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It is earnestly hoped that newcomers will make themselves known to our Minister, and cases of illness amongst the congregation can be reported to a Deacon or Steward so that Mr. Springbett can be informed. In such cases Church flowers will be sent.

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR
"HE KNOWETH THE WAY THAT I TAKE"

Old Ferando D'Alfonso is rated as one of the best sheep rangers in Nevada. But he is more than a shepherd. Said D'Alfonso:- 'David and his ancestors knew sheep and their ways, and David has translated a sheep's musing into words

'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT'

Sheep instinctively know that ere they have been folded for the night the shepherd has planned out their grazing for the morrow. It may be that he will take them back over the same range, or it may be that he will go to new grazing ground. But they do not worry. His guidance has been good in the past, and they have faith in the future because they know he has their well-being in view."

(National Woolgrower's Magazine)

LIFE'S VOYAGE "It is a beautiful saying from one of our poets, who speaking of our birth says 'Every soul leaves port under sealed orders. We do not know where we are going till the time comes for breaking the seal.' But I can tell you something more beautiful than that. Every regenerated soul sets out on its voyage with an invisible Captain on board, who knows the nature of our sealed orders from the outset, and who will shape our voyage accordingly, if only we will let him."

Dr. A. J. Gordon.

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MINISTER'S CONTRIBUTION
THE CONGREGATIONAL FORWARD MOVEMENT

The following unanimous declaration was made by all the delegates from the Churches present at the last annual Assembly of the Congregational Union of England and Wales:- "We, the delegates of the Congregational Churches of England and Wales, gathered in the Assembly of our Union, have heard the call of our Chairman for a re-examination of the life and witness of our fellowships in the light of the Gospel. We have also received the report of our General Secretary concerning the Churches and the summons to take such steps as will make them more fitting instruments in the hand of God.

We, therefore, resolve by God's help to lay those concerns upon our Churches, and to commend to them the undertaking of a Forward Movement in which they shall separately renew their dedication to their evangelistic task, and corporately equip themselves to accept the challenge and the opportunity which God is giving to them."

In preparation and as a beginning to this Movement your Minister and Deacons met recently with those of our neighbouring Congregational Churches to hear messages, and to consult. The matter is also being discussed in our own Deacons Meeting, and will be brought forward to the Church Meeting. The first Sunday in the New Year, January 7th, has been set apart as a day of dedication for all Church members. Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches, and may the blessing of God go with us all into this New Year.
H.M.Springbett.

A DAY FOR WHAT?

The following thoughts are extracts from an article written by the Rev. R. J. McCracken, and entitled "The Christian's Sunday".

"The use we make of Sunday constitutes a searching test of what we are. Are we only concerned to get as much pleasure out of the day as we can? Do we think of it chiefly in terms of rest and relaxation? Or do we set it apart for the cultivation of the higher life, the upbuilding of our homes, the public worship of God, the services of our fellows?

The Christian use of Sunday was summed up by Henry Ward Beecher in a sentence. 'To that in man which is secular and animal Sunday says 'Rest'; to that which is intellectual, moral, and social, Sunday says 'Grow'. In that sense this day should be different from the other six days of the week. It is not to be devoted exclusively to relaxation and pleasure; it is to be seen in the light of those higher values which give life significance and purpose, Sunday is given to us for this end - that we may grow more sure of the reality and power of God; that we may arrive at a clearer understanding of the meaning of our life on earth; that our character may be purified and strengthened; that we may see the needs of our fellows and give ourselves more sacrificially to their service. To those who use Sunday thus it is not a burden but a boon."

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

FREE CHURCH INTERCHANGE On Sunday Jan. 14th., the Rev. T.M. Morrow of Steyne Gardens Methodist Church will conduct our morning service. Our own Minister will visit West Worthing Baptist Church.

CORRECTION An error crept into our last issue under the heading of the Ladies' Working Party. Amongst the organisations subscribed to, the British and Foreign Bible Society was mentioned. This should have read "British Sailors' Society". This was in fact an unusually interesting gift of an Ocean Library made in 1946, and is quite possibly still sailing the seas.

MRS. A. J. RULE For those who can recall the early days when worshipping at the Elm Grove School it is a real loss that Mrs. Rule has now left us to live with her married daughter at Maidstone. Those memorable early years remind us of the happy association with the Rule family, and the untiring efforts of Mr. Rule to serve our Church. Our best wishes go with Mrs. Rule and we are glad to have her assurance that she will be "well looked after" where she is going.

GOLDEN WEDDING Information came too late to make reference to this happy event in our last "Chronicle". On October 27th, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. James of 40, Rosebery Avenue, were married at Hornsey Parish Church. We rejoice with them, and it was good to hear that the family circle was complete when meeting in London to celebrate, the arrangements being made by the younger members.

BUILDING COMMITTEE This Committee has been appointed to deal with the planning and building of a Church in days to come. Together with the Minister and Deacons the following have also accepted an invitation to serve. Mrs. Billings, Mr. H. E. Blackman, Mr. A.E. Harrison, Mr. E.E. Hodder, Mr. B.V. Newman, and Mr. Gerald Nodes.

CHURCH TREASURERSHIP Elsewhere reference is made to the resignation of Mr. E.W.J. West. In his place we warmly welcome Mr. G.L. Nodes, and the Church is fortunate to fill this important office in this way. Valuable assistance has also been rendered by Mr. W. Hite as Deputy Treasurer on several occasions during the past year or so.

NEW MEMBERS The MISSES MARGUERITE AND RUTH GOOD, of 24 Angus Road, Transfers from Durrington Free Church. MISS M.E. JAMES, of 8, Ambrose Place, Worthing, by transfer from Purley Congregational Church. MR. AND MRS. DOUDNEY, of 10, Wellesley Road, formerly of the Church of England. The Church has also had the additional great pleasure of welcoming MRS. S. O. MORGAN (wife of the Rev. S. O. Morgan, our former minister) as an Associate Member.

THE DIACONATE As the year 1950 closes both Mr. E. W. J. West and Mr. S. J. Knott will resign their office as deacons. Their fellow members will much miss their matured judgment and experience. In consequence of these resignations and annual retirements of others, the election of four deacons will be held during February.

CHURCH NOTES CONTINUED

THE CHOIR The resignation of Mrs. Galley as Conductor of our Choir has been received with much regret, but for personal reasons she has felt it was time to make this change. For many years she has readily given up time, and generously devoted her musical knowledge and gifts in this way, and both Choir and Church are grateful for services rendered. Similar appreciation also applies to Mr. Truss. Although never officially appointed as Choir Secretary he has over many years worked hard and earnestly to build up the Choir and thus lead us in the service of praise. He too has now resigned this post, but will continue as Choir Librarian. To him also we express sincere thanks for all he has done.

The vacant positions have been filled by Mr. Springbett temporarily acting as Conductor, and Mr. W. Annible becoming the Choir Secretary.

A BOY DOES IT THIS TIME! Inspired by the example of others Michael Price of 22 Angus Road, learnt the books of the Bible in 10 days! Nine years old, Michael had his Presentation Bible on Sunday, November 12th.

NEW APPOINTMENT Mr. A.E. Harrison has kindly consented to serve as a delegate to the Free Church Council.

COVENANT SCHEME It is good to report that this scheme has already had a good send-off. Six Covenanters have so far contributed £39-10 yearly, which means about another £30 extra for the Church.

BAPTISM On Sunday Morning, November 19th, SEBASTIAN WAFFLEFORD, infant son of Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Springbett.

OUR CHURCH'S FIRST WEDDING On Monday, Nov. 27th, Mr. Lonsdale Wormald of Grand Avenue, was married to Miss Eleanor Poval of 7, Robson Road. Rev. H.M. Springbett, M.A., Officiating.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER February 9th, 1951.

WINTER FLOWER FUND. This fund out of which flowers are purchased for the Communion Table, and afterwards sent to those who are ill, is quite distinct from the Church Garden Fund. As the money now in hand will not be sufficient to last the winter months, if some who have not so far contributed could kindly do so it would be greatly appreciated.

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1950

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Oct. 1.	7.	0.	6.	6.	1.	0.	:	Nov. 5.	7.	16.	8.	6.	3.	6.
Oct. 8.	5.	6.	3.	6.	1.	0.	:	Nov. 12.	6.	9.	6.	5.	6.	6.
Oct. 15.	6.	7.	8.	5.	12.	6.	:	Nov. 19.	6.	5.	6.	7.	7.	6.
Oct. 22.	5.	11.	8.	5.	5.	10.	:	Nov. 26.	5.	18.	0.	5.	8.	6.
Oct. 29.	4.	17.	0.	5.	14.	3.	:							
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	£29.	3.	1.	£28.	14.	7.	:		£26.	9.	8.	£24.	6.	0.

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £108. 13. 4.

SALE OF WORK TOTAL TO DATE £467. 4. 7.

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THE CHILDREN'S HALL

The opening of this new building on Saturday, November the 4th, marked the beginning of yet another period in our Church life. We now have increased accommodation not only for our children, but also a new opportunity for work amongst young people.

Actually this pressing need for an extra building was recognised soon after we started to use our Church Hall and the children increased in numbers. But the newly formed Diaconate was faced by some very awkward problems, and the question of finance alone caused hesitation and delay. But the result of the 1949 Sale of Work was so surprising that the financial difficulty began to melt away, and the wonderful success of the similar effort held in November last has nearly completed the good work of raising sufficient money.

.....	:	Not often is a Church so fortunate as to
:	:	number amongst its members a retired
:	:	architect still willing to exercise his
:	:	skill and experience in this way, and
:	:	we are very deeply indebted to Mr. E. E.
:	:	Hodder for planning such a suitable Hall.
:	:	Both heating and lighting also promise
:	:	to be very satisfactory.
:	:	Gifts for the new building include a
:	:	handsome Oak Chair given by Mr. Douglas
.....	:	

Green of Bournemouth in memory of his sister Miss May Green ("Auntie May") who first started work amongst the little folk in the Elm Grove days. The Piano has very kindly been given by Mrs. Hopkins, and the Platform is yet another generous gift anonymously given, even though many of us know the kind-hearted donors! The Electric Clock the children themselves paid for.

Some extremely generous money gifts have also been made towards the cost of building and equipment. Amongst these contributors was Mr. Stanley Carr of Muswell Hill (a friend of Mr. Deslandes,) and it was he who took a prominent part in the opening ceremony. Mr. Sparks as builder of the new premises was also present, and two other visitors included the Rev. Stanley Blomfield (Sec. of the Sussex Cong. Union) and Mr. Young Harrison, Chairman of the West Sussex Union.

This new Hall holds about 100, and has cost over £1500. Of this amount over £1400 is now in hand. The children greatly enjoyed the part Mr. Carr took in their initial service on Sunday morning, Nov. 5th.

RESIGNATION OF OUR CHURCH TREASURER - MR. E. W. J. WEST

The close of 1950 will see the termination of a fine piece of Christian service extending over six years, and not merely very ably performed but also made notable by the cheerful and genial manner accompanying the carrying out of the work. It is thus with a very real sense of regret that the Church has felt obliged to accept this resignation.

Considering that we are still quite a young Church some fairly large sums of Church money have in this way passed through Mr. West's hands during the period mentioned, and as financial adviser and custodian we are deeply indebted to him for his valuable services. Forethought, firmness (where necessary), promptness, method and accuracy, has characterised all his work from first to last, and our Church loses one who has in many ways proved an ideal Church Treasurer.

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A N O T H E R W O N D E R F U L D A Y

"Everybody seemed so happy"! That was our Minister's brief summing up to one of his deacons as the 1950 Sale of Work drew to a triumphant close. During the later hours the weather was not too good, and there was an unusually prolonged electricity cut, but neither drawback could check the cheerful spirit which abounded. The "Chronicle" report of the 1949 Sale was headed by the words "A WONDERFUL DAY". And here was another!

When it was known in the early part of the year that the Ladies' Working Party were again planning for another Sale of Work it seemed most unlikely that the financial result could approach within measureable distance of the previous effort. Each time there were extremely generous donations which greatly helped, but even so the final total as reported in early December was a most heartening achievement, and must greatly have pleased our retiring Church Treasurer in handing over his "seals of office" to his successor.

The congested state of the Church Hall during the 1949 Sale was not so evident this time, though for many it was "standing room only". But the new Children's Hall proved a real asset, and the lure of the shilling tea soon proved attractive. Excepting to say that the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress lent distinction to the opening ceremony it is perhaps wisest not to mention names. Many undoubtedly and very obviously did far more than others to ensure success, but Mr. Springbett himself in referring to all the enthusiastic endeavours deemed it wisest not to mention names. Here once again was a corporate effort, the result of which for the second time rather astonished even 'outsiders'. As this "Chronicle" was being compiled the total amount raised stood at £467. If by any chance yet another £3 should come in, then within a year the Ladies' Working Party will have raised £1000. The previous sale reaching a total of £530. All for the Children's Hall!

"A HEARTENING PICTURE OF STEADY PROGRESS".

The "Daily Mail" Year Book has some interesting information concerning the numerical strength of our Churches in this country. The 1950 copy contains an article by Frank F. Bateman who writes thus:-

"In a review of organised Christianity in this country the Sunday Schools provide a heartening picture of steady progress. After many years of declining numbers, it was possible in 1949 to report increases of 32,535 Teachers and Officers, and 72,166 Scholars. In 1950 although the advance is not so marked, there are increases of 2105 Teachers and Officers, and 27,329 Scholars.

.....	:	There is a measure of encouragement for
:	:	the Churches in reviewing their membership
: SUNDAY SCHOOL INCREASES :	:	figures, in that the net decrease amounts
: <u>CONG. CHURCH, 1950 REPORT</u> :	:	to only 1678, as compared with a decrease
:	:	of 148,455 last year. Whether this decline
: Teachers & Officers 836 :	:	has been fully arrested remains to be seen,
: Scholars 7019 :	:	and in this connection the concerted
.....	:	efforts now being put forward to increase
effective Church Membership will be viewed with sympathetic interest."	:	

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E A S T E R D A Y

"The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come"

Flowers in the garden	:	Such my thoughts at Easter,
Flowers in the wood;	:	Jesus taught us so,
Pouring out their fragrance,	:	Calling us to follow
Shouting "Life is Good!"	:	Where He dared to go.
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Singing birds at Dawn-Light,	:	Finding Life Abundant,
And at Evensong;	:	As we tread His way;
Filling hearts with gladness,	:	Changing death and sadness
Helping right the wrong.	:	Into "Easter Day".
	:	
	:	Malcolm Rutt.

L I F E F O R E V E R M O R E

"The Resurrection is much more than an incident in history. It did not reach its climax in outward circumstances. Only when the disciples realised the power of the Risen Christ in their own hearts did they become transformed. From that moment they defied death. It no longer had dominion over them. Their bodies might be tortured in the flames, or consumed by wild beasts, but they would pass through every ordeal unscathed. The man in whose heart Christ lives cannot be destroyed, but is alive for evermore. 'Because I live, ye shall live also.'"

Those who minister to us in Church life must often wonder what impression they have made, and whether words spoken are remembered. Perhaps they are, more often than the preacher imagines. Here is a brief Easter thought spoken years ago from a Groydon pulpit by the late Rev. Major Scott (afterwards associated with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, and later still, Union Church, Brighton.):—

"THE ARMS OF LOVE WERE NEVER OUTSTRETCHED
SO WIDE AS WHEN THEY WERE NAILED TO THE CROSS"

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

In March we intend to hold the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation. This takes the form of a Church Meeting, but we are anxious that not only Church Members, but all those associated with us, should attend, though only the former are eligible to vote. The primary purpose of the Meeting is to review the work of the Church in the past year and we shall receive reports from the Church Secretary, the Church Treasurer and from the various other branches of the Church, the Sunday School, Working Party, etc.

I believe that, as a result of what will be reported at this meeting, we shall see the truth of something that was said recently by our Church Secretary; she pointed out that we must realise that we are no longer a small Church. Our membership has increased by about 25% in the past year and there are now only some twelve Congregational Churches in the whole of Sussex with a membership bigger than our own.

This is surely a cause for joy, but it is also a clear indication of our increased responsibility. We have grown up and must accept the duties and burdens which the adult must bear in the world. Yet this is surely the time and place to cast a glance back to our earlier days, and to recall with great thankfulness to God those who served us so faithfully then. I trust that the names of Mr Humphrey and Mr Rule and others will never go un-honoured in our midst, and may the memory of what they were and what they did, serve to inspire us as we pursue the road along which they helped our earlier steps.

H. M. SPRINGBETT.

CONGREGATIONAL FORWARD MOVEMENTTHE FOURFOLD AIMTUESDAY, MAY 1st, 1951.

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| 1. To establish our witness in the new order of society now being built. | : | The above date has been chosen as the day on which all those who are associated with our Churches will be asked to bring a gift to help equip us for the tasks that face us in the next fifty years. |
| 2. Personal witnessing of life for Christ and reality of our Christian discipleship | : | |
| 3. A target of 100,000 new members in three years, together with a teaching ministry rooted in the Bible and expounding the Christian Message. The "building up of the saints" to be matched with the "conversion of the sinners". | : | You will be invited to contribute 50 coins - and no sum however small will be without value. Even 50 pence or half-pence would help. And no sum will be too great for the opportunities before us. |
| 4. The harvesting of our resources, not only in money but in people. Some to offer themselves for the Christian Ministry, others in secular retirement to lead in Church work. | : | This money will be used for Church Extension, for Ministerial Training, for Superannuation and Widow's Grants, and a certain percentage will go towards the Union's deficit. |

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

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 + SOMETHING WRONG HERE! +
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 + It is with great regret that we have to report that owing to +
 + lack of teachers no more children can at present be enrolled +
 + for our Morning Sunday School. Also a pianist is urgently +
 + needed. What an opportunity for service for the Master! +
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SUNDAY, FEB. 4th: Unfortunately one of the worst days of winter! This was the 1st Anniversary of Mr Springbett's ministry, and at the evening service one of the deacons was permitted to say a few words appropriate to the occasion, and to assure our Minister of our continued loyalty and support.

This day was also the 2nd anniversary of the passing of our former Church Secretary - Mr A. J. Rule - and the lovely flowers on the Communion Table were given by his daughter and in their silent beauty expressed the deep sense of loss that is still felt. And very unexpected was the presence of Mr & Mrs Richardson, who left us 2½ years ago for Devonshire. It was indeed a pleasure to find that Mrs Richardson has so far recovered in health and strength as to be about once again.

"EASTER DAY": (See verses on page 1.) It is now some years since Mr & Mrs Malcolm Rutt first worshipped with us at our evening services. Mr Malcolm Rutt was one of the oldest friends and supporters of Dr Donald Soper of the Kingsway Central Mission, London, and at one time took part with him in the Lunch Hour Talks on Peace Hill.

RESIGNATION: It has been a matter of very real regret that our pianist Mrs Hipkin has found it necessary to resign her post. Officially appointed on Dec. 9th, 1947, Mrs Hipkin has given us just over 3 years of loyal and willing service, and in a most friendly and generous manner given us the full benefit of her musical gifts. And while thus expressing this appreciation we add our congratulations to her daughter Rhona, who recently passed the January examinations held by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Our last issue was completed before it was known that our good friends Mr & Mrs Gowen had celebrated this happy event. The wedding took place at the Parish Church of St Mary's, Paddington Green, on Dec. 9th, 1925, and our congratulations and good wishes as a Church were conveyed through the Ladies' Working Party who "said it" with flowers. Mr Gowen was formerly a sidesman at Purley Cong. Church in the Rev. Arthur Pringle's days.

OBITUARY: On Dec. 12th last Mr Thomas Jackson at the age of 77 quietly passed on to that larger and fuller life which throughout the years he had so patiently waited for. Almost everybody called him "Tom", and quite possibly he himself felt the friendliness of being so called. Coming of a family of Church workers it requires little imagination to conceive of our friend as a genial and efficient Church Officer had he possessed those normal physical and intellectual powers necessary. And in one respect he set us all a wonderful

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example. It was always a real joy to him to attend our services, no matter what the weather. His absence was in fact so unusual that he was really missed if not present.

And while rejoicing in his release to the world beyond, we extend to Miss Jackson not only our sympathy, but with that add our admiration for a most impressive example of sisterly devotion right to the end.

The passing of Mr A. S. Annand, F.R.G.S., on January 24th, came after a prolonged illness, and in his 89th year. He and Mrs Annand had lived in Worthing since 1931, and Mr Annand joined our Church when it was formed in 1947. Most of his active life was spent in North China, and during 44 years of service there as a member of the British Chamber of Commerce School, he was a witness of the Boxer Rising in 1900. Amongst those who thus lost their lives was a relative of the Editor of this News Sheet. The China Inland Mission alone lost 63 in that terrible massacre.

NEW MEMBERS: Mr & Mrs Curtis, "Darien", Seafield Avenue, and Mr & Mrs Hughes, 40 Melbourne Road. These friends together with Mr & Mrs Doudney and Miss E. M. James (whose membership was noted in our last issue) were all welcomed into our Church at the Communion Service on Sunday morning, January 7th.

LADIES' WORKING PARTY: In order to obtain funds the members are prepared to make articles and to do sewing or knitting, provided materials and patterns are supplied. (Mrs Gowen, Sec.)

"CHRONICLE" FUND: Owing to yet another increase in the work of duplicating, each copy will in future cost just over 3½d, the annual expenditure totalling £21. 9. 0. with an extra £1. 6. 2. for the yearly Statement of Accounts. But it is pleasant to record that during the past 12 months, generous contributions to this fund have greatly helped and totalled £8. 8. 0. On this occasion owing to the financial supplement, each copy costs nearly 5d.

A D R E A M C O M E T R U E

In the early forties some of those who supported our Fellowship at Elm Grove, and who have now passed on, dreamt of a Church building of our own, a settled ministry, and the attracting of young life to carry on after they had gone. All this came to mind in December last when by invitation parents of scholars were present together with Sunday School workers and others. About 36 were present, and of these an encouraging number of young people gave a Christmas Party touch to a happy social evening. There was hardly a dull moment,

..... and at times Scrooge himself would have been hard
: : put to not to smile.

: BRAINS TRUST QUERY :

: : The Brains Trust which followed on January
: : 11th, suffered in attendance by stormy weather.
: Should children be : : Yet even so, a pleasant and profitably evening
: allowed to listen in : : was spent. Dr J.H. Ferries and Miss Belchamber,
: to what they like? : : (Headmistress of the Elm Grove School), together
: : with Mr Askew (former Head Master of a Secondary
: : School), and Mr W. G. Hite formed the "Trust" with our Minister as Chairman.

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A L E N T E N M E D I T A T I O N

THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT LIFT UP SO MUCH AS HIS EYES

(Luke Ch. 18, v. 13)

So much in the Christian life can be assumed. Our Church-going, for instance, our singing, our subscriptions, our manner, and even our prayers and professed beliefs. And it has been known for men to assume repentance when all that they were really concerned about was being found out, and the regret shown was not so much for wrong-doing but for loss of reputation or freedom.

.....		But when the heart is really reached - deep
:	:	down - then there is sincerity of purpose and desire
:	:	not so easily simulated. And here in this parable is
:	:	a man represented as standing in the temple, and
:	:	calling out, even in front of others maybe, for mercy
:	:	and forgiveness. He has no thought as to what others
:	:	may think of him, but he is very seriously concerned
:	:	over the fact that his relationship with God is
.....		wrong.

Religion to be of real value must inevitably start with ourselves. It must be a personal thing. We cannot escape responsibilities by merely allying ourselves to a Church or denomination. And not only must it be personal, but it must also start with all sincerity. Mere pretence is valueless.

And if we are sincere and humble in spirit we shall not be so likely to spend our time in harsh judgments of others, wondering whether they are all they ought to be. Our focus of thought must in this case rightly be on ourselves before we can start to influence others. "Are we right with God? Do we show forth the fruits of the Spirit?" We are not even asked to judge others, but we are expected to possess the Christian fragrance which shall tell others more than any words can ever tell.

The Prodigal Son was depicted as being repentant when he exclaimed "I will arise - " an effort of will and purpose. He has turned right round and is about to walk in the opposite direction.

There is a story told of prison life in the United States, which runs somewhat as follows:-

"One day five of us were sitting round in the prison yard when one of the guys looked at an advert in a magazine. 'Wish my mother had a home like that,' he said, pointing to a picture of a little red bungalow with a green roof and shutters. One of the other fellows then took the magazine and flipped the pages. 'That's what I wish my ma had - a car, so that she could come and see me once in a while.'

Then the magazine was passed to Bill. But Bill just sat there saying nothing. We thought that was strange, because we knew his mother didn't have anyone left in the world but him, and she loved him too. We'd seen some of her wonderful letters.

At last Bill spoke. 'I wish,' he began, and the voice sounded broken, 'I wish that my mother had a better son.'

After that we were all silent."

C. H. C.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

"A large number of the friends at the Church have helped to supply either by gift of flowers or money, towards the Church Flower Fund. These generous givers will be pleased to know that since January 1st the following members of our fellowship who have been on the sick list have received flowers from the Church, and expressed their great appreciation and thanks:- The late Mr Annand, Mrs Elliott, Mr & Miss Ford, Miss Green, Mrs Guppy, Mrs E. A. Hite, Miss Mumford, Miss K. Smith, Mr & Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Malcolm Rutt and Mr & Mrs West. To all who have helped or are helping in this scheme of Church Flowers, very many thanks."

In presenting the above report, Mr Deslandes also asks that he should be notified as early as possible of cases of illness so that he can arrange for this cheering and much appreciated service to be continued.

WANTED: White damask table cloths are badly needed for the trestle tables which the Church now owns, and which are used for social functions, etc. If any friends have anything to offer in this way, such cloths would be very gratefully received, and put to good use. Any such offer can be made to the Church Secretary.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER, 1950 AND JANUARY, 1951.

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Dec. 3.	6	8	4	6	2	9	:	Jan. 7.	6	18	5	5	15	6
Dec. 10.	4	6	3	2	17	11	:	Jan. 14.	5	2	9	5	5	3
Dec. 17.	5	7	0	3	0	7	:	Jan. 21.	6	17	11	5	1	6
Dec. 24.	6	4	11	7	1	2	:	Jan. 28.	7	11	3	4	11	6
Dec. 31.	7	7	5	4	1	11	:							
	£29	13	11	£23	4	4	:		£26	10	4	£20	13	9

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £100 - 2 - 4

COLLECTIONS FOR LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY WIDOW'S & ORPHANS FUND

£8 - 17 - 0

R E S U R R E C T I O N G L O R Y

O little bulb uncouth,	:	A body wearing out,
Ragged and rusty brown!	:	A crumbling house of clay!
Have you some dew of youth?	:	O agony of doubt,
Have you a crimson gown?	:	And darkness and dismay!
Plant me and see	:	Trust God and see
What I shall be -	:	What I shall be -
God's fine surprise,	:	His best surprise
Before your eyes!	:	Before your eyes!

Author Unknown.

The next number of this "Chronicle" is due for distribution on April 29th

G O R I N G C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C H U R C H

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1950.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1949.			1949.
CHURCH FUNDS		Minister and Pulpit Supplies	361 2 11
Offer-tories - Loose Cash	336 13 8	House - Rates and Taxes	42 14 7
Envelopes	317 15 3	Removal Exs. Rev. H.M.S.	25 7 0
Special Contributions	80 13 0	Caretaker	52 10 0
Interest	18 0 0	Electricity, Gas and Water	84 6 4
		Chronicle	12 11 7
		Subscriptions	4 17 1
		Insurances	5 19 0
£ 525	£755 1 11	Printing, Stationery and Postages	10 18 8
		Sundries	50 1 2
Balance - Cash in Hand and	889 16 11	Maintenance of Property	34 10 11
Investments at 1/1/50		Planist and Choral Exs.	27 0 9
£ 884		Children's School	15 7 4
		Exs. - Social Events	12 3 4
		Interest on Mortgage	68 2 7
			£807 13 10
£1409	£1644 18 10	Balance - Cash & Investments 31/12/50	837 5 0
£ 50			£1409
£ 26			
£ 8			
£ 78			
£ 8			
£ 170			
£ 35			

SPECIAL PURPOSES:

London Missionary Society	85 0 2
Sussex Cong. Union Home Missions	28 10 1
Cong. Union Widows and Orphans	10 0 0
National Children's Homes	82 18 1
United Nations Assembly	- - -
British and Foreign Bible Society	12 9 6
	£216 17 10
COMMUNION FUND:	
Offer-tories	40 3 10
Balance at 1/1/50	49 3 1
	£89 6 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:

Collections - Morning School	8 16 1
Afternoon	4 0 4
Special Gift	5 0 0
	£17 16 5

LADIES' WORKING PARTY Year ending aug.

Cash in Hand 1/8/49	22 9 11
(31st/49)	7 13 7
Subscriptions and Donations	14 13 0
Tea Money	49 17 1
Knitting Orders and Goods sold	£94 11 7

As a result of year's work - Stall at Sale of work realised £137 17 4.

(Continued)

STATEMENT OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS CONCLUDEDRECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
<u>CHURCH GARDEN AND FLOWER FUND:</u>			
Two Concerts less Expenses	38	9	1
Donations	14	19	9
	<u>£53</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

E. W. J. West,
December 31st, 1950.

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Bulbs and Plants for two years	31	17	5
Purchase of Flowers, May to December	6	1	7
Balance in Hand	15	9	10
(Details supplied by Mr E.E.Deslandes)	<u>£53</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

We have examined the vouchers and accounts, and compared with the summaries submitted and found correct
Signed: W. G. Hite, G. L. Nodes, January 20th, 1951.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING FUNDS.RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Mr C. R. Barrett's Legacy	6163	6	9
Capital plus Interest at date of building Interest to 31/12/50	25	6	7
	<u>£6188</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

CHURCH BUILDING FUND:

Total Receipts prior to 1st January, 1950	2530	13	6
Collecting Boxes, Contributions and Interest	41	5	2
Balance being Mortgage	20.0	0	0
	<u>£4571</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

CHILDREN'S HALL:

Total Receipts prior to 1/1/50	532	17	0
Concert, Ladies' Choir	19	7	6
Donations and Collecting Boxes	127	16	4
Sale of Book	367	4	7
Mrs Cummings Legacy	332	14	2
Transfer from Building Fund	73	14	1
	<u>£1453</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>

CHILDREN'S HALL EQUIPMENT:

Special Donation	100	0	0
	<u>£100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Building including Architect's Fee	5487	18	2
Balance in Hand of Sussex Congregational Union (Incorporated)	700	15	2
	<u>£6188</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

Sundry Equipment, Furnishing and Incidentals	1244	12	7
Purchase price of Range plus Expenses and Cooker	3253	12	0
Transfer to Children's Hall	73	14	1
	<u>£4571</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

Building on account, Sundries and Architect's Fee	1137	3	0
Gas Heating, and Service	73	6	1
Electric Lighting and Fittings	53	9	7
Balance in Hand	189	15	0
	<u>£1453</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>

Chairs, Tables, Projector and Sundries purchased	71	8	2
Balance in Hand	28	11	10
	<u>£100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Goring Congregational Church

May-June, 1951.

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Miss B. Ford,
Mr F.S. Grew,
Miss M.E. Handford,
Mr A.E. Harrison,
Mr W.C. Hite,
Miss V. Mumford
Mr B.V. Newman,
Mr G.L. Nodes,
Miss A.M. Thomas,
(Deacons' Sec.)
Mr C.S.C. Wood.

CHURCH MEETINGS on
May 2nd & May 30th,
at 7 p.m.

ANOTHER "FINANCIAL" STATEMENTOUR INVESTMENTS

"Before we can derive any interest at all must we not invest our capital? And the more capital we invest, the greater our interest - a hundred pounds of capital cannot be expected to produce as much interest as a thousand. And a small investment can yield only a small return ... Our capital is our thought, our energy, our time, our sympathy, our love and a wise investment of these will yield large returns of interest, whilst, withdrawals of this capital will steadily impoverish us.

If we have lost interest in things, in causes, in people, in values, may it not be that it is because we have stopped investing our capital in them?

What interest do we derive from the Bible, from prayer, from the worship of God? Must it not vary exactly in proportion to the amount of our own personal capital, our time, our thought, ourselves, we expend upon these?

The truth remains abundantly clear and is attested on all hands: 'What we get out of a thing depends on what we put into it.'

Dr Trevor Davies.

YOUNG PEOPLE PLEASE NOTE

The above quotation is not inserted merely to fill up, but because it is true and well worth pondering over.

It is quite evident that God's work on this earth, and the varied activities of His Church needs money to carry the Gospel Message to other lands and to give expression to our Christian faith to our fellow men.

But it is ourselves and our whole being that God wants. And the testimony of countless men and women in our Church life and even throughout the world is that this form of investment never fails!

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

We have now held the last of our Church Family Evenings for the winter, and there will be a break until they begin again in the autumn. I think they have proved a successful experiment although the wretched weather has caused attendances to be less than might have been hoped. In the future we shall merge the original Parents' Evening with the Family Evening, so that all be one together, and we shall arrange the programme in such a way as to have something from time to time that is of particular interest to parents.

We intend to use the summer months to plan out the whole programme for 1951/1952, and when we have done that we shall issue a small folder giving details of all the fortnightly gatherings. In this way we hope that everyone will know what is going on, and will thereby be able to book their evenings in advance. I have already had some suggestions for future evenings and more would be welcome, so that we can make arrangements to cater for a wide variety of tastes.

H.M.S.

EDITORIAL AND CHURCH NOTES

"FLING WIDE THE GATES" : On Palm Sunday last, and for the first time in the history of our Church the familiar music of Stainer's Crucifixion was rendered by an augmented Choir. This is referred to elsewhere, but it was very evident that the reverent way in which it was sung was considered to have enriched our worship that evening. The well known choruses were characterised by the emphasis and light and shade necessary to enforce the majesty of the words.

It was not perhaps generally known that in order to be with us that day, and to take a prominent part in the music, Mr Springbett declined a very attractive invitation to visit Furley Congregational Church.

Mr R.W.MAY The appointment of Mr May as our Pianist and Choir Master was made too late for reference in our last issue. Formerly Organist at St Mary's Parish Church, Goring, we are very fortunate to secure his services, and expressions of appreciation have been many. The Palm Sunday augmented Choir was largely due to his efforts.

A USEFUL GIFT We are indebted to Mr & Mrs H. J. Curtis for a most pleasing addition to our Children's Hall. A storing cupboard was badly needed, and thanks to Mr Curtis' own handiwork, and ability to renew and make fresh, this piece of furniture is now in place. How many are the ways in which God allows us to have a share in His work.

Also in connection with the work amongst the little ones, it should be recorded that in response to Mr Springbett's urgent appeal, Mrs Askew very promptly offered her services as pianist, an offer that was very greatly appreciated.

Mr E.E.DESLANDES Our friend and deacon has been much missed during the past few weeks, but the enforced rest should help to restore lost health. Even during convalescence, he has given time and thought to the

compiling of that most useful Church publication - "The Year Book". This time, however, Mr Truss has rendered good service by getting the renewal of the trade advertisements.

NEW MEMBER Mr Hugh Gilmour, who lives at Ferring, was recently received into Church Membership. The transfer letter which came from Trinity Church, Huntingdon, made reference to the leading part which Mr Gilmour took in serving the Churches in that district. As Deacon, Lay Preacher, and Secretary of the Association, his efforts were very greatly appreciated.

OBITUARY Our Church again suffered loss in the very sudden passing of Mr A. Catto, of "Sea Wynds", Nutley Close, Goring. In February last, Mr Catto's transfer was received from the Wycliffe Congregational Church, Ilford. Connected with that Church for 31 years, and as a member of the Diaconate for the last four years, our new friend might have so easily been able to help us in our Church life also. But before he could be welcomed into our fellowship, the sudden call home came on February 22nd. Yet another case of "Well done! Good and faithful servant."

WORTHING COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE Mrs Horsefall has kindly accepted the invitation to be our delegate for this good work.

ANOTHER GENEROUS GIFT As a result of reading the report of the Ladies' Working Party in our November "Chronicle", Miss Winifred Beasley of Reading, has asked the Church to accept a gift of money in memory of her mother. It was Mrs Beasley who suggested the formation of this Party, and the first meeting was held at her house. It has been decided to purchase an additional Communion Tray which is needed, the cost of same being over £9. If found possible, an appropriate inscription will be engraved on the tray.

PROPOSED TRIP TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT It is hoped to arrange a day visit to Ryde sometime during May. Leaving about 8.45 a.m. by coach this will allow nearly five hours on the Island, returning home about 7 p.m. Cost of Coach, Boat and Driver's Fee about 10/-. Those intending to go will help greatly by making immediate application to Mr Stanley Grew, Whitestacks, Goring Way. Tel. Goring 41940.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1951

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Feb. 4:	2	18	11	1	15	0	:	Mar. 4:	6	13	9	5	7	8
Feb. 11:	6	17	9	-	-	-	:	Mar. 11:	6	10	11	4	15	6
Feb. 18:	8	8	0	7	7	0	:	Mar. 18:	7	18	5	11	0	0
Feb. 25:	12	9	0	6	12	9	:	Mar. 25:	6	10	11	10	14	3
	<u>£30 13 8</u>			<u>£15 14 9</u>			:	<u>£27 14 0</u>			<u>£31 17 5</u>			

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £105 - 19 - 10
COLLECTION ON FEBRUARY 11th, FOR THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY £12-13.

OVERCOMING LIFE'S TROUBLES

Quite often the Editor of this "Chronicle" has passed on to him other Church Magazines and leaflets. Some of these contain thoughts and experiences of real value - maybe striking illustrations of Christian faith, courage and even triumph in the face of difficulty or affliction. The following extracts are made from the magazine of St Mary's Church, Shortlands, Kent, and have reference to the life story of a brother of Mr Truss, our Choir Librarian.

"From the age of 15 when deafness became apparent I have had to contend with its insidious advance towards total deafness at the age of 30. We cannot understand the "why" and "wherefore" of trials we may have to endure, but as we get older we see light through the clouds. My chief inspiration has been the sympathy and love of the brave Christian woman who risked all that the affliction might entail to become my life partner, guide, interpreter, wife and mother of two good children, she has stood by my side ... assisting me with conversation
 with people, warning me of air raid alarms, alone in
 : : the house knowing that I was in the City all day long
 : "The eternal stars : unable to hear any warnings, and experiencing severe
 : shine out as soon : damage to our home three times in six months. My
 : as it is dark : greatest pleasure - music and singing - denied me all
 : enough." Carlyle. : these years, and worse still the music of my wife's
 : : and children's voices. But prayer and faith in God's
 goodness brought us through many trials."

For those thus heavily afflicted Mr Henry Truss advocates the learning of lip-reading, the taking up of some congenial occupation where much conversation is unnecessary, the cultivation of a cheerful disposition, and the helping of others in home life where there is infirmity or helplessness due to old age.

And yet another example of Christian fortitude is passed on to us by our friend and deacon Mr Cyril Wood. In this case the story is related in a letter sent by a relative living in America.

"Everyone cannot be Kings or Presidents. Someone must be left to clean up the alleys of life. And one of the happiest men I know is the garbage collector who goes up our alley every Tuesday and Friday. At 16 degrees below zero he was going round picking up the refuse and singing "Onward Christian Soldiers". I knew he was half frozen so I shouted at him "What's the matter Pete?" He replied, "Not a thing. I am full of God inside and half covered with frost and garbage on the outside, and happy on both sides!"

OUR CHOIR Mr W. Annible reports as follows:-

"If one may judge by the spontaneous remarks of members of the congregation the rendering of Stainer's Crucifixion music on Palm Sunday was greatly appreciated. For this happy result the Choir was indebted to their new conductor, Mr Ralph May, whose musical talents and organising ability are well known at Goring. The exacting tenor and bass solos were ably sung by our Minister and Mr Phillip Gravestock respectively, and Mrs Hipkin presided at the piano with her customary skill." W.A.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday, May 20th: Sunday School Anniversary Services. Conducted by the Rev. S. Girling, of Bournemouth.
- Tuesday, June 5th: Ladies' Working Party "Bring and Buy" Sale. By kindness of Miss Green in the garden at 21 Robson Road. If wet in the Church Hall.
- Sunday, June 17th: Church anniversary. Services conducted by the Rev. E. C. Blackman, M.A., B.D., of Cheshunt College.
- Sunday, June 24th: Rev. S. J. Blomfield, Secretary of the Sussex Congregational Union. (Minister's Holiday).
- Saturday, Oct. 13th: Sussex Congregational Union Meeting at the Dome, Brighton.
- Church Meetings: For dates see front page.
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OUR NEW DEACONS

A visible union of the Churches may still be delayed. But the unseen spiritual union which really matters was manifested in a heartening and unusual manner at our February Church Meeting. On that occasion four new deacons were elected, and in each case they had formerly been associated with different denominations.

MR GRAHAM ASKEW Formerly Head Master of Derbyshire Secondary Modern School. A life-long Methodist; Circuit Treasurer and Senior Steward from 1932 to 1949. Also Methodist Lay Preacher for a number of years.

MR STANLEY F. GREW In earlier days was connected with West Ealing Baptist Church, and both father and grandfather had been associated with this Church from its inception, and held important offices in same. In later years, Mr and Mrs Grew became members of Haven Green Baptist Church, Ealing, and were there some time before the commencement of the Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey's ministry. Mr Grew was for many years "Envelope Secretary" (Free-Will Offering) and he also rendered valuable assistance as a member of the Choir. The move to Worthing was made in 1947.

MR ALBERT E. HARRISON Mr Harrison was a member of the Roath Park Congregational Church, Cardiff, from 1910 to 1933. Holding office as a Deacon he was also Sunday School Superintendent, the School having an average attendance of over 500. From 1934 onwards Mr and Mrs Harrison were members of the Ealing Green Congregational Church, of which Mr Harrison became a Deacon in 1935, and was also appointed a Life Deacon before leaving for Worthing in 1949.

MR BRIAN V. NEWMAN One of five brothers all over 6ft. Early days were spent on a farm near Dover, and later at Groombridge, Sussex. Mr Newman's father was Church Warden at the Parish Church. Our friend joins us in Free Church life with a Christian graciousness and sincerity expressed by willingness to serve and even "to learn". Together with his fellow deacons he feels it to be a privilege and honour to be called to the office of "The High Calling and Work of a Deacon".

LADIES' WORKING PARTY

A Coach Outing is being arranged to attend the Cuckfield Congregational Church Anniversary on Wednesday afternoon, June 6th. The preacher will be the Moderator - the Rev. Andrew James. Any friends wishing to go can obtain particulars from Mr Nodes or Mrs Gowen.

Attention is also drawn to the notice included on page 5 concerning the "Bring and Buy Sale" to be held on June 5th.

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: OURSELVES - THE WEATHER - AND THE CHURCH :
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: Few of us have managed to get through this past winter without :
: at times saying unpleasant things about the weather. And week :
: after week Church Treasurers everywhere must have felt not a :
: little concerned as the rain continued to fall. But the con- :
: stant succession of wet Sundays has helped to emphasise the :
: wonderful help and stability given to Church Funds by system- :
: atic giving. :

: In our News Sheet for September 1949 a special appeal was :
: made for the better support of the Freewill Offering Scheme. :
: That appeal met with considerable success, and at our March :
: Church Meeting our "Envelope" Secretary (Mr S.J.Knott), reported :
: that the total amount thus contributed was up by £108 on the :
: previous year. But owing to 14 losses there was only a net gain :
: of 2 contributors. THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO GREATER GENEROSITY. :

: Mr Knott will most willingly supply anyone with an enrolment :
: form. And money can be paid in weekly, monthly, or even :
: quarterly. Also the matter is treated as private and confidential :
: and is known only to the Envelope Secretary. And the system is :
: elastic, and can be altered at any time if so desired. A little :
: note enclosed being all that is necessary to explain the change - :
: more or less as the case may be. :

: If you who read this have not so far enrolled as a regular :
: contributor will you think the matter over ? :
: :

: We live in difficult times. Days of austerity for many people. :
: But have you heard this rather arresting little story? "How much :
: did he leave?" asked one, referring to a millionaire who had :
: recently passed away. "Every cent," was the unexpected reply. :
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CHURCH MEETING Unfortunately space forbids more than a passing reference to
MARCH 31st the full and interesting reports of our Church activities
given at this meeting. But it proved a record year for our
London Missionary Society contributions. Nine new subscribers, the total now
being 59, plus the Covenanters gifts making a full total of £104-3-7. Church
Membership increased from 102 to 119 and is now nearly 130.

Contributions to "Chronicle" Fund for March-April issue £3-3-2. Many
grateful thanks. The next number is due for distribution on June 24th.

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MINISTER'S LETTERChurch Visitation

At our last Church Meeting a decision was made which may well bring very great and lasting benefit to our Church as a fellowship in Christ. A recommendation from the Deacons was endorsed unanimously to the effect that the Church members and adherents should be divided up into twelve groups, according to where they live, and that each of these groups should be under the supervision of one of the deacons. This will mean that each member of the diaconate will have a small flock of about fifteen souls for whom he will be pastorally responsible, visiting and noting their absence from the Church Services. At present it is too easy for one of our number to fall ill and be absent unnoticed for several weeks.

In addition, and to assist those deacons who have less time than others for these duties, a small panel of Visitors has been appointed, who will also be able to help should any of the deacons be ill or absent for other reasons.

It is my belief that this plan, properly and conscientiously carried out will do more than may be expected to weld us even more closely into a true community of Christians, bearing one another's burdens, and thus fulfilling the law of Christ.

H. M. SPRINGBETT.

EDITORIAL AND CHURCH NOTES

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME: Under altered circumstances, and most bravely facing the difficulties of the task, Miss Margaret Stevenson arranged for this house to house collection once again. It was not found possible to cover all the district previously worked, but 25 roads were visited with the aid of five volunteers from the Church. Most unfortunately, this appeal followed no less than four other similar collections, and obviously suffered in consequence. Even so, however, the goodly sum of £30. 10. 6. was handed to the local representative of the Society, Miss Stevenson, who took Mr Deslandes' place as Secretary for this year, thanks all those who kindly helped. In the main the collectors met with a kindly reception.

RYDE EXCURSION: This pleasant outing duly took place and is reported elsewhere. Those who got no further than this "Gateway to the Island" were unfortunate as regards climatic conditions up to mid-afternoon. But if the weather was dull and cold, Ryde shops were most attractively dressed for "Festival" week. And roaming round one was surprised to find that Ryde Methodist Church is a large and even handsome building of the old type, with spacious galleries. And out at sea we admired the graceful motion of the "Mauretania" as she set out on yet another voyage.

MORE PRESENTATION BIBLES: In recent weeks two more of our Morning Sunday School scholars have qualified for a very nicely bound copy, James Perry of 37 Chesterfield Road, and Raymond Waite of 140 Barrington Road having been successful in memorising the books of the Old and New Testaments. These bibles are given by a friend who prefers to remain anonymous, and dating back to Elm Grove days 11 or 12 children have now gained this award.

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NEW MEMBERS: Two friends were elected for Church Membership at our last Church Meeting. Mr Johnson of 48 Rugby Road, formerly Secretary of the West Wickham Congregational Church, and Miss Pollot of 35 Angus Road, from Purley Congregational Church.

DONALD BIDGOOD: In the autumn of this year we shall be losing the services of Donald as one of our sidesmen, as he will be going to St John's College, Cambridge. Our best wishes will go with him, and we shall take an interest in his studies and progress. Donald has grown up in our midst, he being among those who attended during our early Elm Grove days.

DR LEE'S GIFT: Hearing that the Church contemplated the purchasing of another lawn mower, Dr Lee has most kindly presented us with a useful little "Qualcoast", which is easily handled, and for which we would express our grateful thanks.

A CORRECTION: Due to a misunderstanding, our last "Chronicle" conveyed the impression that the Pianist for our Morning School was Mrs Askew. It is, however, Mrs J. D. Price who continues to render good service in this way. But Mrs Askew and Mr Hugh Gilmour are both very welcomed additions to the teaching staff.

OUR SICK FRIENDS: During the past weeks our thoughts and sympathy have been with those who have been unwell. We very gladly report good recoveries in the case of Mrs Dixon and Mrs McClunan, and as regards general health there is better news of Mr Deslandes. Mr West and family have been going through an anxious time, but here again the news is hopeful, Mrs West now being back home after an operation at Hopedene Nursing Home. Our regret at the removal of Mrs F. E. Hann to a new home at Lancing is accentuated by the period of ill-health she is now going through.

PULPIT SUPPLIES AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 1st: Rev. R. H. Eastaff, M.A., B.D., (Former missionary in India)
 July 8th: Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D.,
 July 22nd: Rev. F. Brookis (Pulborough). Mr Springbett is taking S.S. Anniversary Services there.

"BRING AND BUY" July 25th: Mrs Nodes, 27 West Avenue.
GARDEN SALES : August 29th: Mrs Knott's, 77 Lansdowne Road.

MEDICAL MISSION WEEK: Envelopes for this will be distributed July 15th to be returned the following Sunday, July 22nd.

FORWARD MOVEMENT GIFT DAY: September 2nd. But envelopes will be distributed at the end of July, and can if necessary, be given in before the day mentioned.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES: Sunday, September 30th.

NEXT CHURCH MEETING: Wednesday, August 1st.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

A bright spring morning and the young folk crowded on the the platform on Sunday, May 20th. As the older people present gazed on the happy little faces and noted their sparkling eyes it was perhaps inevitable that the age-long query should come to mind - "The child, what will he (or she) become?"

The Rev. S. Girling who has just begun his ministry at Iford Church, Bournemouth, held the attention of all with his simple talks on the "Never Beginners", and the beginnings of life. In place of a sermon the story of Samuel and Eli was modernised, and might well have been followed by the singing of James Drummond Burns well-known and beautiful verses "Hushed was the evening hymn".

Those present at the evening service were privileged to witness a most telling and arresting ocular illustration meant more especially for the younger folk, but deeply impressive for both young and old. The power of Christ as the great magnet drawing men and women has often been told from the pulpit, but Mr Girling brought articles necessary to interest young people and enforce his ably presented points. Very striking was the actual demonstration of the transmited magnetic power so long as contact was maintained with the magnet.

The morning Scripture lesson was read by Yvonne Buchanan, and the evening reading by John Beckenham, both young folk doing well. And the floral decorations were beautiful.

TRIP TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

(Contributed by Mr Hugh Gilmour)

Our first word must be one of appreciation for the efficient arrangements and plans made by Mr S. Grew. Everything went without a hitch. Add to that his well known geniality, and it will be apparent that we all had a most enjoyable outing.

We were up be-times and were able to make a punctual start. After picking up friends at Ferring our route was through Angmering Village and Arundel, and some lovely Sussex scenery. Skirting Chichester we reached Portsmouth along Portsdown Ridge where we obtained a fine view of the Solent. From the boat ("Southsea") which took us to the Island we had a thrilling sight of the aircraft carrier H.M.S. Theseus, just returned from service in Korea.

Unfortunately Ryde greeted us with tears, and for those who remained there it continued cloudy and dull until late afternoon. Others, however, found bright skies and sunshine at Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.

But dull or bright, we all found much of interest and enjoyment, and when we reassembled we were unanimous in our agreement that it had been a very happy day. On the homeward journey, Mr Nodes expressed our thanks to Mr Grew for all the trouble he had taken to make the outing so enjoyable.

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" SHOWING GOD "

"Youth is a wonderful thing," said George Bernard Shaw. Then in his inimitable fashion he added, "It is a shame that it should be wasted on children."

But children seldom waste words. In fact they often exhibit considerable skill in going straight to the point. Their questions or requests may be difficult to answer or even be embarrassing, but they scorn the roundabout method of approach so beloved by adults. And here is a true and recent incident of a four year old nephew who had been thrilled by the story of the Nativity on the radio programme, and so on entering a Church demanded, "Now Auntie, show me God."

How then shall God be shown to men and women, or to a little child? In his well-known hymn, William Faber reminds us,

"He hides Himself so wondrously
As though there were no God."

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This childish request is arresting if only because the small boy fully expected that God would be on the Church premises. Do we grown-ups set out for worship with that intense expectancy? And if that was our mental attitude what dignity, reverence and awe there would be in our approach. How softly we should tread, and how subdued would be our speech. Yet unless the spirit of God hovers over and around our Churches they are empty buildings - without "The Presence".

In the early part of 1947, there was printed in our "Chronicle" a contribution from our former minister. It was headed "Holy Ground" and was an extract from a letter written by a British Army Officer as a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese. It read as follows:- "In each of our camps in the jungle we used to have a small clearing known as the Church. There was no building, just a few trees cut down and laid to sit on, and a bamboo altar at one end. This was holy ground, and sacred to everybody, and services were held there whether we had a Padre or not. The atmosphere at these services was impossible to imagine. There was no doubt in any mind that God's presence was there. Afterwards if anyone spoke it was in a hushed voice..." In how many Churches in England do you find an atmosphere that seems like the Presence of God?

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But the Church is always more than a building or a clearing in the jungle. For its power, its influence, its radiance, it depends upon men and women who are God's representatives, not merely in attendance at public worship, but in the ordinary happenings of daily life. In self-sacrificing love in relation to their fellows, in courage and patience in trial and tribulation, in suggesting an inward beauty, life and loveliness, and showing itself outwardly in the commonplaces of daily life and practice.

God has many ways of revealing himself to mankind, and we do not honour him with false limits of our own which happen to appeal to us. The "closed door" (John, 20:19) does not mean that He will not or cannot enter and make himself known.

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..... But our Master still relies upon men and women to
 : show forth his Lordship, and it is one of the mysteries
 : "Ye shall be : of holiness that truly consecrated lives never fail to
 : my witnesses." : do this. "We have seen Him," said the people of a
 : : remote village in India when Jesus was being described.
 : : But they were referring to a missionary who had worked
 : : among them years before. When God wants things done,
 His work extended, His Gospel preached and lived, and His power revealed to an
 indifferent world, He calls upon His followers to carry out the work and make
 manifest to men the love of God.

"And from your eyes He beckons me,
 And from your heart His love is shed,
 Till I lose sight of you, and see
 The Christ instead."

And that is the most searching test that can be applied to Christian
 discipleship. C. H. C.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY, 1951.

	<u>Envelopes</u>			<u>Loose Cash</u>			:	<u>Envelopes</u>			<u>Loose Cash</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Apl 1st.	5	13	6	3	16	1	:	May 6th.	7	4	3	6	16	9
Apl 8th.	6	0	0	5	17	11	:	May 13th.	4	12	9	6	7	5
Apl 15th.	5	11	11	7	9	5	:	May 20th.	6	11	7	-	-	-
Apl 22nd.	5	0	11	6	0	4	:	May 27th.	5	7	6	5	13	11
Apl 29th.	7	7	6	5	1	0	:							
	£29	13	10	£28	4	9	:		£23	16	1	£18	18	1

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £100. 12. 9.

COLLECTIONS ON MAY 20th FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDS - £11. 12. 0.

" BRING AND BUY " SALE

This sale, organised by the Ladies' Working Party, was held on Tuesday, June 5th, and was favoured by brilliant weather. A number of friends who were unable to attend owing to absence from home sent most generous gifts of money and thus gave this effort a most encouraging send-off. The object of the sale was to clear off the small remaining debt on the Children's Hall, and also to provide funds for the good work still being done by the Working Party. Best thanks should be recorded to Miss Green for the use of her house and garden for the occasion, and to Mrs Humphrey and many others who so ably rendered assistance. As temporary treasurer for the day, Mr S.Grew reported the excellent total of £50.

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WORTHING CHRISTIAN COUNCIL: A United Open Air Service will be held in Beach House Gardens on Sunday, August 5th at 8 p.m.

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THE CHRONICLE

No. 45. Goring Congregational Church Sept., Oct., 1951.

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Contributions to the "Chronicle" Fund during the July-August period amounted to £1. 18. 0. This generous giving more than halved the cost of duplicating (£3.11.6) and is much appreciated by the Church Treasurer.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
September 29th

We miss the "many splendoured thing"
If by the "angels on the wing"
We think of beings - dim - remote
Who through some distant ether float.

For me the "larger life" holds clear
The dear ones whom we cherished here;
The loved ones "we have lost awhile",
Or think we've lost - I gently smile.

Whene'er I'm touched by loving hand
That links me to the Glory Land -
That higher class in God's Great School
Where, by the help of finer tool.

We all shall fashion what we are
To something richer - better far;
"One Family" we shall be still,
Co-operators with God's will.

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So let's remember, when we pray
"Our Father, Give us day by day" -
They're here, - with us, - we really hold
Their hands in ours, within the fold.
Malcolm Rutt.

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: "There is nothing
: clearer or more
: striking in the
: Bible than the
: calm familiar way
: with which from
: end to end it as-
: sumes the present
: existence of a
: world of spiritual
: beings always close
: to and acting on
: this world of flesh
: and blood. It does
: not belong to any
: one part of the
: Bible. It runs
: throughout its
: whole vast range.
: There is nothing
: of hesitation about
: the Bible's treat-
: ment of the spirit-
: ual world."
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: Bishop Phillips
: Brooks.
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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

At the August Church Meeting, it was our task to agree, with regret, to the transfer of Mr and Mrs Deslandes to membership of the West Worthing Baptist Church. There are others better able than myself to give an account of all Mr Deslandes' labours on the Church's behalf, but we all remember them and are grateful, and pray that God may go with our friends into their new Church.

Not the least of Mr Deslandes' labours was on behalf of the children, and it is a great joy to record that the two Sales of Work, principally aimed at paying off the debt on the Sunday School Hall, have yielded such a magnificent result - £150, that it has been deemed unnecessary to hold a third Sale as planned.

Then if I may add a personal word of thanks, it is one to you all for your very great kindness and consideration to me and my family during my wife's illness in hospital. Just prior to my writing this we were given the rather trying news that her operation is to take place, but not for another three or four weeks, which means that she will undergo it at about the time that this news-letter is issued. However a complete recovery is promised, and meanwhile we must be patient.

With greetings and thanks to you all,
H. M. SPRINGBETT.

EDITORIAL AND CHURCH NOTES

MR AND MRS SPRINGBETT: In so far as sympathetic and prayerful interest can avail, the Church has shared in the troubles which have clouded our Minister's home life during the past months. Mrs Springbett's prolonged hospital stay at Brighton, and the uncertainty concerning the necessary operation has called both for patience and courage. But we all hope that the later months of this year may bring with them a happy resumption of home life and renewed health.

NEW APPOINTMENTS: The Church Meeting held on August 1st, confirmed recommendations made by the Diaconate as follows:-
Mr D. G. Hughes to be asked to hold the office of deacon for the ensuing months up to February next, thus filling the vacancy caused by Mr Deslandes' resignation.

Mr A. E. Harrison was elected as Assistant Church Secretary.

Mr S. F. Grew appointed as Flower Secretary.

Miss M. Stevenson to be asked to be Secretary for the Bible Reading Fellowship.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME: The amount resulting from the House to House Collection during May was further increased by a generous and anonymous contribution of £25, thus making the full total £55. 10. 6. With this addition our amount once again proved to be the largest total among local Churches.

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MR & MRS DESLANDES: It was on Sunday, June 3rd, 1945, that these friends were received into our Church Fellowship at Elm Grove, coming to us after 40 years of association with the Ferme Park (London) Baptist Church. Happy years of fruitful co-operation in Church life followed, and evidence of Mr Deslandes' energy and enthusiasm is perhaps best expressed by the new appointments made necessary by the transfers now asked for. Beside acting as Deacon and Chief Steward, Mr Deslandes also instituted the idea of an annual Year Book, and did much good work also in connection with the children and their new Hall, and further built up a strong membership of the Bible Reading Fellowship. The Church gratefully remembers all this and more, not forgetting the great efforts made in planning the Church Garden.

Now that the parting of the ways has come, we express not only our gratitude and regrets, but couple with that our best wishes for better health and much happiness in their new spiritual home. We have already missed them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Forward Movement Gift Day for our Church has been fixed for Sunday, September 2nd.

Our Harvest Festival Services will be held on Sunday, September 30th.

The United Forward Movement Meeting at the Dome, Brighton, will be held on Saturday, October 13th. A coach will be arranged for to convey members and friends wishing to attend.

Next Church Meeting. Wednesday, August 29th, at 7 p.m.

RESIGNATION: Since our last issue, Mr A. Truss has resigned his membership and official connection with our Choir. His active and enthusiastic work in this way dates back to Elm Grove days, and the Church has much appreciated his endeavours, both willingly and ably performed. We must hope that we may occasionally see him in his accustomed place.

OUR COMMUNION SERVICES: An additional gift of a Communion Tray and Cover has been given to the Church by Mrs Freeman, thus completing the set so generously given some time back. Also included is the tray presented by Miss Winifred Beasley in memory of her mother. These are very liberal gifts for each tray now costs £9 or more.

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY, 1951.

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
June 3rd	7	8	6	6	7	6	:	July 1st	6	17	3	4	15	9
June 10th	5	11	9	5	14	2	:	July 8th	5	10	6	5	16	2
June 17th	7	13	9	6	15	11	:	July 15th	6	10	6	6	4	2
June 24th	5	8	3	6	4	7	:	July 22nd	6	18	0	4	12	1
							:	July 29th	6	17	3	4	17	0
	£26	2	3	£25	2	2	:		£32	13	6	£26	5	2

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £110 - 3 - 1

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, MEDICAL MISSIONS WEEK - £25 - 18 - 1
(£19-10-3 in 1950)

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THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are very pleased to welcome another new teacher to our Children's Church - Miss Iris Bentley. We hope she will be very happy with us.

..... We are to have the honour of entertaining this
 : organisation on Saturday, September 15th, and look
 : WEST SUSSEX : forward (weather permitting) to spending the
 : CONGREGATIONAL : afternoon on the beach, and returning to our Hall
 : YOUTH COUNCIL. : for tea at 5 o'clock. After that meal we shall
 : : adjourn to the Church Hall for a Youth Service, to
 : : be conducted by the Rev. Harvey Goldsmith. Any
 young people will be warmly welcomed.

Other news concerning our young folk is that a Sports Evening has been held on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays on the West Park Sports Ground. These evenings have been much enjoyed by the children, but extra help would be appreciated. We would also like to thank all the kind friends who have given us equipment for our outdoor activities and forthcoming indoor winter evenings.

OUR SUMMER EXCURSION: About 70 children and parents met at the Church Hall on Saturday, June 9th, all very excited about this annual outing - once again to Chessington Zoo. The two coaches arrived to time, and after the Roll Call we all eagerly scrambled in, being waved off by a few loyal friends of the Church and some parents. By the time we arrived at the Zoo rain clouds were gathering, but this did not damp our spirits as we had already booked for the early performance of the circus. This proved a very fortunate arrangement as during the entertainment the rain descended, but soon afterwards the sun shone again. The children and the grown-ups had great fun on slides, see-saw, and other thrills and sensations, and after tea we left for home, tired but happy, and eating ice-creams. B.F.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

It was a perfect afternoon on June 30th last, when the children of the afternoon Sunday School assembled at the Church for their outing to Highdown. The party travelled by 31 bus as far as North Ferring Lane, and then climbed to the old chalk pit.

Once there the children proceeded to enjoy themselves in various ways - games, an exciting competition, slides down the chalky slopes (to the detriment of clothes!) and other amusements. Even the "tinies" revelled in the freedom and fresh air.

All this induced wonderful appetites for tea which had been conveyed by car, and which (mercifully) proved quite ample. Afterwards there was a pleasant ramble for the older boys and girls who picked bunches of wild flowers, and patiently gathered wild strawberries.

All feeling very happy, and grateful to our Heavenly Father for the sunny day and joyous companionship. D.E.B.

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" WATCH AND CARE "

Perusal of an old Minute Book of an ancient Congregational Church provides what a writer calls "interesting and in some cases terrifying reading" on matters of Church discipline.

Over 250 years ago the records of this particular church included
 detailed references to members who were
 : : deemed to have fallen from grace, and who by
 : "He watch'd and wept, : their behaviour were no longer considered
 : he prayed and felt : worthy of Church Membership. In passing
 : for all." : judgment on the offenders the minutes often
 : : have as concluding words "They therefore
 : Goldsmith. "The : gave up their watch and care of him (or her)"
 : Deserted Village". :
 "Watch and Care"! So that was considered
 part of the duty of the Christian Church at
 that time. Guardianship and sympathy. A dual exercise of protective power
 and helpful comradeship. Sentinel and Good Samaritan in one!

In these more enlightened and (sometimes) tolerant days we rightly hesitate to sit in judgment on those who err. Yet even so it is worth considering whether we have not something to learn from this idea of personal interest and welfare, and it is along these lines that our Church also may find its greatest opportunities in time to come.

In Medical Missions it is undoubtedly the personal touch which breaks down barriers. The truly Christian desire to help without any idea of reward. And it is the same spirit which in bygone years conquered opposition in slum areas, and made headway against suspicion and opposition. A Church which concerns itself with personal troubles and interests can hardly fail to make its influence felt. C.H.C.

THE LITTLE CHURCH AT CUCKFIELD

(This Church set amidst beautiful Sussex scenery is of special interest to our friends Mr and Mrs Gowen since it is members of their family - Mr and Mrs Donald P. Gowen - who are prominent in the brave effort to carry on the work under great difficulty. It is hoped, however, before long to have a resident minister, and that would much encourage the workers. Mr Nokes kindly reports on the Anniversary services held there in June).

"For the second year in succession a party journeyed by coach to Cuckfield on Wednesday, June 6th, and on this occasion the male element was better represented. Passing along the Sussex lanes through Bramber and Cowfold in glorious sunshine we arrived to find Mr and Mrs D. P. Gowen waiting to greet us outside the Church. A coach-load had previously arrived from Seaford Church, and we all sat down to a very excellent tea provided by friends at Cuckfield.

Afterwards greetings were expressed by visitors from the neighbouring Churches. On behalf of Goring, Mr Harrison very ably voiced the good wishes of the youngest church to the Cuckfield Church on the occasion of its 119th

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Anniversary. The Church Secretary (Mrs Brolly) concluded with a report of the year's work, and the evening service was conducted by the Moderator for the Southern Province, the Rev. W. A. James, M.A.

The return ride through Hurstpierpoint brought to a conclusion a very happy afternoon, and we remembered the kindness and hospitality of the friends in that part." G.L.N.

ANOTHER HAPPY DAY - TUESDAY, JULY 10th

It was not called a "Church Social", but that is what it really was, although disguised as an excursion. Two Southdown Coaches were necessary for the 64 friends who spent nearly eleven hours together, enjoying all the varied delights provided by the well-planned route which included beautiful Sussex scenery and stoppages at Tunbridge Wells, Battle Abbey, Hastings and Eastbourne, and finally the wind-swept cliff ride beside the silver sea. The beauty of the flower decked villages passed through was a joy to behold.

The company who thus travelled 133 miles were indebted to Mr Stanley Grew who once again made all arrangements, and moreover kept to scheduled time almost throughout the day. It probably meant more planning than most of us realised.

Arrangements are now in hand for yet one more Church Outing on September 4th to Lullingstone Silk Farm (Kent). Route via Balcombe Forest to Tunbridge Wells (different to last time), returning via Haly. Leaving Elm Grove at 9 a.m. and back about 6.30 p.m. Coach fare and tip 8/3. Admission to Silk Farm 1/3. Also light lunches can be obtained, but early application is necessary for this trip, for lunch mentioned and for special admission charge. Apply Mr S. F. Grew, "Whitestacks", Goring Way, Goring-by-Sea.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS!

.....		The second of the "Bring & Buy" Sales or-
:	:	ganised by the Ladies' Working Party was held
:	:	on July 25th, in the very pleasant garden of
:	:	Mr and Mrs Nodes. Beautiful weather resulted
:	:	in a good attendance, and Mrs Morgan opened
:	:	the Sale by reminding us of the opportunities
:	:	that lie ahead. Simple forms of enjoyment
:	:	included a Treasure Hunt and an original
:	:	Puzzle Competition, and the business done at
:	:	the various stalls must have more than come
:	:	up to expectations. True the Sale had a
:	:	wonderful start with anonymous cheques
:	:	totalling £30, but the full total of £100
:	:	was astonishing.
.....		This sum, together with the previous

and the suggested third garden Sale has been cancelled.

The next "Chronicle" is due for distribution on Sunday, October 28th

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LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

"Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful, love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose; always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient."
(1 Cor. 13, 4 - 7. Moffat Translation).

"Our great need is not so much for special days of prayer; for a renewed interest in the Church, or in Bible Study, as for the incorporation into our normal life of all those factors which make for a Christian life lived at the highest level of communion and devotion to God. If we could only alter the pitch of our life so that it expressed a closer harmony with God we should possess the resources to meet any and every emergency."

Rev. Douglas Hicks.

"My father rarely spoke directly on religious matters in the family circle, but we instinctively knew that he lived for God and His service. He showed us the beauty of religion in his life."
(Reginald Farrar writing of his father, Frederic Farrar, Dean of Canterbury.)

The custom of speaking "my life, my time, my money, my gifts" will not bear examination from a Christian standpoint. We have none of these things to enjoy in our own right and for our own ends, but the gifts are God's and we are responsible to Him for the use we make of them. He will one day require an account of this stewardship."

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes.

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THE MINISTERS' LETTER

It is a good thing that, from time to time we should count our blessings, and these include, not only the things we have received, but also the things which God has enabled us to do and to enjoy. And these last few weeks have given us much cause for thankfulness. We have been enabled to raise no less than £200 for the Congregational Forward Movement, and at almost the same time answered an emergency appeal from the Colonial Missionary Society with a collection of nearly £15 for relief of their work in Jamaica, where such great damage was caused by the hurricane in August. Also at our October Church Meeting our Treasurer was able to report that we have all the money to pay for the building of the Children's Hall and a surplus of £50 to go towards the cost of the Car Park.

Then our Harvest Festival Sunday was a very joyful day. The Church, most beautifully decorated, was full in the morning, and more than 60 children each brought their own gifts to add to the many already received. To this was added the conspicuous success of our first Harvest Supper. Following the most prodigious work of preparation, more than ninety people sat down to a splendid supper, which most happily served to inaugurate our new series of Family Evenings to run through the winter.

With such beginnings we may look forward to our coming winter's work with confidence. May God go with us.

H. M. SPRINGBETT.

THE NINE LESSONS AND CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday, December 23rd, it is hoped to again repeat this beautiful Christmas Service. Last year many of our number took part, and both readings and music were much appreciated. Unfortunately on that occasion the weather was so severe that the attendance was greatly reduced. This next time we hope the Church Hall will be filled to capacity.

EDITORIAL AND CHURCH NOTES

DR SIDNEY BERRY, M.A. Sunday, March 16th, has been booked for the promised visit of Dr Berry, when he hopes to conduct both services on that day.

CHILDREN'S HALL: An alteration requiring considerable ingenuity and reconstruction has been made in the platform. Although now much reduced in size (and thus allowing more room for numbers attending), the original platform can at any time, if needed, be restored to its former dimensions. For this work we are indebted to Mr H. J. Curtis, ably assisted by Mr C. S. C. Wood and others unknown.

Church Notes Continued.

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PULPIT BIBLE: A beautifully bound copy with exceptionally clear print has been presented to the Church by Miss Jackson, M.A., in memory of her brother. A simple inscription on the fly-leaf reads as follows:- "This Bible is a gift to Goring Congregational Church, West Worthing, in memory of Thomas Edwin Jackson, who greatly loved its services. He died on December 12th, 1950.

DR AND MRS LEES: Our warmest congratulations to these friends who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 2nd last. This happy occasion also coincided with the slow but steady progress Mrs Lees has made after many weeks of painful illness.

AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL: After a period of nearly two years, the Church will be losing the services of Mrs Billings as Leader, at the end of October. Good work has been done in this way and much appreciated. A special meeting of the Diaconate and the Sunday School Teachers will shortly consider the whole question of work amongst our young folk.

NEW APPOINTMENT: Mr Hugh Gilmour has been elected as Treasurer to the Western District of the Sussex Congregational Union and Home Missionary Society. Our congratulations and good wishes.

OUR FAVOURITE HYMNS: Has it ever occurred to you who are reading this to ask that one of your favourite hymns should be included in our Sunday Worship? Mr Springbett is quite prepared to meet such wishes when possible.

At the evening service on September 23rd, we sang "Jesus my strength, my hope" to the tune "Banstead". It is safe to say that the music was unknown to many present which only proves how easily a lovely tune may be unused over many years. Perhaps next time the morning congregation may be given the chance to hear how admirably this tune helps to express the beauty of the words. And it is easy to sing too!

FORWARD MOVEMENT: Another meeting of Ministers and Deacons in the West Sussex Area will take place on November 9th, this time in our own Church Hall.

MR AND MRS GALLEY: Transfers to the Presbyterian Church have been asked for by these friends. Our Church is conscious of yet another loss, but gratefully remembers past services so ably rendered.

OBITUARY: In recent weeks two of our members have died. On September 21st, Mr H. M. Firth suddenly passed away within a few days of settling down in a new home at High Salvington. Formerly of Leighton Buzzard where he and Mrs Firth attended the Methodist Church, Mr Firth had in recent years suffered acutely with cardiac asthma. He was a generous supporter of our cause.

And on September 26th, Mrs Eades of 64 Ripley Road passed peacefully away in her sleep. A loyal and faithful supporter of our Church in Elm Grove days, Mrs Eades was also a valued member of the Ladies Working Party.

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WEST SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

The main idea underlying this organisation is for the youth of the different Congregational Churches to get to know one another, and thus help each other and make for friendship. Also to unite young folk in a stronger Church membership.

"Live as long as you may the first 20 years of your life are the longest half of your life." Southey.

Any young person over 15 is eligible for membership, and meetings are usually held once a month. On the occasion reported below the gathering was held in our own Church buildings for the first time, but most unfortunately, the weather was rough and wet. Another meeting was due to be held at Pulborough on October 20th.

Miss Ford Reports as follows:-

"It was with very great pleasure that we had the honour to welcome the Youth Council on Saturday, September 15th. The Churches represented included Amberley, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Worthing, and ourselves, about 34 all told. Games were played in the Children's Hall previous to tea as climatic conditions prevented our being on the beach as planned. The ladies' Committee arranged for the tea, and cakes were provided by the teachers. After a walk along the sea front we had a very inspiring service in the Church Hall conducted by the Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, M.A., his subject being "An Agent for God".

OUR COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1951.

	ENVELOPES			LOOSE CASH				ENVELOPES			LOOSE CASH		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 5th:	5	9	9	4	13	4	Sep. 2nd:	6	2	11	5	5	10
12th:	4	14	0	6	2	11	9th:	7	19	9	4	15	1
19th:	8	2	6	6	5	3	16th:	5	17	3	6	13	9
26th:	5	18	11	5	2	1	23rd:	7	8	3	4	12	9
							30th:	9	2	7	-	-	-
	£24	5	2	£22	3	7		£36	10	9	£21	7	5

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £104 - 6 - 11

Collections on September 30th for Sussex Congregational Home Missions totalled £14. 4. 6. Retiring Collection for Jamaica Relief Fund amounted to £14. 12. 6.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

On Tuesday, 25th of September last, we had a visit from the Shelley Road Church Ladies Working Party, and they were welcomed by Mr Springbett and the Secretary. Mrs Spaul and Mrs Youngman replied, and expressed their pleasure at being present. An interesting exchange of views followed, and a very pleasant afternoon was much enjoyed by all. Members and visitors present totalled about 50.

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T H E I D E A L C H U R C H M E M B E R

(Brief extracts from a little booklet written by the late Dr J. D. Jones, for many years minister at Richmond Hill, Bournemouth.)

"Joining the Church is more than a mere confession of faith. It is also a consecration to service. And by joining the Church we promise to take our share of responsibility for the welfare of the particular Church we join ... a man may be a Christian without being a member, but by joining a Church he will become a better Christian.

..... We owe to one another, as members of the same
: : Church, that sympathy, that helpfulness, that love,
: His duties towards : which one member of a family owes to another member
: his Fellow Member : of the same household ... The Church is a household,
: : a brotherhood, and within the Church the love and
: : affection of a home ought to reign. The true Church
..... is a family, and the essence of the family feeling

is the personal bond, the intimate personal acquaintance. The ideal member will try to be helpful, sympathetic, a true friend to all. He will enter into the joys and sorrows of his fellow-members and feel them as his own.

..... Regular attendance at public worship is a duty we owe
: : (1) to God, (2) to ourselves (3) to the minister. We
: His Duty to : go to Church on the Sabbath not only to get, but to
: Sunday Services : give; not merely to receive fresh supplies of grace,
: : but also go pay our vows unto the Lord.
.....

It is in the sanctuary we renew our strength, and correct our views of life. In the interests of our own religious life we must be regular in attendance and quicken our zeal and faith by fellowship. And Dr Dale urged the importance of worshippers being in their places five minutes before the commencement of service, and spending those minutes in prayer for the minister.

'Take heed how ye hear' says Holy Writ. There is a story told of a Wesleyan steward who was complaining to his superintendent minister of the decay of preaching ... Going back to the time of the Wesleys he said 'Ah sir, there were great preachers in those days.' 'Yes,' replied the minister, 'and there were great hearers too.'

..... When a member joins a Church he undertakes to do
: : his share in bearing the burdens of the Church he
: His Duty in the : joins ... among other burdens is the money burden.
: matter of Christian : But nothing but love will loosen our purse-strings.
: Liberality. : What we need is not instruction in the duty of
: : giving, but more love to Christ. There will be no
: : lack of money when there is an abundance of love.
.....

People quote the widow's mite when they wish to make an excuse for a small offering. The widow's mite was not a small gift.
IT WAS ALL SHE HAD!

The next number of this "Chronicle" is due for distribution on Sunday, December 30th. Contributions towards the "Chronicle" Fund for the September - October period amounted to £2. 2. 10. This generous giving once again more than halved the cost of duplicating.

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A UNIQUE OUTING
(Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford, Kent)

On Tuesday, September 4th, a merry party, 32 strong, and led by Mr Stanley Grew, visited the Lullingstone Silk Farm situated to the north of Sevenoaks. We were given a good send-off by Mr Springbett and felt much cheered by the news concerning his wife's return from Hospital.

In starting the dull weather failed to damp our spirits judging by the buzz of conversation inside the coach. We encountered this same misty atmosphere on the Sussex-Kent border, but on reaching Tunbridge Wells conditions improved. Coffee in the "Pantiles" and then we journeyed on, arriving at Lullingstone at 1 p.m. and greeted by the sun.

The Silk Farm has a sylvan setting. In front is a large lawn studded with cedar trees, and surrounded by the Castle ruins, Herb garden and the ancient 14th century Parish Church, the latter being unusually interesting. Most of the rooms in the Castle are devoted to silk production, this industry being started by Lady Hart Dyke in 1932.

After lunch we were taken on a conducted tour, and were shown every stage of silk-production from pin-point silk worm eggs, to the hanks of perfect silk. The marvels of this business will not soon be forgotten.

By 3.30 p.m. our homeward journey was made via Westerham, Godstone and Redhill, and a splendid tea awaited us at Harley. After travelling 135 miles through the highways and byways of Sussex and Kent we reached Worthing at 7 p.m. To Mr Grew, many thanks for another delightful trip. W. G. HITE.

I T E M S O F I N T E R E S T

FAMILY EVENINGS: Oct. 30th, "My Job" by Members; Nov. 13th, Religious Brains Trust; Nov. 27th, Film; Dec. 11th, Debate; Dec. 18th, Christmas Concert.

The Harvest Supper which initiated these evenings on Oct. 2nd was beautifully arranged, and with our "sunshine" lighting switched on the tables looked really charming. A labour of love indeed, and many of the confections were not only made but given by unknown friends. Just one tiny criticism! Next time (and surely there will be a next time) may we have a little more music, and some of it vocal, with perhaps a harvest hymn to help emphasise what it is we are celebrating.

SOCIAL HOUR: Following our Evening Services on the second Sunday of each month, it is being arranged for a Social Hour to be held. It is also hoped to arrange for an occasional evening Youth Service with some of our younger folk taking part.

OUR CHURCH GARDEN: Without being very spectacular as regards results some strenuous work has been done in turfing the former flower beds, and making new paths, etc. The idea underlying these changes has been to minimise future work whilst retaining as far as possible a pleasant garden approach.

HARVEST PRODUCE: This was sent to Gifford House, The Lantern Hotel, and the John Horniman's Convalescent Home for Children.