September 16th, 1918. Ever remembered by her loving ones. "He is with the angels."

**LANGHAM.**—In loving memory of Walter Langham, who entered into rest on September 6th, 1914, at Little-worth, Farringdon, Berks. "Where saints are clothed in spotless white, and their shadows never fall. Where Thine, eternal light of Light, Art Lord of all." Ever remembered by his mother, brothers and sisters.

**LONGSTAFF.**—In ever-loving memory of our dear Auntie, Mary Longstaff, who was at home on September 26th, 1918, from 77, Orchard-road, Darlington. John, Ash and Alan Ores, Rookhope.

**LOVELLY.**—In loving memory of Harry Lumley, Leicester, the beloved husband of E. Lumley, who fell asleep September 20th, 1915. "Memory keeps our departed one near us."

**NEVIN.**—In loving memory of Corporal John Nevin, formerly of Stockport, the beloved husband of Isabel Nevin, of 22, Kingston-street, Roker, and of Ashington, who died from wounds on 15th September, 1916, aged 24 years. "When Thy voice shall bid our conflicts cease, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace."

**ROBERTSON.**—In loving remembrance of a dear husband and father, William Robertson, who passed on the Homeland, September 17th, 1918. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

**TIFFANY.**—In ever-loving memory of my true comrade, "Thomas Tiffany 24th or 25th Yorks Light Infantry," son of Mr. Christopher Tiffany, of Rothwell (Leeds 10th), who was killed in action at Guesnauquet, to France on September 18th, 1916. "He was loved and honoured of God, his life and character shall ever be his monument." From J. R. V. Parmenter, Rothwell.

#### THANKS RETURNED.

Mrs. Whitehead and daughters wish to convey their gratitude and thanks to the many friends for their kind sympathy and prayers for the loss of husband and father, Rev. T. Whitehead, of Margate.

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

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

The Kidderminster Circuit has unanimously invited Rev. J. Pearce to reconsider his decision to go to Walsall after next Conference, and to stay till 1923.

and further appointed a deputation to visit Walsall to secure his release. Mr. Pearce was, however, unable to accede to this request.

# Ministerial Changes and Engagements.

## Changes in 1920.

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

## Changes in 1921.

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

## Engagements for 1920-21.

Rev. G. R. Bell to Colchester, a fifth year.  
Rev. C. B. Vercoe to Harrow and Halesowen.  
Rev. T. L. Baggott to Poole.  
Rev. O. M. Collins to Hinchley.  
Rev. F. S. Clulow to Church Gresley.  
Rev. A. Altree to Calne.  
Rev. A. Haigh to Bristol Second.  
Rev. W. Woodley to Bath.  
Rev. J. B. Daylie to Bristol Fifth, a fourth year.  
Rev. F. C. Dyer to Chippenham, a fifth year.  
Rev. J. Graham (3) of Masea, to North Cave.  
Rev. H. W. Hart to Spalding.  
Rev. W. Tostell to Newport, and till 1922.  
Rev. W. G. Hetherington to Esherbury and Degriford.  
Rev. W. Schofield, of Newmarket, to Stoke Newington.  
Rev. S. Evans to Haverhill.  
Rev. S. W. Elliott to Poplar.  
Rev. S. B. Eaton to Telney.  
Rev. W. A. Byles to Haverhill, a fifth year.  
Rev. W. W. Goddard to Dover, a ninth year.  
Rev. A. Cole, of Dawley, to Whitchurch.  
Rev. R. W. Brookerston to Prestegin.  
Rev. E. J. Martin from Norwich to Grimby Second.

## Engagements for 1921-22.

Rev. C. F. Gilk to Loughborough.  
Rev. E. Lons to Skidbury.  
Rev. S. Buckley, of Odham, to New Mills.  
Rev. F. L. Cull to Knowlwood, a sixth year.

## PERSONAL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Under the leadership of the circuit steward, Alderman R. W. Swindle, J.P., and Alderman T. J. Salmon, J.P., the finances of the Church of St. Mary have surpassed all records, and have met the heavy demands of this quarter.

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

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

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

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

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

After a term of three years the master builders and craftsmen of the country have taken their great national show in the Agricultural Hall, London. Mr. W. Arundel, of Birmingham, was honoured by being chosen one of the judges in the bread competitions.

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

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

Miss E. Catchpole, Holywell Cross, Chesterfield, writes:—"I have in my late father's library the following Conference minutes: 1848-1848 and 1860 to 1866, bound in one volume, half-leather; 1871 to 1876 1880, 1877 to 1882 ditto; 1883 to 1887 ditto, bound separately in cloth. If any person or institution would value them sufficiently to pay carriage, I shall be pleased to forward them on receipt of address."

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

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

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

Heads Green Society, Oldham, has suffered a great loss by the passing of Miss Annie Weston, who for many years has been actively associated with all its departments and a leader in almost every effort. In addition, five years ago she opened a mission room in Chadderton Fold and took full responsibility for its work. When she died, she left behind her a well-swiftly drawing ink she bequeathed an amount to this school "with a blessing on all the children."

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

Miss Margaret J. Winborn, of Land-street, Croydon, has passed the Senior Oxford Local Examination with second-class honours.

The address of Rev. E. Dalton, D.D., is 53, Louis-street, Hull, and not as in Year Book.

## MARRIAGES.

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

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

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

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Mr. Joseph Whitehouse.

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

"Greece Before the Conference." By Polybus, with a Preface by T. O'Connor, M.B., and an Epilogue by M. (Methuen, 5s. net).

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

# Guild of Kind Hearts.

## A JAPANESE TEMPLE.

How would you like to trip to Japan? You have heard of the beautiful things to be seen there, and how the people themselves are lovers of beauty. But it seems amusing to read that in all practically beautiful things in Japan the most beautiful are the approaches to high places of worship or of rest, the ways that go up the hills and the steps that lead to Nothing.

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

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

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

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

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## Young Crusaders' League.

### A NORTHERN GIRLS' BRIGADE.

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

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

Rev. C. Crabtree has kindly supplied details of the brigade work, and writes as follows:—"The Prince Consort Road Church, Gateshead, has been blessed for twelve years, under the capable captaincy of Miss Mary Johnson, who has but recently retired, leaving her place to Miss Jessie Duncan. It was commenced concurrently with the organisation of a Boy Scout Troop, but, while the war interfered, the Gateshead Brigade, robbing the Church of all its leaders for active service, the Girls' Life Brigade has steadily grown in strength. Its members, taking in all, are more than a year, busy with V.A.D. work in London, but Miss Duncan proved a capable substitute. The brigade has been very successful, and during the year has passed through its membership very many of the young people who are now rallying round the F.C.B. It is popularly called, and making it so pre-eminently a young people's church."

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

"The girls have been taught figure dancing, with Morris and other old country dances; drill, club-swinging, and games, and have also learned some of the rudiments of home nursing. For three years in succession they won the Robert Powan Shield in open competition. Over 600 girls in the brigade play. They have in company explored the countryside round about Gateshead in healthful rambles, while in pre-war years they were taken for an annual holiday, Brampton, Alston, and other places being so visited. Their visit to Brampton will long be remembered. Over the long train made the journey, and Rev. W. and Mrs. Dixon turned their minds into a guest house for the occasion, entertaining the whole company in splendid fashion, and devoting the proceeds to church funds."

"During the past year the brigade has grown in strength, though it has suffered from the loss of its veteran undertaker Miss Johnson as leader, she having undertaken to superintend the Gateshead play centres for the education authority. We are proud in this loss, as we realise the importance of this work, and the wonderful way in which Miss Johnson is marshalling and helping the children in the manner

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

We are confidently expecting that our G.L.B. will maintain its high reputation, and that now the war is over and the men are back, we shall be able to re-start our Boy Scout Troop, or re-form it as a branch of the G.L.B."

Needless to say, a church that has so cared for its young is missionary in spirit and act, and one of the best results of this kind of work is the joyous jubilation of the district Treasurer) having given much aid. The ideal is a high one, and in this, as in all other projects, the Lord's will serves to succeed, and we cordially hope they will. J. H. Hirst.

## Endeavour Topic. THE GOD-INSTRUCTED HUSBANDMAN.

Isaiah xlviii. 23-29. Sept. 21.

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

Ploughing is the first of these processes. It is a primary and essential. Furrows are made before the seed is sown. Yet this preparation is not permanent and constant, the one and only task. "Both the ploughman plow continually! Doth he continually open and break the clods of his ground?"

With equal force it is implied that in the spiritual domain there must be breaking up of the fallow ground of the heart. (See Finney's famours "Lectures on Revival.") Individualism must be shaken to the promulgation of Nations are to be startled by social calamity into perception of the hidden evils they have cherished or tolerated. The condition and condition are not to be perpetual. After the ploughshare of law has risen the soul into succession, the sowing of grace should ensue.

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

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

Let us not endeavour to disengage the seed from the husk. Yet it is restrained. "Is bread corn crushed? Nay, he does not keep threshing it perpetually. But when it has rolled his way through the mill, it is beaten without having crushed it." The tribulation which God allows is similarly purposed, yet it is measured and checked. W. E. FARNDALE.

## Church News.

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

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

**Blanchyre and Hamilton.**—A circuit dedication was held at the Hamilton Palace grounds (by special permission) on September 6th. A tea was provided, to which over 200 sat down. The evening service was presided over by Fiscal Robert Veir. Addresses were given by Revs. J. Ritson and R. Ferguson. Mrs. W. G. Winstanley, T. Dale and J. W. Soutley also took part. The effort was a great success.

**Bradford Third.**—The harvest festival was conducted at Drighlington on Sunday and Monday by Rev. P. Holton and Rev. R. W. Nelson. Afternoon the choir gave, in a very creditable manner, the cantata "Garden of Gethsemane." Organist, Mr. E. Naylor. Monday, public meeting and fraternal banquet. Rev. R. Rose gave a short address. Financial result very satisfactory.

**Darlington.**—Chapel anniversary service was held at Risky Park on Sunday, August 31st, when the special preacher was Rev. T. J. Gladwin, one of our old scholars. On Monday a religious service was held at the same place. Gladwin gave an excellent address. Afterwards tea and refreshments were handed round, and an enjoyable evening was spent. On Wednesday, August 14th, on Sunday last, when Rev. W. H. Holby, M.A., B.D., was the preacher.

**Doncaster First.**—The church at Ballybrigg has recently installed the Electric Light, and the church is re-opening services a visit from the President was anticipated. Unfortunately he was compelled to cancel the arrangement. Rev. C. H. Randall kindly took his place in the afternoon, whilst in the evening Rev. R. W. Nelson lectured. On the following Sunday Rev. W. Pigott, D.D., conducted the services, and in the afternoon a cantata was given by Woodlands Choir. On Monday, September 1st, Dr. P. D. Pringle, of Watlington Springs, Chairman, Mr. J. Walker, of Warrmouth. Total proceeds, £15 10s.

**Gateshead Second.**—Whitehall-road church is celebrating its 100th anniversary on September 7th to 10th. Rev. C. H. B. treed on Sunday, and at the Sacrament, which followed six young people were invited to join the church. Rev. T. Gallon preached on Wednesday, and in the evening gave his lecture, "The Romance of Old Cremona." Mrs. Gallon accompanied the musical illustrations. Financial results £200.

**London.**—Penge harvest services were held on September 7th, when excellent sermons were delivered by Rev. A. Wacrop. A children's fruit and flower service was held at the afternoon. Messrs. Jackman and Cuss addressed the children. Mrs. Jackman accepted the gifts, which were given to Benham Church.

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

**Nantwich.**—A valdectory service (necessitated by the immediate departure to Canada of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolnough) was held at Barton Church on September 1st. Miss M. Banks presided. A deep sense of loss is felt by the removal of Mrs. Woolnough, a daughter of Mr. J. B. Barker, the esteemed circuit steward. Mrs. Woolnough has been since earliest days a member at Barton, and her faithful work has held deeply in the life of the society, school and choir. Her husband is returning to Canada for demobilisation, and will then enter the ministry through Rev. W. C. Underwood. The presentation of silver tea service, expressing the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

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

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

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

**Reading.**—Anniversary services were conducted at Wokingham-avenue by Rev. W. Easer and Mrs. E. L. Devenish. A capital meeting was held on the Monday. Mr. Hay presiding. Collections, 25 10s.

**Shildon.**—We had the pleasure of having Rev. C. Roberts as our special preacher at Shildon Road, on August 24th. He gave two inspiring sermons. Sticking close to his texts, his words of comfort and hope were full of cheer. The services were on the highest plane. The Spirit of Worship held sway throughout.

**Silverdale.**—Endeavour services were held September 7th and 8th. Our special visitor was the venerable Rev. J. Freshwater. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. L. Shildon, rendered several anthems. Mr. D. Briggs presided at the organ. On Monday Mr. Freshwater lectured on "Ephraim and Dan" and "The Spirit of the Past." Mr. T. Bloor presided.

**Thornely.**—The church has just concluded a successful week-end, with Miss Elsie Turnbull, eloquentist, from Wellingborough. On Sunday afternoon Miss Turnbull gave a happy song and story recital. Mr. M. F. Stephenson presided. In the evening she delivered a sermon related. During the week-end she was aided by Miss Edith Fort and Mr. W. Williams. The series of services realized about £120.

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

## Quarterly Meetings.

**Bradford Third.**—Meeting held at Tysdal. Rev. R. Rose presided. The new allocation of demands was made in a very loyal spirit. Rev. R. Rose invited, and accepted until 1921.

**Broton.**—Held at New Skelton. Increase in membership and finances. Arrangements made for the programme of work and visits from the President and Rev. H. Coubek. African Jubilee Fund heartily commended to the society. Steps were taken to meet additional expenditure incurred under the legislation of last Conference. Rev. J. Ramsay received and accepted invitation for 1921.

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

**Cambridge.**—Held at Sturton-street. Unanimous invitations given to the ministers to stay till 1922, and accepted. The new allocation of demands to be held at the Tabernacle, November 6th. Very encouraging reports of camp meetings held during the quarter were received. Arrangements were made for participating in the Young Life Campaign and District Evangelical Campaign.

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

**Clifton-on-Sea.**—New members have been added to some of the churches. Generous income from all the churches. Clacton, Kirby Cross, Walton and Weoley sending in record contributions. Special effort commended for the largest proportionate increase. The proposal of Mrs. Rookham for a Central Women's Committee to act under the Circuit Fund was heartily approved.

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

**Cockermouth.**—Held at Broughton Moor. Chairman, Mr. J. Bull. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Birbeck and Mr. and Mrs. C. Popley. Membership slightly increased. Special effort expended in the Dearham Society congratulated on having raised £105 10s. for church renovation and circuit house debt. Rev. J. Bull announced his resignation for a seventh year (1920-21) and accepted. The circuit stewards were re-elected.

**Coxhoe.**—It was decided to give hearty support to the African Missionary Jubilee. Minister's salary raised to the Connexion minimum. Balance in hand for the quarter: £10, making £24 in hand. Rev. R. Bell has been invited for a fifth year.

**Draxford.**—The finances were a record. Income, 250 12s. 5d. After paying an increase of salary, the balance was £7 12s. 5d. A new house and cottage mission at Cudridge, and we are seeking a site for further developments. In two years we have raised over £500 for debt reduction and Street Mission, new chapel.

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

**Hepton.**—Finances, after payment of increased salaries to ministers, very satisfactory. Rev. Fred Firth, B.A., and Geo. Feenby unanimously invited for 1920-21, a seventh and third year respectively. Congratulations accorded Mr. E. R. Hartley on his appointment to Hartley College. Mr. J. R. Ridley heartily commended for the ministry. Presentation of books for successes in Local Preachers' Examination made to Mr. W. Cresswell and Mr. T. Humble.

**Keywood.**—Held at Bridge-street, Rev. W. F. Clow presiding. Healthy condition of membership and finances. A gracious work is proceeding among our young people. Mr. E. C. Nicholls reappointed steward. The new "ministry" demands duty met, and minister's salary advanced beyond its balance of over £5 remaining.

**Hull Third.**—Meeting held at Coniston. After paying the new minimum demands and removal and other expenses, balance of £10 remained. Public tea followed, generously provided by Mr. J. Noble. In the evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. Noble, of Dover, Bethelina Choir rendered musical items under the conductorship of Mr. S. Smith. Miss Winnie Beal gave an address on "Missions." Mr. E. D. Pigott and W. S. Hinchliffe also took part. Financial result from tea and collection, £12 6s. for the debt fund. Demands advanced beyond it, balance of over £5 remaining.

**Knowlwood.**—Held at Castle Street. Rev. F. L. Cull presided. Membership in advance of last quarter and finances satisfactory. A debt of £28 on house furnishing account wiped out, leaving balance in hand. Lay pastor's salary (Mr. A. W. Mayo) increased, and Rev. F. L. Cull's raised to £210 per year. Mr. Mayo agreed to stay on the Circuit until 1921, and Rev. F. L. Cull until 1922—a fifth and sixth year respectively.

**Leeds Fifth.**—Rev. H. Semper presiding. A very successful meeting for the quarter. Each church met its obligations, leaving a small balance in hand. Special attention is to be paid to the young people and arrangements were made for meetings of Inter-Young People's Day, Temperance Sunday, and the African Missionary Jubilee celebration.

**London (Kilburn).**—An increase of three members reported. Rev. J. A. Alderson and W. Curry paid £32 10s. and £20 respectively, all other expenses met. £150 spent in renovation of ministers' houses. Missionary matters to be dealt with in circuit committee after the district committee has met. The young people are enthused, and the outlook is very bright.

**Lydsey.**—Held at Bream. Outlook hopeful. Arrangements made for the coming year. On Monday, Sunday, self-denial week and missionary round. Increased salary arranged for. Minister accepted invitation to remain on the circuit.

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

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

**An "At home,"** held at Station Street, to welcome home boys returned from the front, both in and out of the Army and Navy, was held on Monday, and Mrs. W. Tootell, G.O. programme provided by Mrs. S. Wynn, Mr. A. Cook, and Miss Howell.

**Pontefract.**—Meeting held at Aberystwyth. Plans have been laid for a singing festival to mark the jubilee

celebrations of our missionary work. The circuit stewards, Messrs. Wm. Dando and R. Tippet, were re-elected. **Poole.**—Held at Millar-row Farm, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wareham. Condition of membership and finances healthy. The jubilee of Africa in 1920-21. It was decided to have a special missionary round at all the places. Collections will be made on behalf of the Sustentation Fund. Fourteen proposed to give an unanimous invitation for a third year—1920-21.

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

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

**Scarborough Second.**—Rev. W. T. Thompson presiding. Arrangements raised £10 above the minimum, and increased allocations all sent in to meet the new demands. Special Committee appointed to consider conference contribution in 1920, and other contributions. Rev. E. Heavley removed to Nottingham next conference, and will be replaced by Rev. B. Taylor.

**Sunderland Third.**—Finances and membership were evidence of considerable activity in the branches. A lengthy discussion on the "Jubilee of Africa in 1920-21" suggested a determination to fulfil our obligation. The super provided by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Worthy was thoroughly appreciated by the congregation.

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

**Thornely.**—Mr. F. Greenwell congratulated for prize winning in connection with Local Preachers' Training Classes. Special mention was made of Mr. James Henderson, who was received into full plans made for celebrating "Young Life Campaign" and "Jubilee of African Missions." Rev. W. Rose presided. The pledge of Rev. W. Rose was signed on behalf of the circuit.

**West Ham.**—Meeting held at East Ham. Good attendance. Large collections received. Eager for more. Balance in hand after meeting all requirements. Meeting adjourned until after district committee.

## Women's Missionary Federation.

**Birmingham.**—The first autumn meeting was held at Springhill Church. Mrs. E. E. E. presided. Mrs. Corke was the special soloist, and the ladies of the church, under the lead of Miss Tristram, sang "The Lord is my strength." A vivid description of the Zastron Church, Alford North, gave a forceful missionary address. Mrs. Dorel (president) presided. The ladies of the church were 24 in all. Great sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Dorel in her serious illness. Miss Evans, organising secretary, presided at the close with Mrs. Hirst and Mrs. E. E. E. met the girls of the fifth circuit churches and formed



