

# Goring United Reformed Church

## Chronicle Archives

### *The Beginning of the CHRONICLE magazine*

At a meeting of the Management Committee on 17 April 1944, Mr A J Rule, secretary, raised the question as to the introduction of a bi-monthly news sheet on alternate months to Shelley Road's 'Outlook'.

He was asked to undertake the preparation and publishing.

Then at the July meeting he reported that 150 copies of this news sheet, the 'ELM GROVE CHRONICLE' had been issued at a cost of 18s 6d  
— it was decided not to make any charge.

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(Goring Congregational Church)

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE. It is hoped that the occasional appearance of the Elm Grove Chronicle may serve to stimulate interest, and strengthen fellowship. If we fail to discover much latent literary ability, we shall nevertheless welcome contributions which have news value about the Kingdom of God. In our congregation at Elm Grove we have members of various Christian Churches, but we are one in seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

And it is good and pleasant to see the many ways in which the Christian Churches are acting together in the face of the demands of both the present and the future. In our circumstances our activities are limited. We can meet on the Lord's Day for worship, morning and evening, and we have our Prayer Circle, but as yet we have not been able to find a place for a meeting in the week, nor have we a fully organized Church life. But these limitations do not bar us from contributing to the work of God's Kingdom. There is real service in the life of faith and prayer, and in these times when worship is lightly regarded and neglected by many, the personal maintenance of it is of great value. Vital worship is life, formal worship is death. We give ourselves in praise, we give ourselves in prayer, we give ourselves in the hearing of the Word of God, that we may be more truly not our own, but His - re-dedicated, re-empowered and re-commissioned for witness and service. The immediate result of a sincere effort to worship may be tiring, though in the long run it be beneficial.

F.J.H.Humphrey.

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OUR FOURTH ANNIVERSARY. We look forward with much pleasure to the celebration of this happy event. Our Minister will preach at both services on August 6th. On Wednesday, August 9th. the Schoolroom will be available for an afternoon service at 4 p.m., and this will be conducted by Dr. Ingham, of Upperton Church, Eastbourne, who is also Chairman of the Sussex Congregational Union. A Social hour with tea will follow at 5.15, and at 6.15 the Public Meeting will be addressed by Dr. Ingham, Rev. Barnard Spaul, M.A., and the Rev. F.J. Humphrey, D.S.O.

Other forthcoming arrangements include the following:- Services will be conducted on June 25th. by Mr.F.J.Byard, O.B.E. On July 9th Mr. J.R.Peryer, B.Sc., will preach, and the collections will be for the British and Foreign Bible Society. On July 23rd., we shall have another visit from the Rev. F.J.Walkey, O.B.E., M.C.

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RECONSTRUCTION FUND. Subscribers to this Fund may be interested to know that in the two years since the Fund was opened, Goring Congregation has contributed just over £122. The joint scheme for Shelley Road and Goring, set a target of £1000 for the 3 years in which the Fund was to operate. Towards this £715 has already been sent to Headquarters, and the promises if fully redeemed will amount to about £925 for Shelley Road, and £176 for Goring, a total of £1101.

It is sincerely hoped that all promises will be fulfilled, for the need grows greater as the war continues; six more of our Churches have been destroyed in recent raids. If there are any friends who

have not yet contributed, and would like to do so now, contributions for the last year of the scheme may be sent to Miss M. Handford, at 29, Marlborough Road.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS. The rota of those responsible for this during June is as follows:-

June 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell  
June 11th. Miss Pooler and Miss Thomas  
June 18th. Mrs. Firth and Mrs. Ambler  
June 25th. Mrs. Townend.

This form of service is very greatly appreciated by us all, and thanks are due to those who so willingly provide and arrange these floral decorations. And in cases of illness they have brought cheer and a feeling of remembrance when the flowers have been taken to private homes at the close of the Evening Services.

NEW CHURCH SCHEME. This is <sup>built</sup> a matter of supreme importance. None of us have ever yet entered any Church which has not been, without effort, and probably sacrificial giving, and an earnest desire to provide a spiritual home not only for those now interested, but also for those who will follow on in the years to come. We must be prepared for action in the near future, for a permanent home is a necessity. The joint Church Committee have decided to issue an appeal for gifts towards the Building Fund. What shall our response be?

ROLL OF HONOUR. Our relatives serving with the Forces:-

|                           |              |                      |                  |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Arthur Sidney Banks       | - - R.A.     | Rev. F.H. Wiseman    | - R.A.F.         |
| Flight Lt. Stuart Gilbert | R.A.F.       | A.C.2. K.D. Wiseman  | R.A.F.           |
| Major R.F. Humphrey       |              | Sub. Lieut. H. Knott | R.N.V.R.         |
| Prisoner of War           |              | Paymaster Commander  |                  |
| Lieut. D.C. Humphrey      | - - R.A.     | M. Knott             | R.N.             |
| L.A.C. P.A. Turner        | - - R.A.F.   | L/C G. Byard         | - R.Corp. Signal |
| Sub/Lt. G.H. Turner       | - - R.N.V.R. | Capt. R. Collier     | - R.A.           |

WANTED ! A League of Front-Seaters ! It is quite impossible to fit our congregations in the four back rows. But the increased attendances at the evening services have been very encouraging.

PRAYER CIRCLE. The membership is now well over 100. Our combined supplications must mean much, but the value of this Circle must depend upon faithful and sincere prayer, into which we have put something of ourselves. Dr. Horton of Hampstead fame once told his people that "to pray is to be where God is."

ADDRESSES. Our Minister's Address is 19, Robson Road, and in cases of illness or trouble he can be communicated with at his home. Our Church Secretary - Mr. Wiseman - lives at 15, Walpole Avenue, and he is always ready to consider any suggestions concerning the work at Elm Grove. Even critical comments might conceivably be of value if also helpfully suggestive.

July, 1944.      E L M      G R O V E      C H R O N I C L E      No. 2  
 (Goring Congregational Church)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE. General Gordon said "Death is no evil to us with our beliefs." Nevertheless we have sorrow when Death removes from us those with whom we have enjoyed Christian fellowship. I mention three friends who since our last issue of the "Chronicle" have entered into the fuller life - Mr. Menzies, Mr. Handford, and Mr. Hodder. All these brothers have a fine record of service in the Church of Christ, and they were good men and true. Mr. Handford and Mr. Hodder had for many years been Deacons in Congregational Churches, and had won a good degree. In their retirement from active work they took a keen interest in our Elm Grove services and helped us much by their presence and prayers. We honour the memory of these brethren, and our Sympathy in Christ goes out to those whose loss is more personal than our own.

In an Address to the Annual Congress of the Free Church Federal Council, the Moderator, Dr. H. Townsend, spoke the following searching words:

"Suppose the Allied leaders should turn to the Churches of Britain and America, and suppose they should say to us 'We have proclaimed our ideas in the Atlantic Charter, we have destroyed the false gods of Europe and Asia; we have our plans for the political and economic reconstruction of the nations; but we are conscious that the intractable element lies in human nature itself; we know that when we have done our utmost we shall fail unless the Churches of Britain and America can release the spiritual and moral resources which are able to regenerate the human nature with which we have to deal.' How could we answer that appeal?" There is something here for every member of every Christian Church to think and pray about. F.J.H.Humphrey.

FOUR YEARS AGO. On Sunday, August 4th, 1940, 35 worshippers were present for the first morning service held at Elm Grove, but even this number included some friends from Shelley Road. About 15 attended in the evening, and at that time 60 chairs provided ample seating accommodation. To-day the average morning congregation averages about 130 to 150, and 175 chairs can be found, if necessary. The collections for the first Sunday amounted to £2.8.0. To-day the average collections for the two services are nearly 4 times that amount. Mr. W.H.Young conducted the initial services, and the first Communion was presided over by our Secretary's son - the Rev. F. H. Wiseman, B.Sc., B.D. We have real cause for thankfulness in the progress shown, and most gratefully acknowledge how much we owe to the ministrations of, first the Rev. J. Morris Bold, and now to the Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey. The spiritual atmosphere thus created has been our greatest asset, and we thank God for the way they have led us.

Our 4th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, August 6th, when our Minister will conduct both services. On Wednesday, August 9th, the afternoon service will be conducted by the Rev. H. Ingham, Chairman of the Sussex Congregational Union. Our visitor was formerly in the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., and at Highbury Quadrant Church, 1928-36, his Upperton Church ministry at Eastbourne starting in the latter year. We also much appreciate the fact that the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul during his very busy year of office as the Chairman of the London Missionary Society, hopes to speak at the evening meeting at 6.15 p.m., when the Rev. H. Ingham and the Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey will also address us.

LADIES' MORNING PARTY. This continues its good work of knitting garments for the Forces. Members also contributed a number of gifts to the Red Cross Comforts Stall at the Warren Road School Fete for the Prisoners of War. At this Stall £138 was realised towards the total of £1,500.

Although the accommodation at 28 Goring Road is limited new members are always welcomed. Tea Hostesses for August are as follows :-  
 Aug. 1st, Mrs. Humphrey & Miss Green. Aug. 15th, Miss Mark & Mrs. Twigg.  
 Aug. 22nd, Mrs. Spittle & Miss Usher. Aug. 29th, Mrs. Baseley & Miss Curtis.

THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH. This is led by Miss Handford, Miss Cole and Miss Haward, who each take duty for a month in turn. The attendance varies considerably from 2 or 3 to 11. We especially thank those parents who let their little ones attend more regularly, as this helps them to maintain interest. We also thank friends for helping with the collection of Ship halfpennies. We make two appeals - 1. For 5 or 6 Bibles to be used in our work. 2. For two helpers, probably for the younger children.

DEDICATION SERVICES. Sunday, June 11th, witnessed the first Dedication Service held at Elm Grove, when we had the opportunity of sharing in the great happiness which has enriched the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Hite by the coming of their son Edward George. Again on July 2nd a similar service was held to dedicate Irene, the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Challis. To them also we extend our congratulations and good wishes.

OUR CHOIR. Under the able leadership of Miss Jordan, L.R.A.M., the Choir is making good progress. New members will be gladly welcomed, especially men. Anthems for Sunday Evenings during August and for the Anniversary Meeting are as follows:- Aug. 6th, "The Radiant Morn." (Woodward.)  
 Wed. Aug. 9th, "Sweet is Thy Mercy, Lord." (Barnby) Soloist, Mrs. East.  
 Aug. 13th, "Lead me Lord." (Wesley) Soloist, Miss Lawrence. Aug. 20th "To God on High". (Decius) Aug. 27th. "What are these." (Stainer)

FLOWER ROTA. Floral decoration for ensuing weeks will be provided by the following: July 30th, Mrs. Handford. Aug. 6th, Mrs. Holliday.  
 Aug. 13th, Mrs. Gowen and Mrs. Partington. Aug. 20th, Mrs. Knott.  
 Aug. 27th, Mrs. Beasley.

REV. J. MORRIS BOLD. It is good to be able to report that Mr. Bold is improving in health. He is now at Runcorn.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES. In order that we may know each other better it is hoped to give a few brief biographical sketches of some of our members. We start with our Minister who was invited to give a brief summary of his career.

Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.O. Served 7 years' apprenticeship to the printing trade. Trained for the Ministry in Spurgeon's College. Pastorates at Whitley Bay (Northumberland), Luton, Leytonstone, Norwich, Ealing. 1914-18 War. Served as Chaplain to the Forces in Egypt, Dardanelles, Irak, Persia. Six months at sea on the "Mauretania" and the "Aquitania." Four times mentioned in Despatches, and awarded the D.S.O. President of the Essex Association, Norfolk Assoc., and London Assoc. of Baptist Churches. President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

In kindly supplying us with these details Mr. Humphrey added:-  
 "This is outside history - the inner history known only to God and myself."



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ELM GROVE CHRONICLE  
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No. 3

Mr. E. T. Wiseman. Since the last issue of this news sheet an unexpected change has taken place in our Church life, & by removal from the District we have lost the loyal support of our Church Secretary. But the fine example he set, of inspiring and faithful service, will long be remembered, and our Minister has written the following short appreciation concerning the first Secretary of Goring Congregational Church.

"The removal of Mr. & Mrs. Wiseman and their family to Bexhill has meant a real loss to us, and we said 'farewell' to them on Sept. 17th with sincere regret. Mr. Wiseman literally lived for our work at Elm Grove for the past 4 years, and it may well be that he will miss us as much as we shall miss him.

It was Mr. Wiseman who gave body and actuality to the idea of a Congregational Church in Goring. He saw the possibility of securing the Council School for our services, and from the first Sunday of meeting until the time of his leaving us he was generally the first to come, and the last to go. To him, and to the loyal helpers he gathered round him, the cause at Goring will ever be indebted. If he resists the approaches that will certainly be made for his services at Bexhill, we will wish for him a well-earned rest; if it should prove that his reward for service is yet more work, then we will pray that he may be even more abundantly blessed." Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. At the close of the morning service on Sunday, Sept. 17th., the annual election of Officers & Management Committee was held, and Joint Secretaries were appointed - Mr. A. J. Rule, & Miss Handford as Corresponding Secretary. Mr. E. J. West was also elected as Treasurer. The Church is fortunate in securing the help of these friends and their record of Christian work suggests not only a happy co-operation, but also means that we can look forward with genuine confidence to the days which lie ahead. The retiring Committee was re-elected, vacancies being filled by the inclusion of Mr. C. Birth, Mr. W. G. Hite, & Mr. C. H. Cornwall. Miss Stevenson was also again appointed as the representative of the London Missionary Society.

At the conclusion of business matters Mr. Humphrey voiced the good wishes of the Church for Mr. & Mrs. Wiseman & family in their departure from Worthing, and as a tangible expression of appreciation presented Mr. Wiseman with a cheque from the Congregation. In reply, the late Secretary asked all to continue their efforts for the success of the cause at Elm Grove. That "all" is worth noting.

Finally Mr. Rule thanked all those who had rendered willing and helpful service during the past year.

OUR EVENING SERVICES. At the Business Meeting already referred to it was decided that for the shorter days the evening services should commence at 6 p.m. Looking back on the summer months, one of the really encouraging features was the increased attendance for evening worship. Is it too much to hope that during the autumn and winter months this increase may be maintained? Those of us who live in the more immediate neighbourhood of Elm Grove may well feel that it is a real privilege, that without undue effort we are able to attend the evening service, which often has a value peculiarly its own.

OUR 4th. ANNIVERSARY. It is with real pleasure that we look back to the happy day of Aug. 9th., and we very greatly appreciated the presence of so many friends from Shelley Road Church. The weather was ideal, & made it possible for tea to be served in the School playground, and in this way afforded a pleasant opportunity for friendly intercourse. Dr. Ingham's afternoon address was as original as it was helpful, and his main theme, "Praise the Lord", was driven home by many apt illustrations.

At the evening gathering little did we realise that this would be the last time when it would be possible for Mr. Wiseman as Secretary to act as Chairman. Dr. Ingham again deeply interested the congregation with stories told concerning his own Church at Eastbourne, & the Rev. B. E. H. Spaul followed with a stirring appeal for a realization of the Church's duty and opportunity in the years to come. Our own Minister concluded the day with an arresting and imaginative talk that was full of humour, and a full Choir, with the help of Mrs. East as soloist, also gave us of their best.

SUSSEX HOME MISSIONS. The problem of our village Churches promises to become more acute than ever as the years roll on. On Wednesday, October 25th., we shall be given an opportunity of showing our interest in this good work, and in the Church Hall at Shelley Road the biennial Sale of Work will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mr. W. H. Young. Our own

Church at Elm Grove is making itself responsible for a Miscellaneous Stall, and friends are asked to make contributions of fruit, vegetables, plants for the garden, home-made jam, chutney, bottled fruit, knitted goods, fancy articles, "white elephants", and anything that has a marketable value. Particulars of the Sale may be obtained from Miss Thomas, Mrs. Rivers Cole, and Miss Stevenson. *Stevenson.*

FLOWER ROTA FOR OCTOBER. Oct. 1st. Mrs. Bradley. Oct. 8th. Miss Jackson, M.A. Oct. 15th. Miss Ashwell. Oct. 22nd. Mrs. Handford. Oct. 29th. Mrs. Cornwall and Mrs. Hite.

LADIES WORKING PARTY. This good work is still being carried on at 28, Goring Road, on Tuesday afternoons, under the Presidency of Mrs. Humphrey. Tea is provided by members in rotation, arranged by Mrs. Rule. Officers include Mrs. Gowen as Secretary, with Miss G. Stevenson as Assistant Secretary, and Miss Stevenson as Treasurer.

At the Annual Meeting held on Sept. 26th the Secretarial Statement reported a membership of 55, with an average attendance of 29. During the year just ended 692 garments have been made for the Red Cross and Indian Comforts Funds, making a total for the past four years of 2273. A parcel of clothing has also been sent to the Claremont Mission, London. On the financial side, receipts amounted to £50-13-11, and expenditure included £38-8-6 spent on wool, and donations of £3-10 contributed to the funds for Occupied Countries and Prisoners of War.

Whist Drives held at members houses realised £15-6-1. This amount, together with members subscriptions, and various small donations, provides the funds for the Society. The balance in hand totals £31-16-6.

TRINITY CHURCH, POPLAR. This Church which has done such a wonderful Christian service for the poor of East London, has, owing to enemy action, not only lost its Church building, but also suffered in other ways. Mrs. Handford writes concerning this as follows:-

"Many friends of the Goring Congregational Church are keenly interested in the splendid work being done at Trinity Church, Poplar. They will be glad to know that a wonderful response was made to the request for discarded clothing a fortnight ago, to replace in some measure the stores which had been lost when their buildings were recently destroyed. All these goods have now been dispatched to Poplar, and we do thank all those who helped to make this gift possible."

HARVEST FESTIVAL. Our Harvest Services, (excellently attended,) were full of good things, pleasant to look upon, beautiful to listen to, and helpful to think about. Those responsible for the decorations deserve our best thanks, and hymns and anthems also suggested the thankful spirit. The two sermons may perhaps be entitled "The Constancy of God", and "The Gleaning Possibilities of Life." Both were so crowded with lovely thoughts that should be garnered in our hearts for weeks to come. The garden produce was later distributed between Gifford House and the Hospital. The special collections for the Sussex Home Missions produced £8-13, thus exceeding that of the previous year by over £2.

Below is printed a charming little poem quoted by Mr. Humphrey in his morning sermon, (author unknown.)

#### SEPTEMBER SONG.

There's beauty in September  
In every Sussex lane,  
Now black and scarlet berries  
Bedeck the hedge again.

There's apples in the orchard  
And deep blue bonfire smoke  
Goes up in pungent spirals;  
Green acorns grace the oak.

Cold are the early mornings,  
But warm is the afternoon,  
And bees in the Michaelmas Daisies  
Go humming a drowsy tune.

This is a month to remember,  
When summer and autumn meet,  
For Sussex in September,  
Is thrillingly, hauntingly, sweet.

#### OUR NEW OFFICERS. ADDRESSES.

Mr. A. J. Rule,  
28, Wadhurst Drive,  
Goring.

Miss Handford,  
29, Marlborough Road,  
West Worthing.

Mr. E. J. West,  
"Owermoigne"  
Smuggler's Way,  
Sea Place, West Worthing.



Dec./44      E L M G R O V E C H R O N I C L E      No. 4.  
                   (Goring Congregational Church.)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE. "We were promised improved lighting and we hear from other parts of the country that the streets and railway stations are different places since the black-out gave way to the dim-out: but as for us it has not made very much difference. We decided on Sunday evening Services because we expected better lighting, but under prevailing conditions feel it is best to revert to an afternoon service at 3.30 p.m. It is evident that many of our people cannot come out in the dark.

What an inspiration a good congregation is to everybody! It well repays any effort we make, and though it does demand a bit of will-power to leave the fireside & face the weather, it is a real act of Christian Service to do so. Our fellow worshippers, including the Minister, are helped by our presence, and God is honoured when we assemble to praise and pray, and receive His Word.

I will be very grateful if friends who know of cases of illness among members of our congregation will kindly let me know, or failing that will tell any of our brethren who act as Stewards. I will also be glad to have requests for prayer, so that they may have a place in our public intercessions.

Christmas is not far off, and will have passed before another issue of our Chronicle. It will not be the Peace Christmas we had hoped for, but none the less we shall keep the birthday of the Prince of Peace, and have in affectionate remembrance all our loved ones. Christmas Day will be on a Monday, and we shall have a short service at 11 a.m. On the Sunday preceding we are hoping to have a Carol Service at 3.30 p.m.

A Sussex labourer is quoted as saying:- "We'd all oughter pray more: 'twould make a wonderful difference if we was all to pray more. I don't seem to look at people in the same way's I'd used to before I changed."

F.J.H. HUMPHREY.

SELF ASSESSMENT. Church finances inevitably suffer during a spell of bad weather such as we have had. And the "Envelope" or "Self Assessment"

system is a sure method of helping any Church to stabilise its funds. With the approach of another year a suitable opportunity occurs for those who feel able to help in this way. Our Treasurer, Mr. E.J. West, will gladly receive new subscribers, and in this way, whatever the weather, and whether we are present or absent, we can assure the Church of our support. Members assess themselves, and may contribute weekly, monthly or quarterly.

Francis Pigou, D.D., a one-time Dean of Bristol, once wrote:- "It argues a poor conception of worship to limit it to prayer, praise, and the sermon, and not to bear in mind that to give is part of worship."

**SUSSEX HOME MISSIONS.** "Something attempted, something done!" Under war conditions the result of the recent Sale was most encouraging. The total amount of £130 considerably exceeded the total raised in 1942, and the Elm Grove Stall had the satisfaction of contributing £15 of this. Best thanks to all who had a share in this happy result.

**SHELLEY RD. CHURCH GUILD.** Before the war this Guild had a membership of over 180, and despite the black-out and reduced attendances it has still carried on. An evening of special interest promises to be that of Dec. 12th, when the Town Clerk (Mr. E. Townsend) is to give a talk on "The Administration of Local Government." Even as ratepayers only this is a subject which concerns us all, and weather permitting a good attendance is anticipated that night. Non-members ed each.

**LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.** 1945 being the Triple Jubilee Year of the L.M.S. has been set as the time when the New Advance should begin. Our Missionary Secretary, Miss Stevenson, wishes to remind subscribers that Collectors, (if they have not already done so) will soon be on their rounds. And new subscribers will of course be welcomed.

**LADIES' WORKING PARTY.** The Ladies' of the Working Party having a substantial balance in hand have decided to send a donation of £5 to the Red Cross Prisoners' of War Fund, and £5 to the Claremont Mission.

AUTUMNAL ASSEMBLY, SUSSEX UNION. This was held at Nevill Church, Hove, on Oct. 4th, over 100 Ministers and Delegates attending. The report of the Life and Work Committee on the subject of our Village Churches embodied a number of important recommendations which will be circulated to the Churches. The Secretary, (Rev. H. Kenward) spoke on "Reconstruction" and the problems raised by war damage.

OUR CHOIR. Owing to removals and unavoidable absence our Choir has been passing through a difficult time. But Mr. Truss, as Secretary, still hopes to overcome these set-backs, and both he and Miss Jordan would warmly welcome new members, and make a special appeal for extra help for the Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 24th. Here is one way in which anyone so gifted can render really good service for our Church.

LOOKING FORWARD. "Castles in the air! That is where they should be! Now put the foundations under them." So wrote the philosopher Thoreau, and it would be difficult to think of a more appropriate slogan for our Church during the next few years.

The Management Committee recently decided to purchase 100 Collecting Boxes. These take the form of an attractive model in the shape of a Church. It is hoped that each home represented at our Church will take one of these boxes, AND PLACE IT WHERE IT CAN BE SEEN ! "Opening Day" will probably be arranged to coincide with our Church Anniversary each year, that is in August.

If we may pass from one metaphor to another, the Path of Adventure faces us in the near future, and we shall all be looking forward to a Church building that we can call our own. And to tread that path we shall require courage to face the difficulties of finance and planning, faith in the "worth-whileness" of the cause, and determination to go forward.

Looking back on our lives it would require not a little effort to visualise how many Churches we have entered. Shall we say they have ranged from great Cathedrals to humble village Chapels ? Wherever we may have been it was our privilege to find a House of God where we could enter and worship. Others had done the planning and building,

and made the sacrificial gifts. Now it is soon to be our turn to help pass on to future generations a new Church which shall be a spiritual home, not only for ourselves, but also for others after we have gone.

FLOWER Dec.3rd. Mrs.West. Dec.10th, Misses E.& M.Curtis,  
ROTA. Dec.19th. Mrs.Gowen & Mrs.Partington. Dec.24th,  
 Mrs. Cuming. Dec.31st, Mrs.Firth & Mrs. Ambler.  
 Our thanks in anticipation.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS We rejoice with Miss Thomas that her ordeal is over, and that she is now progressing.  
 Also it is good news that both Mr.D.J.Malin and Mr.W.H.Young of Shelley Rd. Church are gaining strength after operations. We sincerely sympathise with Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Mitchell in their time of illness. Mrs. Cuming we welcome back to our services.  
NEW MEMBER. At the Communion Service on Sunday, Nov.5th. Mrs. Billings was received into our fellowship.

THE NEW YEAR. Before the next issue of this news-sheet violets and snowdrops may be peeping out. About 32 years ago Dr. Horton of Lyndhurst Rd.Church, Hampstead, was writing in his diary as follows:-

#### "INTENTIONS FOR 1913"

1. To live without murmuring
2. To love everyone
3. To pray without ceasing
4. To build up Lyndhurst Road Church
5. To be ready for death each day
6. To give.

The list as given is not complete. but here is enough for us to think over. And for "Lyndhurst Road Church" we can substitute "Elm Grove Church."

CHRISTMAS PRAYER. "The cause of Truth and Human weal  
 O God above,  
 Transfer it from the sword's appeal  
 To peace and love."  
 (Campbell)