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Orion and the Pleiades.

BY H. SPENCER TOY, B.Sc., F.R.A.S.

THERE is a parable behind the question of the Lord to Job, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" Any group of stars would show the majesty of God, so why are these two chosen? They are near each other in the sky, the one a famous cluster, the other a conspicuous constellation. We can look behind astronomy and find a truth of life. Orion is a mighty group with blazing stars and rigid belt, and glorious nebula that shows up as a haze to the unassisted sight. It stands out clearly in the eastern skies, with all their eastern charm, and burns its message to the gazing soul. We see in it the majesty of God, the grandeur of His ways, His purpose quite unchangeable, His justice always sure. Never can we loose those iron bands. A little further to the north we see the Pleiades, that little group of stars clustering so close, looking so winsome, that there riots through the mind another thought: God is love, He cares for the smallest thing; "The hairs of your head are numbered" . . . And as we think of it there surges through the soul the thought that when the claims of Justice have been met then Love stands out alone.

Orion and the Pleiades Everywhere.

In every phase of life do we see Orion and the Pleiades. Nature shows them everywhere—the mountain with its snow-tipped peak, its rugged sides and bare gaunt rocks, whilst at the foot there flows a tiny rippling stream, gentleness near justice, sweetness placed by strict nobility. Ralph Connor has the same idea. Often had the Master tried to plant a flower on the plain: the seeds were scorched or blown away, so the blossoms never came. The plain was hard, Orion must be called. So the Master spoke to the lightning; with one swift stroke the lightning cut right down to the heart of the prairie and left a black jagged gaping wound. For weeks and months the prairie mourned over its aching sore, but presently a tiny stream began to trickle down, the flowers began to grow, and the wound that was made by Justice became the abode of Love.

A Parable of the War.

The message of the stars is seen again to-day. Much has been written on the justice of the War. If ever War was just and unavoidable then this War was. History will tell us of the grandeur of the cause, the height of the ideal, the honour of the fight. It will trace the course of justice vindicating honour, truth and right; it will point its place in the evolution of the race. For many years we have emphasised the mercy and the love of God, we have pointed to the gentle aspects of his

fatherhood. It has been a shock to some of us when we have had to realise afresh the harsher side, when we have had to see that God is equity, that punishment must follow crime. God is just. So when a nation, boasting in its strength of arms, plots and schemes for baser ends, until we almost think the balances have ceased to be, it must be shown that Justice rules the world, that if a nation violates its honour and tramples on the truth, the world must cleanse itself of this monstrosity. "Whatsoever a nation soweth that also shall it reap," the law of cause and effect, a more recent statement of the truth we find in question form, "Canst thou loose the bands of Orion, those bands so firm, so strong, so just?"

But no balances can weigh, no earthly power can bind, the sweet influences of the Pleiades. We find them with Orion in the War. In every soldier's heart, and in his home, there throbs the thought of those last few days of leave. It is a haunting memory, that embarkation leave. Just a run down home to bid farewell before we face the perils of the seas. How everyone has lived for us, how happy have we felt, but ever in the background has there lurked that dread of what is yet to come. And then has come the time to go, with all the awful questions that it conjures up, and all the doubts and fears. But we have looked our parents in the face and said good-bye, we have kissed them and our sister and our wife when they have looked at us with steady eye, never would it do to break down now, but when the final parting has been made they have turned away to break the tension with their tears. We think it has been hard for us; it is infinitely worse for them. We have activity, we have excitement when the "push" comes on, our thoughts are often occupied with other things, but they have just the round of civil life, their minds are full of fear. We cannot think of what this means, we cannot probe those anxious hearts in the distant spot called "home," when the cancer of care and worry is eating away the life. The strange thing is that it all results from sweetness, it is all an aspect of love. Our friends are always praying for their loved ones at the front, and when the night comes on they lie and talk to God. When sleep descends upon them they dream sometimes that those of whom they think are lying sick or wounded on a foreign battle-field, lying beyond their reach, beyond their tender ministry of healing and of help. We cannot understand the anguish in those words of John, "There stood by the cross His mother," but our mothers understand it well, they are living in that agony, they are always at their cross. The experience of many has become a household fact.

"I'm in the Pink."

A chaplain told me once that the thing that struck him most about the men was this, and here I quote his words, "These men suffer the greatest hardships yet they write the most cheerful letters home; they say 'I'm in the pink,' 'I feel O.K.' and so on." My observations have confirmed his words. I have seen men settle down to write, but they have felt so sad that they have put away their paper with the sigh, "I can't write home like this; I must wait till I feel cheered up." It is one of the minor things we all must try and do. My fellow soldiers, I appeal to you and to myself—for I know this paper reaches hosts of you. The sweet influences of the Pleiades are poured out from our homes, they are lavished for our sakes. What answer shall we make? Writing cheerful letters is just one "bit"; they please the folks at home, they cheer them up. But if you ask your mother as she daily takes her stand beside the cross for you how you can ease her burden best, she will tell you to try and live like Christ. It means a lot, everything in fact, but it is daily being done. We see it all the time. This War has shown us all that behind the roughest manner there often beats a heart of burnished gold. The future must not fail to recognise this fact. So in brief, to state our aim again, our goal just now is this: that we shall look our mother in the face when we go back as straightly as we did on the day we left. It will be the very finest answer to her prayers, the Pleiades will tell us that.



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The Leeds Conference, 1918.

REV. DR. PACKER, Connexional Committee Secretary, has addressed a letter to the District Chairmen and Secretaries of which the following is a copy:

It is with great regret I have to inform you that different arrangements from those communicated in my letter of January last have been approved by the General Connexional Committee under the stress of the exceptional conditions created by the War. Representations of difficulties quite insurmountable in the way of holding a Conference as large as was proposed, have been laid before the General Connexional Committee. That Committee—in accordance with Special Conference Resolution—"Minutes," 1917, p. 24—"That should any difficulty arise in connection with arrangements for the next Conference, this Conference directs and empowers the Connexional Committee to make all or any such arrangements as it may deem necessary"—accepts the severe limitations adopted last year, but with extreme regret that no other course is found practicable.

The following alterations will therefore be made:

1. Place of Conference.

Woodhouse Lane is impracticable, since with the exception of the chapel, and one small vestry underneath, the whole of the premises are now in the daily occupation of the Government for national purposes. The Lady Lane Trustees and friends have generously offered to place their premises at our service, and the Conference will therefore be held in Lady Lane Chapel, and the commodious school with its Assembly and other rooms will be available for Conference purposes.

2. Date of Conference.

The opening session is fixed for Tuesday, July 9th, 10 a.m. This will leave the Monday free for members to travel, and hospitality will be provided from Monday to Thursday, on which latter day the Conference is expected to close.

3. District Representatives.

Each District is requested to elect four representatives, two Ministers and two Laymen as last year.

4. Order of Public Services.

Monday evening.	Young People's Demonstration.
Tuesday "	Conference Missionary Meeting.
Wednesday "	Ordination Service for Ministers received into full connexion last year.

The General Connexional Committee have adopted the changes now reported with deep regret for the national conditions that have made them necessary. I ought to add that it is a great disappointment to the Leeds District, as it doubtless will be to the whole Connexion, that the Conference must be lessened in both numbers and duration, but it will be generally recognised as unavoidable. And if the members assemble in the spirit of prayer and expectation, and apply themselves to the various questions involving the efficiency of our Churches with devotion, we may yet have a Conference that shall be memorable for its gracious influence, and one that shall mark distinct advance in all our various interests as a Denomination seeking to build up and extend the Kingdom of our Lord.

United Methodist Church Missionary Society.

Annual Demonstrations,

:: :: CITY TEMPLE, :: ::
MONDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1918.

APPEAL FOR CHAIRMAN'S LIST.

Dear Friend,

From whatever point of view regarded, a full response to the call of Patriotism is only possible as we have true perspective. The world is full of conflict. This means not only the Armageddon in West and East; the forces of evil have gathered up their strength for a struggle which was never being more intensely waged than now.

This is true of our work as a Church in the Homeland, and it is especially true of the Foreign Field, and not least in those sections, assigned by the comity of Missions to the United Methodist Church in North, South and West China, and in West and East Africa. In these awakening regions the Evangelistic, Educational and Medical work of our Missionaries is achieving magnificent results and bringing forth a glorious harvest.

But, whether at home or abroad, the achievements are lessened because of the lack of men and means.

We want our London Missionary Demonstrations, on April 22nd, to be an incentive to the supply of both.

In view of the special needs of our Home and Foreign Missions, we desire to make the Chairman's List worthy of the occasion.

Will you please send us a donation for this purpose? It will be acknowledged in the "United Methodist."

Thanking you in anticipation,

R. P. COLE.
S. ARNOLD.

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Happenings.

—A separate farmers' union for Wales is being established.

—The Irish fruit crop promises to be the heaviest for some years.

—Sir Douglas Haig has been awarded the Order of St. Michael the Brave (Second Class) by the King of Rumania.

—Army War Savings Associations are increasing rapidly. During the three months ended February 28th last, the men of a single corps in France invested £253,120 in certificates.

—Principal E. Griffith-Jones has been presented with a travelling clock on completion of eight months' superintendence at Whitefield's Central Mission, Tottenham Court Road.

—Dr. Fort Newton, at the City Temple last Thursday, declared that perhaps the greatest teacher of the Christian doctrine of forgiveness among the poets of England was Shelley.

—It was stated at Bromley (Kent) Police Court that a Beckenham lad of 17 (who had been charged with stealing a silver rattle belonging to his mother) was able to earn £4 a week.

—Well-known men in Tyneside shipping circles are associated with a scheme for establishing a new shipyard for the construction of steel ships at Hebburn. A site has already been secured.

—The Flegg (Norfolk) Food Control Committees received a letter from the father of a family of ten stating that he was allowed more meat than he could afford to buy. He was advised to "take it out" in suet and dripping.

—Several hundred discharged soldiers and sailors met outside the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield last Thursday, and protested strongly against the employment of fit men in the factory while discharged men are unable to obtain work.

—A strike of Cheshire agricultural labourers has been settled.

—A club for Boy Scout officers will be opened this week in Buckingham Palace Road.

—Captain J. B. McCudden, the crack airman, received his V.C. at Buckingham Palace on Saturday.

—After being choirmaster of St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, for 50 years, Mr. J. Matthews has resigned.

—In a Northern factory a shell slipped from its double sling and killed a girl worker named Dinah Bamber.

—The Court has been removed to Windsor, from whence their Majesties will carry out a number of public engagements.

—Paul Butz, a German prisoner, who escaped from Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, on Friday, was recaptured on Saturday.

—An applicant for exemption only just 18 years old told Shoreditch Tribunal he had a wife and child and his mother to support.

—A farmer, of Llantillio, near Abergavenny, has been fined £25 for not ploughing 38 acres of grass land as ordered.

—South Wales Iron and Steel Board audit declared on Saturday gives the workers a 2 per cent. advance of wages to 93 per cent. above the standard.

—A number of girls at Woolwich Arsenal joined the land army on Saturday, being assured that farm work was now more important than munition work.

—From the Canadian war areas the Salvage Department has obtained sufficient glycerine from bones and fat to furnish the propellant power for about 284,230 18-pounder shells.

—A renewed appeal for public co-operation is made by the Economy Section of the Petroleum Executive. Neither motor-cars nor taxicabs should be used when it is possible to walk or to use public means of conveyance.

—A Danish seaplane was lost in the Cattegat on Saturday. Two officers were killed.

—An additional 150,000 drafted men have been called up in U.S.A. for military service.

—Little public interest was taken at Petrograd on Friday in the anniversary of the Revolution.

—Prince Lichnowsky's liability to proceedings for treason is affirmed by the Imperial Court of Leipzig.

—Russians who are being called up in this country will be posted to labour units or auxiliary services.

—Some Devonshire farmers are killing foxes and selling the skins at 15s. each.

—Northampton police have been instructed to put a stop to children smoking.

—200,000 elvers are to be purchased by the Thames Conservancy to replenish the eel stock in the Thames.

—Russia and China are reported, from Petrograd, to have come to an agreement settling all misunderstandings.

—All woollen mills in the U.S. have been ordered to hold their looms at the service of the Government until July 1, to ensure supplies of cloth for uniforms.

—South Africa has borrowed over £22,000,000 from the Imperial Government, of which £5,240,000 has been temporarily repaid, but it is available for withdrawal.

—Members of the first American contingent of the Jewish Battalion have been entertained by the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Hertz.

—Male shell makers have struck at Newport, Mon., against females being compelled to work on 12-hour shifts; 1,500 hands are idle.

—War Bond sales through the Bank of England last week totalled £10,040,018; in the previous week 1,714,515 war savings certificates were sold.

—From Monday last the Nottingham "Daily Express," the organ of the Liberal party in this part of the Midlands, will appear under the title of the "Nottingham Journal." The controlling interest in the publication, with which is associated the "Nottingham Evening News," has been acquired by Sir Jesse Boot, president of the Nottingham Liberal Association.

Things that are being Said.

Wrecked by German Perfidy.

MY London mission was wrecked, not by the perfidy of the British, but by the perfidy of our policy.—PRINCE LICHNOWSKY.

Democracy and Experts.

Democracy cannot be capable of doing the work of its experts, but it can call those experts to answer for the way in which they discharge their duties.—PROFESSOR A. F. POLLARD in the "Contemporary Review."

The Argument for Immortality.

The strongest argument for immortality is the unquenchable conviction that in the mind of God values are real and indestructible facts. Whatever has value in God's sight is safe for evermore.—DEAN INGE.

The Ultimate Decency of Things.

If Englishmen lost their belief in "the ultimate decency of things," they would have lost the faith that has always borne them upwards and forwards. But they have not lost it. They are filled with it.—The "Spectator."

England One To-Day.

Fighting England is one to-day. Let political England be worthy of her to-morrow, and as the country passes through its Easter "passion of suffering and death," bid it rise to a conception of its part, with others, in the life of the world to come.—The "Nation."

Peace Would be Near.

I think I am right in the belief that German public opinion is in such a condition that if the offensive is held up peace would be very near. A very deep impression has been made by the memorandum of Prince Lichnowsky.—The Amsterdam Correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle."

Prince Lichnowsky's Narrative.

Is there any man or woman who in face of Prince Lichnowsky's narrative can for one moment doubt that, whatever the consequences and whatever the horrors and trials we were destined to endure, we were and are obliged to resist this iniquity to the death?—The "Westminster Gazette."

Finding the Meaning of Desire for Peace.

It is always our duty to find out what the expression of a desire for peace from our opponents really means, but unless it means a complete and convincing programme of justice upon which a lasting peace can really rest—and we have yet no evidence that it means anything of that kind—it means nothing.—PRESIDENT WILSON.

England's Responsibility.

The doctrine of England's responsibility for the world war has been regularly filtered and drummed into us for nearly four years, and Germany's war policy was in the main guided by it. And now we learn that this doctrine was false, and that it was never believed by our Foreign Secretary in 1914, or by our London Ambassador.—"Bremen Bürger Zeitung."

Why Plans were Changed.

The sea strategy embarked upon by Germany fourteen months ago at the cost of bringing the United States into the war has already been proved to be a failure. The best proof is that the Germans are concentrating the whole of their forces in an attack upon the British lines to-day. They would not do this if victory were attainable by other means.—MR. ARTHUR POLLEN in "Land and Water."

Faith Well Placed.

Never was our country worthier of faith and hope than she appears now to the vision of thoughtful minds in the temper which meets this climax after nearly four years' strain. On an even showing of reasons and chances, a sequel as good as that of Verdun or even of the Marne is the probable, and should even be the normal, issue of this struggle. Leipzig and Waterloo were both "Emperor's battles."—The "Observer."

Russia.

Russia is sick after a severe political operation—and her recovery will be slow. But I have read in the story of Scott, your Antarctic explorer, how when one of the little company fell ill, his comrades carried him. Russia is that sick comrade, and it may be that you will need to carry us for part of the way; but you must not leave us.—A Russian quoted by Professor J. Y. Simpson in the "Nineteenth Century."

No Peace by Compulsion.

Let no one deceive himself. Germany's victories may make the Entente more inclined to a peace by agreement, but by no victory can they be compelled to submit to a peace by compulsion. For even if the German sword should be able to achieve much more than it has yet done—if the Germans should storm Calais and march into Paris, and if the continuation of land warfare should become senseless and impossible, the English would still remain protected on their island and America by the Atlantic; they could still continue warfare by sea, and still cut off our supplies of raw materials and food-stuffs. The greatest victory on land cannot force upon England and America a peace by compulsion.—The Vienna "Arbeiter Zeitung."

United Methodist Table Talk.

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The Editor's address is 188 Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E. 15.

MAKING WRONGDOING SAFER.

WE hope that our readers who were interested in the article which appeared in this Journal on "Making it Easy to do Wrong" are alive to the significance of the latest amendment to Regulation 400 issued under the auspices of the Defence of the Realm Act. It is really a re-introduction into this country of a form of the C.D.A. against which Mrs. Josephine Butler and a band of noble women in her day fought so long, so heroic, and so successful a battle. The New Regulation has been formulated without the direct sanction of Parliament. It applies to women who may be thought to be affected by venereal disease, but it does not apply to any man suspected to be so affected. It renders any girl or woman liable to arrest at the discretion of the police on suspicion of having venereal disease, if seen talking to a member of His Majesty's forces, and to undergo a medical examination before conviction or release. The whole regulation is based upon the pestilential idea of differential morals as between man and woman. It is an attempt to reproduce the principle of *maisons tolérées* in England. It puts innocent women who speak to soldiers in jeopardy. It is a proposal to make vice easy by making it safe. It is a plan which has failed hitherto, and cannot succeed now. We hope our readers will say with us that this addendum to Regulation 400 must go, and will write and tell their Members of Parliament so. Here is a battle that our new women voters can fight to a triumphant finish. We are sure that when they understand the nature of this Regulation they will have no hesitancy in entering upon the fight.

"A FURTHER CUT OF FIFTY PER CENT."

At the Free Church Council meetings the Prime Minister spoke on the Drink Question, and stated that by order of the Government "there had been a further cut of 50 per cent.—not including the 28 per cent. but 50 per cent. upon the reduction, not merely of beer, but of spirits, and no spirits are being manufactured at this hour." Some question has arisen as to the meaning of that reduction of 50 per cent. One descriptive writer stated that "the drink output was that day further reduced by another 50 per cent." That would mean that an authorised barrelage of 15,000,000 had been cut down to 7,500,000—a fine reduction. But that news is too good to be true. What has actually happened is this: for the year beginning April 1st, 1917, the Government sanctioned the production of 10,000,000 standard barrels. Later on in the year the permitted total was raised to 15,000,000. Broadly speaking, it is 50 per cent. of this increase of 5,000,000 barrels that is knocked off, so that the authorised barrelage for the year beginning April 1st, 1918, is 12,500,000—a good reduction. But the Government has given no pledge that that will be the maximum for the year, and we are 2,500,000 barrels above the maximum of April 1st, 1917.

BAN THE DRINK.

Rev. Ben H. Spence, the able and efficient secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, who has just returned from a brief temperance campaign in England, has issued an open letter to the British Premier, the Hon. Lloyd George, in which he argues strongly that, in justice to herself, in justice to her Colonies, and in justice to her Allies, Britain should place her ban upon the drink traffic, and should in addition remove the open and omnipresent temptations to social vice which are such a menace to soldierly efficiency and such a sorrow to right-thinking men.

WORDS OF CHEER.

One of the raciest columns in the "Methodist Recorder" is that contributed by "O.A.R." under the title "A Newspaper Reader's Diary." In a recent issue that column contained the following paragraph. We have no idea who "O.A.R." is, but we warmly appreciate his kind words.

"I see the UNITED METHODIST has decided to raise its price to twopence. Hitherto they have held on to the democratic penny. They have held on to a good many things in that bright, liberal, and broad-minded journal. But it is no longer possible to hold on to 'the thin end of nothing.' So it is to be twopence. The danger is that, raising the price, a good many people will be frozen off by the chill, since delicate readers are very susceptible to chills in this neighbourhood. A man who will pay his shilling a week for his 'worldly' paper, too often feels he cannot afford the sixth of that for his 'religious' paper. Why is it that religion catches cold so? Why is it loyalty to the Church can't be paid for as freely as other loyalties? Get frozen off, and you are shy of gripping again; and, in the meantime, if all freeze themselves off, there may not be the old support when you feel you would like to take hold. I won't worry my readers with too much discussion on these matters. They don't like much of it. You may easily hurt a 'gentle reader.'"

One of our Ministers writes:—

"I am very grateful to you for the searching message you have given us this week on 'Living Dangerously.' It shames and yet challenges one, and both the shame and the challenge are needed just now. I wonder why I never read anything along these lines at the beginning of my ministry. Perhaps I hadn't eyes to see then. But what a difference the reading of such an article must have made. As one who has done a little to increase the circulation of the 'U.M.,' I trust the extra penny will not prevent a larger circulation, which the paper so richly deserves."

PERSONAL.

The Padstow Circuit has recently sustained the loss of its oldest member, in the death of Mr. Thomas Hawken, of St. Issey, who entered into rest on 16th March, aged 98 years. Mr. Hawken had been a most interested member of our church for quite sixty years, and everything pertaining to the welfare of the society, and also the missionary cause ever had his warmest support. The funeral was very largely attended.

The following United Methodists have been appointed on the new executive of the National Free Church Council: Rev. T. Nightingale, Rev. W. Stephen, Sir R. Walter Essex, M.P., Rev. George Eayrs, F.R.Hist.S., Mr. W. Mallinson, J.P., and Mr. W. J. Nicholls, J.P.

Under the heading "An Imposing Methodist Sanctuary," the "Sheffield Weekly News" of March 30th gives a brief and interesting sketch of the history of our Hanover Street Church, Sheffield, and its minister, the Rev. Robert Noble. The article contains a sketch of the morning service conducted by the Rev. B. A. A. Batt and spoke of the whole service as helpful.

U.M. ROLL OF HONOUR.

RIFLEMAN W. T. CHESTER HART.

Widespread sorrow is felt in our Seven Kings Church at the death of Rifleman William Thomas Chester Hart, 19½ years old. He had been in France six weeks only. He was a member of our Seven Kings Church, a brilliant and most promising musician, and the son of Mr. Walter H. Hart, Forest Gate Circuit steward, and steward of our Seven Kings Church, and of Mrs. Hart, a daughter of Mr. Thomas Hulbert, President of the London Church Extension Committee. Rifleman Hart's superior officer in conveying the news writes: "I should like to say that he was most gallantly playing his part in one of the most brilliant defences during the war, and it might be a little consolation to you to know that he was doing his duty to the last. We lose in him a splendid soldier who was always cheerful under the most trying circumstances."

HONOURS FOR UNITED BOARD CHAPLAINS.

Two United Board Chaplains have found a place in the recent Honours List, and have been gazetted as of the Distinguished Service Order—one of the highest honours possible of attainment by chaplains. These two chaplains are the Rev. George Standing, A.P.C., and the Rev. F. H. Wheeler, D.A.C.P. Col. Standing is a Primitive Methodist, and Lt.-Col. Wheeler a Congregationalist. Both have done most excellent service during the time they have been chaplains.

CITY TEMPLE MISSIONARY MEETING.

The London District Missionary Secretaries desire it to be known that there will be no distribution of Certificates to Missionary Collectors at the City Temple this year. The customary awards will, of course, be made in connection with the various churches in accordance with local custom.

A LOCAL PREACHER'S JUBILEE.

At their recent meeting the preachers of the Liskeard Circuit took the opportunity of offering hearty congratulations to Mr. E. H. Snell on the attainment of his jubilee as a local preacher and of thankfully recognising his faithful and fruitful service for over fifty years in the pulpits of the church and of rejoicing in his having adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour by a life in harmony with the Gospel he had so faithfully preached. The meeting assured him of its affection and esteem for him and his work and prayed that God's blessing might rest upon him. Mr. Snell is a son of the soil, and has always found as much pleasure in farm work as other men find in easier paths in life. He commenced work at the early age of eight years. Thus his education was very limited, and it is a great credit to him that he made the best use of his opportunities and educated himself to such a degree that even the sharpest critics say, "What an excellent flow of language and splendid grammar!" His early experience as a preacher brings to notice something of the sacrifice these pioneers had to make forty and fifty years ago. It was no unusual thing to walk to an appointment fourteen miles each way. He would often do this kind of thing on six to ten Sundays every quarter. To say he is popular is no exaggeration. He is a born preacher and original in every sense. In addition to being a local preacher he has held every office open to him in village Methodism except that of circuit steward. As a class-leader his counsel was always good and well considered. Now in the eventide of his onerous life, which has not been by any means "a path of roses," he still looks forward with intense pleasure to his plan appointments; and although often suffering much physical weakness he manages to do some work every quarter. He has one son who follows in his footsteps and is a local preacher in the Weston-super-Mare Circuit.

AFTER SO LONG A TIME.

This week's issue of "Punch" contains an intimation that, as a consequence of the further drastic curtailment of paper supplies, no returns of unsold copies by news-

agents will be permitted after the number to be dated the 17th instant. Subsequent to that date, for the first time for nearly eighty years, "Punch" will only be obtainable to order.

A ONE HUNDREDTH NUMBER.

"The Choir," the musical journal, published by C. H. Kelly at 3d. monthly, is pre-eminently a magazine for the music lover. It has just published its 100th number, which shows the accustomed skill of the editor, Mr. James T. Lightwood, who is a well-known authority on musical matters. "The Choir" has had a successful career since its commencement seven years ago, in spite of the difficulties which it has encountered during the last two or three years, and we cordially commend it to the attention of our musical readers.

The St. James's Church, Forest Hill, has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. J. Barnden, at the age of 75 years. The son of a B.C. minister, he was connected with St. James's for 35 years, and for many years its Treasurer, and a local preacher. He was a splendid type of Christian, genial, with nothing narrow about him. He was also a very loveable man, and most generous, and a sympathetic giver.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G.W.C.—Reports of marriages must be accompanied with an advertisement.

Important.

To District Secretaries and Secretaries of Connexional Committees.

DEAR BRETHREN,

(1) Detailed directions are given in Minutes, 1914, pp. 13-15 to which the careful attention of District Secretaries is respectfully directed. Compliance with the instructions there given will prevent both inconvenience and delay. It will also facilitate the work of the various Connexional Committees in their final preparations for Conference. One additional matter demands attention. The Districts this year will elect (not nominate merely) Representatives for the Connexional Committees in accordance with the new scheme adopted and approved by several Conferences. The names and addresses of those elected must be promptly sent to the Secretary of the General Connexional Committee for insertion in the Blue Book.

(2) The names and addresses of all members of the Leeds Conference will be supplied to the Book Room, as soon as the District Schedules are to hand. The Agenda will be posted to them direct, before the end of June, if Secretaries will send copy as desired. In all cases where the reserve is called to occupy the place of the member of Conference originally appointed the earliest possible intimation should be sent.

(3) The Secretaries of Connexional Committees are requested to forward Reports, Resolutions, and Balance Sheets required for the Conference Agenda to the Connexional Editor, 188 Rye Lane, Peckham, London, S.E.15, not later than June 10th. In the majority of cases a very much earlier date is practicable, and Secretaries are desired to send accordingly. Where time admits of it proofs can be supplied, but no proofs will be possible after June 6th. The Editor, as before, has kindly consented to give his invaluable aid in the preparation of the Agenda, and his convenience will be served by prompt and early action on the part of all Departmental Secretaries. The Reports, Resolutions, etc., should be kept within as small a compass as is possible, consistent with efficiency. The cost of issuing the Blue Book has seriously increased during the last few years.

(4) The Committee Calendar for 1918-19 should be inserted in the Agenda. All Connexional Secretaries are therefore requested to send to the Conference Secretary the date and place of their respective Committee meetings. From this information a provisional Calendar will be formed, and if found necessary, alterations may be made during the Conference. The exact date given will be accepted where possible, but seeing there are so many Committees crowded together in October and November, and in May and early June, some little readjustment may be required in order that the convenience of all may be served. Much clashing of dates in the past has resulted from lack of timely information.

In fixing prospective dates Secretaries will please note that next year Easter falls April 21st and Whitsuntide June 9th, and both these weeks should be avoided. The final Committees should be fixed, if possible, before the end of May.

RICHD. W. CARR, Conference Secretary.
GEORGE PACKER, Sec. G.C. Committee.

BILLY BRAY.

This remarkable man died May 25th, 1868. It is suggested by an admirer of him that the jubilee of his call to higher service be celebrated at all our forthcoming District Meetings. Will those who think the suggestion worthy of adoption make the arrangements at once? Great and lasting good ought to be the outcome of any time thus spent.

Sunday Afternoon.

BY REV. ERNEST F. H. CAPEY.

"... Are we devils? are we men?
Sweet St. Francis of Assisi, would that he were here
again."

TENNYSON, *Locksley Hall, Sixty Years After.*

If he were here—what would he teach us? Amongst
other things,

The Secret of Perfect Joy.

Chapter VIII. of "The Little Flowers" tells of a
memorable walk Francis took with Brother Leo in the
springtide. Leo was walking in front and Francis
called out:

"Oh! Brother Leo, if the brothers minor were great
examples of sanctity and true edifying, write it down
that not therein is perfect joy."

When they had walked a bit further Francis shouted:
'Oh, Brother Leo, if the brothers minor should make
straight the crooked, give sight to the blind, heal the
sick, make the dumb to speak, and, greater still, should
raise the four days' dead, write that not herein is per-
fect joy.'

And going further he said:
'If they should know all tongues and science, write
not herein is perfect joy.'

And journeying on still further he cried out:
'Oh, Brother Leo, if the brothers minor should speak
with the tongues of angels, and knew the course of the
stars and the virtue of the herbs, write that not herein
is perfect joy!'

And so they continued for two miles, till Brother Leo
asked:

'Wherein is perfect joy?'

And Francis answered:

'When we come to St. Mary's, all soaked as we are
with rain, numbed with cold, and besmirched with mud,
and tormented with hunger, and knock at the door; and
the porter comes in anger and says: "Who are ye?"
and we say: "We be two of your brethren"; and he
says, "Ye be no true men; nay ye be two rogues that
gad about deceiving the world and robbing the alms
of the poor. Get ye gone"; and thereat he shuts the
door, and makes us stand without in the snow and the
rain, cold and ahung'red, till nightfall. If therewithal
we patiently endure such wrong and such cruelty and
such rebuffs without being disquieted and without mur-
muring again, O Brother Leo, write herein is perfect
joy.'

*Blessed are ye when men shall revile you
for My sake.—Matt. v. 11.*

"Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine:
Under every grief and pine
Runs a joy with silken twine."

BLAKE. *Proverbs.*

Friar Juniper.

One of the disciples whose companionship Francis
most valued was Friar Juniper, a man of profound
humility and of great charity. "Would to God," Francis
once said, "that I had a great forest of such Junipers!"
and yet this one man was an anxiety and a perplexity
often to his brethren. The poor coming to him and
begging alms were never sent empty away. He would
not hesitate, on necessity, to take the tunic from his
back, making himself naked that he might clothe the
nakedness of others. "The virtue of compassion in-
creased so much in him that at the last he was not con-
tent with giving away his tunic, but gave books and
vestments and mantles; and whatever he could lay his
hands on he gave to the poor." And for this reason the
friars left nothing exposed, it would be sure to be spirited
away. There is the story, e.g., of

The Altar Bells.

Once Friar Juniper was at Assisi for the Nativity of
Christ at which time the altar was "passing well draped
and adorned." One day, during the absence of the sac-
ristan, Friar Juniper, left to guard the altar, was ap-
proached by a beggar woman who asked alms of him
for the love of God. "Now there was upon the altar
a border of gold, very beautiful and lordly, with little
silver bells of great price. Said Friar Juniper: 'These
bells are a superfluity'; and he took a knife and cut
them all off from the border; and for compassion's sake
he gave them to the woman." When the sacristan re-
turned and learned what had happened, he was scan-
dalised, and ran into the town trying to find the beggar,
but failed. So a complaint was lodged before the
General and it was decided that the over-zealous brother
should receive correction. "And, all the friars having
been assembled in chapter, the General caused Friar
Juniper to be summoned, and, in the presence of all,
rated him soundly touching the aforesaid bells, and so
much did his wrath increase that he shouted himself
well-nigh hoarse. Friar Juniper cared little or nothing
for those words, because he delighted in insults and in
being put to shame." His main concern appears to have
been the injury his superior was doing, by shouting, to
his throat and voice. "Wherefore, as soon as he had
received the rebuke of the General, Friar Juniper went
into the city and ordered and caused to be made a good
porringer of gruel with butter; and, when a good part
of the night was over, he went for it and returned, and
having lighted a candle, gat him to the cell of the
General with this porringer of gruel, and knocked upon
the door. "My father," said the Friar, "when
you rebuked me to-day for my faults, I perceived that
your voice became hoarse. I eat this gruel, I pray
thee, for I assure thee it will relieve thy throat and
chest." This approach, at such a time, angered the
General more than ever, so the Friar at length said:
"My father, since thou wilt not eat this gruel which was

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Stayed Upon God.

BY REV. HERBERT J. WATTS.

C.E. Topic for week commencing April 21st, 1918.

ISAIAH XXVI, 1-4.

Trusting God.

THE words that form our topic—passage were spoken
at a time of great national peril—precisely when, it is
difficult to say—and they are singularly apposite to our
thoughts and needs to-day. In the clash of arms, how
vastly more had Judah to fear than we have! Yet,
with great empires flying at each other's throats, and
remorselessly trampling to death in the struggle the
little peoples about their feet, this prophet could trust
in God. The thought of Jehovah brought to his heart
a peace so deep that he could only express its perfectness
by repetition: "Thou wilt keep that man in peace, peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee." When the Northern
States of America had taken up arms to end slavery,
and for a time things seemed to go badly for them, the
news of defeat came to a meeting at which the speaker
was Frederick Douglass, the one-time slave, who came
to be so famous an orator. He was depressed by the
tidings, and could not help showing that he was.
"Frederick Douglass," shouted an old negress, "God is
not dead!" Her thought is perhaps the central con-
viction which dominates the Book of Isaiah. The
prophet loves to think of the "Living God." And
such a faith alone can give us this "peace, peace,"
now that in our turn we have come to days of strain
and tragedy unspeakable.

God and the World-Problems.

We shall not know until the war is over how abso-
lutely the world we have known and loved has been
thrown into the melting-pot; at home and abroad there
must come great and far-reaching changes, the charac-
ter and extent of which we can as yet but dimly guess.
Abroad, how shall we harmonise the conflicting interests
even of nations which have been brothers in arms, to
say nothing of those who are now our opponents? At
home, what about labour troubles, when we attempt to
get back to normal conditions? One can detect a cer-
tain anxiety in many quarters about matters like these,
which even the greater preoccupation of the war cannot
altogether hide. Let us remember that these problems
are not too hard for God; neither, therefore, are they
insoluble to a really Spirit-filled church. Think how
God's hand has worked in the story of the past. "His-
tory," said one of the very greatest of historians, "is,
of all kinds of knowledge, the one which tends most de-
cidedly to a belief in Providence." "All passions have
ragged, and all vices prevailed, in their turn; there have
been confusion and tumult and war, and yet the plan
has been slowly and silently but surely built up." Mr.
Watkinson tells of a father who was driving near Lin-
coln with his little boy, and they came to a place where
the cathedral seems from a distance to block up the
high road. The little fellow burst into tears: "Oh,
father, how are we going to get over that?" Let us
not fear. God has a road along which we can travel
with absolute certainty to the "one far-off, divine event,
to which the whole creation moves," and not even a Euro-
pean war can block the way.

God and our Personal Problems.

It is equally true that God can help us in the smaller
personal problems which press even more insistently upon
our minds and hearts at a time like this. Most of us
have at the moment a twofold need; we want guidance,
that we take the right path, so long as any choice
is left to us at all; and we want faith, strength, peace,
so that we may bear the sufferings and make the sacri-
fices that the way may perchance hold for us. For
both these needs, we may stay ourselves on God. He
will guide us through the working of our own consci-
ence and reason, if only, in prayer, we bring ourselves
into such close touch with Him, such conformity with His
ways of looking at things, and such a subjection of our
own personal desires, that He can speak to our hearts.
And He will give us the faith, too. A minister had to
break to an old Highlander the news of the death of
his only son in a distant land. The old man bowed his
head and sighed out, "We know that to them that love
God all things work together for good." Then, drawing
a deep breath, he said, "I don't see it, but it's not need-
ful—we know." Probably, that is as far as it is well
for us to try to go in the moment of deep sorrow, and
God will bring us there, if we "stay ourselves on Him."
In that conviction there is indeed a "peace, peace" which
nothing can ever destroy.

Mr. James France, Moulton.

Our church at Moulton Chapel, in the Spalding Cir-
cuit, has suffered a serious loss by the death of Mr.
James France, which occurred from cancer on March
23rd. Mr. France had been connected with our church
for nearly forty years, and had been a most faithful
member and devoted worker. For many years he held
the offices of trustee, secretary and choir leader. Every-
thing that had for its object the church's welfare re-
ceived his heartiest sympathy and support. The deepest
sympathy is felt with his relatives, and especially with
his widow and aged mother, the latter being the oldest
member in the circuit. Mr. France was 63 years of age.

made for thee, at least do this for me; hold the candle
for me and I will eat it myself." At this the General
surrendered, and they sat down to eat the porringer of
gruel together.

"Seek Love in the pity of others' woe,
In the gentle relief of another's care,
In the darkness of night and the winter's snow,
With the naked and outcast—seek Love there."
BLAKE: *William Bond.*

Young People's Topic.

BY REV. WM. C. JACKSON, B.A.

THE GROWTH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

How Can I Help the Influence of the New Testament?

Young People's Topic for April 21st.

Text Book "The New Testament and its Writers,"
Guild Text Book. A. and C. Black; 8d. net.

Priceless Records.

OUR course of study has failed unless we have been
directed afresh to the treasures contained in the won-
derful library we call the New Testament. "Good
books," in Milton's famous phrase, are "the precious
life-blood of master spirits, embalmed and treasured up
on purpose to a life beyond life." He who enjoys the
privilege of intimate fellowship with these souls is rich
indeed. But there is a special grandeur in the New
Testament. "The New Testament, taken as a whole,
represents the most astonishing outburst of intellectual
and spiritual energy in the history of our race." He
who has access to these realms of gold can gather
"unsearchable riches" for himself and others. This
book contains the priceless record of the Saviour's life,
the wonderful words of life He proclaimed, the haunting
story of His Passion, the thrilling discovery of His Resur-
rection; and the early history of that remarkable organi-
sation, the Church, which is the body of Christ.

To-night we are to ask ourselves the question, what
we can do to make this treasure of the spirit a living
force in the world.

Study.

Our first and paramount duty is to be regular and
careful readers of the Book. We cannot expect others
to do what we neglect to do. Example is more potent
than precept. As Protestants, we boast about our open
Bibles, but there are many Protestants whose lives do
not adorn this great doctrine. Our Protestantism should
be a practical thing, loyal and devoted to its principles.
But something more than mere reading is necessary.
"It is a great mistake to think that because you have
read a masterpiece once or twice, or ten times, there-
fore you have done with it. Because it is a master-
piece, you ought to live with it, and make it a part
of your daily life." Really great things are not ap-
preciated all at once. They only surrender their secret
to loving attentions. They bestow their blessings upon
those who seek until they find. The New Testament
will never be that mighty power in the world which it is
ordained to be, until its readers increase, and show forth
its splendours in their lives. It is well to remember
that challenging remark of Ruskin, that "if a book is
worth reading, it is worth buying." At first sight,
this appears a counsel of perfection. But its force is
realised when we see what Ruskin means by "reading."
That the book should be loved and marked "so that
you can refer to the passages you want in it, as a
soldier can seize the weapon he needs in an armoury,
or a housewife brings the spice she needs from her
store." It is a good thing to have one's own New
Testament, enriching it, year by year, with personal notes
and private marks.

I.B.R.A.

The value of membership in the I.B.R.A. cannot be
over-estimated. The force of habit is usually discussed
in its relation to sin. We are wise when we realise
that habit can be a force working unto righteousness.
It is a great help to have certain things so fixed and de-
cided that no discussion takes place respecting them.
The hour strikes, and both body and mind instinc-
tively prepare themselves for the deed which has been
planned. The daily portion of Scripture becomes a means
of grace. Those who have found the profit of this
discipline will be ready to assist in the formation and de-
velopment of Bible Classes. The church needs few
things more grievously, in these days than eager groups
of students, determined to possess the vast possessions
of the Holy Scriptures. "Society is a strong solution
of books" says a wise essayist. When the day comes
that the church has its thought, mind and spirit, strongly
tinctured with Biblical teaching, she will already have
renewed her youth.

Bible Society.

The Bible Society should have a warm place in our
affections. Among the splendid institutions of our age,
this ranks among the noblest. Inspired by the one
dominating idea that the Scriptures contain that message
of God which can make every soul wise unto salva-
tion, this Society exists to translate and circulate copies
of these Scriptures, in every language and dialect, and
"below cost price," so that the poorest may possess the
"lamp of life."

"Each part of the Scripture should be read with the
help of the same good spirit wherewith it was written."
(à Kempis).

Mr. Charles Hiley.

Theaker Lane Church, Leeds, mourns the loss of Mr.
Charles Hiley, a trustee and a life-long member of the
society. Many years he served the Sunday School, and
was most faithful in his attendance at the services of
the church. The funeral took place on Saturday, March
23rd, and was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Lindley. Mr.
Hiley was 73 years of age.

Women's Missionary Auxiliary.

Items for this column should be sent to Mrs. Vivian, 49 Windsor Road, Doncaster, and not to the Editor.

Nottingham District.—To the very great regret of all the branches, Mrs. Moore, owing to removal to London, has had to resign her active connection with the work of this District. At the time of the Union of the Denominations in 1907, Mrs. Moore was elected a vice-president, and, on the death of Mrs. F. J. Perry, some six years ago, she succeeded to the presidency. During this period Mrs. Moore has worked untiringly and most successfully for the deepening of interest in foreign missionary work. As an expression of their esteem and affection, the W.M.A. members recently presented her with a silver five o'clock tea-service, and two silver flower vases. Mrs. Moore was most pleasantly surprised by this unexpected token of appreciation, and, in returning thanks, gave an assurance of her continued interest in the work with which she has been so happily associated.

Rochdale.—For the missionary basket at Castlemere, Rochdale, everything seemed to augur a happy day. The spirit of the warrior possessed us. No refreshment stall! then we must rise to a kitchen stall. And what a procession of baskets there was, and what a revealing as their contents were displayed, and what the result of it all! £50 we say, and yet there was a something more. The pastor said, "It was a bubbling day." In the evening thirty-six children entertained an audience as large as the authorities would allow us to crowd into the lecture hall. And so we close another winter session, a "branch" that is handing in £76.

Handsworth (Farcroft Avenue).—The work has been splendidly maintained during the past year. The monthly meeting has been well attended and a keen interest manifested in the missionary activities of our denomination. The annual meetings have just been held and were of a most inspiring character. Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, the District secretary, presided over the afternoon gathering, and an inspiring address was given by Sister Nellie. Mrs. S. Pollard and Mrs. A. C. Phillips also took part. Notwithstanding food restrictions a public tea was provided and much appreciated. At the evening meeting Mr. J. Box presided and a most helpful address was given by Rev. W. H. Lockley. The pastor presented the report. Madame Lucie Beddoes as vocalist rendered most excellent service. The financial result of the year is most gratifying, amounting to about £28. Hilda and Willie Leech's box brought in the large sum of £12 6s., while members' subscriptions amount to nearly £7 10s. Altogether this small struggling church of about eighty members has raised over £43 for our missionary funds this year, an increase in three years of about £15.

Middlesbrough.—A very pleasant evening was spent in the schoolroom, when a party of thirty girls rendered a cantata entitled "Flowerland." It was very much enjoyed by a very large audience. The chair was taken by Mrs. Brewis and the financial result amounted to £7 4s. 7d. At the February devotional meeting we had the great pleasure of an address by the Rev. A. J. Hopkins, who expects to be leaving shortly to take up mission work in East Africa.

Weddings.

BLACK—ROCHELL.

A LARGE congregation assembled at our Park Place Church, Liverpool, on Wednesday, March 27th, to witness the marriage of Mr. John W. Black, third son of Mr. and Mrs. James Black, to Miss Elsie Rochell, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rochell. Both families have for many years been prominently associated with the above-named church and are highly respected. The ceremony, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Burditt, was choral, Mr. Asplett presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in ivory marquisette with swansdown and pearl trimming, and wore a veil and orange blossoms and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Alice Rochell and Miss Edith Black, and Mr. Casford acted as best man. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents, subsequently left for Morecambe, where they spent the honeymoon.

WHITELEY—FALLA.

A VERY pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Newton Heath, between James Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiteley, of Southport, and Rhoda, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Falla, Dean Avenue, Newton Heath. The officiating ministers were Revs. W. S. Green and F. G. Stoward, and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The long association of the bride's family with the district surrounded the occasion with much interest—a large congregation gathered. The bride was brought to church and given away by her father, Mr. James Falla, Corporal Arthur Falla acting as best man, and Mr. John Whiteley, H.M.I., D.Lit., as groomsmen. Mr. Albert Hall presided at the organ.

After the ceremony the friends gathered at the bride's home. The happy pair were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including those from scholars and staff. Lily Lane and Southall Street Manual School, where they have acted as teachers. Later in the day they left for Llandudno, where the honeymoon was spent.

The Sunday School at West Cramlington has been closed for a number of years, and the circuit has deputed Mr. W. H. Studden, 59 Ridley Street, Cramlington, Northumberland, to reopen it. This was done on March 24th, with over seventy scholars. Mr. Studden has no hymn books and he will be grateful to any School which has discarded the old Free Methodist School Hymn Book if it will forward copies to him. Rail to Cramlington, N.E.R. The carriage will be paid by Mr. Studden.

Departed Friends.

Mr. John Langridge, Manchester.

Hyde Road Church and Manchester Second Circuit have sustained a great loss in the death of the late John Langridge, on Saturday morning, March 16th, after a serious operation. He was one of the most active, devoted and loyal workers in the Hyde Road Church. For 39 years he has been an intelligent, faithful, and much-appreciated Sunday School teacher, and a very acceptable preacher, much in request in the Home and Outside Circuits. He also filled the secretaryship of the trust for 27 years with efficiency, tactfulness, and the appreciation of his brethren, who marked his retirement six months ago by presenting him with a beautiful gold watch, and a number of well-selected books. Mr. Langridge was a man of sterling worth, combining intellectual ability and spiritual fervour, and was greatly esteemed by all who were intimate with him. On Wednesday, March 20th, a special service was held in the Hyde Road Church prior to the interment at the Southern Cemetery. A large and representative congregation was present. Rev. G. Dixon Thompson conducted the service, and paid a brief and loving tribute to the memory of the departed. Revs. J. W. Hopper and J. Sutton also took part in the service. The memorial service was held in the evening of Easter Sunday. Much sympathy is felt with the bereaved family.

Mr. Jonas White, Bradford.

Mr. Jonas White was Superintendent of the Bradford City Police Force. Born in Bradford, he was a typical Yorkshireman with vigorous intellect, strong but restrained emotion and steadfast will set to forge ahead, to get things done, and achieve success. Early in life he entered the police force, and by dint of natural ability, good conduct and perseverance, rose rapidly, till in 1899 he was promoted to the Superintendency of Police in Bradford. He was awarded the King's Coronation Medal in 1912, and won golden opinions among men of the service, especially the younger men, who looked up to him as a father, and often sought his counsel and advice. He was widely read, and was fond of literature, poetry and music. Sixteen years ago, on removing to this side of the city he associated himself with Toller Lane Church, and rendered helpful service, not only financially, but with his violin at our concerts. It was hoped that he had recovered from a serious illness a year ago, but it was not so, and suddenly he passed away on March 11th. A large concourse of relatives and friends, the chief constable, and over 200 police crowded the church at the interment. Rev. H. Umpleby assisted Rev. W. Bowell at the service. Deep sympathy is felt with Mrs. White, the two daughters, and Verdi, the only son, who is a wireless operator in H.M. Navy, and was granted special leave to attend the funeral.

Mr. Richard Percival Eminson.

Our Scotter Church mourns the loss of a promising son, Richard Percival, son of Mr. W. C. Eminson, our mission treasurer. Percy voluntarily enlisted several months ago in the Royal Field Artillery, but broke down under training. He was sent home, and in spite of the best medical skill and watchful nursing died on March 2nd, aged 21 years. His quiet bearing could not conceal his heroic devotion.

In fealty to the truth
He consecrated his generous youth,
And counting all the cost
Joined the noble host.

He was interred at Scotter, Rev. Wm. Jollans, C.F., who was over on furlough, conducting the last rites in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation.

Mr. Harry Booth, Brighton.

In the death of Mr. Harry Booth, at the early age of 23, the church at Bristol Road has sustained a great loss. Deceased, who belonged to one of our most interested families, was a young man of splendid character, of considerable mental gifts and attainments, and was deeply devoted to the work of the church. Had he been spared he would have undoubtedly filled a large place in the life of the circuit. His influence in the Sunday School, and over the lads of the Boys' Brigade of which he was an officer, was remarkable. From a lad he was of a studious disposition, and having passed many examinations with great credit he was taken into the offices of the Brighton Corporation at the Town Hall, where he was highly respected. In October last he secured an appointment at Croydon as teacher in a large technical school, but soon after, his health failed, and he was obliged to return home, where he recently died. Last year he won the first prize for the Connexion Essay Examination. His loss is keenly felt by a considerable circle of friends, and much sympathy is shown the family in their bereavement. The funeral services were conducted by the Revs. L. H. Court, his pastor, and the Rev. J. C. Pye, of Exeter, a former pastor and friend.

Mr. Joseph White.

The Hall Lane Church, in the Woodhouse Lane (Leeds) Circuit has sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. Joseph White, aged 68 years. He was the Sunday School superintendent, a leader, and a local preacher of forty years' standing. For many years attached to Whitehall Road in the Leeds West Circuit, he did splendid service there. His last years were given to Hall Lane.

A large congregation gathered for the funeral service conducted by the Revs. W. A. Grist and F. J. Lindley, on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Mr. White has a son in the ministry, the Rev. E. White, of Birmingham.

Circuit Ministers, Stewards, and others will kindly refer to "MINUTES, 1917," Pages 292-307 and

REMEMBER

that all private Subscriptions and Donations to

THE AUXILIARY FUND

of the Superannuation and Beneficent Society should accompany the Assessments for the MARCH QUARTER.

For several years the private subscriptions have shown an increase, which has been greatly appreciated. Last year the private subscriptions amounted to £721 7s. 9d., and we are hoping to receive

£1,000

this year, along with the assessments for the MARCH QUARTER. It will greatly help the Fund, and save much time and expense, if all remittances are forwarded

AT ONCE.

Subscriptions and donations should be paid to Circuit Ministers or others duly appointed to receive them, or to the Secretary,

REV. GEORGE PARKER,
167 RUSTLINGS ROAD, SHEFFIELD.

SCARBOROUGH.

This Church is bravely struggling against unprecedented financial difficulties. A Sale of Work is being arranged for April 17th and 18th. The last one was calamitously interfered with by the bombardment of 1914, which occurred on the day for opening. Will the friends throughout the Connexion who have any concern for this isolated Church, so dependent on Seasonal Visitors, please help us in this effort, either monetarily or by gifts of goods? The Pastor, REV. W. R. STOBIE, 29 Trafalgar Square, Scarborough, and ALFRED B. GILL, Treasurer, Tennyson Avenue, Scarborough, will gratefully accept such help for the Church, posted to the addresses given.

Our Chaplains.

The Welfare of Home-coming Soldiers.

THE United Army and Navy Board is gravely concerned on behalf of the welfare of the home-coming soldiers, especially those wholly or partially disabled. It recognises the greatness of the opportunity afforded the churches to help such men, and urges that ministers should encourage their people to assist in this work. The Board is drawing the attention of all chaplains and officiating clergymen to the fact that under the Ministry of Pensions, Local War Pensions Committees are being established throughout the country. Such committees will be charged with looking after the interests of returned soldiers in matters of pay, pension, sick benefits, surgical appliances, etc., etc. Ministers of churches will be able to do much in introducing needy soldiers to these local committees, and if need be, bringing influence to bear on their behalf. Churches might institute "look-out committees" to watch for opportunities of such service, and so befriend the men and enable them to feel that the church indeed seeks to be their helper. In this connection Mr. Shakespeare has received an interesting letter from a chaplain at the Front, in the course of which he says:—

"I had just written to my people on the subject when your letter arrived. I am venturing to give an extract:

"How one's heart goes out in compassion towards the innocent sufferers. I cannot imagine anyone failing to respond to the mute appeal of our sick and wounded. These helpless heroes can count on our sympathy to-day. They confess that everybody is kind to them now, and the more helpless they are, the greater the kindness they receive. My fear is, lest these men who have been crippled and maimed for life for our sakes should be forgotten after the war. I daresay some of them wonder if the kindly treatment and consideration will be continued when they exchange their khaki and blue for the shabby old clothes that are hanging in the cupboards at home, waiting to be worn again. The nation that has found it possible to provide millions of pounds a day to prosecute the war must not, and surely will not, grudge its handsome and grateful support to the men who stood between it and the would-be destroyer, thereby, at great cost to themselves, proving to be its Deliverer. The men, who need and deserve our compassion to-day, will need and deserve our compassion in the years to come. We must see that they get it."

A number of ministers have applied for copies of the form for the use of soldiers who are wrongly registered, and have asked for as many forms as they have "boys" on their Rolls of Honour. I regret that in consequence of paper shortage it is impossible to supply these, nor is it necessary. Every one of our "boys" wishing to re-register can obtain a form through any of our United Board Chaplains and Officiating Ministers. The arrangement has the further advantage that the Chaplain or Officiating Minister who supplies the form will see the re-registration through on receiving the form filled up without any of our soldier-boys having to take any further trouble in the matter.

One of our Chaplains who is on the French front in these stressful days writes:—

"We are living in great days just now. Our men need the interest and prayers of our folk at home if they are to serve successfully our great cause. It is a joy to help them in this critical hour. You will be glad to know I am well and happy in the work."

I am sure that this appeal for prayer will not be made in vain.

One of our United Methodist Chaplains writes from France:—

"I wish it were possible to send you on a copy of the entries in my diary for the last ten days. They are interesting. We have been under shell fire four times, billeted in 22 different towns, travelled 40 miles, slept in the open twice, and gone without sleep five nights. We lost guns the first day, and the various batteries have since been through hard times, firing both day and night. I am really amazed at the men's cheerfulness. The atmosphere is not that of defeat, and all are expecting a sudden turning of the tables. The one thing that distresses the men is the sight of French women fleeing with their movable possessions on wheelbarrows. Some are very old, and two died in this village last night of fatigue and exposure. I have had no services during the retreat, but as it seems likely we shall stay here for the night, I am gathering all I can to sing the hymns of Eastertide, and hear the story of the Risen Christ. I am keeping well, and making the most of my privileges, as minister and servant of our troops."

HENRY SMITH.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S Diary of Public Work for the past year is, by special permission, given in the April number of "The Woman's Magazine." Particulars are also given in this number of a new and charming way in which all may add a personal drop to the Queen's "Birthday Shower." The Editor supplies a valuable chapter, under the title of "The Lure of the Pen," on "Reading with a View to Cultivating a Good Style." There are stories by Grace Richmond and Richmal Crompton. Mr. C. J. Vine gives prettily-illustrated suggestions as to how amateur artists may overcome the difficulty of putting the magic of falling water on paper. Domestic and Needlework subjects include "Little Dress-making Economics," "Helps for Spring Cleaning," "New Underwear Styles," and "Two Unusual Bags."

Our Deaconesses.

I desire gratefully to acknowledge the following gifts. For the Retiring Allowance Fund: Sister Margery, £1 1s. For the Help During the War Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byard, Wallington, 10s.; Sandbach Circuit, per Rev. A. Lee; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Runton, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simpson, Hull, £2; Bacup Circuit, per Rev. F. Wimbush, 5s.

Our Anniversary.

Our Deaconess Anniversary will be held on Monday, May 6th, and, by kind permission of the Trustees, in our Waterloo Road Chapel, South Lambeth (opposite Waterloo Road Station). Those who were present last year cherish the happiest memories of our meetings held in the same church and of the social hour held in the schoolroom between the meetings (a happy innovation which we hope to repeat this year also). There was a homeliness, a warmth and an enthusiasm about the gatherings which helped us all. Will friends please take a note of the date and clear it of clashing private or church engagements?

We have been happy in securing as chairmen of the meetings two London friends who believe cordially in our work and are themselves doing much valued Home-mission work in connection with their Churches. Mr. Ormerod, of our Hither Green Church, will preside in the afternoon and Mr. W. P. Neden, of our Paradise Road Church, Brixton, in the evening. Our Sisters will be the speakers in the afternoon. In the evening also two of them will speak along with the Rev. John Moore, our Home Mission Secretary, who becomes Warden of the Institute at Conference. His daughter, Mrs. Mackinnon, has most kindly promised to sing at the evening meeting. Altogether the prospect is that we shall have one of our most successful anniversary days. Will friends please remember the meetings in their prayers?

Close of the Financial Year.

Our financial year closes on May 10th—four weeks hence. I am anxious to be able to say at the Anniversary, held four days before, that we have done two things—(1) Raised the £125 we are under obligation to raise for the Retiring Allowance Fund; (2) Finished the year out of debt on current account. If both these declarations can be made we shall become entitled to the generous gift of Messrs. Mallinson amounting to £125. Both declarations can, I am sure, be made if three things happen in the meantime: (1) If our collectors give us their valuable help. (2) If friends who last year subscribed to our funds and from whom we have not yet heard will graciously renew their gifts. (3) If Churches who owe us money for the services of the Sisters will kindly remit the same immediately they receive a reminder from us. Will friends kindly help us? We are so near success that a little special help will ensure a triumphant finish. I shall be glad to receive any gifts, great or small.

Noble Help.

Our Baillie Street Circuit, Rochdale, has a proud pre-eminence in the records of our Institute. The Quarterly Meeting yearly appoints Mrs. Fred Ogden, who was formerly one of our deaconesses, as the official collector for our Funds, and she has served us with self-denying devotion and untiring zeal. Year by year the contributions to our Funds from this circuit have mounted higher and higher. Two years ago the total was £26 6s. 6d.; last year it reached £27 19s. 10d.; this year it is £28 9s. 4d.—a truly noble sum for which we are deeply grateful to the Rochdale friends and to Mrs. Fred Ogden. If she and the circuit had even twenty imitators we could greatly enlarge the Deaconess work among our churches.

HENRY SMITH,

Warden.

25 Bolingbroke Grove,
London, S.W.11.

City Temple Missionary Meetings

THE Secretaries desire to express sincere thanks to everyone whose generous gifts will help to make our City Temple Missionary Meeting a financial encouragement and make the task of extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ a little easier. Further donations will be gratefully acknowledged by Rev. Richard Cole, 278 Boundary Road, Walthamstow, E.17.

CHAIRMAN'S LIST.

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The Lighthouse Thanksgiving Meeting	55	0	0
Mr. J. Hohl, Dalston	12	12	0
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Monday, April 8th, 1918.

From Our Correspondents

Mr. Lloyd George.

[This is not the time for controversy but for prayer and unity of purpose in face of the gravest crisis which has confronted democracy in Europe and the world. We should therefore not have published the letter which follows but that it is the only one we have received against the articles to which it refers and we desire to give both sides. We wish Mr. Chambers had kept close to the article he objects to instead of introducing side issues and question-begging phrases. It is not gracious to suggest that the position taken up by the writer he refers to is second-hand and a mere echo and the result of lop-sided reading. And it is entirely inaccurate to say that it is the same as that of the Editor of the "Daily News," for it is not. The whole of what is said about that daily is irrelevant to the discussion and the point about Mr. Asquith is quite missed, spite of a special clause inserted in the article to obviate this. We insert this letter as giving another view, but we do not intend to continue the correspondence.—ED., "U.M."]

MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERS, Wakefield, writes:

Your Leaderette in last week's UNITED METHODIST sounds the right note in these tragic days of strain and anxiety, and I earnestly hope that every member of our beloved Church will heartily respond thereto. But if that is to be the case there must be no more of the jarring sounds of prejudice and animus against the Prime Minister which I find on another page (in the notes on National Free Church Council's meetings), in which "W.B." perpetuates the bias which has characterised your own writings ever since the present Government took office. Your readers must ensure that Mr. Lloyd George receives that fairplay from their denominational paper which he claims and to which he is justly entitled in these critical times. In my judgment you come under Mr. Lloyd George's condemnation when he said "he resented criticism that seems to imply that these evils began when he took office." With a verbatim report of the Prime Minister's speech and your leader of March 21st before me, I blush to think that the latter may be taken as a typical instance of a United Methodist's sense of fairplay.

I am not going to argue the matter; it is as plain as possible to every unprejudiced mind. The secret is out when you refer to Mr. Asquith leaving office. Your political prejudice precludes the possibility of a really national vision, and destroys all sense of proportion. You wrote an article some time ago on Mr. Lloyd George's political future which made some of us exclaim, at least inwardly, "Away with this trifling—let us get on with the War." One had the feeling that if Mr. Lloyd George sees the end of this titanic struggle he will have sufficient reward in the knowledge of having saved his own nation, and, through this Empire, the whole future of redeemed humanity from the powers of darkness represented by Prussian militarism.

Any man who fails to see that Mr. Lloyd George has already saved the Empire in three great crises of the War must be blind indeed. When War was declared he undoubtedly did that by husbanding the financial resources of the nation, and thereby secured the admiration not only of experts and city men, but also of his political friends and opponents alike.

Again, in regard to munitions of war he created such an organisation and produced such an output as no other man would have thought possible. And then by divining the need of conscription and insisting upon its adoption as the only means of conserving the man power of the country (at the risk of offending his erstwhile faithful friends, such as the Editor of the "Daily News") Mr. Lloyd George saved the situation and provided the means of giving our military authorities the forces that were imperatively necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the conflict.

Now I want to appeal to you, Mr. Editor, to throw off the dominance of "A.G.G." and the "Daily News" for a few months (as many other Free Churchmen have already done) and let your reading on current affairs be more general. Study the line taken by the Editor of that journal during the last few years and you must acknowledge that he is not a leader to be relied upon. As a typical instance of his warped judgement in regard to international relations recall his attack upon Sir Edward Grey (as he then was) during the crisis with Germany regarding Morocco, and you will see how ridiculous in the light of subsequent events that attitude appears. You are aware that Mr. Gardner has thrown over the Church, the Liberal ideals, and our own Premier, and has pinned his faith to Bolshevism, the Labour-Socialist party, and Anti-Lloyd-Georgeism in general.

Let me remind you that the Prime Minister retains the overwhelming confidence of both Houses of Parliament composed of men who know more of the inner secrets of the War than all the editors in the country put together, and that in spite of vehement attacks and declamatory articles of a most unprincipled character. He also has the entire confidence of the greatest statesmen in all the Allied countries, as well as of the millions of men in our own Army and Navy. It is no part of my intention to belittle President Wilson, yet I would point out that all that that great man has said in regard to War Aims our own Prime Minister expressed before America thought fit to enter the struggle, and has reiterated and emphasized them on more than one occasion since. Yet one finds you time after time in recent articles lauding President Wilson to the skies, joying over the fact in at least one leading article that Mr. Asquith agrees with him, and consistently ignoring the splendid lead given by the Premier, not to our own people only, but to all free democracies throughout the world—he it is who is and has been the moving and directing spirit since the first day of this war for liberty, justice and righteousness.

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Tharseite!

I
CHRISTIANITY as depicted in the New Testament has many notes which we should do well to recover. At the moment we need the note which sounds in the Greek word with which St. John clothes a saying of our Lord: THARSEITE! "Be of good cheer" is our Revised Version translation. "Keep up your courage" Weymouth gives it. "Take courage!" is the Twentieth Century N.T. rendering. On no less than four occasions it was on the lips of our Lord, and it may be regarded as a characteristic word. In the instance just quoted it was a call addressed to people face to face with circumstances dark, hazardous, perplexing, and fraught with undreamed-of possibilities, and it defines the spirit in which they should face these circumstances. They should be faced with girt loins, with hope in the outlook, with courage in the heart. Nay, they must be faced with the assurance of victory throbbing in the soul. "Be of good cheer," says our Lord to His disciples; "I have overcome the world." As though He would say, "My victory is the prophecy and the promise of your victory and of the victory of all who fight against evil. I have proved that the most dangerous assaults of the world, that all in the present state of things which opposes God and leads man away from God, can be successfully resisted, and its apparently unconquerable power can be overcome. And you are sharers in My victory; in and through Me you also shall overcome." It is an enheartening word, and it is the word we specially need to hear in these dark, heart-shaking days. There is much to disquiet us, much to fill us with dismay, much to set our hearts trembling with fear. Many of us have dear ones in peril; all of us see that things we hold dearer than life are in jeopardy. Democracy, and the future of all that democracy means for the well-being of the world seems to tremble in the balances. To us in our dismay and fear comes this word of inspiration: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." Let us consider how much reason there is for courage and confident hope.

II.

"Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just;
And he but naked, though lock'd up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted."

It was with the consciousness that we were thus thrice-armed that we entered into the war in August, 1914. We sought nothing for ourselves, save to keep our honour unstained, and our plighted word unsullied. We must be true to little Belgium, threatened with overwhelming hordes. We must keep faith with France, attacked in the time of her supposed weakness by an unscrupulous and ancient foe. This high emotion carried us forward through months the most wonderful and worthy in our history. Then, just as the first fine rapture began to droop, beaten down by the mundane and the sordid, which is apt to creep into long-continued national effort, there came an inspiring confirmation of the morality of our choice and the worth of our aim in the adhesion of the United States to the cause of the Allies. And now in these specially trying days there have come the disclosures of Dr. Mühlton, an ex-director of Krupp's, about his conversations with Dr. Helfferich and about Krupp's conversation with the Kaiser at the beginning of July, 1914. These disclosures show that the war was, as General Smuts said last week, "directly planned and brought about by the Kaiser and the Military Party in Germany." Swift on the heels of these disclosures have come those of Prince Lichnowsky, who was the German Ambassador in London at the time the war broke out—disclosures whose significance is exactly summarised by him when he says, "in view of these indisputable facts, it is not surprising that the whole civilised world outside Germany attributes to us the sole guilt for the world war." The word of good cheer in all this is twofold: (1) It shows from quite independent sources that our quarrel was just, and that we did not seek this war, but were driven into it by Germany's rapacity and cruel greed of power and commercial gain. (2) It gives ground for the hope that the spreading in Germany of the statements made by Dr. Mühlton and Prince Lichnowsky and rubbed in by Herr Harden, is likely to be as the entrance of leaven into a bowl of flour—the entrance of a force that will work subtly and masterfully to the disillusionment of the German people, and to their demand that a war so unjust in its origin, so cruel in its execution, and so ignoble in its aims, shall be ended. It is likely to produce the conviction of sin, which will result in a repentance that will be as the beginning of

a new life to a new Germany, and to a new world. Well may we say to one another, "Tharseite: Take courage!"

III.

The same great word sounds in our ears as we think of the recent fierce battles on the Somme and elsewhere in France and Belgium. Ponder this word from one of our United Methodist Chaplains:

"I had a narrow escape, I lost all my kit, and the Boches were within 200 yards of me with machine guns before I could get away. I was in the front line system all through the bombardment, and did not leave it until compelled. Every cubby hole in the bank was knocked in, except where the doctor and I were staying. My! but our men fought splendidly! I never saw anything like them. I'm sure we shall beat the Boche."

Or take this weighty statement from General Smuts:

"From Vimy and Arras last April, right through the year to Passchendaele, they fought with scarcely a pause, they suffered the heaviest casualties, they were exhausted by labour so great, under physical conditions so terrible, that human nature scarcely seemed able to stand the strain. They stood in the breach that others might rest and recuperate. After such labours and losses the enemy thought that their moral had suffered, and that the time had come for the 'knock-out blow,' and so, on March 21, they were once more singled out by the enemy for the greatest blow of the war, in the confident belief that they would be finally overwhelmed. In little more than one week the enemy hurled against our 3rd and 5th Armies more than 1,500,000 men, in a fury of attack such as has probably never been seen before in the history of war. Once more the British Army stood in the breach in a defence the heroism and glory of which will live for ever."

Take also these facts: The German plan seems to have been to cut off the British Army from the French, march through the gap thus made and by way of the Oise Valley to Paris, while the Crown Prince Rupprecht turned the southern flank of our armies, and rolled it up to the coast. Added on to this ambitious plan was the definite purpose to smash the British Army between Arras and St. Quentin. It was a plan coolly settled and attempted with incalculable forces. And while it has not been wholly defeated, so far it has failed of its chief purpose, and looks like failing of it utterly. There will be ebbs and flows of the tide of battle: there will be losses and gains: there will be hours of dread anxiety and fateful strife: but let us take courage. Our sons are not the decrepit race our foes thought they were. They still spring to the call of duty: they know how to suffer and they know how to die. There is something they value more than life. Idealism still counts in increasing the power of those who fight for it. Besides, faith "in the ultimate decency of things" forbids the thought of any but one issue of the strife, whether it be long or short. Once more therefore, let us say that word to one another, "Keep up your courage!"

IV.

This faith in "the ultimate decency of things" rests on the conviction that this is God's world, not the devil's, and that therefore the ultimate basis of things is moral. This does not mean that there are no obscurings of this moral government; even less does it mean that we see the perfection of it here and now. But it does mean that this government has begun, that it is surely working itself out in human destiny, and in world-affairs, and that ultimately it will triumph:

Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet
they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting,
with exactness grinds He all.

Carlyle has given characteristic expression to this deep fundamental faith of humanity in his "Past and Present":

"Deep in the heart of the noble man it lies for ever legible, that as an Invisible Just God made him, so will and must God's Justice, and this only, were it never so invisible, ultimately prosper in all controversies and enterprises and battles whatsoever. . . . Your Napoleon is flung out at last to St. Helena, the latter end of him sternly compensating for the beginning. The Bucanier strikes down a man, a hundred or a million men: but what profits it? He has one enemy never to be struck down; nay, two enemies: Mankind, and the Maker of Man. On the great scale or on the small, in fighting of men or fighting of difficulties, I will not embark my venture with Howel Davies: it is not the Bucanier, it is the Hero only that can gain the victory, that can do more than seem to succeed."

On that ultimate rock men can place their feet amid the swirling sands of these times: the Judge of all the earth will do right; the moral shall prevail; the just

shall conquer. Standing there we can lift up our voice to one another and say "Tharseite! Be of good cheer!"

V.

So far the theist can go. But we Christians can can go farther still. We have just been centering our thoughts around Good Friday. What a day was that! A day of eclipse and tragedy. A day of the triumph of jealousy and hatred and the nethermost powers of darkness. A day of dire defeat of the good, men said, and of the triumph of wrong. A day when the righteous, the pure, the gentle, the divine was crucified amid contumely and reviling and loneliness. But after Good Friday came Easter Day, with its breaking of the bars of death, and the grave, with its uprising into new life, with its triumph over sin, with its leading of captivity captive, with its ascension on high, with its exaltation to the throne of the universe. "God hath made Him both Lord and Christ whom ye crucified."

Our Lord told His disciples that all this had significance for them as well as for Himself. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." As though He would say, "My victory is your victory. That I have overcome is prophetic that you will overcome, that what I stand for, what I approve, what I aim at, and what you in Me stand for and approve and aim at, will conquer also." It is the supreme, inspiring word for us to-day. I do not mean that our Lord is a tribal God, that He stands for and by England everywhere and always, that He will give our country all it desires: we leave such crude and revolting thinking to the Kaiser. But I do mean, and will unhesitatingly proclaim, that in the battle between Christ and Antichrist, between right and wrong, between what is just and what is unjust, between what is good and what is vile, and between what is merciful and what is cruel, there can only be one ultimate issue; that if we are found fighting on the side of Christ we shall not only share in His struggle, but in the success of that struggle: if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him; and that this is true of nations as well as of individuals. "These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye may have peace"—not good cheer only, but a deeper thing, peace—the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding. In these cloudy fate-bringing days may that peace be ours—His peace. Then indeed can we take courage, keep up our courage, and be of good cheer. THARSEITE!

HENRY SMITH.

Jottings.

In the High Court:—Mr. Justice Darling: "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." Mr. Jones (counsel in a case): "Somebody said that years ago." Well done! Mr. Jones.

I take this story from the columns of the "Manchester Guardian." "Overheard in a railway train. A gentleman leaned over to his friend and asked him how he liked the concert last night? 'Not a bit' was the reply.—'Why, what went wrong?' I understand the artistes were everything to be desired.'—'I was annoyed all the evening,' was the reply, 'by two ladies talking behind me.'—'What were they talking about?'—'How they enjoyed coming to concerts, and had a passionate liking for music.'"

"Under the Clock" in the "Daily News" had this racy and characteristic story about the late Canon Scott Holland:

"The late Canon Scott Holland was very dramatic in the pulpit, and a Bishop once reminded him after a lively exhibition at St. Paul's that his gestures were hardly in keeping with the calm of a cathedral. 'Sir, it is not for me,' he replied, 'to fit the cathedral when I am giving God's message to the people, but for the cathedral to fit me—a somewhat difficult task for the cathedral, I am afraid.'"

The "Cotton Factory Times" is responsible for the following story: "An uncertificated teacher was cashing her monthly cheque at the bank. The clerk apologised for the dirty condition of the notes and said: 'I hope you are not afraid of microbes.' 'Not at all,' the teacher replied. 'I am sure that no microbes could live on my salary.' Very neatly done!

Rev. G. Hooper told an excellent story from the chair of the National Free Church Council Assembly at the City Temple. As chairman of an Old-Age Pensions' Committee, he told an Irishwoman that as long as she and her husband both lived they would have 10s. per week. The old woman stood, and lifting up her hand said, "God bless the three Georges: King George, Lloyd George, and the Rev. George Hooper."

My notes on forms of literary "itis" have interested a number of my readers. They have certainly brought me some most interesting communications. I quoted one last week. Here is another, this time from the pen of one of our younger ministers: "There is a good deal of truth in your comments upon 'Literaryitis,' says this correspondent, 'but one point challenges criticism.' I like that ending, for I always like to hear what anyone can allege against the position I take up."

Proceeding, my correspondent gives a bit of delightful autobiography. "I once had a very bad attack of 'Brontëitis.' In the delirium, I read sixteen books and

pamphlets of one sort and another on the Brontës, all the Brontë writings, and crowned my 'mad' endeavours by going on a pilgrimage to Haworth. At the time I had developed a sort of narrow fondness for a certain Impromptu of Schubert's (Op. 90, No. 1), with the result that now, whenever I hear that piece, the 'Brontëitis' is revived; by its weirdness the music charms me away to the scenes of 'Wuthering Heights,' and I wander in spirit over the wild moors of 'Jane Eyre.' The effect is the same with me as with the man who had seasickness revived whenever he heard a violin playing the tune that was being played on board when his inwards suffered the original 'Galilean' storm. In excuse I ought to be allowed to say that as my home was on the edge of the Shirley district, and my grandmother a girl in Haworth at the time of the Brontës, I was thus predisposed to take the disease. It was really the visit to Haworth that cured me; and when I heard that the Brontë Society had made the 'sensational discovery' that Bramwell Brontë was once a booking-clerk at Brighouse Station, I began to develop a profound contempt for all that could be brought within the category of 'Brontëitis.'

"But care should be taken lest one goes to the other extreme in denouncing such sickly sentimentality, and dubs as 'itis' that which is really valuable to know. If Bramwell Brontë had snipped tickets at Timbuctoo, I don't know that it would have made the dot of an *i* difference to his sister's writings. But a good philosopher would not be so sure. He would say, 'it might have made a big difference.' We need to pause. But there can be no two opinions regarding the fatuity of minds that can regard such knowledge as a 'sensational discovery.' It is all a question of what is irrelevant, and what is important. You would seem to regard the knowledge of Coleridge's and De Quincey's opium-eating habits as utterly irrelevant and unimportant. But whether there is any gain to the understanding of their works or not by such knowledge, there is a quickening and deepening of the interest, without which we cannot go far with any writer. And I contend from experience that there is a direct gain to the understanding of their works.

"Take the case of Francis Thompson. How can any one have a true understanding of his poetry without knowledge of the terrible life he lived in London? Even when his poetry has no direct reference to his experience, the knowledge of his experience is needed to enable the reader to find the 'why' of his outlook and expression. And when you come to a poem so directly reminiscent as 'The Kingdom of Heaven,' while you may lay hold of the truth therein which is apparent to any reader, there is something added of great value when you see in the poem the opium-drugged dervish of the London streets. If in this criticism I am astray, pardon me; but I do think a sharp difference ought to be made between the utterly irrelevant and the seeming irrelevant which has value."

I think that my readers will agree that that is a very interesting communication. I find it so, though it leaves me unmoved, as to the point mainly dealt with by my correspondent. In connection with the disposition to unearth odious details about the private life of authors, I confess that I have deep sympathy with Wordsworth's withering phrase

"a fingering slave—
One that would peep and botanize
Upon his mother's grave."

I think that the sanctities of private life ought to be respected always; that the fact that I read a man's book does not entitle me to know the hidden things of his life. I am sure that my correspondent would go with me so far. I go farther. The more perfect a man's literary work is, the more self-interpretive it is. Bramwell Brontë's snipping of tickets at Brighouse may have made a difference in his sister's writings, as any other fact which came home to their "business and bosom" might; but if I cannot understand their writings as well without knowing this particular fact about Bramwell, the less perfect artists they. I say the same about De Quincey's, Coleridge's and Thompson's opium eating. These things add elements to experience, and experience colours thought and writing. But just as it is not necessary for me to trace colour back to the prism that refracted it before I can rejoice in it and feel its glow, so it is not necessary for me to know the source of the experience that is behind a phrase or a thought or a poem, before I can profit by the music of the phrase, the profundity of the thought or the teaching of the poem. If I am in error, it would mean that a man's writings should always be accompanied by his biography. In that case the "Iliad" the "Odyssey" and the "Batrachomyomachia" would remain closed books to us. Happily they don't; for "a good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, imbalm'd and treasur'd up on purpose to a Life beyond Life," and you may feel the throb of the life-blood of the master spirit without knowing his biography. You can feel it and appraise it better if you know nothing of the grim, tainted "facts" which are served up by literary scavengers as if they were vital to literary life, apprehension and appreciation. Thank the powers they are not!

W. B. writes me:—"I suffer from 'coinciditis' and have just had my last attack. I am this week writing a sermon on Judas. On Tuesday I brought a copy of 'Public Opinion,' which contains Raemaekers's famous cartoon 'Judas 1914-18.' I copied the legend and verse beneath, and posted the copy to a friend. On Wednesday afternoon I went to see the remarkable film, 'Christus,' in which there is a wonderful story of Judas. On Wednesday evening I continued my sermon, and only left off because I could not find my pencilled notes of the legend and verse. On Thursday morning, in the 'U.M.' at the top of the always well-selected column

of quotations—"Things that are Being Said," appeared the legend and verse. Later, reading Claudius Clear, in the 'British Weekly' on Miss Cholmondeley's Memories, I read, 'Afterwards, Hester brought me the little verse which two years later I put as a heading to a chapter in "Diana Tempest" with her initials.' These lines have been frequently quoted in religious works,' adds Claudius Clear:

"Still, as of old,
Man by himself is priced,
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ."

I do not remember reading the lines before last Tuesday."

PROVINCIAL.

For Our Teachers.

BY MAUD A. URWIN.

HINTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON APRIL 21st, 1918.

PAUL PERSECUTED, YET NOT FORSAKEN.—Acts xviii. 5—17.

THE result of this week's lesson, Paul's Visit to Corinth, is entirely different from that of last week. From Athens he carried but sorrowful feelings of failure; at Corinth he found renewed hope and a great measure of success. This contrast should be brought out in teaching.

Preparatory Notes.

(1) It was with an agony of despair that Paul faced his new centre of activity, Corinth. For (a) His experiences at Athens had shaken him badly: cf. 1 Cor. iii. 5. (b) He realised the terrible difficulties ahead of him. Corinth was the capital city of Achaia, at that time a Roman colony, established there on the ruins of an older city, by Julius Cæsar. In spite of this Roman ancestry however, Greek culture was universal, and there was a similar pride of intellect to that of Athens. But along with that there were those features that often mark a cosmopolitan city, luxury and licentiousness in most vicious forms. Never before had Christianity faced such extreme worldliness. The Gospel therefore was to be put to a supreme test, and Paul felt that a crisis in his ministry had come. But with characteristic bravery he planned his message. He might have appealed to the intellect of the city by philosophical reasoning for his faith as in Athens, or he might have challenged the morals of the place by setting forth instead the ethics of Christianity. Neither of these satisfied him. No, he determined to know nothing "but Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He would get to the heart of his message at once, the power of the Crucified Redeemer to save from sin. He knew that he was putting his message in its most uncompromising form, but he felt the venture must be made. That such was his gospel is confirmed by the epistles to Corinth (cf. 1 Cor. vi. 15, x 14, i. 30). All the duties demanded of them as Christians were set forth in the light of the sacrifice of the cross.

(2) That Paul's gospel was divinely blessed is seen in its glorious results. Apparently his work lay mainly amongst the Gentiles, his converts being won directly from heathenism. This is borne out by the fact that in the Epistles to them there is so much less stress laid on the connection between Judaism and Christianity than in the letter to the Galatians. Of the converts Luke mentions only the Jewish, Crispus, the ruler of the Synagogue, Aquila and Priscilla and Justus; Paul, on the other hand, boasts of his first convert Stephanus, and mentions also a smaller group of Gentiles (cf. 1 Cor. i.) But although these only are mentioned, it is evident that a much larger number were left behind as the result of his work, to be organised into a church by responsible leaders.

(3) The hostility of the Jews, apparently roused by Paul's attitude in the synagogue (cf. v. 6) found expression after the appointment of a new governor, Gallio, towards the end of the reign of Claudius (v. 2). This man was brother to Seneca, the tutor of Nero, and a man of thoughtful disposition and high character. His attitude towards the persecution of Paul was therefore just. He saw that the enmity of the Jews was due not to concern for Roman law, but for their own faith, and that it was not a case for him to judge. The phrase "he cared for none of these things," therefore seems to imply that he was impartial, not concerned with either side, but his fairness was a great help to Paul.

(4) The growth of the Corinthian Church was rapid, yet feverish, as is shown by the epistles Paul wrote to them. These, probably four in number, of which the second and fourth, with perhaps part of the third, are preserved, were written during the years A.D. 53-56. The first deals with the Christian morals, the second, written because of an injury done to Paul or his representative, shows the intensity of his regard, and the sensitiveness of his spirit, as well as exhibiting the Christian attitude in relation to injury.

Lesson Story for Juniors.

Start with a talk on examinations. Most of the boys and girls are very disappointed if they fail; in the main, however, their failure is due to themselves. There are times, however, when it is because of other people we fail. So it was with Paul (recall last week's lesson). He felt he had failed in Athens simply because the people would not listen to his message. So his heart was very heavy, and, as he himself says, it was "in weakness and in fear and in much trembling" that he went on his way. But God had not forsaken him, as we shall see. The boat on which he had sailed from Athens (though

it was just as easy for him to go by land) was bound for Corinth, the capital city a very busy, important town. (From it we used to obtain currants). Rounding a headland, the boat reached a great harbour where all goods and passengers were landed. There was, however, a journey yet of nine miles over a narrow isthmus before the harbour of Corinth was reached, and so Paul made his way thither amongst many other people, and numerous asses and mules, all heavily laden. He was most interested in the different kinds of people he met, Greeks, Jews, dark-skinned negroes, and athletes from all parts come for the great Corinthian games. But when he reached the city his heart grew sadder still, for looking in the faces of those he met, he saw that most of them were leading wicked lives, and he remembered hearing it said that Corinth was one of the most sinful cities in the world. How weak he felt! What should he say to them! Then in a flash his mind turned to another city, outside which he could see the outline of a cross, on which was hanging the only man in the world who never sinned. And he thought, "I will tell them straightway of Him, the Christ crucified for their sakes, sinful though they be."

Going along one of the streets he one day saw a man doing his work, making tents. He went up to him, and then saw that he was a Jew. And when he began to talk to him he found that, if he cared to, he might make his home there and work with him and his wife. Of course, he was only too glad to be with such friends. Then one day his old comrades, Silas and Timothy arrived. He had missed them sorely, and so his heart was full to overflowing when he saw them again. But his joy only made him more eager to begin his preaching. Only stopping to write a letter of great joyfulness to the church at Thessalonica, from which Timothy had just come, he began. The Jews whom he visited in their synagogue would not listen; only the ruler of it believed what he said. So Paul used the house of one of his friends, and invited any who cared to hear him to come there. Gradually the numbers grew, until he had a little band of faithful followers, who loved him very much. And when he was getting disheartened God spoke to him, telling him to be brave and speak out, for no man should hurt him (read v. 9, 10).

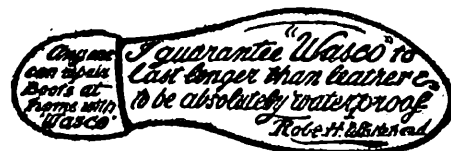
He proved those words soon afterwards. For the Jews were still his enemies, and sought every opportunity of bringing trouble upon him. At last a new Roman governor was appointed. He was a very clever and fair man, named Gallio, the brother of a famous Roman teacher. The Jews thought his coming would help them to get rid of Paul, so one morning, as the governor was seated on his marble throne, waiting to hear any cases that were to be tried, they seized Paul and dragged him before him. "This fellow," they said, "persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law." They thought that the governor would be sure to punish anything done against the laws of the Roman Empire. But Gallio saw through their craftiness; they did not really care about the law at all; it was their own quarrel they were thinking of. So, as Paul stepped forward to tell his story, he stopped him. "If this man had been breaking the laws I would have heard you," he said, "but if it is only because of the differences in your religion you have brought him here, I will hear no more about it. Go away!" And he signalled to his guards to drive the Jews off. There were some Greeks standing by who had been listening to what the governor said. Not liking the Jews at any time, they now seized their leader and gave him a sound beating. But Paul was set free.

And for a year and a half he stayed in the city, gathering many followers for Jesus. We are glad to remember that for many years there were Christians in this city, and that Paul wrote to them two of the great epistles of the New Testament, 1 and 2 Corinthians. And

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he had come "in fear and trembling!" Ah, it was God who had made the difference. So will it always be!

Suggestions for Seniors.

(1) A god plan would be to read, or briefly summarise Luke's account of Paul's coming to Corinth in Acts xviii. 1-17, and then to compare with it Paul's vivid reminiscences of his first coming there from Athens in 1 Cor. ii. 1-5. The latter plainly shows how badly he had been shaken up by his Athenian experiences, and the result these experiences produced in the manner of his approach to the Corinthians. He would preach no more clever sermons, exhaling Greek wisdom, but content himself with simply preaching "Christ and Him Crucified." The Junior Notes should be consulted for an account of the Corinthian ministry.

(2) Senior Classes should be interested in an account of Paul's further relation with the Christians at Corinth, as indicated by his rather extensive communications with them. Between the years 53-56, the period of his third missionary journey, and only two years or so after his actual sojourn amongst them, Paul seems to have written to them no less than four times, two, if not three, of the letters being preserved in the New Testament (See Preparatory Notes, Par. 2). As illustrations of the contents of these letters, read 1 Cor. i. 10-17, for Paul's attitude to divisions in the church, the famous chap. xiii. for the way in which he deals with Christian morals, and Chap. xvi. for its intimate personal note.

The Burnt-down Stoke Church.

To the Editor of THE UNITED METHODIST.

DEAR SIR,

For two or three weeks you have advertised an appeal in connection with our Stoke community whose building was destroyed by fire early in March. May I say a few words to supplement that appeal? My purpose is to emphasise its importance by saying that no church could sustain a more vital relationship in any area than Stoke does in this circuit. All our preachers know what a benediction it is to minister there; how worshipful, devout, and intelligent is the whole atmosphere. The church has just over a hundred members, yet possesses no less than 10 local preachers, 7 fully accredited and 3 on trial, with more in prospect. But for two removals in the latter part of last year there would have been 12. Brothers Littler and Hill (students) who were killed at the front last November, came from this church. In more respects than one it is a very fine asset in this area, bearing many marks of real culture. I should be surprised if there was anything in the Potteries to excel it. And this circuit could not be worked without its numerous and cultured preachers. I say these things to emphasise the desirability of having the community as early as possible established in a permanent and suitable building. The friends have raised £400 among themselves. Any gifts will be gratefully welcomed. With many kind thanks to those who have responded.—Yours, R. F. BELL.

News of Our Churches.

All communications sent by the halfpenny post for this page should bear on the outside, distinctly written, the words "News for the Press," and should be directed to "The Editor, 'United Methodist,' 188 Rye Lane, Peckham, London, S.E.15." A number of communications have been surcharged through omitting to conform to these Post Office regulations. News should arrive not later than the FIRST delivery on Tuesday morning, and be written on one side of the paper or postcard only.

MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Engagements.

1918-19.

Colley, L. P., succeeds Rev. J. Rutherford, Huddersfield, High Street Circuit.

Todd, M. M., Berry Brow, Huddersfield.

1919-20.

Cocker, E., Bury, Heywood Street.

Deighton, A. F., Manchester North-East another year.

Kennedy, G. H., Bristol, Bishopston, a sixth year.

1920-21.

Cato, E., and Bennett, G., another year in Oldbury Circuit.

SHEFFIELD.

Jubilee of Wales Church.

The fiftieth anniversary was conducted by the Rev. S. S. Dabill morning and evening, who also addressed the musical service in the afternoon, when the choir, under the leadership of Mr. G. E. Robinson, gave special music, the Kiverton Park and Wales orchestral band leading the singing. The collections amounted to £84—a remarkable result for a country chapel. The services were completed by a concert over which Mr. G. Emmerson presided. Jessop's cantata, "The City of God," was given by a choir of forty voices, the soloists being Miss Harrop, Miss Sanderson, Mr. W. Burroughs and Mr. W. Nicholls. Mr. G. E. Robinson conducted and Miss Amy Betteridge played the organ accompaniment. The jubilee services were continued on Good Friday, when Rev. H. Chatterton preached in the afternoon and lectured at night. Mr. H. Bryars, of Sheffield, presided at the lecture, and Mr. G. Emmerson gave a sketch of the history of the church. The collections amounted to £22 8s. 1d.; the concert and young men's efforts realised £10 12s. 9d.; subscriptions, £38 2s. 4d.; donation by the Kiverton Park Coal Company fifty-two guineas, making a total of £204 1s. 6d. £100 was aimed at.

United Methodist Church HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS.

ANNUAL Demonstrations

AT

THE CITY TEMPLE,
Monday, April 22nd, 1918.

HOME MISSIONS, 3 p.m.

Chairman: GEORGE KENNING, Esq., J.P.

(CLAY CROSS).

Speakers:

Rev. J. WALLETT (Chaplain to the Forces).

Rev. ARTHUR HANCOCK (Lee).

Rev. JOHN MOORE (Home Mission Secretary).

SOLOIST - - MISS ETHEL SNAPE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, 6.30 p.m.

Chairman: J. H. BECKLY, Esq.

(PLYMOUTH).

Speakers:

Rev. JAMES WRIGHT Rev. F. J. DYMOND

(President).

(Yunnan).

Rev. W. H. HUDSPETH (Chao Tong).

Rev. CHARLES STEDEFORD (Foreign Missions Secretary).

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Conductor: Mr. R. P. MITCHELL.

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COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

SUNDERLAND.

THE South Durham Street Mission Anniversary has been an unqualified success. On March 24th, Women's Day, the preacher in the morning was our own deaconess, Sister Annie, and at night Sister Mary, from the Thompson Memorial Hall. In the afternoon the members of the women's meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eves, led the service of praise. Mrs. J. Wiseman presided at the organ throughout the day. It was a day of good things, a time of reaping, with promise of better things to come. On Sunday, March 31st, a goodly number met for early communion at eight o'clock. The morning service was conducted by the superintendent, Rev. E. Eves, and the evening service by Rev. George Douglas, minister of Bethesda Free Chapel. On Easter Monday an unique display, prepared by the superintendent, was given to a crowded audience. Almost every department of the mission's activities was represented. Music was rendered by the choir and the women's meeting, recitations by members of the Band of Hope, signal drill by the Boy Scouts, an exercise, "Jesus Crowned Everywhere," by the Junior C.E., a sketch illustrating their work by the Girl Guides, the whole culminating in a beautiful symbolic tableau given by the "Girls' Guild. Mrs. J. Wiseman and Miss G. Linfoot acted as accompanists. The anniversary effort reached the splendid total of wellnigh £120. The work of this mission, under war conditions, has been uphill all the way, but it is climbing slowly but surely to success.

Bazaars, etc.

Bristol (Milk Street).—A successful silver tree and sale of work was held on Easter Tuesday, the proceeds realizing nearly £20. The tree was stripped by Mrs. F. H. Turner (of Hebron, Bedminster). Coun. Dowling presided. At this gathering a scheme was launched for raising £500 in two years. Promises amounting to nearly £100 were made, including £50 from Councillor Dowling.

Boston (West Street).—A most successful sale of work for debt reduction was opened by the Mayoress on the first day and by the children on the second. £100 was aimed at but £113 was realized.

Normacot.—The annual bazaar was opened by the Mayor of Stoke, Alderman W. E. Robinson. On the second day Mr. J. Davenport, of our Stoke Church, presided, and the bazaar was opened by Mrs. Nathan Ball, who might justly be called the mother of the church. The proceeds amounted to £107, an amount which exceeded the highest expectations of the friends.

Nottingham (Archer Street).—Much thankfulness is felt on account of the great success of a "Spider's Web," organized to reduce the debt on Trust and Society accounts, by which £82 5s. net was realized.

Pendleton (Bethesda).—A sale of work opened by the Mayoress of Salford, realised £118 10s. net.

Stafford.—The annual Easter Effort this year exceeded all others ever held here, and was a surprise even to the most sanguine. The total net result was £133 10s., being about £80 more than last year. Mr. Wilmot Martin, of Hixon, opened the sale.

Presentation.

Bristol (Bishopston).—In connection with a special Scout service, conducted on Sunday morning by Rev. G. H. Kennedy, the Scouts took advantage of the presence on leave of Private Sidney Pugh to present him with a Swan fountain-pen.

Anniversaries.

Barnstaple (Landkey).—In connection with the chapel anniversary a service conducted on Good Friday by Rev. J. T. Henwood was followed by a tea. At the evening meeting Mr. A. J. Watts presided. An encouraging financial statement was made, and helpful addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Morrish, Mr. J. L. Brock and Rev. J. T. Henwood. — (Goodleigh.) In connection with the chapel anniversary Rev. J. T. Henwood preached on Easter Sunday afternoon, and Mr. J. Rendle in the evening, and at a public meeting on the Monday, Mr. T. H. Isaac presided, and addresses were given by Mr. J. T. Brooks, Mr. J. Rendle and Rev. J. T. Henwood. — (Yarncombe.) On Good Friday, Rev. W. H. Mildon preached in the afternoon. In the evening, Mr. J. Weir presided, and the speakers were Mr. W. B. Slee and Rev. W. H. Mildon. — (High Bickington.) The chapel anniversary sermons were preached by Rev. W. H. Mildon. Mr. W. Down presided at the Easter Monday meeting, and Rev. W. H. Mildon and Mr. J. L. Brock gave addresses. — (Bratton Fleming.) The United Band of Hope held its annual meeting on Good Friday under

the presidency of Mr. W. Smith, when an interesting programme was provided.

Cleckheaton (Central).—The chapel anniversary preacher was Rev. T. Nightingale. Special music by the choir, and solo by Mr. H. Barstow. Mr. Nightingale also gave an address to the Adult Bible class in the afternoon. Alderman H. North, of Batley, presided at the annual meeting, and the speakers were Rev. G. R. Goodall (Pudsey), and Rev. T. Nightingale. Miss M. Griffin and Miss D. Sells were the soloists, accompanied by Mrs. Field. Mr. H. Stillingfleet gave the report.

Downham (Northdelph).—Chapel anniversary services were conducted by Mr. E. Hammond. Mr. J. R. Bennett, J.P., presided at the annual meeting, and as trustees' secretary handed the deeds of the estate to circuit minister (Rev. G. Eayrs) for custody, as all debts are now extinguished. Addresses were delivered, including one by Mr. R. H. Goss. Generous contributions were made in lieu of a tea.

Harrogate (Harlow Hill).—The annual missionary services began with an "At Home," over which Mr. T. Swire presided, and Rev. W. A. Todd (Sunderland) told the story of his East African experience. On the Sunday afternoon, Mr. Todd gave an address on "A Sunday With the Blacks," and at the evening service preached on "Missionary Life and Work in East Africa." The services were well-attended, and the financial report a good one. There was an increase in the collections of £1 5s.

Hartlepool (St. Mark's).—The 58th anniversary on Good Friday and Easter Day was unusually successful. A seven words' service was held on Good Friday morning, conducted by Rev. J. A. Bedward. In the evening, a largely attended sacred concert, arranged by Mr. F. W. Hunter, was both devotional and inspirational. On Easter Day, Rev. J. A. Bedward preached in the morning, and Rev. W. Kennedy Smiley, B.A. (Presbyterian) in the evening. At the close, an organ recital was given by Mr. A. W. Hall (the blind organist), assisted by Mrs. Fennelly (soprano), and Mr. Geo. Smith (the blind tenor). Offertories realised £21, a substantial increase on last year.

Mapplewell (Bethel).—The choir anniversary preacher was Coun. W. T. Hanby, of Staincross. Special singing was rendered at both services. In the afternoon a special musical service was held, Mr. T. Lindley, of Barnsley, presiding. Mr. A. Goldthorpe was the choir-master, and Mr. T. W. Colley the organist. There were good congregations.

Mevagissey (Portloe).—Successful church anniversary services were conducted by Mr. W. W. Pearce, of St. Blazey. On the Monday, a sale of work was held, followed by a tea and concert. Proceeds £30.

Morecambe (Clarence Street).—The 44th anniversary services of the Sunday school were conducted by Rev. W. J. Southern. In the afternoon the scholars of the Lower school rendered a programme of music and recitations under the leadership of Mr. T. W. Chadwick. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Turner, who also distributed the prizes to the children. An attractive feature of the services was the singing of the children and choir—who had been trained by Mr. Whiteley, deputy choir-master. Councillor Siddle, a Congregational friend, presided on Wednesday night. The report was given by Councillor R. Knowles, the treasurer, and an interesting programme was given by the scholars. Collections over £20.

Newcastle (Sandyford).—There were good congregations at the Young People's Guild Anniversary. The inspiring sermons preached by Rev. D. B. Proudlove, of South Shields, will not soon be forgotten. Special music was rendered by the choir, the soloists being Misses Annie Spark and A. Codling. Mr. Hugh H. McEwan, R.N.A.S., presided at the organ and Miss Alice McEwan at the piano. At the anniversary meeting Rev. William Younger, of Newcastle, lectured on "Grit, Gumption and Go," and Miss Lucy Pearson, of South Shields, rendered very effective solos. The secretary gave a satisfactory report of the year's work, under the faithful leadership of Mr. J. G. Walker, J.P., which office he had now held for twenty-four years. Mr. H. B. Saint took the chair and all the services were pervaded by a fine spirit.

Sheffield (Firth Park).—The seventh church anniversary was made the occasion of a special effort to wipe off a deficit of about £80 on the church working account. Rev. J. H. James, M.A., LL.B., B.D., Burnley, conducted the services, and on the Saturday night delivered a lecture on "God and the War" which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Mr. C. H. Mackinder, trust secretary presided. A special young people's service on the Sunday afternoon was conducted by Rev. H. J. Watts (district chairman). The proceeds for the week-end totalled £95 8s. 6d. Of this amount £86 8s. was made up of special contributions given by members of the church and congregation.

General.

Bideford.—Special services were held during Holy Week, conducted by Revs. R. S. Hall and A. E. J. Cosson. The church was opened each day for prayer. On the Wednesday, an address was given by Rev. A. E. Hill, curate of St. Peter's Church, Bideford. There was an exceptionally large gathering on this occasion, this evidence of Christian unity evoking great interest.

Downham (Mount Tabor).—A largely attended V.A.D. Hospital Service was conducted by Rev. George Eayrs. Dr. E. G. Wales (churchwarden) read the Scripture lesson and an anthem was well rendered by the choir. The offertory for Hospital was £5 8s. 6d.

Leigh (Wigan Road).—At a record sacramental service Rev. A. Percy Hoare welcomed thirteen new members into the church.

Leicester (Hill Street).—Instead of a two days' sale of work as usual, an At Home and sale of work was held in the schoolroom on Easter Saturday. Mr. Thomas Morley opened and Mr. Joseph Orringe presided. Result, £51 11s. 3d.

London (Limehouse).—On Easter Sunday Rev. C. H. Poppleton occupied the pulpit, and his timely and appropriate sermons were a great inspiration to everyone who heard them.

Louth (Goulceby).—On Good Friday the Louth United Methodist choir gave a musical service in the Wesleyan Church (kindly lent by the trustees to a crowded audience). Mr. George Veal conducted and Mr. Bert Appleby presided. The collection was a record one.

Manchester North (Salem).—A very inspiring effort has just been successfully achieved. War conditions making a sale of work almost impossible, an appeal for subscriptions was issued. At an "At Home" held last week it was announced that, including a generous donation of £50 from Coun. W. P. and Mrs. Burnley, the sum of £178 12s. 6d. had been received. This is over £40 more than the total raised by last year's sale.

CHILDREN'S YEAR

which has been taken up with so much enthusiasm in this country, and has already produced such excellent results, has spread to America, and was commenced in the United States on Saturday last.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the members of the United Methodist Free Churches in Jamaica that at the first sitting of the Legislative Council of Jamaica after the 31st day of August, 1918, a Petition by the members of the said Churches will be presented and an application will be made for leave to introduce into the said Council a private Bill providing:

1. That all real and personal property in the Island of Jamaica particularly appertaining to each of the said Churches now held by or vested in the Corporation of the United Methodist Free Churches in Jamaica or held by or vested in any person or persons on behalf of the said Corporation or any of the said Churches shall be held by and vested in Trustees on behalf of each of such Churches for the same estate and interests and to the extent which the same were respectively at the time of the passing of the said Bill held and vested as aforesaid.

2. That the Trusts mentioned and set out in Schedule B of Law 25 of 1895 being incapable of performance be repealed and that new Trusts not inconsistent therewith be declared.

Copies of the Petition and Bill may be inspected at the offices of the Hon. The Colonial Secretary, Jamaica; Messrs. Cargill, Cargill & Dunn, 4 Duke Street, Kingston, Jamaica; Kenneth A. Robinson, Esq., Richmond, Jamaica; Rev. R. H. McLaughlin, Mount Regale P.O.; Rev. Francis Bavin, Stony Hill P.O.; Messrs. Morley, Shirreff and Co., 53 Gresham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.4, and The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Trust Association, 24 Bishopsgate, London, England.

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REPORTS of Marriages, Silver Weddings, etc., intended for insertion in the Editorial Columns must be accompanied by a prepaid notice of the event at the rate above specified.

MARRIAGES.

BLACK—ROCHELL.—At Park Place United Methodist Church, Liverpool, by the Rev. J. H. Burkitt, on March 27th, 1918, John W. Black, third son of Mr. and Mrs. James Black, of Liverpool, to Elsie Rochell, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rochell, also of Liverpool.

WHITELEY—FALLA.—On the 28th March, 1918, at St. Paul's, Newton Heath, United Methodist Church, by the Rev. W. S. Green, assisted by Rev. F. G. Stopard, J. Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiteley, Southport, to Rhoda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Falla, Newton Heath.

DEATHS.

HART.—On 28th March, 1918, killed in action, William Thomas Chester Hart, dearly-loved second son of Walter H. and Clara E. Hart, of 86 Aldborough Road, Seven Kings. Aged 19½ years.

LONGDEN.—On March 29th, 1918, of wounds in France, Leslie Harrison, the dearly-beloved husband of Clara Longden, Middlesbrough; and only son of the Rev. James and Mrs. Longden, Huddersfield.

CHAPMAN.—On March 28th, 1918 at 18 Market Street, Woodhouse, Sheffield, May, the beloved wife of Albert Chapman, and third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooke, aged 25 years. Interred at Woodhouse on April 2nd.

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of work. Practically every member of the congregation subscribed.

Millom.—On Good Friday afternoon a united social gathering was held. A service of song was rendered in the evening by the united choirs under the conductorship of Mr. W. Osborn (Haverigg). Chairman, Mr. J. Warriner. Reader, Mr. R. Gilbert. Organist, Mr. B. Harris. On Easter Sunday evening Rev. S. Cooper (pastor) received and dedicated to the service of God two sets of individual communion cups presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Norton and family, in loving memory of their youngest daughter Althea (Mrs. Waites).

Nelson (Stanley Street).—The married ladies organised a very successful concert. Mrs. C. Dimond presided, and Mrs. Broadhead opened. At the annual choir festival the choir gave "The Fall of Babylon," and "Wal-purgis Night," the principals being Miss Eva Rich, Miss Elsie Hadfield, Mr. Sam Fitton, and Mr. Herbert Brown.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Sandyford).—After a very impressive service, conducted by Rev. Hy. James, in relation to the grave crisis through which the country is passing, a largely attended communion service was held at which 12 new members were received into church fellowship. Amongst those received were several young people who for some time have attended a class under the care of Mr. James.

Nottingham.—The friends at Sycamore Road Church decided to celebrate Easter Sunday as a day of thanksgiving. Services were conducted by Mrs. Oswin and Rev. J. E. Meir. In the afternoon the meeting was presided over by Mrs. F. E. Rushworth and Rev. F. Jones delivered an appropriate address. A framed picture of the late Mr. Wm. Wood, one of the founders and untiring workers, was presented by Mrs. Wood, to be hung in the vestry, Mr. F. B. Barnett, Trust treasurer, receiving the picture. The collections for the day amounted to £23 14s. 6d., a splendid result for a church of 31 members.

Penryn.—A service of song entitled "Easter-tide" was given by the Falmouth U.M. Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Pascoe; the choir was assisted by 15 School children. Mr. F. Coad presided and Mrs. Haywood (organist) accompanied. A collection was taken for the thrift funds.

Prestatyn.—A sale held on Thursday in Easter week realized £78. Of this amount £15 goes for two cots in China, and an extra donation of £7 10s. on account of present mission needs; £20 to church fund; and remainder, apart from small balance kept in hand, to the various War relief funds. Besides this, as the result of Rev. R. T. Worthington's visit last autumn, £7 19s. has been collected and sent specially for medical work in Meru. Parcels have also been sent on several occasions to our Chaplains at the Front. The church this year is sending altogether about £60 to the Mission funds. At the Easter Communion Service about 70 persons were present. It was a memorable occasion.

Ripley (Ebenezer).—The young ladies' guild gave a special concert in aid of Trust funds. Rev. J. W. Nield presided.

South Shields (Queen Street).—Thirty members were publicly received into church fellowship by Rev. D. B. Proudlove in a recent impressive sacramental service.

South Yorkshire Mission (Westwoodside).—On Good Friday a service of song, "Meg's Sacrifice," was ren-

dered by the Haxey and Westwoodside Choirs, the connective reading being given by Rev. Frank Rhodes. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Sprakes, of Doncaster. (Fishlake.) The annual Easter effort was a pleasing success. Sermons were preached afternoon and evening by Rev. Frank Rhodes. On the Monday a sacred concert was rendered by a juvenile choir under Mrs. England. Miss E. Hall presided.

Tamworth (Dordon).—A special service was held on Good Friday, when some of the old hymns were sung in connection with a serial reading entitled "From the Cross to the Throne" prepared and given by Rev. F. Pearn. Large congregations on Easter Sunday. A service of song, "In the Shadows," was rendered by the choir in the afternoon with connective readings by Mrs. Hurley (Hall End). The preacher was Rev. F. Pearn. The finances were very satisfactory.

Willington (Coundon).—Rev. D. B. Proudlove (South Shields) paid a visit to this church on Good Friday, preaching in the afternoon, and lecturing in the evening on "A Woman's Confession of Faith," dealing with the last poem of Emily Brontë.

Quarterly Meetings.

Batley.—Rev. A. Bluck in the chair. The circuit auditor's report showed a healthy financial state on the various estates, revealing also strenuous efforts to clear remaining liabilities. Increase of 30 members for the year but a decrease of scholars. The circuit contributes to missions and various Connexional funds upwards of £360.

Bideford.—Rev. A. E. J. Cosson presided. Small increase of members. Missions show a good advance. Mr. W. H. Marsh accompanies the minister to the District meeting. Finances good; healthy tone in the circuit. An additional £10 voted to the minister's salary as War bonus.

Bristol, Bishopston.—Rev. G. H. Kennedy in chair. Doxology sung over increase 15 members and 28 scholars.

Downham.—Rev. George Eayrs presided. Greetings were sent to soldier-local preachers. Church membership maintained. Increase of scholars. Debts on trust estates reduced by £200. Mr. F. J. Hammond or Mr. A. Barber, was appointed representative to the annual District meeting. At the evening meeting Mr. J. R. Bennett spoke eloquently on "Sacrifice," and Rev. G. Eayrs and Mr. Goss gave addresses.

Haslingden.—Rev. A. J. Keeley in the chair. Letter of sympathy sent to Mr. William Ratcliffe who has recently lost his wife. Number of members and scholars at the highest in the history of the church. Balance in hand of £46. Missionary income up.

Loughborough.—Rev. E. Craine presided. Reports show increases of 17 members—39 scholars, 3 scholar-members—and also the mission funds, £2 12s. 8d. Representatives to District meeting, Rev. E. Craine and Mr. T. H. Simpson.

Stourbridge.—A financial record: large increase for mission funds; Halesowen Trust debt paid off and others reduced by £115. Treasurer had balance in hand. Minister's war bonus increased to 25 per cent. Increase of scholars but decrease of 7 members. Messrs. J. E. Hill, J. Mills, and B. Perkins were appointed to attend the District meeting. A well-attended organ recital followed, with a collection for circuit funds.

Fire at Stoke-on-Trent.

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A great disaster has befallen the friends of the United Methodist Church, Mount Zion, Hill Street, Stoke-on-Trent. A fire, which took place on Monday midnight March 5th, has totally destroyed the Chapel premises, furniture, fittings, and organ. Unfortunately, the amount for which the premises are insured is not large, and the cost of restoration will approximate to £3,000. The Church, which is in the Longton Circuit (Ex M.N.C.) celebrated its centenary in 1915. It is under the Superintendency of the Rev. R. F. Bell and the pastoral care of the Rev. F. G. Clements. The cause has a splendid history, and is at present in a flourishing condition.

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