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our great world-purpose. Prospects are brighter than at the beginning of 1916, but we have felt the strain of another year of suspense and suffering, and it is not easy to maintain the full flush of valour in face of cruel disillusion and repeated disappoint-The foe is feeling the dread of doom, but we do not escape the pressure of growing need.

Tyrauny is afraid, but the oppressed know the agony
of hope deferred. The goal is in sight, but it is the
last, yards that demand most from us. It would be fatally easy to listen to the seductive whispers of fatally easy to listen to the seductive whispers of unworthy peece. The excuses would be attractive and plausible. We could place upon posterity the fulfillment of our mighty task, but in the case we gained would make certain our deepst shame. We dare not assent to fear or yield to the wiles of the foe and the plea of neutral nations. We have a great curse from the life of nations. We have a great curse from the life of nations. We have by the gratitude of peoples, who through all oppression maintain their hope of restoration. We dare not be afraid, but in the language of Abraham Lincoln: "With malice towards none, with charity towards all, with firmness in the right as God gives towards all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, we will strive on to finish the work we are in. The reply of the Grand Alliance work we are in." The reply of the Grand Amance to the German pretended plea for humanity breathes the spirit that must possess us, if we are to fulfil the tasks of a year which promises to be the greatest the world has known. There will be mistakes in both Church and State. We shall have weary days and weeks of waiting and hope deferred. We may a statistical section of the task so that have been applied to the second of the second o count churen and State. We shall have weary days and weeks of waiting and hope deferred. We may see political strife revived, for the children of intrigue will not abandon the unboly game in which they delight. It is probable that we shall suffer intense inconvenience and feel severe economic pressure, but if we have courage, if we refuse the counsels of fear, all shall be well with us. The New Year will carry us on towards the accomplished Will of God.

Courage is needed in all worthy tasks under all Courage conditions. It is the essential and germinal mora-quality which secures achievement in any enterprise. It is more than brilliance or genus: it is nobler than cleverness or craft. The man with all talents but no courage is a glittering pretence. While he who has but one talent and valour will do the impossible thing. The Church can learn courage, for it has become a commonplace to-day. There is scarce a occome a commonpace to only. Incre is scarce a cottage that has not its heroic story; the wife and mother who keeps the home sweet and bright, though her heart is breaking; the maiden who is full of cheery activity while her dream of love is cruelly postponed; the father who mourns that he is too old postponed: the lather who mourns that he is too old to sland with his boy in the firing line, but who takes up again his former tasks, begins business once again to keep things going for his son; the British men who have stood the strain of war, with its de-

The year 1917 will demand from us a persistent this courage is a central virtue. It is not a guest courage and enduring will that refuse to folter in in the chamber of life, but its lorid. It is not a mere limb of personality, it is the glow of life, the tingle of health, the dynamic that makes the dream tingle of health, the dynamic that makes the circum a deed and crowns effort with victory. Our some we pray may be kept pure and true and gentle. It is our love that clicates our prayer, but we must not forget that if they are to cleave to honour, trath and chastily they will need courage. Moral boothinies, foul and brutal conditions press in upon them, and the standard of the conditions and the conditions of the condition it is only in daring that they will prevail. Church leaders and some Methodists should learn that it is

readers and some Methodists should learn that it is courage and not delay, a passionate daring and not a plausible postponement that will enable us to overtake our calling to revival and reform.

Courage is ennobled by its apprehension of danger. It is not so much the absence of fear as its conquest. No man is a coward who "is a fixed of being afraid." Time was when war appealed to many with a little. its conquest. No man is a coward who "is afraed of being afraid." Time was when was appealed to many with all the glamour of a new adventure. We heard the bands play, were caught in the whiring enthusiasm of unselfish devotion. We did not know what war ment, but now all the novely and the vanity are gone. Our sons have lived amid the dust to the property of the property of the property of the East; they have seen disease, death, and the vibed passions at close quarters. Our armirs no longer live in glowing freams; they know all the "girth result-tive in glowing freams; they know all the "girth result-East; they have seen disease, death, and the vited-passions at close quarters. Our armies no longer live in glowing dreams; they know all the grim real-ties of the most tragic of all wars. The old boisterous valour has been succeeded by a faithful and intelligent bodelience, and it is infinitely impres-sive. The Church must not fear to acknowledge the coults the will follow this way. We must use hide results that will follow this war. We must not hide in flattering dreams. We shall face a period of awful reaction and excess, of moral inertia and pas-sionate indulgence, of social suspicion and class hostility. These evils threaten us. They can be hostility. These evils threaten us. They can be overcome, but it will only be by a Clurch that knows no fear. Her courage must be open-eyed, and she will do well to settle all her internal questions of reform swiftly that her hands may be free for all the enormous tasks that will challenge wisdom as well

as daring.

This courage grows in facility as in ardour. The man, he he young or old, who faces duty or danger bravely will find that he "grows fit." Some things grow harder as we grow old. Courage is not one of them. Ago, when the fires of youth have died down, finds courage has become a habit. When war broke out sign do so this down the sold of the sold may be desired to sold may be different based the sold may be desired to sold may be different based the sold may be desired to sold may be different based the sold may be desired to sold may b out and our children heard the call and obeyed we never dreamed that we could endure the burdens we carry to-day. When death took from us the gallant never ireshifed that we could enture the burrows acry to-day. When death took from us the gallant lad whose laughter made us proud we thought we must bepat down to make the property of the Regular Army of 1914 was shattered Germany believed that our new legions would never have courage to withstand the infernal machinery of modern war, but the boys who trembled when first "on guard," who shuddered at a shadow and heard a threat in the falling of a leaf, now stand firm with men who have stood the strain of war, with its demand on nerve and will, its aching home-sickness and
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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The President of Conference will begin his New Year's Conventions on Touckay next at Birmingham. On that day and on Wednesday, January 18th, the West Midland Duricte ministers, officiers and friende will guther in force at Bristol Hall. The President will be attended by the Vice-President (Councillor A. Shaw, J.P.), Rev. G. Bennest and the Canaccional Editor (Rev. J. G. Bowran). The analysis on Tready will commence in the attendency when Treaching for the Times "In the attendency when Treaching for the Times" that slight, and the service will commence sufficiently early to allow the Lord's Supper to be observed at the close. "The New Bay and fits Opportunities" will form the topic for Wednesday morning; "Over Immediate Work Aurenay the Young" that for the attendence. "The Message of the Council and the Council and the Council and the Council and Council and

A very wide circle of friends will regret to learn that Bar J. Deacon, of Leofs, passed eway early on Satorical morning last. Fire and a half years ago, owing to impaired health, he was compelled to seek superannustion. In the earlier days of his superannustion is a superannustion of the section of the superannustion of the section of

Rev. W. Younger introduces to our seaders today a topic which is of the timest importance. Wherever for it topic which is of the timest importance. Wherever for it is to the timest interested in the problems that face the Church at the greatest time. The contribution will be criticised, as it should be. Indeed this has been arranged. It is strongly desired to the timest in the problems of the timest in the problems of the timest in the timest in

Every day the churcher are being athorist to be ready for the time "when the boys come home." We need to have this phrase pierced, to learn what the beneath it. Donald Hankey has told us much in "A Student in Jonald Hankey has told us much in "A Student in Anna," wherein he has opened out the mind and heart anna," wherein he has opened out the mind and heart do. How can the Charth lace the fature of that homeoming of the "boys" and the greater problem of which the is but one phase? If anymo can put his fager upon for the Church propose is infinitely better, can describe the moral surgary necessary and the healing and healthst propose is infinitely better, can describe the moral surgary necessary and the healing and healthst propose is infinitely better, can describe the moral surgary necessary and the healing and healthst private the propose is infinitely better, can describe the moral array of our fathers may think they know the plaints to what the younger may have been a surgary to the product the principle will be to the principle of the principle will be to the principle will be pronger in head of the principle will be pronger than the principle will be pronger to the principle will be pronger to the principle will be pronger to the principle will be principle and the principle will be principle and the principle will be principle and the principle will be present the principle will be presented the principle will be presented to the principle will be presen

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Rev. J. Tolefree Parr and his surely officials have wen through. It has been a prolonged and en exacting teak; they are the more to be congressalated upon their heroic schierement. The debt at Surrey Chapel has meanced

the usefulness of the charch through all those thirty years; the church is now debtless. All those minuters who have laboured as Surrey—and it has not had many close the church is now debtless. The church is now debtless. The church is now the church the heavy weight has at last been entirely lifted. The years have witnessed many increasions of fire Property and the church of the church the way weight has at last been entirely lifted. The years have witnessed many increasions of the years where we have the minister, there has ever been a situag resolve never to give up the aim. for the goal now language years have the minister, there has ever them a situag resolve never to give up the aim. for the goal now language years have the characteristic of the characte

It would, however, the altogether wrong to think that, having achieved this great purpose, the programme of Surrey has now been arknowled. It is only the end of one chapter. A new syllabus will be deviked. With the Presidency of Confessions now so not to be his, Mr. Petr aggressive work one has one control to the Mr. Petr aggressive work one has common from London. But the interval will be used for the maturing of new purposes, which will ashespeatly be signorately started. A her all, which will ashespeatly be signorately started. A her all, it is allowed, and the signored started work. We will be used for the maturing of new purposes, which will ashespeatly be signorately started. A her all, its London, and leads itself most identifiably, not only as a great preaching control, but an a point of despritary for all kinds of religious and social work. Now that the dobt has gone the sather ideals of the church may and should have not be a started generative not to do less that he would be seen as a stong generative not to do less but more to win those victories for which the Churches exist.

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A new and deep interest has been arrused in the Brinlangh Ministen through the recent reports that have appared Irom time to time, and so visely emphasised last week by Rev. Jeseph Rithon in his contribution on "Exishapph's New Day." Without dook Enr. David Rev. Deep State of the Contribution many believe and lewer practice—that many roung men sweat on oppositority. Mr. Bradbury has consist no even the contribution of th

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There will, we judge, be a quiet and general sequisorous in the decision of the Missionary Executive and to had the customary Missionary Quarterly Committee during the pussent month. The sudden increase in the cust of railway travelling will cause many rearrangements in all the churches. The January meeting of the Missionary Committee, though naturally desirable, is nevertheless and nearly so necessary as the meeting in April. The will be held, and held, or hope, at Waltall, where the will be held, and held, or hope, at Waltall, where the will be held, and held, or hope, at Waltall, where the will be held, and held, or hope, at Waltall, where the sum of the meeting for January was due. It is also proposed, subject as in the other case to the sanction of the General Committee, to revise the meetings of the Missionary Executives that again the cool of traveling may be reduced. And probably one outcome of the emergency caused by the war read to the committees of the committee of t

Our friends at Dewbury record a brilliant success—one that they will reflect upon with honourable pride. Their charts, built fifty years ago at what was then the great charts, built fifty years ago at what was then the great charts, built fifty have seen the source of admiration in a the West Month of the State of t

A correspondent writes: "Many of our readers will be interested to learn that the new book by your contributor, Res. Arthur Jubb, is winning its way amongst our people. Res. Arthur Jubb, is winning its way amongst our people days, when good is as career. Many besides young people are enjoying the reading of it. One minister supplied a copy to one of our chief officials in Derbyshire, and his wife grew so interested in the book that the read move a farmer in Intacolnabirs, after reading half the chapters, wrote to the author, espressing her pleasure in finding the Bilbs atorise made so interesting and informing, the Bilbs atorise made so interesting and informing the Bilbs atorise made so interesting and informing the Bilbs atorise made so interesting and informing the Bilbs atorise made so the read of the book in the state of the Standay morning acretice.

Mr. Charles Dixon, the well-known artist, has painted a most realistic picture of John Travers Chrisvell, the boy Battle of Julian Travers Chrisvell, the boy Battle of Juliand. This picture is given as a frontispice to the January "B.O.P." The Admiratly centure has passed an interesting secont of a visit to the Colour Lots of H.M. Dockyard. Charles. ... "The Black Leard," but of Charles Cliton, are continued, and there are also two complete storing, "Aleck in Blunderland," a humorous achool episode, by Fred Edmands, and "A Back-Block's Christman Advanture." The Boy's Own. Frield Club deals with mole hills, game lowls, "pickle" for animal section. Price are offered for the best Nature note, photograph or drawing.

The President in Rochdale.

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A prophet has recently been amongst us in the person of the President of Conference, who preached and lectured at Smith-street Church. Mr. Guttery is said to be one of two the president of the presid sent expecting to find, as the Normaniate Treas that aggreeted, muddle and mismanagement, blander, confusion and waste. He was blissfully undeceived; he found an organisation stapendous, superb, built up from the bottom in less than two years, a military and industrial organisation without rival in history. Is it not about time, and the state of the stat

Christmas Day at the Workhouse.

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Christmas Day at the workhouse, even in war time, is far from being drat and juyless. Thanks to the spirit of our Christian religion, "the wildeness is made glad and the desert to rejoice." For this one day, at any rate, the drearmess is busined and thy reigns supreme. It lairly large institution of this character in a northern town, in company with one who has devoded considerable time and thought ty the subject of Foor Law. The business of the company with the work has devoded considerable time and thought by the subject of Foor Law. The business of the company with the property of the company with the property of the company with the property of the company of the co

Rev. J. Tolefree Parr desires to acknowledge, through the Leader, as requested, the receipt of 2s, 6d, from "M." for Christmas social work.

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On February 2nd Christian Endeavour is thirty-six seam of age. What our Chunch over to his more than we can tell. What we would be if we were true to it thrills us with longings for realisation. In the ministry, in every office in the Church, in terach, on battleebily, in metry office in the Church, in terach, on battleebily, in severy office in the Church, in terach, on battleebily, in billet, in his places and in lowly positions, scattered to the control of the con

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Chairman-Mr. H. BOLTON.

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How Ought the Churches to Face the Future?

By REV. W. YOUNGER,

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The meeting to celebrate the extinction of debt at Surrey Chapel will be long remembered. Brimful of enthusiasm, loud in grateful applause, and generous in compliment and congratulations, every person present must have been convinced that true work for God and the Church does not fail to win sincere and hearty recog-nition. The prelude to the main meeting was a social hour, made delightful by the singing of a well-trained children's choir, consisting of sixty girls, who responded to the kind, firm conductorship of Mr. T. Paige. As the meeting proceeded, a stranger in London might have dismeeting proceeded, a stranger in London might have dis-covered that Surrey Chapel has a soul within it, and that, the mission, with its beautiful church, is hig orbed and vigorous in its activities. Favoured by a succession of good, sealous superintendents like Rev. W. Jones, now in Jine Homeland; Rev. B. Soiner, who has arende reice-series of successes. To Mr. Parr has been given the joy of redeeming it from financied embarrassment, and now the aems of delight in seeing its debt extinguished and the deeds of the property actively lodged in the sale of the deeds of the property actively lodged in the sale of the church, and during a ministry of five years cleared off £3,000. Returning to the charch in 1999, he determined, to see the debt extinguished, and during he last three years has seen it melt away at the rate of £1,000 per year chas collected in donations £500, to which Sir William IP. Hartley has generously added £200 and Connexional Funds £1900.

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least by giving £50 to he fund, he gave an extra £5 to purchase Supplement Hymnals, which generous act insigned Mr. J. Daymond to give another £5 to the same Friends from many places came to the meeting to sing their song of gladness and offer their congratuations. The ex-Mayor of the borough was present, and spoke eloquently of Mr. for and homes in Friendship which began more than twenty years ago. The platform was adorned by our Connexional officers, Revs. G. Bicheno, G. Trusler, G. Shapcotl. Drotto Edwards, Sister Jennie, and the strength of the str

GOLD and DROSS.

A Companion Story to "Roses & Thistles" and "Wheat & Chaff." Being Incidents in the Earlier Career of Joe Wentworth.

By SAMUEL HORTON.

The Landlord and the Tenant.

b Every (soil thinks he could farm, but farming needs more common sense and hard work than almost any other profession."

profession."

Rufus Wentworth was guide, philosopher and Iriend to nearly all the folks in the town. Men came to him in trouble, women turned for help and sympathy in times of porrow and distress, and little children gathered round the late of the confidence has a sweet, beening chasted the confidence of the work of the Methodist Church in Summerton, and he beasted that while there had been differences of opinion (and lees nothing which had distarbed the unity of the Sprint and the bend of peace. If its tactfulness had been oil to the wheels, causing the machinery to run easily and amountainty, and the fronthies which often distress and another, and the fronthies which to the middle and another, and the fronthies which to the middle and another, and the fronthies which to the middle and another, and the fronthies which to the middle and another, and the fronthies which often distress and any 1" was always the question asked when there was any subject of discussion, and usually his judgment carried the point. The circuit, ministers always recognised in

divide other churches were unknown. "What does Ralus say?" was always the question naked when there was any subject of discussion, and usually his judgment carried the point. The circuit ministers always recognised in the point. The circuit ministers always recognised in Above all, he had the saving grace of humour, although it was a very distinct variety from that of his brother's, in which there always seemed an element of impish mischiel, who, outlike most men, if he did a generous acts reports which gathered quickly around his name and loved to exaggerate them. The aurest way of raising Joe's anger was to mention in his presence that he had assisted (as he was always doing) somebody in distress of the contract of the way of the contract of the contract

seen what heeded to be done.

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seen to constitute the seen of the world report to you, my lord.

And Willis did report, and report again, and his lord-ship, having a very defective memory for these reports, forthwith conveniently lords call about them. Jos, however, and the seen that the seen

rate performer.'

"Tut! Tut! Mr. Wentworth, you mustn't talk to me like that, you know.'

"Tut! Tut! Tut! is a very good expression, my lord. It seems to mean so much w'root sayin' anything, but it dunno may bills, and it dunno provide a warm stable for houses. If it did, I'd keep saying it all day. You repromised me the buildings, and I mean to have 'em, or 'Ill send every hose I buy up to your stables to be housed and kept."

and kept.""

How much the servants enjoyed this recital it is difficult to any—Jow's straightforwardness standing out in striking contrasts to their own serville, for there was not a man had been seen to be a special to the service of the latest time Jos appeared at the Hall Benkow told him is lordship was not at home. "All rest, said Jos. "Give him my compliments, and say Til he here again the horserow morning at cleave prompt." When a second to the proving the second prompt. "I have a second the farmer replied, "That binns the truth, old play. If you dumn nimd you will go to the place where you time the butler repeated the formuna. Two as a many the farmer replied, "That binns the truth, old chap. If you dunno mind you will go to the place where you wanno need an overcoat to keep you aram. I're bin roand the stables, and there binna a hose out, and as his lordship has got the gout and conno walk, owing to havin been a naughty boy when he was young, it binna a very fatigning matter to hunth him up somewhere about the premises. I'm not goin' away until I've seen him, any-bef, it is takes me three months, so you can order a many than the stable of t

bedroom to be got ready, for here 1 am, and neve am-going to stop."

"Mr. Wentworth, you really cance see him," gent Benson. "The fact is he is not downstairs by."

"In bed!" exclaimed Joe. "Shame on him then. Here Twe bin knockin' about since hall-past four this morning tryin' to get a livin' out of lead that is so poor that it wunno grow weeds, and he's lyin' sing between the blankets. Which is his bedroom? I'll go and wake him.

biances. Which is his bedroom? I'll go and wake him of "Oh, really, Mr. Wentrowth, you must not!" or. claimed the butler, now really alarmed and wondering whatever this attrange being would next propose to do. "That's all reet," said Joe. "He'll be waxy, I know, but he conno cet you. I'l be gives you the sack come to me, and I'll give you a job cleanin' out cow byres. It would do you good and take off come of your jet, and you'd live longer. If you donno show me I'll find out mysel, that's a lil."

myself, that's all."
"You must not, indeed," oried Benson, stopping before
Jos, so he essayed to go up the while markle staircase."
"Stand out of the road," regiled the latter, "or I'll go
over you," and before Benson could defeed himself he
scized him round the wasts and twisted him round and
sent him frying, "There," he oried, Irom haldway up the
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manhall too good pen, and that he cought to give you a

mirrors wit violence. In it all his become by the striggers are an in vegen;
Joe looked in one or two bedrooms before he found the right one. What look place in that interview will never be known, for though Benson did his best to gather up for the conversation, he door was thuckly curtained inside, and only one word reached him, and that was a very expressive explicit of three letters which was a very expressive explicit of three letters which you can be supported by the conversation of the letters which was a very expressive or prictice of three letters which you can onto be was radiant, and slipped half a covernito Bennon's hand as he passed out. In a week after the bricklayears were at work at the Bed Acres, and the repairs were commenced in earnest. New stables were exceed, and the house began to look quite bright and they. Fainters and joiners and plaumber vied wis each other to the commence of the part of the larger, who was eager to extent as soon as possible. Where brikes failed the lear of coming under the lash of the sarraem of Joe's longe uncoeded. lear of coming und longue succeeded.

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"Tou on the pool ten minutes. "Came your vary into the house. I've a pair of black hid glores somewhere I keep for lunerals, and I dunno like to see you suffering so much from cowd fingers. Dunno hurry, though, or you might manage to overtake the day before yesterday. If I had a few more men like you I'd set up a business as a way to be a self-based on the s

It was speeches like this that they dreaded, for they knew full wall that they would be repeated over again in the public-houses where thair fellows med at night, at their expense, and probably they never worked harder in their lives than they did while at the Red Acres.

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more than 600 creates which have made no response to come to one aid? Sew riccuist three to which could not it from Trust, School, Endeavour, Band of Hope, or all combined? Let me thank also the Iriends who have sent personal donations—some of them I know are not well circumstanced, but who share my anxiety to see Ware I permitted, and did your space allow, I could tell botching stories of sacrifice on the part of some of my subscribers. Amongst my helpers in a world-haned princal write and the same property of the prope

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term of office should not extend beyond three years. That would be the means of a more equitable distribution of the honour. But I certainly do not agree with the proposed equal ministerial and lay representation. That would give nodus promisence to one section of the Conercion as compared with the lay element. The two-to-one principle real friction, to the advantage of the Ohurch generally. To after the principle would tend to disturb its smooth working, and, suless we are prepared to go in for a total revision of representation in all our courts, and apply the same ruit to all as the would-be reference would apply to the Deed Poll, we had much better leave it alone.

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SIR,—This has been the saddest Christmas Day of my life. I had a solitary walk of from two to three hours among the sandhills, and my reflections on the state of Surope, of England, and of the Churches filled me with pain which almost amounted to anguish. I have been wont on this day to realise with an intimate joy the consciousness of what Christ's coming is to me and to multitudes with whom I am more or less in touch. To-day the intensitying of the war-passion in Britain rose before multitudes with whom I am more or less in touch. To-day the intensitying of the sear-passion in British cross before my mind like a poisonous exhalation hiding the glory of the sun. It seemed to me that the Frince of Peace has other to the search of the beautiful that the town Him. In the search of the search my mind like a poisonous exhalation hiding the glory of

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OUR CHURCH IN COVENTRY.

The Urge of a Modern Problem.

"Covenity lies to you," wrote Harold Begbie recently in describing the mechanism in our central city." At two soller transping from, asperbard and not central city. "At two soller transping from, asperbard and not central city." At two soller transping from, asperbard and not central city. "At two soller transping from, asperbard and not central city and the city of the city

The Call of the New Year.

By HENRY J. PICKETT.

The change of the calendar has brought us to a year likely to prove the greatest, the most decisive in far-reaching issues, since Time itself began. We have now come into the greatest days of the Son of Man upon the earth. It is not for us to forecast the result upon the earth. It is not for us to forceast her result of the deliberations upon the peace suggestions, now going forward in high places. Much as we long for gones, praying for it unceasingly with storng crying and tearn, we are all agreed that no peace is possible while Frussian tyramy is, unrepentant, or while it possesses the power to renew this unsprouded state upon the abovity-acquired civilisations and liberties of peace-loving peoples. Yet the conviction is taking general root that 1917 will witness the end of this colossal conflict, and bear the welcome announcement of a righteous and, let us believe, an unbroken peace. If, so we all hope, this delightful consummation is reached, the year of grace 1917 will be for ever memor-able and critical.

But whether reached or not, whether peace or war, we have arrived at a period in this unprecedented situation making the year we have just welcomed especially critical for our pellpits and for our cluturches. Never was the challenge to God's Israel more weightly. Never was the responsibility greater. Never was the opportunity for serving the nation and the Kingdom more inviting. The war notwithstanding, the best years are yet to be. In a true sense 1917 may he "the plant of the period of time, is not this an insult to the God of time in the thin and the period of time, is not this an insult to the God of time? But whether reached or not, whether peace or war tyrang, we have a similar to the God of time, is not this an insult to the God of time, is not this an insult to the God of time. True, indeed, the years take us on, whether we will read to go back, nor can we force them to lengthen. They know their Lord too well to play freeks, either with Him or with us. But the years are not cruel, for all that. They are gracing the second of the gracing of well to play freeks, either with 111m or winn us. 2000. The years are not cruef, for all that. They are gracioually clucative, like hier Giver. Rightly viewed they
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the control of has yet risen to tell of the deepening and enriching Das yet risen to tell of the deepening and enriching of personal character which is being secured, or what prophet has even disnly seen the deposit of treasure, put out to interest for the years that are yet to be! Great is the ministry of heattening, the tender resoning for the watting upon God and for God, which is being committed to us during these hard, black days of sufering and loss.

This truer, this more Christian interpretation of time, this call to the difficult yet fruitful work of further endurance and sacrifice, justifies the hope, the confidence, may we not add, the joy to which the greet-ing of the New Year invites us! It is the distinctive ing of the New Year invites us! It is the distinctive glory of our religion that it weds "searchise" with "joy," and makes them "one in the Lord." No other religion understands this secret, nor does any one of them come within sight of it. Our Lord, facing His Gelabemens, and preparing His disciples for the earthly separation, which shook them through eath through, deliberately speaks to them of His joy, assur-ing them that no man could take it from them, and faulty passing out with them to the anguish of the Garden, under the inspiration of holy song!

One who saw into the heart of redeeming love, and who shared the secret of perpetual triumph, in a memorable passage, links what, apart from the secret of Jesus, must have been an eternal contradiction, melholisour passes, "new ran eternal contradiction," Who, for the joy that one set before Him endured the state of the possible of the set of t useriare the word of life to broken-hearted congregations! They, indeed, can now measure, as never before, the depths of the great prophetic phrase:—

The burden of the Lord. Yet, even while they "weep with them that weep," they are the bearers of an 'attwering and a healing ing and "with terms. "wesp with them that weep," they are the occares or an abswering and a healing joy, as, with true pro-plictic insight and assurance, they point to the coming of a better day and bid their congregations rejoice that the blood of our sons is making sure the richer

harvest of all our to morrows. This wild festival of treachery and infamy, this mad orgy of wicked am-bition and greed, is not the end. The noisy voices and organs of the Press on either side the Channel who to-day glorify militarism and ridicule religion as a kill-joy, do not voice the best sentiment of any nation. The "Sermon on the Mount," contemptuously sneered aside as making for weakness and sapping the virility of nations, will yet be seen and acknowledged as pointing the only way out. The failure of every rival to of nations, will you be seen and accurations as proming the only way out. The failure of every rival to Jesus, the failure of evillisation itself to save us from this calamity, is shutting the world in to our Lord and to the answers of His gospel of the Cross. With such a hope may we not be glad as we face the year of release, and offer to our God the scorifices of thanks—

A delightful story is told of the late Dr. Cairus, which does far more than light up the phrase we have just quoted, it illustrates the fine supremacy we have just quoted, it illustrates the fine supremacy of our gospel of triumph, which forms part of the needed message of the hour. When the fielder of Frincipal Cairna died, after protracted suffering, there was a short pause in the room where the victory was won, until each of the family circle had realised what had happened. Then the widowed mother in broken voice asked that the books abould be laid upon the table and she herself, away out the ware. gave out the verse : -

The storm is hush'd into a calm At His command and will So that the waves which rag'd before Are quiet now and still.

It was her voice that raised the tune. Then she asked It was ner voice that raised the time. Amen are assect her eldest son to read a chapter from the Bible, and after that to offer prayer. When they knelt down the son made a strong effort to steady his voice, but failed utterly, and the dear mother herself littled up the voice of thanksgiving for the victory that had been won. of thanksgiving for the victory that had been won. That was the sacrifice of praise. That was the hope which even death cannot shame.

And all this should find fit expression in a devotion worthy of Him and the cause, which, in the heart of a worthy of Him and the cause, which, in the heart of a dark time such as this, inspires so glorious a faith in the world's better day. This is the supreme call of the year, labelled Urgent by reason of the extremity of the need and the source of its answer in His coming. The saured coronation of Jesus may be brought nearer, and the pace of Him march to His throne accelerated, which was the suprementation of His throne accelerated, by the passionate affection and service of Historers. By our half-heartedness, and by our division of interests, our half-heartedness, and by our division of inter-rist, we may delay the joy of His unchallenged sovereignty. If, for the sacred causes of liberty-and honour of pledged word, devotion such as our brave herces of trench, and camp, and ship arb daily and cheerfully exhibiting, is justified, how much greater should be the eager devotion of these who, carring apprently that no word, of His half half, seeks in making flash word on word, of His half half, seeks in making flash word. true: -Unto Him shall the gathering of the peoples

For His enthronement means more than the liberty of States. It stands for the perfect redemption of all peoples. It means the complete opportunity of the individual to realise the highest of which they are capable. When He is crowned, the kingdom of God capable. When He is crowned, the kingdom of God on earth will have fully come. The year is great. Let us match it with a loyalty to its Giver worthy of such a gift. For already concerning it the crif has gone forth, gathering up every other call in one ringing appeal:—Behold, the Bridegroom cometh? Go ye out to meet Hini?

The "Holborn Review."

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Sin,—May I congratulate the Editor on the capital January number of the "Holborn" It is a live review, and free from the militaratic poison which has indeed and the second of the second of

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Rev. James Flanagan and his New Machine.

Sin,—My new machine has just arrived. Will the friends who have presented me with this beautiful and useful gill—a double gift, for it comes between my hirther and the state of the state hearts that may bear rich fruit. O, thirto-memora pay
I can only win a few more for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Values att ours, etc., Patrick-road, Nottingham.

Ministerial Candidates' Text-Books.

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Sin_Moy I, through the Zooder, converse regret that any difficulty has been empiricated, as present the extended to the next condidates without commission? The difficulty concerning Beet's "Shorter Manual of Theology" has been caused by the change of publishers. The new edition, published by the Wesleyen Book Room, in now ready, and may be obtained by return of post-trom our publishing house. The cost, including postage, is 2a. 10d. Carter's "Groundwork of English History" is 2a. 10d. Carter's "Groundwork of English History" to Jone State of the Commission of the C Yours, etc., Olowes Villa, Matlock.

Free Churches and Drink Restrictions.

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The Dresident of the National Free Church Council, Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, M.A., and the hon. secretaries, the state of the Indiana, and the state of the Free Churcher in England and Wales:—"It is abundantly clear that, uptwithstanding the many admirable restrictions imposed on the drisk trafic by the Board of Control, further assumes are required in order to secure the utmost amount of national efficiency. And from all quarters we amount of national efficiency. And from all quarters we income further action on the part of the Government in this closure into the state of the gravity of the situation, we suggest that the first Sunday in the year present a unique opportunity for Free Church pulpits throughout the land to give expression to the upont desire for further action by the Government coupled with the assurance that exists by the Government coupled with the assurance to come drastic handling of the drink traffic will be one districted on the state of the Government, hasten the conclusion of the war, and premote the stanosphare of a healthy public opinion."

Through the kindness of a Halbshiele friend, Mrs. J. E. Louty mps able to eand 150 kinkin numbers of the Lasder to our brave men at the brow, without distinction of ereed or sect. They, were forwarded in the name of the Women's Cauld, and this organization is continuing its banefacent work of sending soldiers' comforts during the

LOCAL PREACHERS AID FUND.

Campaign to raise £450 to enable us to claim Sir William P. Hartley's very generous offer of £150

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week, and it is with pleasure and graditude that I acknowledge recapit of the inflowing donation:—Johns
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Patton, 5s.; T. S. Ball; 2a. 6d.; John Farlin, 10s. 6d.;
H. Roberts, 2a. 6d.; W. Arnold, sen., £5; C. Pearce, £2;
David Lows, £1; yer Rev. S. Borton, from "An Ord
Local Preacher, an Admirer of Rafus and Joe," £6.
We have made a very firm beigning, and is it with
every confidence that I again urge the claim of this assecto fitty years, done by these aged brethren, and in a lew
case sisters, and further when we stop to consider the
dar-reaching effects and the glorinon results achieved, we
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Many who have reached the Homeland are rejo

annul of giving extra connors and chose. The President of Conference writes:—"My dear Mr. Skinner.—I am delighted at the generous thought which has prompled Sir W. P. Hartley and yourself to plead for increased allowances he aged local prescharp from the that crowd upon us at this time none will more powerfully touch the heart of our people. I shall be glad to give a gaines to the fund."

The Vice President writes:—"I am delighted that you, in conjunction with Sir William P. Hartley, are making aged and secessitions local prechars just at this time by attempting to raise a special fund of \$450 for their benefit. These brethern hare wrought splending in the interests of our beloved Church, and when at this time was conditions assumed the second of t

On behalf of the Committee. - Yours faithfully,

JAMES SRINNER, Treasurer.

10, Beacon hill, London, N.

HINTS ON EYESIGHT.

Migraine or Sick Headache.

A celebrated ophthalmic surgeon says: - " I could give the details of perhaps a thousick beadache cured by classes perhaps a thousand cases of 'migraine' or cured by glasses. I should say that 90 per are immediately curable." This is also the the desirable prisase. Libould say that 90 per saich basabe cured by glasses. Libould say that 90 per saich basabe cured by glasses. Libould say that 10 per superiore of Mr. Aithison, and is say in the say of the say of

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Martin Davison

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Moughton-le-Spring Circuit, passed away or Decorbez 24th, aged swenty-three years. Mr. Davison was for
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Mr. John Peen

28th, conducted by Mev. A. J. Still.

Mr. John Peers, of Horness and Hall, peacefully passed aney on December Eind, being sixty-hirse years of age. His death is a heavy lose to the Hall Second Greuk, Signers and Second Greuk, Signers are sixty lose to the Hall Second Greuk, Signers are sixty aboutly asker it was octableded. Previously he had been connected with Clowes Chaple. For ever hirty years he served as excelve the ward, and, in addition, held the offices of class leader, school treasurer, treates end chappi stoward. For the last two years Mr. Peers resided at Horness, but continued his work at Fountier and the previously of the continued the work of the continued the continued of the con

Mr. Robert Tunnicliffe

After long enfloring, patiently and heroically borne, the choice sprit of Rebeart Tunnicities, of Church Greeley, peased into the presence of its Lord on Desember 23rd. He filled many parts in the life and sarvice of the Church Greeley Cherch, and his work was ever cheerfully and efficiently does. His devoted father before him used to service due the paternal makin. For this rands so so the control on the paternal makin. For this rands he had been a member of the church choir, and was one of the founders of the Made Voice Choir, which has hed such a high reputation. He was also a trustee of the church, and for several years superintendent of the Sunday-shoot, loved of teachers and children alike. His years of age when the finger of God touched him. His widow, two sens (soldiers) and two daughters have been and clustered by the loving sympathy of the church and district generally.

Mers. Maddison.

Mrs. Maddison.

The Edmondsley Society, Durham Grouit, has lost an dent worker in the death of Mrs. Maddison. The end Les acusoussey Society, Duriana Literath, has held an arcient worker in the death of Mrs. Maddison. The end and the state of the state

Services and Preachers.

Notices of Sunday Services are fearered in this column weak by week, at ar annual clearge of one galants for three lines. Extra lines of eight words to

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th.

London and Suburbs.

SERMONDSEY, ST. GEORGE'S HALL, OLD RENT GOAD, S.E. 11, Rev. R. Geldthorpe; .3.30, P.S.A.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. H. J. Taylor.

BRUNSWICH HALL, 210, Whitechapel Road, E. 11 and 7. Rev. Thomas Jackson.

CALEDONIAN ROAD, N. (corner of Market Road). 11, Mr. Wilcox; 0.30, Rev. W. H. Wright. CAMDEN TOWN, N.W., King Street. 11 and 6.30, Re

CANNING TOWN, E. (Mary Street, Barking Road), 11 and 6, Rev. J. Bastow Wilson, Covenant Service.

FOREST GATE, E., Uptop Lane. 11, Mr. W. Robins; 6.30, Rev. A. T. Slater; 3, P.S.A.

FULHAM, Wandsworth Bridge Boad. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A.

MMERSMITH, Dalling Road, 11 and 7, Rev. J. HARRINGAY, Mattison Boad. 11 and 6, Rev. E. J. T.

BURREY CHAPEL, Central Mission, Blackfria Road, S.E. 11 and 6.30, Rev. J. Tolefree Parr; 3. Brotherhood.

UPPER TOOTING, Lynwood Road, S.W. 11 and 6.30, Rev. John W. Chappell, Vizitors welcomed, WEST NORWOOD, Knights Hill. 11, hev. G. Armitago; 6.30, Mr. M. T. Wigham. Visitors welcomed.

Provincial.

BIRMINGHAM, Bristol Hall, Bristol Street. 10.45 and 0.80, Rev. G. Bickeno. BIRMINGHAM, Yardley Road. 11 and 6.30, Rev. A

BLACKPOOL, Chapel Street (facing the Central Pi 10.45 and 6.30, Rev. D. Oakley. Thursday, 7.30 to 8 Devotional Hour. Vizitors heartily invited. Central Road, 10.45 and 6.30, Mr. R. Dodd,

BRADFORD, Central Hall. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. S. R. BRIGHTON, Lendon Road. 11 and 6.45, Rev. W. A. Hammond, Visitors welcomed.

CULLERCOATS. 10.45 and 8, Supply. FLEETWOOD, Mount Read (Inclug Pros and 8.30, Rev. S. Johnson.

BARROGATE, Dragon Parade Church, 11 and 6.30 Rev. W. Youngar. LEEDS THIRD, Rehobeth Central Mission, Park Lane 10.80 and 6.80, Bev. J. Marous Brown. Visitors

LEEDS NINTH, Meanwood Road. 10.30 and 6.80.

Harehille Avenue. 18.45 and 6.30 LIVERPOOL FIRST, Prince's Avenue Church. 10.45 and 6.89, Rev. A. T. Guttary. MARCHESTER, Barnes Green Church, Blackley, and 6 Rev. T. Part, M.A. Visitors welcomed.

TLOCK, Bank Road Church. 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. Bradbury. Monday, Devotional Rour, 7.30. Thu C.E., 7.30. Visitors invited.

MODECAMBE, Pedder Street. 10.30 and 6.39, Rev. R. Shields.

Parliament Street. 10.30, Mr. B. Rickers ; 6.30, Mr. W. Hughes.

REWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Central Church. 10.20 and 6.80, Rev. T. Sylon. MOTTINGHAM FIRST, Canaso, Broad Marsh. 10.80

BCARBOROUGH, St. Sepulchre Street (off Basibot 10 SD. Rev. W. S. Bosence : 6, Rev. G. T. Payvoot SOUTHPORT SECOND, Church Street. 10.30, Rev. J Wesley Hart; 6.30, Hev. J. T. Barkby.

BOUTHSEA, Central Hell, near King's Theatre. 11 and 6.50, Rev. L. Hancock. Visitors welcomed.

ST. ARNES-OM-THE-SEA. 18.45 and 6.30, Rev. A. J. Campbell, F. LaS.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Camden Road. 11 and 8,80, Rev. J. Dodd Jackson.

Connexional Evangelists' Engagements. MISS PERRETT, Maltby, near Botherham MR. J. B. BAYLIFFE, Worsester, January 6th to 16th

Evangelists' Engagements.

BISTER ELLEN. Applications for Services to 251, Le

MISS LOCKWOOD. Open for Week-ends and Special Missions.—Apply, Clarville, 54, Dauby Street, East

MB. JOS. CAREY. North Shields Circuit, till Februar 28th, 1917.—Apply, 3. Ludworth Street, Thornley, o Durham.

MRS. J. B. HORTON and MISS RATE DREW ere free from April 15th for Missions or Wesk-ends. Ro charge of any kind.—59, Craven Park, N.W.

MB. ARTHUR SHARESBY. Barnoldswick, near Colo January 18th to 22nd.

MR. TOM HOLLAND. Rawmarsh, Rotherham, January 6th to 15th.

LONDON PRIMITIVE METRODISE COUNCIL—Fruntive Methodist removing to London will be directed to the names I.M. Church is some official of the church will soldly Bav. P.M. Church is some official of the church will soldly Bav. London, The full London address must be given, which will be at once forwarded by the nearest minister of our Charth. Binamonary Frantitive Metropolity Consent.—Frintilive Methodists movering to Binnigham will be directed to the Methodists provering to Binnigham. Find Binnigham defines a province of the control of the con

soonia se statest to enable correct successor to segren. Soldiers and saliner visited by request.

MASCHIERTER PRIMITIVE METRODIET COUNCIL—Primitive Methodist removing to Manchester will be directed to the nearest Primitive Methodist Church if notification is, sent to sitter of the secretaries of the Council, Rev. M. L. Hered, 119, Campatreet, Broughton, Manchester, or Mr. W. T. Hadi, 11, Zamer.read, Sala, Manchester.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

Tions must reach the Office, 72, Farringdon Street, London Tuesday marriag. Turns; prepaid: Vinder 80 words, 22.; such 10 words or legs, 24. Mamoire, reports of marriages, etc., accompanied by a reveal motion.

RIRTH

AWELL.—At the Manse, Stanhope, on December 26th, to Rev. G. K. and Mrs. Fawell, a son.

MARRIAGES

FINE-OLDROYD.—On December 30th, at Highburton Chapel, Huddersfield, by Rev. E. Clements, of Castleford Richard Fivel to Ann Oldroyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs H. Oldroyd.

Forstra-Bian.—At Carol-street Church, Sunderland, on December 25th, by the Rev. F. W. Beal, William Herbert, the youngest son of Charles and Martha Forster, to Mary Elinor, youngest daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Bird

MARTIN-STEPHENSON.-On Boxing Day, at Southfield Church, Leeds, by Rev. E. Barrett, Allon Elvyn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin, of Burley, to Edith Doris eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stephenson, Armley eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Siephenson, Armier Nemans-Strussenson.—On December 27th, at Wymondham Church, by Rev. J. C. Mantripp, Albert W. Norman, o Boston, 10 Bertha J. Stubbings, Fern Bank, Wymondham. Prasuar.—Prox.—Ar. Pfagenski Memorial Church, Pennag, St., on 26th December, by Rev. J. R. Donyes, D. D. William fourth son of Robert and Mrs. Pennan. Motherwell, 16 Elab Frenero, alder daughter of William Pegh, Motherwell. (b)

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Sanders—Roserts.—On December 25th, at Bradley-street Chapel, Castleford, by Rev. E. Clements, Ptc. Issac Sauders, A.B.C., to Sarah Emma Roberts, both of Castleford.

DEATHS.

Baown.—December 11th, at Hill House Farm, Little troughton, Cockermouth, Janac Brown, aged sixty-nine years, netred in Broughton Churchyard, December 15th. For early fitty years on esteemed church official.

DAVISON.—December 24th, at 62, Crown street, Newcastle-n-Tyne, Martin Davison, formerly of Lumley Thicks, loughton is Spring Circuit.

Roughton Is-Spring Circuit.
HARDOMETT.—On December 14th, Robert, beloved husband of Mary Hardozstle, an active worker on Grassington Circuit. Interred at Shipton. "His cased was peace."
Exerca.—As 11, Rock Hill, Chipping Norton, Ozon.: December 17th, Chidays, ago sixtoon; Diccomber 22th, Elsin, ago twenty-one; the beloved daughters of Mr. and Mars. T. Reuch. "Thy Thill blood 2st. a Rockabill Dec. 2st. According to the control of the co

Lavor.—On December 23rd, at Eccleshill, Bradford, Mary Leuty, wifore of the late John Leuty, in her eighty-second year. The oldest and a Jeeply respected member of Reho-both, Bradford. Interved at Scholes Moor.

Mannson.—Isabella, the beloved wife of John Maddison, of Edmondaley, Darham Circuit, who died through accident, on Wednesday, Becamber Löth, aged sixty-five. A life-long and Isidahul Primitive Methodist.

Airms.—December 20th, at 33, Westmoreland-street. Dar ington, Matthew Thompson, beleved husband of Ellen Myers, aged entity-free. For many pairs an active worker in York Oircuits. "There saints immurial reign, And pleasures baniel

RAYNER.—December 22nd, at 35, Franklin-road, Harrow-nie, Bobert, the beloved bushand of Elizabeth Rayner, in his aventy-third year. "Rest after weariness."

TURNICLIZE.—At Queen-street, Church Gresley, on December 23rd, Robert, the beloved bushand of Hannah Tunnicilife, aged forty-fight years. "After much auffering, rest and triumph."

IN MEMORIAN

FOR.—In loving memory of William Fox, the beloved hus-and of Mary Fox, who entered into rest January 1st, 1916. From his wife and family, Kingston terrace, Witham, Hull. GENT.—In abiding memory of Ada, the beloved wife of Alfred George Gent, of Golden Valley, who arrived home January 4th, 1914. "How much I this her none can tell."

Hall.—In loving memory of Rev. John Bull, son-falsw of the late Rev. David Tuton, who passed peacefully away. January 7th, 1916, in his acventy-second year. "After mach suffering, red ciernal."

unering, resecution.

Harve An Harve Ann Harvey, of Shepshed, who died becomber 30th, 1908. "So geale in nature, so petient in ain, Our dear mother left us heaven to gain; With heart o laving, and actions so kind, "Tis head in this world ber qual to find." From her loving sons and daughters.

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Mrs. Moseley their kind expr ey and family desire to thank all friends for pressions of sympathy shown during their sad bereavement.

Ministerial Changes and Engagements.

Changes in 1917. Rev. J. P. Mosson from Belner.

Changes in 1918.

Rev. James M. Ridge from Middleham after five years. Engagements for 1917-18.

Rev. J. H. Veal to Wolverhampton Second, Rev. Wm. H. Richardson to Nuneaton. Rev. W. Armstrong to Allendale. Rev. Ward Hartley from Burnley to Brompton, Rev. Hard Ley from Burnley to Brompton, Rev. H. Pickup to Barrowford.

Engagements for 1918-19

Rev., Marmaduke Robinson to Cannock.
Rev. R. N. Wycherley to Peterborough Second.
Rev. G. P. Maynard to Beverley.
Rev. G. Obsorne to Rhosymedre a third year.
Rev. J. K. Elliott to Helmshore.

Engagements for 1919-20.

Rev. J. Toyn to Thirsk a fourth year. Rev. T. Cook from Grimsby to Hull Fifth. Rev. T. A, Brown from York to Grimsby Third.

PERSONAL.

Rov. and Mrs. James Pickett have been staying the last fortnight at Smedley's Hydro, Matlock. We are glad to learn that Mr. Pickett, has derived much benefit through the change, and is hoping soon to recommence his du Lies.

The Missionary Committee have approved of the Articles of Association of a Corporation for the holding of band on foreign missionary stations. Alderman E. C. Rawlings, J.F., has rendered the Committee great service in the drakting of the Articles.

The Missionary Committee have requested Rev. A. Baldwin to have oversight of the Mission Church at Brudenell-road, Leeds, and for the present to continue as superintendent of the Home.

Our General Orphanage Treasurer (Mr. T. Robinson, J.P., of Cleathorpes) is ever on the look-out for opportunities to help the cause of the latherless. On Christman Day the dinner-table collection was instituted in hit family circle, resulting in the gratilying sum of 23 4s. 6d. If this important fund was overlooked at Christman, it is hoped that New Year offenings will be taken next Sinday.

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Rev. James Flanagan writes: "The remark It made re-specting the profession of Mr. Arthur Renderson was one conversation. I thank your Gateshead corresponders for his correction, though I may add that neither statement detracts one site from the honour due to Mr. Henderson for attaining to the high and honourable position which he now occupies in the councils of the nation."

Rev. N. Boccock is sending home interesting informa-tion pertaining to the possibilities and prospects of the contemplated new mission at Port Harcourt.

Rev. J. T. Boob, of 108. Highbury-road, Bulwell, Notingham, writes:—"I shall be glad for receive the name and addresses of any of our brave lads who may be sent to the military hospitals in Nottingham. I will undertake to forward particulars to my bustlers who have indicated their yillingness to minister to the sick and wounded their yillingness to minister to the sick and wounded at stever we recently hospital, and come of them of considerations of the six of the six

Name, number of ward, hospital 1"
Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright, of Keyworth, Nottinghom
Fourth Circuit, have received the sad news that one of
that sone, Private C. A. Wright, was killed in France
on November 14th. Chanles had just passed his lwentyfirst hirthday, and was in the 8th Lincoln. Several
letters have been received by the beveavely parents in
appreciation of the character of their boy. Much sympathy is fell for Mr. and Mrs. Wright, who are devoted
workers in the Knyworth Chanch, Mr. Wright also being
serving with the forces in France.

serving with the forces in France.

Mrs. Lagar, the oldest member at Moor-lane Chapel,
Bolton, recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday. The
Bolton, recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday. The
event called forth nomerous congratuations. Mrs. Lagar
holds what is surely a well-nigh unique record for length
of membership with our Charth. She was converted at
Chester Iar hack in the Torties, and worshipped in the
first chapel built by our people in that city. From Chester
she removed to Green, and, after worthity serving the
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Church thora, came to revide at Bolton. She has in her
for or Church, nor of them (Re. Thomas Lagar) being in the
ninistry tall his kemanted death three years ago.

The "Home Messenger" for 1916 appears, as in former years, in a tasteful and attractive form. Every page of its more than two hundred is lit up with pictures on

atories, and the whole of them are beguiling. The volume forms a capital present for all those who can find a few odd minutes, and only a few minutes, in the rush of daily life. The output of such wholesome yet attractive read-ing is a sitent halper of the nation's good. The editor (Mr. F. A. Atkins) is to be congratulated upon his skilful workmanking.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, of Newbury, have recently lost
their daughter, Cecile Doris, after a lengthened these.

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own being present. Revs. A. Longstaffs and J. Neville
conducted the service. The mourners included the parents
and the youngest brother, one brither (Mr. Samuel Hall)
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Rev. W. R. Wilkinson (Connexional Temperance Secre-ary) has been elected president of the Nelson Free Church

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Miss B. M. Bock, visiting sister at Higher Bridge-street, Bolton First Circuit, is attaining a position of influence in the president of the presidency. Rev. John Fleming, en-president National Endeavour Union, publicly congratalated her on injunction with the sister from the Central Mission, Miss Bock has held a sories of cottage meetings. The Guild of Help and Vigilanos Society receive the unstained support. These schriftes do not lesson her service to the rown appointment. She is the teacher of the Young Ladies' Class, leader of Junior Endeavour, and vice-president of the Senior Society at Higher Bridgestreet, and this work is done in addition to regular and systematic visitation. Her Ladies and Bromley Circuit for the next Cynerical and the work of the president of the Senior Society at Higher Bridgestreet, and this work is done in seddition to regular and systematic visitation. Her Ladies and Bromley Circuit for the next Cynerical year. Mr. Roe has a peculiar genis for seizing the right occasion for the unfolding of a circuit's possibilities, and it is confederally anticipated that his new the property of the control of the property of the single gifts. May reports reach us of the excellent service which per annique gifts.

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Many reports reach us of the excellent service which as being rendered to our churches by saddiers. In the city of Sheffield Sapper George H. Green, whose showe is at Holmfirth, and who is a member of our Church there, has made a distinct contribution, to our Church's activities. He is the possessor of a very fine barltone voice, well trained, and, being stationed at Redmires Camp, just out-trained, and, being stationed at Redmires Camp, just out-trained, and, being stationed at Redmires Camp, just out-trained, and, so the state of the state of

The Walkden Circuit is inviting the annual convention for the deepening of spiritual life to be held at Walkden in October next.

Annie S. Swan has written a tender booklet on "The Home-coming of the Boys" (T. and T. Clark. 2d. net), which is worth much more than the two coins for which the best of the control of the contr

Alias Hunt, in memory of her last fether, presente Enmore Green Church, Shallesbury Grentt, a com-individual Communion service. This service was chased from our Book Room, and gives every satisfac a comp

Master Fred Clulow, son of Rev. W. F. Clulow, of Gol-borne, has passed the preparatory examination for piano-

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lotte playing. Trinity College of Music, London, with honeurs. He is ten years of age.

It is proposed to make Johannesburg into a new mission station, with Rev. A. A. Kidwell as superintendent.

The annual Christmas sale of work at Hezham has just

Names of all Primitive Methodists in His Majesty's orces now about to be stationed at Dartmouth should be ent to the minister, Thomas W. White, 2, Olive Bank,

Darkmouth.

Rev. T. Seckson gratefully acknowledges the following domations:—William, Ads and Edith 5e; H. M. S., 10s; Jone who would Like to Help a Little, 29s; A. W., Askton-in-Welkedeld, 2e; O. M. L., 2a; G. Schoffeld, 5e; A. Friend, Tolt Hill, El; Two Glow-rooms, Rendal, 2a; W. Candeland, 5a; One in the Master's Service, Bosalthorne, 24; J. R. B., Coalville, 5e; d. Anon, Scunthorne, 2a; d. f.; Inasmuch, Southport, 2a; d. 19. Seniore, 2f; Hogelal, 10s; K. R. Schwider, 5e; J. A. Glower, 10s; M. Schwider, S. J. A. G. Schwider, 2d; J. R. Schwider, 2a; J. R. Schwider, 2a; J. R. Schwider, 2a; J. R. G. Schwider, 2a; J. R. Schwider, 2a; J. R.

Rev. J. K. Ellwood desires to thank the following anonymous donors for their gitts:—Anon., M., 2s. 6d.; A. Friend, M. W., Tolt Hill, 10s.; Anon., Prees, 10s.; A. W., Ashton-in-Jakersfield, 2s.

The secretary, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, desire acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts:

2s. 6d; Bucky, 2s. 6d.

Origglesione Church, Wakefield Second Circuit, is enjoying great spiritual prosperity. On Sunday evening at the Communion service Rev. A. Naylor received twenty into church membership who had been recently converted.

Mr. T. Wilkinson, of Lancaster, writes to say that some mistake was made in the report of the Liverpool District Committee, which intimated that a resolution of sympathy was passed with his famil of his decease. Mr. Wilkinson intimate tunately, quite well. ssed with his family in consequence Wilkinson inlimates that he is, for

curractly, quite weil.

Miss Dorsen, daughler of Mr. C. R. and Mrs. Senior,
of St. Catherine's, Lincoln, who is a member of the Highstreet choir, has just been avarded the honours cettlecate (intermediate grade) at the recent pianoforte examination held at Notlingham by the Associated Board of the
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R.A.M. and R.COM.
Readers of "Roses and Thistles," by Rev. S. Horton,
will be interested in learning that an admirer of Rufus
and Jue has again sent a contribution of 25 to the Local
Preachers' Aid Fund, making his fourth contribution
amounting to 225, he has sent to this fund in appreciation of this volume and the characters therein defineated.

Railway Restrictions and Religious Gatherings.

The effect of the restricted railway facilities on the great religious assemblies which meet next apring is being seriously considered by the responsible officers of various organisations. The National Free Church Council, which seriously considered by the responsible officers of various organizations. The National Free Church Council, which congrains the control of the control of the programme only, so as to be ready to meet any emergency required by Government needs. It is generally left that the Free Churches ought not to be silent amidst so many problems affecting them and the nation, and that the free Churches ought not to be silent amidst so many problems affecting them and the nation, and that Assembly representative leaders of local Free Churches of all the denominations are present, it is very necessary that they should in conference prepare united lines of action. Further, as the Government action is largely and scalin. Further, as the Government action is largely and tanity, it is thought that it would be premature to assume now that the limitations will be necessary for a lengthened period. The increased fares will also largely affect irravelling preachers. This aspect was, we believe raised Memorial Hall last week.

The Child's Mind and Dr. Watts' Hymns.

In connection with the Victoria-avenue Sunday-school, Stockton-on-Tees, a vary interesting Christmas competition was held under the direction of Mr. J. W. T. Richton was held under the direction of Mr. J. W. T. Richton was held under the direction of Mr. J. W. T. Richton was been supported by the search the Church Hymnal for all the hymnas hearing the signature of Dr. Isaac Wastls, and to write out the first line of each hymn. They were then to vote for the six hymns they liked best, and to send their lists and air momination in by pecified size. The votes were then covered given:

rder given:—

1. "When I survey the wondrous cross" (all voted).

2. "O God, our help in ages past" (all voted but one).

3. "Praise ye he Lord, "lis good to praise."

4. "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."

5. "Before Jehovah" a suful throne."

6. "I'll praise my Maker with my breath."

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c. "The praise my Maker with an output of the praise my maker with a land of pure delight." came next in order, but did not count for prizes. Nine book prizes were offered by the teachers and Iriends, and were given to the scholars whose six nominations approximated nearest to the general rote. In this ing were the winners:—(1) Hichard Robbet (1) Phyllin Avril Everett, (3) James Henry Everett, (4) Frederick W. Sidgwirk, (5) Clarence Soby, (6) Elsic Cox, (7) Wilfred Coales, (8) Lilian Stoddart, (9) Cicely Crawford. The transport of the present of the same names of hyans was determined by their are ness or cherwise to the order of the hymns in the general words. There are sixty-five hymns in the Church Hymnal written by Walta. Much interest was aroused in the homes of the scholars by there search, in which parents homes of the scholars by the search, in which parents in interesting and suggestive as giving an insight in the mind of the child.

The annual Christmas sale of work at Hesham has just been held. The schoolroom was artistically decorated, and there was a good display of articles on the stalls. There was a large attendance at the opening when Col. Large and the Col. presided in the absence of Jirs. Tully, said that the church had cost \$Z_700\$, and that there yet remained the sum of £1.800 as debt. This they wanted to reduce by £100 as the result of the sale of work. Colond Lockhart expressed his great pleasure at the beautiful pile of buildings including the the closs Mr. Callon annuaced that the precess. And reached the goodly sum of £113 13s. The sale was an unqualified success.

The friends at Orrell recently decided to endeavour to reduce the debt upon their church by £100. To achieve his object it was agreed to have a gold and silver tree on Christmas Day, and an appeal was made to every member and acherent los gilts to hang upon the tree company assembled. Mr. S. Pennington-occupied the chair, and a very attractive programme was well rendered by various local singers. During the interval the tree was stripped of its, "fruit" by Mr. and Mrs. James Beoston. At the close of the meeting, amidst great proceeds anomated to £210 lb. The congregation then joined heartily in singing the Doxology.

Encouraged by the generous offer of Sir William P. Hartley to our London churches in 1913, the members of Leyfonstone Church commenced the Birculean task of try-Leyfonstone Church commenced the Birculean task of try-leyfons the state of the state in 1900 to the Silvent in 1900 to 1900 to 1900 to the Silvent in 1900 to 1

A three days' bazaar has just been held at Hyde Park, Doncastier, whereby £160 5e. 5d. net was raised for the Miss Colton, of Doncaster, Mr. Drake, of Sheffield, who Miss Colton, of Doncaster, Mr. Drake, of Sheffield, who generously contributed £5, and Mr. Taylor, of Bawtry, performed the opening exercencies, supported by the Rest. B. Hind, H. Freston, G. Rudram, and W. Franks. On rondowed musical kines under the leadership of Mrs. Walker. All sections of the church co-operated in the work, and the result is regarded as very satisfactory, Much credit is due to the Misses Colton, whose gifts and efforts towards this church for the past two years amount

The members of the Wellington-street Church, Birdley, arranged a gold and silver tree effort on Christmas Day. A large company gathered to witness the stripping of the tree of the company gathered to witness the stripping of the beautiful company gathered to witness the stripping of the tree to the company gathered gathered to the company gathered gath

The historic church at Westgale (Weardale), the scene of many famous revivals, is now frees from debt. Built forly-six years ago, costing over \$2,000, it was daring and courageous enterprise to 2,000, it was daring and courageous enterprise to 2,000, it was daring and courageous enterprise to 2,000, it was daring and the courage of th

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS.

International Lasson for Sunday, Jan. 14, 1916: John i. 19-34. G.T., John i. 29.

By Henry J. Pickett

L.—The interes interest and value of this chapter is its account of the beginning of our Gorpel, told in language as dispited and yet so simple. Last week we studied its Dirine zource. Ic-day we start the study of its Auman origins. Let the teacher introduce the lesson by describing the interest attaching to the study of beginnings. Away in the Cotrood illin in Glouesterbine are seven springs, the control of the control of the study of beginnings. Away in the Cotrood illin in Glouesterbine are seven springs, the course of the mighty Thansa, upon whose banks stands the greatest capital of the world, and whose waters bear the mightiest vessels, carrying on the commerce of nations. Mor Cop has for us as a Church an unfaiting interest and distinctive importance, as the birthplace of Primitive Bethedism. It, is well to stand down at the Trimitive Bethedism. It, is well to stand down at the stands of the commerce of th

reach the irresistibly mighty.

II.—Our study to-day cealarse around the truth of witness. We mark here what God still seeks from us, the human response to the eternal movement of Divine love, coming forth to seek and save. We here take for granted that our Divine origin and destiny is implied in our capacity to understand Jesus, and to receive Him as Lord. The teacher will find this a fruid hill field, seeing that it makes every one of us possible candidates for disciplishin, and pessible witheases of the aprictain. For what is true of John and his edwards and beruid may be true of us, though in less dispect. We mank

John's Qualification as Witness.

The teacher will point out how true it is that we can only creditably represent any study or pursuit through money first hand in a deary of supreme value. We should never take our estimate of Jesus or of His religion from those who have never aureracheed to him, or whose judgment is formed from outside observation. Their criticism is valueles, so it would be in any other result, if they those who have never surrendered to him, or whose judgment is formed from outside observation. Their criticism is wincless, as it would be in any other realin, if they may be a surrender of the property of

make impossible the avuil speciacie of European strict.

III.—But the work of witness is more portific, alike for John and for us. It is possible to possess all the qualities we have examined, and, while they render any such person excellent, they do not necessarily commit outselves or others to Jesus. Our confession before men must be in more than amiability or even strength of manhood or womanhood. We must by testimony declare that the distinctioness of such qualities in us is the gift of Jenn. This leads no to consider

John's Work as Herald.

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Even now in Eastern lands, the coning of royalty, or the representatives of royalty, in smalledy and loudly heralded. The writes taw in Calvo the open illustration of this old atory, as also the still older word of lasish 11.35. Two specially qualified and trained young men, dressed in pure white linen, waiving a white cane, and exping loudly, "Made way, made way," and soon the drawing loudly, "Made way have and soon the royalty are the present of the period of the safety of the property of the period of

out of the way prejudices, evils, habits, likely to delay the entrance of the true King of being. IV. But John's greatness is best seen, as indeed our will be reached and proved, in

The Tribute to Jesus

The Tribute to Jesus up to which all testimony leads, and fittingly forming the closing word of this study in witness (vers. 29-30). To live so as to suggest Jesus to others; to so obstrade Him that Be is easily ween, and accurately recognised, and to beptism, proving a gressier beneficition than any speech of ours concerning Him, this surely is the true joy of life! This is the glory of disciplenify For Jesus does for all the work no other can do. He takes away the six the changed habits, the renewed society, the redeemed world, all this indicated the Son of God." Happy, ii, with ver. So, we can add the personal assurance, "I have seen and here between the control."

"KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD!"

Endeavour Topic for Week beginning Jan. 7: Jude, vers. 17-26.

Jude, vers. 17-25.

Remember? How shall we keep ourselves in the love of God save by keeping the love of God in mind, and our mind in the love of God. In one sense our life is given to us, but in a deeper sense we make our own life as well live. As long as we knew ser in the ford it is given to us, but in a deeper sense we make our own life as well live. As long as we knew ser in the ford live and move and have our being "; yet is there the deeper truth and that inser circle wherein the elect alone do live and move and have our being "; yet is there the deeper truth and that inser circle wherein the elect alone do live and move the deeper truth and the insert circle wherein the elect alone do live and the Christ, the love of God, lives and moves and has His being in us. We cannot get away from the love of God, cannot move beyond its reach as it were, and yet we may never be in it. We have to be in the world in order to What boots it to be within the reach of music if we are deal or heedless—are we then in the music, or cen the music be in us! Says John of Patmos: "Blessed are they that hear the words of prophecy, and keep the things that are "It is the prophecy of the world in order to they that hear the words of prophecy, and keep the things that are "It is most only a strength of the world of the truth of th

CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES.

Sunday Talks with Boys and Girls." By George E. Morgan, M.A. (Morgan and Scott. 2s. éd. net.) "Hoden Tressure." By Rev. Charles Brown, D.D. (Hodder and Stoughton. 3s. éd. net.) "God'e Whispere." By Rev. W. S. Herbert Wylie, M.A. (Morgan and Scott. 2s. éd. net.)

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Church News.

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A successful effort, Chrisbmas-tree and pedlaer's parade, was held at North-street on December 16th. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. T. Hargraws. Mes. M. Barcroft presided. Soloist, Mrs. Machim. During the evening an excellent cencer was given by the pedlars. Income, £32. The chapel anniversary services recently conducted by Hev. G. W. Meachim were in overy way an inspiring success. Proceeds 26 in advance of lest

Bath

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The Quarterly Meeting was held at Westgale Buildings. Hev. Brass was credentialled to Bristol Firth, where he is
serving to fill a vacancy, and thanked for
removed that more in hand, and a was bonne was voted to the minister. Rev. O. Crabtree received and accepted a unanimous invinition to stay a bird year—1917-18.
Arrangements were made for missionary
services in March, and to there Young
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Birmingham First.

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Sirmingham, Theomber 1601, a sale of work was held at Olico, and was attended with auccess. The opener was Mrs. Barmard, of Moseley, and the stall-holders Misses Ager and Dodde, and Moselmons Battono, Beammad. Holders exponsible for the execution of stalls, etc., ably assisted by Mosen. Barber and Beammod. Reva. J. H. Hirst and A. Batsons addressed the gather accreding the properties of the execution of stalls, etc., ably assisted by Mosen. Barber and Beammod. Reva. J. H. Hirst and A. Batsons on decreed the gather accreding the stalls, and the sale was the sale of the

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On Decamber 8th and 9th two market days were held at Great Harwood, comprising stalls:—Pound, &S 15s.; flower, &S 12s. 14d.; refreshment, &S 6s. &d.; toy, &S 12s. 14d.; refreshment, &S 6s. &d.; toy, &S 6s. &d.

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The Quatterly Meeting was held at Field Dalling. The occasion was specially introvening because of this visit of Rev. F. J. Hopkins, District building secretary, who had belove the officials proposals reformed by the property of the property and Findolvestone, old trusts and are now to be sold. Becoming they a most generous offer from the secretary, the meeting unemimously speed to vaice the same of 450 during the next year to relieve the trastees from embarrasiment. There are the properties of the pr

Bale on a recent Sunday evening, when Rev. J. Prouton introduced the "Roll of Honour," and called over the names of fifty-three Luds who have passed through this little village Sunday-school.

Chorley.

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Canlifestreet Church choir anniversary, held on December 17th, was a most oncreastal event. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Wright. In the alternoon and evening Handle's "Messiah" was rendered by an augmented choir, with Mr. Josi barring and Mr. Albert Wasten and Joseph Wasten and J

Durham

Burham: Special eermons were practiced at Carr-ville on Sunday, December 24th, by the Mayor of Durham (Councillor F. Good-year). In the atternoon an organ recital was given by Dr. Meacham, Sherbern Hea-pital, with violin soles by Mr. J. Turn-bull and Mr. T. Angus. Chairman, Mr. H. Colo. On Christense Day the schoolnoon had been tensormed into a meeb beasti-able on the control of the Councillor of the Councillor of the Councillor of the wore Mr. and Mrs. W. Morrow. Special singing by the Sherbern West-yan choir (leader, Mr. J. Lax Parkinson). On Tues-day (25th) a concert was given by the (leader, Mr. J. Lax Parkinson). On Tues-day (26th) a concert was given by the Argus family. Host and hoetess, Mr. and Mrs. E. Junnings. The fine decorations were the work of Mr. Harrison, evengelist. The whole takings were over £14.

Entield.

A thankegiving reception was held at Bush Hill Park leat Monday in connection with a recent sale of work. An effort was made to raise 250, and the result was over 250. Mrs. McFwan and Mrs. Hole, Miss Clashin and Mrs. Slott opened or presided at the sale. Nr. and Mrs. 50 H. Barnewall received the guesta at the reception, which was largely attended.

Gateshead Second.

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The semi-jubiles of Bank elreet Church-had just been held. The colobrations had just been held. The colobrations of the colobration of the colobra

Harwich.

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The jubiles anniversary of the Upper Doveroore's Church was celebrated on Docember 10th and 11th, Rev. Rev. C. Doveroore's Church was celebrated on Docember 10th and 11th, Rev. Rev. C. F. Smith and W. Offord (arcuit atowards), Miss James (one of the bunders of Upper Doverourt Sunday-school) and others taking part. The sortices were well attended and warmly created the surface of the bunders of the property of the control of the Herham.

All who participated in the recent social gathering in the Church Hall ware delighted with the anneuncement made on the success of the "penny scheme" for the higuidation of the debt. Mr. J. T. Walson (tressarray) announced that the result of the effort was short \$2T, with more to come in. Rev. J. T. Gallon presided over an enthansiantic gathering.

Owmby was opened by Mrs. Fidoe. Mr. H. Doughty presided. In the ovening the Normandy Wesleyaa choir gave a concert. Mr. T. King was chairman. Proceeds, in-cluding £1 is, form Mrs. Meanwell, nearly £13. This is a swinksuctory result for a village society of mindeem members.

London (Forest Gate).

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A very successful concert recital took places on December 14th. Our minister places on December 14th. Our minister of the control of

London (Forest Hill).

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Our durch at Forest Eill has recently been favoured by visits from two Commissions of Indials. On November 28th Rev. W. R. Wilkinson (Demperance Secretary) lectured on 'Dickens and Indiden.' Mr. E. J. Mole, a mailor from the Naval On Sunday and Konday, Deember 10th and 11th, Rev. Samuel Horton (Missionary Secretary) preached and spoke in commection with the missionary anniversary. His advocacy of foreign missions was very of last year.

London (Leytonstons).

connon (Leytonateae). At the quarterly meeting a unanimous invitation was given to Rev. A. Lewton to remain a seventh year, the same being accepted. There was a slight increase in the membership, and a balance in the circuit fund.

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Lowton.
The quarterly conference of the Local Frenchers Association for the circuit smale hald at Edge Glesen on December 20thstone and the Control of the Co

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a hearty vote of congratulation was passed thanking him for his valued cor-vices. Letters of sympathy were sent to Bruthers Horsfield and Blanchard, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Closents, who are also to Mr. and Mrs. Closents, who are bendered to Bruther G. Clarke, of Grasby, the circuit selward, who has recently sustained the loss of his wife. The financial report showed a substantial belance in hand. The membership was Nottingham, Forest

Nottingham Fourth

Notingham Fourth.

On Thurribay, December 14th, a very smoother than the control of the control Pickering.

The cirvuit has again besten all previous seconds of missionary morely raised—total SST 2s. 10d. The ministers, Rev. J. Phillips Read and Rev. Erneet E. Fisher, have received and accepted on invitation Selaries raised in hoth cases. After mesting all liabilities the circuit steward, Mr. J. Wiley, report a belance in hand of 230, T. Wiley, resport a belance in hand of 230 and a selaries associated with the church, C.E. and Sunday-school at Pickering. The cost —over £50—has been raised minly through the energy and substatem of our through the energy and substatem of acceptance of a number of willing helpers. The circuit has again beaten all pre-Pillowell.

Pillowell.

A memorial service was hald recently for the late Frivate Frank Esphuret. His father is the superintendent al our Sunday echool. The preacher was Rev. Coo. Anderson. "I Know that My Rev. Anderson. The church was full, and size-car respect was paid to the dear led who had laid down his life in eccking to save another's. A. Chandrotto on Theesday, received a placeman surprise. The young falls hold Rev. G. Anderson and his wife in the highest esteen. The surprise took the form of an American savey dair, notification and the wife in the highest esteen. The surprise took the form of an American savey dair, notification of the form of an American savey dair, notification for the form of an American savey dair, notification for the form of an American savey dair, notification for the form of an American savey dair, notification for the form of an American savey dair, notification of the form of an American safety.

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Important galberings in support of missions have recently been held. The first was a very successful missions yet and the first was a very successful missions yet at the principal speaker, and delighted the profession of the principal speaker, and delighted the gashering by exhibiting and explaining a large number of extremely interesting curios. Mr. and Mrs. J. Oastes acted as ments were accollently carried out by a band of Indian, under the leadership of Mrs. Kembew and Mrs. J. Kenghley. Recently the circuit has onjoyed a visit by was under the anuspices of the Stananingley choir, and resulted in £10 being raised, for the Kaule Institute. The precedings commenced with an "At Branch graded for the Kaule Institute. The precedings commenced with an "At Branch graded for the Raise proposition of the chipses and prospects of the Kaite enterprise, and above the meeting was concluded the Mrs. Frankers delighted the West President delighted the West President delighted the West President delighted by our missionary vice-president, were very helpful, and in the afternoon Mrs. Shaw gave an excellent address. Sheffield.

Shelfield.

The married men's effort for debt reduction at Kiveton Park on December 16th and 17th wes a great success. On Satarday, after the usual tea, of which 200 partox, a spiendid consert was given. Mr. Jass H. Jass H

A very successful "cake and apron" sale was held at our Greydones (Abbeydale Circuit) Church on Saturday, December 16th. The cale was opened by Mr. B. Henshaw, and tea was generally provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bussendie. The proceeds amounted to £41 fcs.

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Christmastife and weekend bestivities, in connection with our church at Shildon-road proved a great success. Rev. J.

Beevin preached timely sermons. An excellent service of sang was also given by the choir, nafeer the leadership of Mr.

Latchaso. On Christman Day a silver tree and conceit were the chief attractions. Mr.

Geo. Lee presided, and the rest president provided in the control of the cont Shotley Bridge.

by Miss Nash. Net proceeds close on \$25. Shoticy Bridge.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Connect. Her. W. Pickering, B.D., presided. The financial statement, as presented by \$1.2 New York Pickering, B.D., accepted a manimous invitation for a fourth year, and Rev. Henry Pratt accepted for a thirty reasonable of the proceeding of the Stoke Newington.

Stoke Newington.

At the Quarterly Meeting Mr. Alfred Ward was granted temporary relief from preaching on account of age and health. The secretary, Mr. W. A. Crouch, is also compelled to rest from preaching on account of an affection of the cyse. It was decided to recognize the claim of the C. account of the compelled to the control of the compelled to the control of the compelled to the compelled to the control of the con

Tunbridge Wells.

A Treasury note and silver tree was hald on December 13th, when Mr. F. W. Lewis presided, and gifthe were received by Miss Bolmer, the financial results exceeding 250. As this is the second "tree" this year, the success ofteined come as an agreeable surprise. Wirksworth.

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At the instigation of Rev. J. S. and Mrs.
Francombe, the members and friends of
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On Sunday, December 24th, the pulpit was occupied in the morning by Mr. H. Ganl and in the evening by Hev. W. Hayton, who took the opportunity of expressing his appreciation to his many briends

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Thursiny, Jan. 11, Dr. J. W. EWING.

Saturday, Jan. 13, Young Life Rally, led by WOOD BROTHESS.

who had sent him good wishes and gifts, as Sunday was his seventielh birthday. On Tueeday, December 22th, a goodly com-pany partook of an excellent tea in the In-slitate, and in the evening an entertain ment was given by the Sunday-school sidate, and in the evening an endertainment was given by the Sunday-school ohildren, deachers and Irienda. Miss Annie Haylon was the accompanist. Credit is due to Mesars. J. W. Adwick, T. Dawson, H. Gant, D. Pridmere, Mr. Gant, and Mrs. Dawson for services rendered. A very enjoyable social followed of the whole effort was very characteristics. Per. W. Explon returned thanks. thanks.

Women's Missionary Federation.

Cleethorpes.

The December "At Home" has just been held. The committee hed secured as president the Mayorees of Grimsby (Mrs. Joseph Barker), who is also treasurer of the Grimsby First Auxiliary. Rev. W. Chapman gave a most interesting address on missionary work done in South Central the Grimsby First Auxiliary. Rev. W. Chapman gave a most interesting address on missionary work done in South Central Africa. Miss Jessie Thoupson was the soloist. The report was read by Mrs. Elazsiegrove. Others who took part were Rev. W. J. Ward and Mrs. I. W. Broughton. Mrs. II. Adman acled as accompanist. Too was provided by the members. Doncaster.

Doncaster.

A very successful meeting was held in
the Doncaster Spring Gardens Church, on
Thursdry last, presided over by Mrs.
Bleckshaw. An encouraging address was
rendered by Mrs. Holbrooke. After tec,
which was provided by the ladies of the
Spring Gardens Church, the contents of a
missionary basket; collected by Mrs.
Blackshaw, assisted by Mrs. Rutram and
Miss Colton, were disposed of. The effort
will dealine about 28 for missionary

Gainsborough

The monthly meeting of our auxiliary was held at Triatly-street, addressed by Her. S. A. Barron, soleist Miss C. Laughton, president Mrs. Dobbs. Mrs. Perkina read the missionary letter. A splendid company were present, also at the last kindly given by Mrs. Part and Miss. Extended the property of the p for our new year's work

Hallfax First. At the monthly meeting of the Ebenezer Auxiliary an interesting address was given by Mr. Kent. Mrs. Vesereley presided, and the missionary letter was read by the secretary. The was generously provided by Mrs. J. D. Brearley and Mrs. Harold by Mrs. J. D. Brearley and Mrs. Harold

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The monthly meeting was held at Clayhanger, Mrs. W. Street presided, and an accellent address was given by Rav. Philip Evans. Mrs. T. Foster read the same and the s

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The monthly meeting was held at Great Northern-street Church, Miss Langham, sen, presiding, Mrs. Judon read the missionary letter. Bev. J. P. Langham gave an interesting address. Mrs. B. Trovitz rendered a solo, Miss W. Langham seconnanist. Collection taken for missionary lands. Tea was served by ladies of the church.

Livarpool.

A very successful monthly meeting was held at Takes-street, under the presidency of Mrs. Honeou Zawe a very interesting address, and the Rows. A. Hind hing, the missionary letter being read by Mrs. Barlow. The Takes-street ledies provided Les, and the splendid sum of £10 was raised for missions, this being the largest sum raised during the year at any monthly and its residence of the mission of £10 was raised; and it redesig great credit on a continuous control of the c Oldham.

Oldham.

There was an excellent attendance at the monthly meeting hold at Royton, Mra. Brooks presided. An instructive address on the religion of China was given by Rev. H. G. Marsh, B.D. Miss Roberts letter was encouraging, and Mr. G. C. Etherngton served well as elecutionist. The Royton ladies provided an excellent tea. Financial result was very satis-

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