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### THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Manse,  
December 1957

My dear Friends,

This "Chronicle" will be published just before the opening of another year. Please accept the greetings and good wishes of myself and my wife for the days of 1958. I trust that it will be a year in which you will be able to rejoice in the knowledge of the abiding presence of Jesus whatever the outward circumstances may be.

As I write we are approaching Christmas and our activities have been multiplying from week to week. In fact, since our last publication, there seems to have been no "let-up" at all. The one function in which most people took part at one time was, of course, the Christmas Market. I want to thank all those who made any kind of contribution at all to the success of the day. Whenever I have been asked, as I have been, on numerous occasions, "How is it done", my answer has been, "Work and generosity".

The Church - all churches - needs these two attributes among its members. Not only work of hands and generosity of pocket and purse, even although these are indispensable, but the labours of prayer and the generosity of spirit which compels us to share the spiritual blessings that we have received. In that sense there is no end to the activity which is required of us. **There is not one of us who can say that there is nothing new to be learned in the way of using the power-house of prayer.** There is no one who can claim that he has not been blessed and has no opportunity of passing on what has been received.

Alexis Carrel has said, "All beings seek to augment finite strength by tapping infinite reservoirs of power". We need to have access to that power for the work that we are being called to do and prayer is the way.

Yours very sincerely,  
C. C. FRANKS.

### GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

The 4th Annual Display of the 5th Worthing Company of the G.L.B. took place on Saturday, 30th November in the Church Hall.

In the first part of the programme awards and badges were distributed to members of the Brigade. The awards were given for proficiency in drill, handwork, nature study and various other activities engaged in during the year.

The parents and friends were then entertained by the various groups of the Company. The Cadets, the youngest group, showed a floral dance. The Juniors mimed

the Red Riding Hood story. The Seniors gave a display of skipping and ball sequence, and the Cadets took part in a Nativity Play, "The Birds' Christmas Gift". These items were the highlights in a very full programme. The girls had been trained by the Officers of the Brigade. A.M.T.

OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET  
Another Remarkable Day! (held 16th. Nov. 1957)

"All works are good, and each is best  
As most it pleases Thee

In the last issue of our "Chronicle" the Editor made reference to divided opinions in Church life as to the best ways of raising necessary monies - Gift Days or Sales of Work? Let it, therefore, be recorded that during the past 11 years our Church has tried both methods, and we humbly believe that God has bestowed His blessing each time. In all we have had three Gift Days, the first being the Humphrey Memorial Gift Day in November 1947, which realised nearly £800, and which was undoubtedly partly attributed to the regard and affection felt for our former minister. (This too when our total Church Membership did not exceed 90.)

Again in December 1954 another Gift Day resulted in £554 being added to a full total of £800, all being given to make possible the building of a second Children's Hall. And earlier this year we had the special Building Fund Gift Day which totalled £1,946.

Each worker pleases when the rest  
He serves in charity -

But also quite remarkable have been the results of four Sales of Work held by our Church in the last 8 years. Without going into details these efforts - let the word 'efforts' be stressed - raised a full total of £2,770. Hearing of our latest Sale a correspondent from "Zumerset" wrote: "The amount your folks can raise for Church purposes bowls us over!"

In our thankfulness for what was in effect our most successful Sale, with expenses kept at a very low level, let us freely admit and acknowledge all the countless hours spent in 'homework' and planning, by a host of friends known and partly unknown, and which helped to produce a final result that astonished many. In such cases it is dangerous to mention names, but it can at least be recorded that we were greatly indebted to His Worship the Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Harold Frampton, J.I. for making time to open our Christmas Market and to our friend and well-wisher, Mr M. F. White of Littlehampton for ably presiding as Chairman. We were also honoured by the presence of the Mayoress and Mrs White.

And let this also be mentioned. That there are many in our midst who have no deep capacious pockets into which to dive for direct giving, but who quietly, unobtrusively, and even generously, worked long hours in their own homes to provide articles for sale. The varied stalls were in some cases quaintly named, and all attractively filled with goods, the "Garden Shop" on the platform making a beautiful background setting.

And neither men nor work unblest  
Wilt Thou permit to be." (Thomas Lynch)

Is it a great stretch of imagination to wonder whether this writer had Gift Days and Sales of Work in mind!! C.H.C.

NET RESULT OF SALE : OVER £780.

A MESSAGE FROM DR CLEMENT F. MOSS

Dr Moss, a missionary in India with the Evangelical National Missionary Society of Sweden, recently spent a holiday in Worthing and became well known to many of our members. Mr Franks has received a letter from him written on board ship on the journey back to India. It is addressed "Dear Friends at Worthing and Goring" and the following is an extract from it:-

"We want to take this opportunity now of thanking you, our friends at Goring, for the happy times of fellowship we were able to have with you. When we came to England we felt we were spiritually homeless, since the old church to which I had belonged years ago in London no longer exists, and most of our roots in the homeland had been severed by the long period we had been out of touch. We spent some weeks searching for a church where we could feel that we "belonged", and it was finally at Goring Congregational that we found our home! We were strangers and you took us in - and we were blessed and inspired by all the good fellowship and friendliness and interest in our work which we found amongst you. The Lord will reward you! A personal word of thanks to Mr Franks is perhaps not out of place, since it was through him we first made our contact with you, and he has helped us in many ways during our stay in Worthing. There are others also, to whom a special word of thanks is due, and it is especially precious to us to know that you will be remembering us in your prayers as we go forward to the mission field in India. Pray for us that we may be strengthened to go forth with His Word, not falling into any of the snares and hindrances which the enemy of souls will continually put in our way."

GEORGE ELIOT ON STRADIVARI

That plain, white-aproned man  
Who stood at work,  
Patient and accurate, full four score years,  
Cherished his sight and touch by temperance;  
And, since keen sense is love of perfectness,  
Made perfect violins, the needed paths  
For inspiration and high mastery - Antonio Stradivari.

(We are indebted to Mrs Richardson for a sight of this poem. ED.)

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABOURS REST ...."

We have recently sustained the loss by death of two loyal friends of the church, Mrs E. W. J. West and Mr W. N. James. Mr Cornwall has written the following tribute to Mrs West: "On November 28th. last, our Church lost yet another good friend, and our former Church Treasurer, Mr E. W. J. West, a loving partner in life after 55 years of married life. Born within the sound of Bow Bells, Mrs West's father was minister of the City Road Methodist Church, and from the earliest days of childhood both Mr and Mrs West knew what it meant to be "busy" in Church work.

In later years these Methodist friends attached themselves to us in the services at Elm Grove School during war days and together with Miss West, who has always so willingly and ably given of her musical talents, we have learnt to look upon them as amongst our most loyal supporters. To Mr West and family we offer our very sincere Christian sympathy, whilst rejoicing in the thought that the frailty and weakness of life is now lost in "wonder, love and praise" in a glad new world. "One family we dwell in Him, One Church, above, beneath".

A friend who knew the late Mr James very well, but who prefers to remain anonymous, has kindly contributed the following:

"Mr W. N. James retired as a Head Master of a school in the Walworth district of South London about 20 years ago. As a Christian gentleman he had helped to form the characters of hundreds of young people. Just over 18 years ago he and his wife

came to settle in Worthing, and they attended the Steyne Gardens Methodist Church. At the outbreak of war it became difficult to travel to church on Sunday mornings, so they joined with others of various denominations in services held in Elm Grove School. This was the beginning of Goring Congregational Church, and Mr and Mrs James have been regular in attendance and support since that time. A few years ago an accident in the garden cost him the sight of one eye. This loss he bore with cheerful resignation. His religion was very real to him and was for every day, weekdays as well as Sundays. His life was a shining example to all his friends."

#### MISSIONARY OPTICAL SERVICE

Mr Franks, in reply to enquiries he made, has received the following letter from Mr H. A. Thompson of 162 Salvington Road, Worthing:-

"Over the past 5 or 6 years some 20,000 pairs of spectacles have been sent to various mission stations in India, Africa, Jamaica, Malaya, etc., by the Missionary Optical Service. Each pair has been made ready for wear, the lenses being matched in such a way that those needing help for reading and close work have been able to obtain it by means of these "aids to vision". So that those, doctors and others, who distribute these can find easily what is needed, the lenses are marked, after cleansing, and each pair is, where possible, sent in a case. Missionaries speak very highly of the help given to the work by these spectacles, many of which are supplied free, or for a copper or two, to pastors and teachers who would otherwise have to go without owing to the cost of new spectacles.

All this has been made possible by friends who have collected discarded spectacles and sent them to the Missionary Optical Service, 162 Salvington Road, Worthing, whence they are distributed to those mission stations needing them. The need is still very great, however, and we can only attempt to fill that need as friends continue to collect discarded spectacles."

(This seems a wonderful opportunity to put to good use those old spectacles which many of us have at home. Please help if you can. If you will bring or send them to the church we shall be pleased to arrange for them to be taken to Salvington Road. Please note that cases also are needed. ED.)

#### VISIT OF DR. NORMAN GOODALL TO WORTHING

By the kind invitation of members of the Shelley Road Congregational Church some of us enjoyed the real privilege of hearing Dr. Goodall speak on the Church Local and Universal. Dr. Goodall from his rich experience and with his deep spiritual insight spoke of the indifference to the Christian faith here, and then in vivid pictures turned to problems further afield, but still the problems of the one Church.

Depressed by the extent of the desolation in Hungary, Dr. Goodall was suddenly uplifted by the sung Mass in a partially restored church in Buda-Pest. A thousand people were present; there he was conscious of the continuity of the Faith and of stability in the face of cruel opposition. From Hungary the scene moves to Southwark Cathedral. In a crowded building a bishop from China speaks. He pays tribute to the work of missionaries in the past which has enabled his people to continue the task unaided. But what, he asks, is that we here should pray not for them but with them. Dr. Goodall then spoke of all the problems of the Middle East. Some of these are being solved, but one defies solution. Jerusalem is artificially divided. In the Arab lands on one side is the bitter hatred of the Arab for the Jew; on the other side the Jew detests the Arab. Both offered gracious hospitality to the Westerner. A fine Hebrew scholar said "What power in the Universe can conquer the terrible intractability of the human soul?" "Grace," was Dr. Goodall's reply, "grace which breaks down the middle wall of partition." Such grace alone can save them and us.

In thanking Dr. Goodall, the Rev. B. Spaul said he was more than ever convinced that the redemptive love of the crucified Christ alone can solve these problems of our time.

H. Grey.

Mr G. L. Nodes adds the following note regarding Dr. Goodall, a former Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales:- "After holding pastorates at Trinity, Walthamstow and New Barnet Dr. Goodall became Foreign Secretary of the L.M.S. In more recent years he has held the office of Secretary of the Co-ordinating Committee of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. These positions have taken him to many lands and brought him into contact with many of the peoples of the world."

#### CHURCH NOTES

NEW MEMBERS: We extend to the following recently admitted members the good wishes of the whole fellowship of the Church. If you do not already know them please make a point of meeting them as soon as possible. They are Miss M. Durbin and Miss A. M. Penfold of 157 George V. Avenue, Miss E. V. Penwill of 112 Offington Avenue and Miss D. M. Wright of 10 Walpole Avenue.

VISITING MINISTERS: The annual exchange of Free Church pulpits takes place on 12th January and the Morning Service on that day will be conducted by the Rev. H. E. Stickler, minister of West Worthing Baptist Church.

On 23rd February the Morning Service will be conducted by the Rev. W. J. Ashford, formerly minister of Angel St. Congregational Church, Worcester, and now retired and living in Worthing. To both these friends we give a very warm welcome.

WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY: A very warm welcome will be extended to any lady of the Church who would like to come along and join the meeting on 7th January at 2.30 p.m., when the new session opens with the Annual Business Meeting. Newcomers to the Church will be particularly welcome at these meetings, which are held fortnightly on alternate Tuesdays. M.H.

WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP: The attendance at Fellowship meetings has considerably increased during the present session, but there is room for still more members. A warm welcome awaits any ladies who wish to join us in the New Year. The programme for January and February is:-

|                |                                     |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 14th January:  | Devotional Meeting                  | Mrs Starkey                   |
| 28th do        | A Holiday in Italy.                 | Mrs Bridger                   |
| 11th February: | Devotional Meeting                  | Miss Hutchinson               |
| 25th do        | My Job. A talk by Miss Joyce Prince | (Local Moral Welfare Officer) |

A.E.E.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP: On 28th October 14 young wives met at "Crantock", Nelson Road, with the idea of forming a Fellowship. Mrs Franks was invited to be our chairman and a programme was discussed. We have had two very interesting speakers, Miss Saunders, a health visitor and Woman P.C. Slade; our membership now exceeds twenty. The next meeting is on 6th January at 8 p.m. and any new members who would like to come and join us can be assured of a very warm welcome. M.S.D.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The first half of the 1957/1958 session has now been completed, and although a variety of speakers - six from our own fellowship - have given stimulating talks, the attendance at our meetings has fallen below the previous average of 20. Membership has become depleted through various causes, and although we have a sound nucleus it is essential that our numbers be increased to justify the attendance of first class speakers. Will the gentlemen of the church and congregation who are free on alternate Tuesday afternoons please make an effort to come along and bring a friend if possible?

Our syllabus for the second half of the session is a varied one and fresh speakers have promised to talk on the subjects given below:

|               |                                   |                                |
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| 7th January:  | Rev. C. C. Franks.                | "Why I am a Congregationalist" |
| 21st do       | Mr H. J. Harland                  | "The Story of Glyndebourne"    |
| 4th February: | Dr. H. G. Chapman, M.A., Litt. D. | "The Song of Solomon"          |

18th February: Rev. R. G. Pinhorn "Remembering to Forget"  
 4th March: Rev. Kenneth S. Price, M.A. "William Knibb, Champion of Slaves"  
 18th do Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D. "A Great Puritan"  
 1st April: Rev. A. B. C. Headlam "Travel in Various Countries and Why"

It will be seen that the programme listed is an attractive one, so please encourage the speakers by providing a sizeable audience. P.S.W.

#### EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

**WARM WELCOMES:** Looking through the "Church Notes" it appears that "warm welcomes" are the order of the day. Let it not be thought for a moment that the repetitive nature of the notices in this respect means that the welcomes are any the less sincere at all the gatherings mentioned. If you do not already come to these women's and men's meetings January 1958 seems a good time to make a start.

**COMMUNIST CONTROL OF A TRADE UNION:** We have had the spectacle recently of members of the Electrical Trade Union being interviewed on Television, but with their faces hidden, for fear, it was asserted, that they might be victimised by the Union Executive and lose their jobs. That such a fear should exist seems to call for an enquiry into Union procedure. In this particular union the control is almost entirely in the hands of Communists, who could presumably be removed from office by the members. It appears that attendance at many union branch and other meetings is usually very scanty, and a determined Communist minority may take advantage of this to secure the election of their nominees to various posts. Such a situation is to be deplored, but the remedy appears to be in the hands of the members themselves. By the way, what percentage of the membership of most Congregational churches attends the Church Meeting?

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT:** Figures given in the House of Commons a month or so ago seemed to indicate a substantial increase in the number of murders in this country compared with a similar period before the law relating to the penalties for murder was amended. There seem to have been a considerable number of particularly brutal murders of elderly women, usually by young thugs bent on robbery.

There was some outcry in Parliament regarding the execution - the first for some time - of a young man who apparently in the course of robbing an old lady attempted to throttle her, with great brutality beat her about the head, and when she was on the ground kicked her head and so caused her death.

Quite frankly our concern goes to the victim of such bestiality, and to possible future victims, and we are far from convinced that the death penalty is no deterrent, or that the capital sentence was other than the right one in such a case.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1957

|      |     | <u>ENVELOPES</u> | <u>LOOSE OFFERINGS</u> |      |     | <u>ENVELOPES</u> | <u>LOSSE OFFERINGS</u> |
|------|-----|------------------|------------------------|------|-----|------------------|------------------------|
| Oct. | 6:  | £ 14. 13. 0      | £ 10. 17. 9            | Nov. | 3:  | £ 9. 0. 6        | £ 6. 13. 0             |
|      | 13: | 9. 19. 6         | 11. 9. 0               |      | 10: | 12. 7. 6         | 12. 13. 3              |
|      | 20: | 9. 7. 0          | 10. 9. 8               |      | 17: | 14. 9. 0         | 12. 5. 8               |
|      | 27: | 19. 13. 0        | 12. 9. 6               |      | 24: | 10. 6. 6         | 11. 10. 0              |
|      |     | £53. 12. 6.      | £45. 5. 11             |      |     | £46. 3. 6        | £43. 1. 11             |

Total for two Months ..... £188. 3. 10  
 Retiring Collections - Girls' Life Brigade..... £ 7. 18. 7.  
 do British & Foreign Bible Society £ 7. 15. 0.

Further contributions to the Church Garden Fund amounting to £1. 2. 9. are acknowledged with thanks.

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THE MANSE.  
FEBRUARY 1958.

My dear Friends,

The next letter that I address to you will be headed as is this one, but its point of origin will be different, which is a rather 'pompous sounding' way of saying that we shall soon be moving to the new Manse. **When this matter was under discussion** at the Church Meeting I expressed the wish that it should be dealt with on the basis of providing accommodation for the minister of the church, and not "a new house for the Franks". **I believe that you did that, but nevertheless we do appreciate the privilege of being its first occupants.** We hope that many of you will take the opportunity of visiting No. 140 Georve V. Avenue on March 3rd and viewing the house.

It is hoped that we will be able to move in shortly afterwards, and what has always been true of 19 Brook Barn Way will be equally true of the new address. We shall be pleased to see you at any time you care to call. Thanks to you it will be our home, and you will always be welcome.

Now to a very different matter. **The** reception of new church members always encourages us; you will find recorded elsewhere the latest list of friends who have joined us. Over a period of some few months a group of our young people (between 15 and 20 of them) have been attending a Membership Class where I have been endeavouring to explain to them the significance of belonging to a Church and more particularly of dedicating their lives to Christ. **Soon they will be asked to indicate whether they are willing at this time to make a decision for the Church and its Lord.** Pray for these young folk that they will make the right decision whatever that may be. No pressure of any kind is being brought to bear upon them. To attempt to force a decision against will would be wrong. Of course, we seek to influence them, but no authority of mine will be exercised. If there be an authority at work it will be the love of Christ.

To the many sick of our congregation we send our greetings and assure you of our prayers. Some of you have been unable to worship with us for many months. We do miss you. Please forgive me if I am not able to visit you as often as might be expected. I am hoping that this week will see the formation of an active visiting committee so that at no time will any absent members feel that they are out of touch or have been forgotten.

Yours very sincerely,  
C. C. FRANKS.

SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION - WESTERN DISTRICT

At the Spring Meeting held at Horsham on 20th January, Mr Franks was inducted to the chair for the year 1958. We wish him a happy year of office and many blessings as he serves the Churches of our faith and order in West Sussex.

V.W.



LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

This year Deputation Week is April 20/26. Kindly make a note of these dates. Further particulars will be given later.

With the welcome help of additional collectors all members of the church as far as possible, except those who have most recently joined us, have been or will be approached to share in the privilege of supporting our work overseas. Never was the need greater for new schools, new or extended hospitals and churches and trained recruits.

The Home Secretary of the L.M.S. writes, "The Society is being hampered by lack of adequate resources, adequate that is to meet the continued rising costs and the increasing opportunities of the present day".

An increase of 10% is asked for in all giving this year.

H.GREY.

MID-WEEK LUNCH HOUR SERVICES

Mid-week lunch hour services as listed below have been arranged by the Ruridocanal Chapter and the Free Church Federal Council in St Paul's Church, Chapel Road, every Thursday in Lent (with the exception of Passion Week) from 1.20 to 1.50 p.m.

Please endeavour to be present if at all possible.

- Feb. 20: The Rev. P.W.Bide, M.A., Vicar of Goring. "A Ship without a Rudder"  
 27: The Rev. H.W.Janisich, M.A. Worthing Baptist Church. "Does it matter what we believe?"  
 Mar. 6: The Rev. J.G.Sheldon, M.A. Vicar of St George's. "How can we find God?"  
 13: The Rev.C.C.Franks, Goring Congregational Church. "Does prayer make any difference?"  
 20: The Rev. G.H.Gibson, M.A., Ph.D., Vicar of Findon. "Fellow workers with God"  
 27: The Rev. D.Rose, M.A., Steyne Gardens Methodist Church. "Is there anything after death?"  
 Organist - The Rev. A. J. Smith, Curate-in-Charge All Saints, Findon Valley.

IT'S ALL SO VERY OBVIOUS !!

One of the functions of the religious press is no doubt to make things as clear as possible to the ordinary lay reader so it is with particular pleasure that we give an extract from that well known Nonconformist newspaper the "British Weekly". In the edition of 2nd January last "ILICO", who contributes a weekly article, wrote about a book by Dr. Mascall, "Words and Images", in the following terms, "His position is based upon two fundamental assertions, first, that although perception normally takes place through the medium of sensation, its essence is not sense-awareness but intellectual apprehension; the intellect uses the sensible phenomenon as an objectum quo, through which it passes to the apprehension of the objectum quod which is the intelligible trans-sensible being. Hence, in the second place, the intelligible object is not something whose existence is deduced from that of the sensible phenomena, as Locke thought, nor is it something mentally constructed out of the sensible phenomena, as many modern empiricists have held, but something grasped through them."

(Well, you couldn't have anything much clearer than that, could you? ED.)

SELF DENIAL WEEK

The Ways and Means Committee have proposed, and the most recent Church Meeting agreed, that we should observe February 23rd to March 2nd. as Self-Denial Week, the results of the self-denying to be devoted to the Building Fund.

Everyone, younger and older, is asked to make a positive act of sacrifice during that week and to contribute the money that would have been spent on some other purpose to the Fund. The value of such a week is not merely the gifts that will be received,

important though they are, but that we should signify the value we place upon this project before us.

The envelope enclosed with the Bi-Monthly News Sheet is for your contribution, which will be received on Sunday, March 2nd. at the morning or evening service.

The week chosen is the first in Lent, the season when we prepare ourselves to recall and to relive the sacrifice of our Lord on Calvary. He gave His all.

Other activities at which some part at least of the proceeds will be devoted to the Building Fund are, in April a Choir Concert; in July a Garden Party arranged by Mrs Nodes; in August a Horticultural Show; in November a Bazaar; in December a Family Carol Evening.

The young Adults' Social Group and the Young Wives' Fellowship have been asked to be responsible for other arrangements which will be announced in due course.

#### CHURCH NOTES

**NEW MEMBERS:** We give a warm welcome to the membership of the Church to Miss H. Lowman of "The Towers", 39 Grand Avenue, West Worthing and to Mr N. Gregory of 4 Little Drive, Ferring. Both these friends have long records of loyal service within the Congregational fellowship at Acton and Kensington respectively. We also warmly welcome to Associate Membership Mr and Mrs J. T. Brand of "Chingford", Aldsworth Avenue, Goring, trusting that they will find within our church fellowship and much blessing.

**LAY PREACHERS' SUNDAY:** At the morning service on March 23rd we shall welcome to our pulpit Mrs A. L. Starkey of Worthing and we look forward to her visit to Goring. The Sussex Congregational Union has arranged for lay preachers to take a number of services that day and for some of the ministers to serve the village causes. From our own fellowship Mr Gilmour will be conducting the morning service at Sompting and Mr Pearn will be at Petworth.

**ELECTION OF DEACONS:** Three nominations were received for the three vacancies on the diaconate, and the nominees, Messrs N. A. Dobson, S. F. Grew and H. A. Winterton, will, at the Church Meeting to be held on February 27th., be declared duly elected. All members will wish them well, trusting that their holding of this important office will be a blessing to the Church and to them personally.

**CHOIR CONCERT:** The concert in aid of the Church Building Fund has been postponed until after Easter. The date will be announced shortly and tickets may then be obtained from Mr Tilbury or from members of the choir. E.T.

**CHURCH SOCIAL:** A Church Social will be held on Wednesday, March 19th., beginning at 7.30 p.m. All members of the church and congregation are invited. A.M.T.

**WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP:** Our programme for March and April is as follows:

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|-------------|---|
| March 14th: | "A Visit to a Leper Colony" - Miss F. Farmborough                   |
| " 25th:     | Devotional Service conducted by Miss E. M. Rugg                     |
| April 8th:  | Easter Tuesday. No Meeting  |
| " 22nd:     | Serving the Community. Short talks by three members.                |
|             | "The work of the National Council of Women" Mrs J. R. Bridger, M.A. |
|             | "Home Visiting of the Blind" Miss Hilda Grey, B.A.                  |
|             | "Worthing Hospital Ladies' Association" Miss A. M. Thomas.          |

We are to send another parcel to the Mission Field this year and Miss Thomas will gladly provide details concerning articles needed. A.E.E.

**WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY:** Will you please make a note of the following dates:  
March 28th: Spring Jumble Sale. We shall be grateful for any goods you can find for this event. April 15th: The Annual "At Home" when we invite ladies and gentlemen of the church and congregation to come and join us for tea, and a little light entertainment.

We shall be very pleased to welcome any ladies who have recently come to the church to our meetings, which are held on alternate Tuesdays. We are sure they will make many new friends at these fortnightly gatherings, where work and conversation are pleasantly intermingled.

M.H.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** The second half of the 1957/1958 session commenced on the 7th January with an inspiring address from Rev. C. C. Franks on "Why I am a Congregationalist". This was followed, on 21st January, by "The Story of Glyndebourne" told by Mr Harland in story and film. Members of the Women's Guild responded handsomely to an invitation and an attendance of 84 was a tribute to the attractiveness of the subject. The audience was not disappointed, for the film, shown by Mr Godfrey, was indeed a masterpiece of colour and music and many requests were made for a further showing at a later date.

Dr Chapman's interpretation of "The Song of Solomon" gave a fascinating insight to this wonderful book. The programme for March and April is as follows:

Mar. 4th: Rev. Kenneth S. Price, M.A. "William Knibb, Champion of Slaves"  
 " 18th: Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D. "A Great Puritan"  
 Apr. 1st: Rev. A. B. C. Headlam, "Travel in Various Countries, and Why"  
 " 15th: Business Meeting.

Numbers have, so far, been below expectations and an invitation is again extended to the gentlemen of the church and congregation and their friends to a happy hour of fellowship with us.

P.S.W.

#### EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

**DIVORCE STATISTICS:** The Archbishop of York recently referred to the fact that whereas in 1910 divorces in this country numbered less than 600, by 1953 the figure had risen to over 30,000 - - fifty times as many! The concern of the Archbishop at this colossal increase must be shared by all Christian people. There are a number of factors which may have contributed to this situation, among them the decline in church going in the past few decades; possibly also the cinema, with the publicity given by the Press to many times married film stars, does not help. Some modern novels and many plays, both in the theatre and on Radio and Television, represent the sanctity of the marriage vow as being of minor importance and young people may well be influenced by such things. One wonders if the B.B.C. Religious Department cannot do something about the over-emphasis on drink and adultery which is so evident in many of the B.B.C. productions.

**THE CHURCH MANSE:** Mr Franks refers in his message to the new manse, where we hope he and Mrs Franks and their family will soon be happily settled. The manse is costing £4,500 and it is anticipated that by the time the present manse is sold the mortgage, now £650, will have been increased to about £2,500. This sounds rather a formidable amount at a time when efforts are being made to accumulate money for the Church Building Fund. There are differing views among our members as to priorities in the matter of the Building Fund and Mortgage reduction, but, even at the risk of being considered a bit Victorian, we feel there is much to be said for concentrating first of all on debt clearance.

**STAG HUNTING:** The Private Member's Bill which is to come before Parliament shortly and which seeks to prohibit the hunting of deer with dogs has created something of a stir, and the debate is likely to be an interesting and lively one. Those who favour hunting maintain that this is the most effective and the most humane way of dealing with the matter. We find this difficult to accept, especially when we read of deer being chased over cliffs and falling to their death, or being chased into the sea and drowning there. We have not heard from the deer hunters quite so much about the deer enjoying being chased as the fox hunters claim in respect of their

quarry. We imagine both enjoy it about as much as a Jewish refugee did when being chased by the Gestapo. Blood sports seem to have a remarkable attraction for some of our countrymen (and women) and their attitude seems to be summed up in the outlook, "It's a fine day; let's go out and kill something." Was it not Oscar Wilde who exercised his caustic wit on the subject of fox hunting, which he described as "the unspeakable chasing the uneatable".

We all have the opportunity of expressing our views on this matter to our member of Parliament and it may well be that our Church Meeting may also show a concern.

**ANOTHER PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL:** A further report on the increase in drunkenness among young men and women under the age of 21 was recently issued by the Christian Economic and Social Research Foundation. This report, and the previous reports of the Foundation and of the Economic Research Council on this subject, were commissioned by the United Kingdom Alliance, which has performed a valuable service in so doing, and in thus placing before the public statistical information based on the figures furnished by the Home Office and by Chief Constables of Police Districts.

To say that the report reveals an alarming situation is in the nature of an under-statement. Just consider a few of the facts which emerge from a study of the present position. Convictions for drunkenness among these young people at well over 5,000 in 1956 show an increase of 75% in the short period of three years, from 1953/56. The under 21's are now the most prone to be convicted of this offence a greater proportion in these age groups being convicted than in those over 21. There is an accelerating tendency which, if continued, will result in the doubling of the figures of convictions every four or five years. Another disturbing feature is the rapid increase in drunkenness among those under 18, that is, among those who may not legally be served with intoxicants in public houses.

Here is something which must be a concern of all Christian men and women. The law prohibits the presence on licensed premises of children under the age of 14, or the serving with or the consumption of intoxicants by those under 18. Neither may the latter be employed in the bars of public houses. These regulations do not at present apply to registered clubs which serve intoxicants. It is hoped, however, to remedy this defect and on March 21st. a bill introduced by Mr C. J. Simmons, M.P. for Brierley Hill, will come up for its second reading. This bill, if passed, would make the same rules regarding young people apply to clubs as they now apply to licensed premises. If you feel a concern for our young people's welfare and the desirability of their protection from the evil effects of drink will you write to your member of Parliament asking him, or her, to support Mr Simmons' bill?

That this problem of youthful drinking is not something remote from the Worthing district is shown by the seriousness with which the "Worthing Herald" regards this matter. In a recent issue great prominence was given to the report to the licensing Magistrates of the Superintendent of Police, which showed a marked increase in the number of convictions of young people for drinking offences, several being in respect of those under 18. We are grateful to our local paper for its public spirited action in drawing attention to this serious state of affairs, especially as any criticism of the drinking habit is not in many circles a passport to popularity.

Could this matter be given priority at our Church Meeting on February 27th. with a view to a resolution from the meeting being sent to Brig. Prior-Palmer?

**THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS:** Attached to this copy of "The Chronicle" will be found the Church accounts for the year ending 31st December last. These seem to indicate a healthy state of affairs and our thanks are due to Mr Nodes for all the work, time and energy which he necessarily expends in looking after the financial arrangements throughout the year. Unless one has actually held the office of Church Treasurer it is probably not realised what is involved day by day, and week by week in keeping the accounts up to date. It is hoped that members will study the figures and avail themselves of the opportunity to ask questions about them which the Annual Church Meeting will afford.

LENTEN LUNCH TIME SERVICES. Details are given on page 2 of these services which are being conducted by three Anglican clergy and three Free Church Ministers (including Mr Franks). We trust that a good many of our folk will be able to spare the time to attend some or all of these services; it is good to see this evidence of ecumenicity on the local level and it deserves all the support we can give to this united venture.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOCIAL DRINKING? There has been a certain amount of Press publicity regarding the case of two men who were training for the Congregational Ministry and who, if the reports are correct, have, even though they were in the fifth year of their course at college, resigned following complaints that intoxicants were consumed at a party in a student's room at the college.

If the facts are as stated it seems all very sad, and we cannot help feeling that a better course of action, had this been possible, might have been for these two young men to sign the pledge and to become active propagandists for total abstinence in the future.

What must be of interest to the whole denomination however, is to know whether instruction regarding alcohol and its perils forms part of the curriculum at the ministerial training colleges, and whether total abstinence was strongly recommended to these men at the Congregational churches of which presumably they were or are members.

It is tragic to reflect that what were perhaps two promising careers are thus so gravely affected; it is sad also to reflect that many professing Christians still refuse to face up to the facts about alcohol and its nature and are prepared to fall in with the majority in this matter of social drinking. It is undeniable that alcohol is a narcotic drug of addiction, i.e., a poison, which first of all attacks the higher centres of the brain, that God-given attribute which distinguishes men from all other living creatures. We have a duty to our young people to make it abundantly clear that the only safe course for them to adopt in this matter of intoxicants is the acceptance of total abstinence for their own physical, mental and spiritual well-being, and as a privilege of Christian service.

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COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER, 1957 and JANUARY, 1958

|      |     | <u>Envelopes</u> |            | <u>Loose Collections</u> |            |      |     | <u>Envelopes</u> |            | <u>Loose Collections</u> |             |
|------|-----|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------|-----|------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|      |     | £                | s. d.      | £                        | s. d.      |      |     | £                | s. d.      | £                        | s. d.       |
| Dec. | 1:  | 12               | 2 0        | 12                       | 6 11       | Jan. | 5:  | 8                | 5 6        | 8                        | 14 6        |
|      | 8:  | 10               | 1 6        | 7                        | 16 2       |      | 12: | 15               | 2 6        | 11                       | 18 2        |
|      | 15: | 15               | 3 6        | 11                       | 4 9        |      | 19: | 13               | 12 0       | 10                       | 16 9        |
|      | 22: | 9                | 17 6       | 12                       | 13 0       |      | 26: | 8                | 5 6        | 7                        | 5 2         |
|      | 29: | 12               | 1 0        | 10                       | 3 6        |      |     |                  |            |                          |             |
|      |     | <u>59</u>        | <u>5 6</u> | <u>54</u>                | <u>4 4</u> |      |     | <u>45</u>        | <u>5 6</u> | <u>38</u>                | <u>14 7</u> |

Total for Two Months - £ 197. 9. 11.

Fen Place Home (Christmas Day) 12. 0. 0.

L. M. S. Widows and Orphans 20. 6. 0

## GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1957

|   |          | CHURCH FUNDS |   |          |             |
|---|----------|--------------|---|----------|-------------|
| 1956: RECEIPTS                          | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.      | 1956: PAYMENTS:                           | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.     |
| OFFERTORIES:                            |          |              | 522 MINISTERIAL SALARY SUPPLIES, EXPENSES | 540 5 10 |             |
| 534 LOOSE COLL.                         | 550 13 1 |              | 20 MINISTERIAL EXPENSES                   | 20 0 0   |             |
| 575 ENVELOPES                           | 598 6 3  | 1,148 19 4   | 72 MANSE EXPENSES                         | 76 18 2  |             |
| 45 SUNDRY DONATIONS                     |          | 53 10 4      | 61 ORGANIST ETC.                          | 61 12 6  |             |
| INTEREST ON DEPOSIT                     |          |              | 31 ORGAN & PIANO EXPENSES                 | 12 2 6   |             |
| 20 SUSSEX UNION                         |          | 22 10 0      | 120 CARETAKER & INSURANCE                 | 145 15 0 |             |
| - POST OFFICE                           |          | 6 3 9        | 32 COST OF CHURCH CHRONICLE               | 33 14 9  |             |
| 18 DONATIONS - CHRONICLE FUND           |          | 24 0 10      | 21 COST OF HANDBOOK                       | 19 17 3  |             |
| 18 ADVERTISEMENTS, DONATIONS - HANDBOOK |          | 19 17 3      | 147 ELECTRICITY GAS & WATER               | 166 17 2 |             |
|   |          |              | 141 LESS REPAID BY TENANTS                | 10 5 6   | 156 11 8    |
|   |          |              | 17 MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY                |          | 27 2 9      |
|   |          |              | 52 INTEREST ON MANSE LOAN                 |          | 35 16 8     |
|   |          |              | 14 SUBSCRIPTIONS                          |          | 13 11 0     |
|   |          |              | - NEW COLLEGE - DONATION                  |          | 5 5 0       |
|   |          |              | 20 SUNDRY INSURANCES                      |          | 16 12 11    |
|   |          |              | 9 ADVERTISING                             |          | 9 0 3       |
|   |          |              | 68 SUNDRIES                               |          | 57 6 2      |
|   |          | 1,275 1 6    |   |          | 1,231 12 5  |
| SUNDRY LETTINGS:                        |          |              | RATES - CHILDREN'S HALL                   | 29 2 8   |             |
| 112 LETTING OF HALL                     | 146 6 0  |              | NEON LIGHT IN CHURCH HALL                 | 28 15 0  |             |
| LESS REFUND BY TENANTS FOR HEATING      | 10 5 6   | 136 0 6      | CHAIRS IN CHILDREN'S HALL (½ COST)        | 8 14 0   | 66 11 8     |
| 514 BALANCE IN HAND 1.1.57              |          | 516 0 7      | REPORT ON ACOUSTICS                       | 31 10 0  |             |
|   |          |              | LESS DONATION                             | 5 5 0    | 26 5 0      |
|   |          |              | BAL. IN HAND 31.12.57                     |          |             |
|   |          |              | DEPOSIT                                   | 450 0 0  |             |
|   |          |              | CASH AT BANK                              | 152 13 6 | 602 13 6    |
|   |          | £ 1,927 2 7  |   |          | £ 1,927 2 7 |
|   |          |              | COMMUNION FUND                            |          |             |
| 53 BALANCE 1.1.57                       |          | 69 0 7       | 34 GIFTS TO SICK & NEEDY                  | 27 10 0  |             |
| 69 OFFERTORIES                          |          | 66 0 11      | 18 VARIOUS DONATIONS                      | 22 12 0  |             |
|   |          |              | - SUNDRY ITEMS                            | 8 19 10  |             |
|   |          |              | - BALANCE IN HAND 31.12.57                | 75 19 8  |             |
|   |          |              |   |          | £ 135 1 6   |
|   |          |              | SPECIAL PURPOSES                          |          |             |
| 119 LDN MISS. SOC.                      | 126 16 9 |              | LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY                 | 127 17 9 |             |
| BALANCE 1.1.57                          | 1 1 0    | 127 17 9     | SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION               | 64 8 6   |             |
| 64 HOME CHURCHES FUND                   |          | 64 8 6       | BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY           | 7 17 6   |             |
| 8 BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOC.          |          | 7 17 6       | COMMONWEALTH MISSIONARY SOCIETY           | 3 3 0    |             |
| 3 COMMONWEALTH MISSIONARY SOC.          |          | 3 3 0        | SUNDAY SCHOOL                             | 26 7 0   |             |
| 25 SUNDAY SCHOOL                        |          | 26 7 0       | GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE                       | 7 18 7   |             |
| 7 GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE                   |          | 7 18 7       | CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENG. & WALES      | 12 5 0   |             |
| 7 FEN PLACE HOME                        |          | 12 5 0       | NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME & ORPHANAGE      | 7 6 0    |             |
| 10 NAT. CHILDREN'S HOME & ORPHANAGE     |          | 7 6 0        |   |          | £ 257 3 4   |
|   |          | £ 257 3 4    |   |          | £ 257 3 4   |

CHURCH MANSE REDEMPTION ACCOUNT

|                                       | £   | s.  | d. |    | £                             | s.  | d.  |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| BALANCE 1.1.57                        |     | 3   | 12 | 10 | SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION - |     |     |
| REFUND OF TAX UNDER DEEDS OF COVENANT | 100 | 1   | 0  |    | REPAYMENT                     | 100 | 0   |
|                                       |     |     |    |    | BALANCE IN HAND 31.12.57      | 3   | 13  |
|                                       | £   | 103 | 13 | 10 |                               | £   | 103 |
|                                       |     |     |    |    |                               |     |     |
|                                       |     |     |    |    |                               |     |     |

LOAN ON CHURCH MANSE 31.12.57 - £650CHURCH BUILDING FUND

|                                       | £     | s.    | d. |  | £     | s. | d.    |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|--|-------|----|-------|
| BALANCE 1.1.57                        | 1,753 | 14    | 8  | BALANCE IN HANDS OF SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION 31.12.57 | 5,112 | 10 | 7     |
| GIFT DAY                              | 1,944 | 9     | 3  |  |       |    |       |
| CHRISTMAS MARKET                      | 734   | 4     | 6  |  |       |    |       |
| DONATIONS                             | 350   | 6     | 6  |  |       |    |       |
| SUNDRY ITEMS                          | 90    | 3     | 0  |  |       |    |       |
| REFUND OF TAX UNDER DEEDS OF COVENANT | 27    | 8     | 6  |  |       |    |       |
| INTEREST FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.57      | 162   | 4     | 2  |  |       |    |       |
|                                       | £     | 5,112 | 10 | 7  |       | £  | 5,112 |
|                                       |       |       |    |  |       |    |       |
|                                       |       |       |    |  |       |    |       |

| 1956:                         |   |    |    | 1956:                    |   |    |    |
|-------------------------------|---|----|----|--------------------------|---|----|----|
|                               | £ | s. | d. |                          | £ | s. | d. |
| BALANCE 1.1.57                | 3 | 19 | 11 | COST OF MOWING LAWN      | 6 | 12 | 0  |
| SUNDRY DONATIONS              | 7 | 0  | 2  | PURCHASE OF PLANTS       | 8 | 0  |    |
| COACH OUTINGS PER MR S.F.GREW | 1 | 14 | 6  | BALANCE IN HAND 31.12.57 | 5 | 14 | 7  |
|                               | £ | 12 | 14 | 7                        |   | £  | 12 |
|                               |   |    |    |                          |   |    |    |
|                               |   |    |    |                          |   |    |    |

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY

|  | £  | s.  | d. |                                | £  | s.  | d. |
|--|----|-----|----|--------------------------------|----|-----|----|
| BALANCE 1.1.57                           | 57 | 16  | 8  | MATERIALS                      | 98 | 1   | 11 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS                | 9  | 17  | 0  | WOOL                           | 30 | 19  | 1  |
| TEA MONEY                                | 15 | 10  | 0  | JUMBLE SALE EXPENSES           | 3  | 4   | 6  |
| JUMBLE SALES                             | 81 | 17  | 0  | PENNY BOX FUND EXPENSES        | 9  | 2   | 2  |
| GOODS SOLD                               | 40 | 5   | 1  | HANDED TO WORKING PARTY STALLS | 19 | 5   | 0  |
| P.O. BANK INTEREST                       | 16 | 3   |    | SUNDRIES                       | 4  | 15  | 8  |
| PENNY BOX FUND                           | 3  | 6   | 5  | BALANCE 31.12.57               |    |     |    |
| BUILDING FUND TABLE                      | 9  | 8   | 4  | PENNY BOX FUND                 | 6  | 14  | 8  |
|  |    |     |    | BUILDING FUND TABLE            | 1  | 8   | 4  |
|  |    |     |    | WORKING PARTY                  | 45 | 5   | 5  |
| (DETAILS SUPPLIED BY MISS M.N.STEVENSON) | £  | 218 | 16 | 9                              |    |     |    |
|  |    |     |    |                                | £  | 218 | 16 |
|  |    |     |    |                                |    |     |    |
|  |    |     |    |                                |    |     |    |

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

|                                      | £  | s. | d. |                          | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| BALANCE B/FWD FROM 1956              | 23 | 18 | 6  | UNIFORMS                 | 11 | 2  | 0  |
| UNIFORMS                             | 14 | 11 | 2  | TITLES & BADGES          | 2  | 7  | 10 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS                        | 5  | 15 | 9  | GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE INC. | 4  | 15 | 9  |
| BRIGADE WEEK                         | 14 | 7  | 2  | MISSIONARY FUND          | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| DISPLAY                              | 4  | 15 | 0  | SUNDRY ITEMS             | 10 | 14 | 7  |
| PO BANK INTEREST                     | 12 | 3  |    | BALANCE AT BANK          | 33 | 5  | 1  |
|                                      |    |    |    | CASH IN HAND             | 14 | 7  |    |
| (DETAILS SUPPLIED BY MRS E.STRAITON) | £  | 63 | 19 | 10                       |    |    |    |
|                                      |    |    |    |                          | £  | 63 | 19 |
|                                      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |
|                                      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

|                               | F  | S.  | D. |                           | £  | S.  | D. |    |
|-------------------------------|----|-----|----|---------------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| BALANCE 1.1.57                | 22 | 3   | 1  | PARTY & TEA EXPENSES      | 12 | 19  | 5  |    |
| SUNDAY COLLECTIONS            | 63 | 16  | 10 | NETT COST OF OUTINGS      | 4  | 5   | 1  |    |
| ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION        | 24 | 5   | 0  | BOOKS & STATIONERY        | 19 | 7   | 10 |    |
| DONATIONS                     | 2  | 2   | 0  | SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS | 18 | 18  | 5  |    |
| PER CHURCH TREASURER - REFUND |    |     |    | SUNDRIES                  | 11 | 5   | 6  |    |
| PART COST OF CHAIRS           | 8  | 14  | 0  | BALANCE IN HAND 31.12.57  | 54 | 4   | 8  |    |
|                               |    |     |    |                           |    |     |    |    |
|                               |    |     |    |                           |    |     |    |    |
| (DETAILS SUPPLIED BY          | £  | 121 | 0  | 11                        | £  | 121 | 0  | 11 |
| MR R. PEPPERDINE)             |    |     |    |                           |    |     |    |    |

AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL

|                      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| BALANCE 1.1.57       | 10 | 3  | 7  | STATIONERY, RECORDS      | 10 | 2  | 7  |    |
| COLLECTIONS          | 18 | 13 | 3  | HOME CHURCHES FUND       |    | 11 | 6  |    |
|                      |    |    |    | N.Y.O. MISSIONARY SHIPS  | 6  | 0  | 0  |    |
|                      |    |    |    | BALANCE IN HAND 31.12.57 | 12 | 2  | 9  |    |
|                      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |
|                      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |
| (DETAILS SUPPLIED BY | £  | 28 | 16 | 10                       | £  | 28 | 16 | 10 |
| MR C. S. NODES)      |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Manse,  
April 1958.

My dear Friends,

At our recent Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation we heard many encouraging reports of the organisations within the Church. We can say that, under God, we have been permitted to make advances for the work of His kingdom on earth. We have had the joy of receiving into our midst more than a few people who, with us, have grown into a more personal and intimate relationship. **This is not something for which we are entitled to be proud, or for which we can take any credit. Unless God had given us the opportunity and the will and power to grasp that opportunity, we should not have seen these things come to pass.**

I do not think that we are in any danger of becoming self-satisfied with the situation as we find it. We are set in the midst of thousands of people who are not being touched in any effective way by the work of this or any other church. This burden should rest very heavily upon us, and the beginning of another church year is a suitable time for us to recall our responsibilities of discipleship and apostleship.

Will you make this a matter of prayer that we should be active in our participation of the spreading of the Gospel? Will you undertake to make known and attractive your own faith in Jesus Christ to such an extent that someone known to you will reach out to grasp the riches which are in Christ?

We remember with love and affection those of our number who sorrow over those whom they have "loved long since and lost awhile". Every Christian fellowship suffers on these occasions when members who have served Christ in their midst are called into the nearer presence of God. **We give thanks for the work and friendship of those who have gone from us. By the mercy of God we will be able to fill the gap that has been left and so witness on as they would have wished.**

Having so recently celebrated the wonder of Jesus crucified and now risen and alive for evermore, we move on towards the memory of the amazing gift of the Holy Spirit. May God give us the faith and will to live in the strength of these evidences of His concern for us and all men.

Yours very sincerely,  
C. C. FRANKS.

SOME WORDS OF JOHN WESLEY

What is the real value of a thing but the price it will bear in eternity?

I have often repented of judging too severely, but very seldom of being too merciful.

The Gospel is in truth but one great promise from the beginning of it to the end.

### THE DREAM THAT BECAME A REALITY!

The Dream? That one day, in one of London's largest halls there should be staged the greatest, and most effective, Missionary Exhibition ever held. At first this was only considered possible if the various missionary societies co-operated. But not waiting for that the London Missionary Society dared to do it, supported, however, with much enthusiasm by the Congregational Churches of the Metropolis, and their leaders.

..... Thus it was that on the warm afternoon of June 4th., 1908 the President of the Board of Trade addressed over 6,000 people, gathered together to mark the opening of "The Orient in London" Exhibition. This young man, then only 33 years old, was Mr Winston Churchill, who spoke as follows:- "What a sense of relief it is to us all when we escape for only a time, perhaps, from this poor vessel of our own personality, mocked by the deep unseen tides and currents of the ocean - the sport of all the winds that blow; when we can escape from that and take our stand upon some hill-top of high purpose, upon the rock of some great cause, and from that secure position contemplate in serene, yet reverent, independence, range upon range of some moral or spiritual conception."

This dream had now become a reality! The immense floor of the Agricultural Hall, together with the long galleries aloft, being transformed into a palace of beauty, instinct with life and colour. A Chinese Street, African kraals, an Indian village, etc., with a towering Pagoda as a central feature. From first to last it was computed that the Exhibition demanded an army of 16,000 workers, and of these some 10,000 were trained as stewards. Over 100,000 copies of the "Exhibition Herald" had previously stirred the imagination of its readers during the preceding months. Scenery played a very important part and this was intrusted to Messrs G. M. Bridges of King's Lynn. Attended by over 221,000 this Exhibition remained open until July 11th. and the L.M.S. felt that this remarkable effort bequeathed a valuable legacy of informed and enthusiastic people in the London Churches.

### THE PAGEANT OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT

This was held twice daily, the Pageant Hall having a seating capacity of 2,812 all seats bookable from 6d. to 5/-. This highly spectacular production aroused extraordinary interest, with John Oxenham providing the words, Professor Hamish MacCunn the music, Josiah Booth as Conductor, Hugh Moss as Director, and G. M. Bridges as scenic artist. The performance lasted for two hours, and had many thrilling scenes. In order to maintain an average attendance of 450 to 600 performers over 2,000 were enrolled. The final Processionals left a lasting memory. To the sound of triumphant music the spacious aisles became filled with the slow movement of people of all lands apparently. As they reached the platform the pace quickened, and alternate rows of differently attired figures passed, and re-passed each other, in rapid formation, until a crowded stage gradually slowed progress. Finally with a Cross as a background were sung the words -

"In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no North or South"

Thus was sung for the first time these words by John Oxenham, now included in "Congregational Parise", hymn 346.

"The Orient in London" was truly a great Missionary Exhibition.

C.H.C.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR T. W. GOWEN

Although unknown to many of our recent friends, Mr T. W. Gowen, who quietly passed away on April 10th. last, was one of our oldest members, who had been with us from the first and who never lost his keen interest in our progress. When visiting him for a short friendly chat, he often asked "What's the news?", this usually meaning Church news. And when leaving it was invariably "Thank you for coming - you are always welcomed", this said with evident sincerity.

Remarkably alert mentally, until near the end, Mr Gowen had in earlier life been Manager Clerk to a very well-known firm of solicitors, and was held in very high regard in this professional capacity. Also in former days our friend took an active part in Purley Congregational Church life, Surrey, and was deacon and sidesman during the notable ministry of the Rev. Arthur Pringle.

Over five years ago, Mr Gowen met with a serious accident in his own home, and this necessitated a seventeen week stay at Southlands Hospital, and after that walking powers were never regained. But despite this inaction he retained other, and very vital powers, and was still hopeful, and always most appreciative of the kindly help of friends and sympathy shown by the Church, as when flowers were sent, etc. Also our friend remained wonderfully independent in spirit, with a vivid memory for past days, and even present times. If, occasionally, a little critical concerning Church decisions, this was only because he wanted the right thing done, and because he was anxious no mistakes should be made. Offering Mrs Gowen and relations our very sincere sympathy, a lasting impression remains of wonderful wifely devotion, and patience that never failed.

C.H.C.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : 12th/17th MAY, 1958

We are advised by the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches that arrangements have been made for the observance of Christian Aid Week from 12/17th May. We quote from the circular letter:- "Christian Aid is the combined efforts of the Churches and their supporters to feed, clothe, educate and resettle refugees, to alleviate the suffering of disaster victims, the sick and the under-nourished, and to help the down-trodden to their feet." "Probably the largest single category of suffering people are refugees, of whom there are over 20,000,000 in need of help, and they are added to at the rate of over half a million a year." "The gifts in cash and in kind which make Christian Aid possible flow through the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service departments of both the World and British Council of Churches, enabling Churches of differing traditions to accept vital humanitarian work in their areas; the salaries of doctors, nurses, teachers and welfare workers are paid; medical supplies, food, vitamins and drugs are bought and distributed; orphans are cared for; scholarships are provided; the illiterate are taught; the naked are clothed and the homeless are housed."

In the week in question visual aids and printed material needed to convey the story of Christian Aid will be provided and our practical help will be sought.

There appears no need to stress the importance of this great work and we feel confident that there will be a ready and generous response from members of the Church and Congregation to the appeal which will be put to them.

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BRITISH EMPIRE LEPROSY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Mr S. A. Kempster attended, as a delegate of the Church, the inaugural meeting of the Worthing Branch of B.E.L.R.A. held on 11th March and in this connection he writes as follows: "Do you remember the Exhibition Tent in Teville Road in September 1956? 9,000,000 lepers in the world, 3,500,000 of them in the British Commonwealth, and only about 1 in 10 so far provided for. Science has so far progressed that this scourge could be wiped out if only there were sufficient money and enough helpers.

For 30 years B.E.L.R.A. has been working to advance medical knowledge and to provide the personnel to apply it. It urgently needs our help as Christian people in its work for these stricken of God's children. As an instance, 5/- will provide full care for one child for one week. £5. 5. 0. yearly will ensure treatment and cure for one more sufferer. A branch of B.E.L.R.A. is to be opened in Worthing. You will be hearing more of this later. Meanwhile Miss Tutton, B.E.L.R.A., Southern Region, 35 Bedford Road, Horsham, will be pleased to give any information."

### CHURCH NOTES

NEW MEMBER: Since our last issue Miss G. V. Cooper of 168 Goring Road, has been admitted to membership and we extend to her a very warm welcome. Miss Cooper is no stranger to us and it is good that her interest in the Church, already shown on many occasions, is now the deeper by her act in joining in the fellowship itself.

COMING EVENTS: The Sunday School Anniversary will be held on 18th May when the services will be conducted by Rev. David Avis of Sittingbourne Congregational Church. The offerings that day, other than those for the F.W.O., will be for the work of the Sunday School. Mr Avis is well known to us and we look forward to a happy day with him on this occasion.

The Church Anniversary services on 15th June will be conducted by Rev. J. G. Weller, B.A., of Purley Congregational Church and on this, his first visit to Goring, we offer to Mr Weller a very warm welcome. Purley is a church well known throughout the denomination, with a large membership (in the region of 800 we believe) and there have been some notable ministries there, including that of Rev. Arthur Pringle, to which Mr Cornwall refers in his tribute to the late Mr Gowen. In more recent years ministers have included Rev. Leslie Atkins and our present Moderator, Rev. Andrew James.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP: At a recent meeting the local Education Officer, Mr Kay, gave us an interesting talk on the working of the educational system in Worthing. Station Officer Mather of the Fire Service spoke on the subject of safety in the home, giving useful and helpful advice. We have offered to help the Home Safety Committee in their new venture, "Operation Jane".

One of the highlights was the Family Service held on Mothering Sunday, when the attendance exceeded all expectations; it was a joy to see the families come together to join us in our worship, and we earnestly hope that it is only the first of many such services, and that they will become a regular feature of our Church life.

M.S.D.

WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY: The ladies wish to thank all who helped in any way to make the Annual Jumble Sale a success. The sum of £40.10. 0. was realised by this effort. We have been invited by the Shelley Road Congregational Church Working Party to join them for tea on Tuesday, 27th. May, and they will be pleased to see all those of our number who can manage this date.

M.H.

WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP: The programme originally prepared for 22nd April was postponed until the Autumn in order to make the afternoon available for a Missionary Meeting. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend on Tuesday, 6th May at 3 p.m., when Miss I Wingrove is to speak on the National Federation Rally at Chester. Miss Wingrove is the new Secretary of our Sussex Federation, and she is anxious to meet all members of the Fellowship. Our last meeting of this session is on 20th May, and will be our Annual Business Meeting.

A.E.E.

MISS MOIRA BAIRD: Miss Baird leaves shortly to take up training at the Redcliffe Training College in Chiswick. We shall follow her career with interest and prayer, thanking God for this further call that has come to her and for the continuing evidence of His purpose that she should be fitted for wider service.  
C.C.F.

A COFFEE MORNING: The Church Catering Committee have arranged a Coffee Morning in the School Hall for Wednesday, 7th May from 10.15 to 11.45 a.m., with a Bring and Buy Stall, to raise funds for the purchase of foodstuffs for the November Bazaar. Tickets at 1/- each may be obtained from any member of the Catering Committee.  
D. C.

#### LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We should be glad to hear of anyone who would like to join in the "Birthday Scheme" which involves giving a donation on one's birthday for the funds of the L.M.S. Quite a number have come into the scheme, but we can do with more, and thus help forward this most important piece of Christian service.

Mrs James, 6 Melrose Close, or Miss E. Lock, 80 Melrose Avenue, will be only too glad to give any further information and to receive donations, large or small. E.W.L.

#### WANTED !

Now is the time for Spring cleaning! That means that you can help the G.L.B. who are holding a Jumble Sale in the School Hall on 23rd May. The proceeds are towards the cost of this year's summer camp at Lake House, Cooden Beach. If you have any jumble and would like to have it collected please advise Mrs Stratton, Mrs Dobson, Miss M. West or Miss I. Bentley, and arrangements will be made to have it transported. Please help all you can.  
I.B.

#### WORTHING COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Mrs Horsfall has received a letter from the Secretary of the W.C.S.S. stating that the Council has been approached by the Family Service Units (Paddington Branch) with a request to help in giving hospitality to some needy children for a week's or a fortnight's summer holiday. The Secretary asked if our church could assist in providing such hospitality.

At the Annual Church Meeting held on 10th April, this request was conveyed to the members present and an offer was made to take one child. If any of our readers can similarly give help will they please communicate direct with Mrs H. Horsfall at 107 George V. Avenue.

#### THE PLIGHT OF THE RETIRED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF MINISTERS

The matter of the inadequacy of the annuities paid to these friends has been brought to the attention of members at Church Meeting on more than one occasion and it was resolved recently to refer to the Sussex County Executive and Assembly for their reaction to be obtained. Mr Gilmour spoke to these meetings, held at Hove in March, and it was there decided that the best course would be for Mr Gilmour to raise the matter at the coming meeting of the Congregational Union Council, to which he is a delegate. This he did and Rev. Howard Stanley replied that the matter was continually under review; he stated that it was realised that such increased benefits as had been granted were very small and scarcely do more than keep pace with the increased cost of living; it was realised too that the grants are in many cases pathetically

inadequate to meet the needs. Mr Stanley proceeded to say that such small benefits were all that the funds available will permit and that, in view of the many other demands which are being made on the Churches, it was felt that any special appeal at the present time would meet with little or no response.

(We are grateful to Mr Gilmour for his efforts, disappointing though the results were. May we suggest that members consider this matter carefully with a view to further consideration being given to it at Church Meeting. If this is the best we can do for those who have given themselves so unstintingly in the service of Christ's Church it is little wonder that there is difficulty in securing recruits for the ministry. We suggest that at Goring at any rate we should not be satisfied with such a disgraceful position and that we may well be far from satisfied that as a denomination we have so little sense of responsibility towards these our brethren that a special appeal would have so little effect. ED.)

### IT'S ALL SO VERY OBVIOUS!

With reference to our little dig at ILICO in the March/April issue it may be of interest to readers to know that the editor of the "British Weekly" evidently read our remarks, for he wrote to Mr Franks, "Your comment on ILICO was delightful! I couldn't agree more". Our good friend, Mr Malcolm Rutt, put his reactions into verse, as follows:

"Objectum quo"---- "Objectum quod"!

"Ilico" reckons the way to God

Is to understand their "empirical" meaning

With something he calls our "trans-sensible being"!

(Thank you, Mr Rutt. Very neat and very much to the point. ED.)

### "FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABOURS REST"

At the Annual Church Meeting held on 10th April, Mr Franks paid tribute to the memory of two of our fellowship who had recently died. They were Mrs Ford and Mr Gowen, both members of the Church for several years. Those present stood in silence in their memory and in sympathy with those of their families who are left behind. Mr Gowen had, of course, been indisposed for some time, but until her illness in the past year made it impossible for her, Mrs Ford had always been a keen and active worker in the Church.

### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH, 1958

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Total for Two Months £ 208. 3. 11

L.M.S. Medical Missions Envelopes £ 30. 15. 8

Contributions to the Church Garden Fund during the first three months of 1958 totalling £4.12. 7. are acknowledged with thanks. Gifts to the Church Building Fund (including special efforts and £46.14. 9 from the Self Denial Week) amounted to £227. 5. 1. up to 31st March, making the total deposited in the Fund with the Sussex Union £5,339.15. 8. Since the commencement of the year gifts to the Manse Fund (including two special efforts) have raised the sum of £254.18. 7 thus enabling £250 to be paid off the Manse Loan. The Church Treasurer also acknowledges with thanks £17 received for the Manse Fund in memory of the late Mr T. W. Gowen.

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### THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Manse.  
June, 1958.

Dear Friends,

I propose to confine myself to writing, in this edition of "The Chronicle", of purely domestic affairs - of happenings within our Church here.

Elsewhere you will find an account of the service held on the evening of Whit Sunday when seventeen of our young people were received into membership. I would like to thank all those who helped to make it an occasion that will long be remembered. There was an atmosphere of holy expectation abroad and I truly believe that the Spirit of God was strong to us that night. We were pleased to welcome so many friends and relatives and hope that they will find other and early opportunities of sharing in our worship.

Some time ago it was suggested in our Church Meeting that it might be possible from time to time to make reference by name to those of our congregation who are ill. This has not been forgotten or ignored, but the practical difficulty of reporting on such a lengthy list of sick members and friends is considerable. You are often in our thoughts and prayers, whether in hospital, nursing home, or confined to your own home. (Some idea of the numbers involved may be gained from the fact that over a recent three week period I made thirty sick visits to separate homes. This does not include some who were called upon more than once. In addition there were visits which were necessary on other causes.)

It seems that we are in the midst of another period of new "settlements" in this district. If any of you who read this magazine are new residents please be assured of a welcome to this fellowship. We hope that we do not fail to make you feel at home in our midst. If I have not yet met you I should be glad if you would make yourself known to me. To holiday visitors too we say that we are pleased to have the privilege of sharing in worship with you.

The tape recorder which was given to us several years ago is still being used. Recordings of services are taken to some who cannot be with us on Sundays. We are laying plans to extend its use by inviting ministers and lay folk to record for us short talks on subjects with which they are especially familiar. These will form part of the Prayer Services from September onwards. A one-time chairman of the denomination's Youth Committee, the present County Chairman, and the incoming National Chairman among others, have already agreed to allow us to hear them speak to us.

Yours very sincerely,  
C. C. FRANKS.

A Garden Party will be held at 5 Parklands Ave. on Sat. July 5th. from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, and Competitions. Teas and Ices will be served. The proceeds are in aid of the Christmas Market. C.N.

### A MEMORY THAT WILL LINGER

Since our Church Hall was built in 1948 much has happened, and not a few special occasions have taken place which have left a lasting memory. But none more impressive as when on the lovely Whit Sunday evening of May 25th. seventeen of our young folk were received into full or associate Church Membership. The Church was practically full, and Mr D. G. Hughes very ably read both the scripture lessons, and Stainer's ever beautiful music to the words "O Dayspring" was feelingly rendered as the evening anthem. Only a very few left at the conclusion of the first service and the Communion Service which followed was marked by a record attendance. There was an audible, and very sincere, response to prayers offered, and for Mr Franks and our Sunday School leaders it must have been a memorable event.

Afterwards, in the Children's Hall, the young folk met the deacons and their wives, light refreshments being provided. May God's blessing rest upon these young people who thus publicly expressed their desire to consecrate their lives to His service and leadership.

C.H.C.

### B.E.L.R.A.

Mr S. A. Kempster, who is our delegate to the newly formed Worthing branch of BELRA (British Empire Leprosy Relief Association) writes: "As a matter of interest, Miss Babbage, secretary of the Worthing branch, has adopted an African boy, Debang Tah of the Ogoja Leprosy Settlement, Nigeria. He is about six years old and I am glad to say is making good progress towards recovery."

Mr Kempster has been appointed to the committee of the local branch and he will keep us informed of the activities of B.E.L.R.A.

### THE PASSING OF AN OLD FRIEND

On the mid-spring day of March 19th. last, yet another of our old friends passed away. This was Mr W. Partington of 3 Robson Road who had all but reached his 90th birthday, and was also within a few months of recording his 70th wedding anniversary.

Together with his wife and daughter, Mr Partington formerly lived at Bushey, where these friends attended the Presbyterian Church. Coming to Worthing, they worshipped with us in post war days and showed a kindly interest in our Church life. A genial, courteous Christian gentleman, our old friend had a quiet humour that must have raised many a smile.

To Mrs Partington, who is afflicted with failing sight, and to Miss Partington, who has shown a never failing devotion and loyalty during troubled days, we offer our very sincere sympathy.

C.H.C.

### GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

It was the turn of our Church to be the hosts to the West Sussex Battalion, G.L.B. at the Cadet P.T. and Miming Competition on May 17th. There were five companies taking part and at the end of the afternoon our own cadets were the proud cup winners. Well done, cadets!

In the evening of the same day the Senior P.T. Competitions were held. The winners of this event were the 1st Horsham Company, our own Company tying for fourth place with 1st Worthing Company. Keep trying, seniors! Better luck next time!

Now for the Jumble Sale. The magnificent sum of £20 was raised to help our camp funds this year. We should like to say "Thank you" to everybody who helped us in any way. A special word of thanks goes to the Young Wives' Fellowship, who, very nobly we think, came along and showed us what good saleswomen they are. The entire proceeds of the sale are going to help to pay for this year's camping holiday at Lake House, near Cooden Beach, during the last week in July. May we wish all those who are going a very happy holiday.

I.B.



LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

This is a report of our Missionary Week-End in April and of the Missionary Rally in Chichester on June 5th.

This year we were happy to have as Missionary Deputation the Rev. R. J. F. Phillips of Northern Rhodesia. He recounted a fantastic story of a blind man, as told by a Chinese missionary. The blind man, finding himself in a village invaded by bandits, seemed to see two pools of light which he followed and reached the safety of another village.

The African stands bewildered at the parting of the ways. He has been caught up in the materialistic life of the West. Our urgent need of copper a few years ago led to diversion of labour to the mines, where copper was sold for £440 a ton - now £160 a ton - causing a recession in Africa.

The African has abandoned his old tribal life, which gave him security. This is illustrated by the Copper Belt marriages, mere associations, without the sanctity of marriage, which replace the protracted marriage ceremonies. These included the arrangements for the price of the bride, part of the custom which stressed the stability of tribal customs. The African sees the white man seemingly managing very well without a God, so he deserts his old tribal duties.

Many natives die of sickness in their huts, surrounded by lamenting relatives. Others who can be taken to the mission hospital have a good chance of survival.

The Rev. C. C. Franks conducted special missionary services in the morning. In his children's address he told the wonderfully impressive story of a native preacher who was threatened with being burned alive in his hut, and though attacked and beaten, he continued to preach. So impressed was the king by his persistence that he was at last allowed to continue his work without opposition. In his sermon the minister emphasised the power the disciples had to go forth and spread the Gospel. Through their witness we worship in peace and freedom today.

Missionaries seek to save the whole man - body, mind and soul. So many frontiers have to be crossed; diseases have to be fought. In a recent book of Somervell's we read of the ravages of tuberculosis, spread by bad housing. Many thousands live below subsistence level. The work is often uphill, but it is our fight too, and we are called by God to the most thrilling adventure in His Kingdom.

An open meeting of the Women's Fellowship was held the following Tuesday, to which the members of the Men's Fellowship and any friends belonging to the Church were invited. Mrs Franks presided over a fairly good attendance. The Rev. R. J. F. Phillips gave another very interesting talk on his work in Rhodesia. He showed the difficulties in helping the natives to become accustomed to the great change of life when they left the country to work in the copper mines, and settle down to town life.

Mrs Franks said that the best way to thank Mr Phillips would be to show an increased interest in the work of the L.M.S., and to pray constantly for those on the mission field.

The Missionary Rally at Chichester was held on Thursday evening, June 5th., when a party of about 30 from our Church attended. After a short business session at which the treasurer of the Auxiliary spoke of the serious financial position of the Society, which would entail retrenchment abroad, the Rev. B. H. Spaul, M.A. introduced in happy vein Dr. Cecil Cutting. Dr. Cutting referred to Mr Spaul's influence upon his life, directing him from being a chemist to becoming a medical missionary. He described his work at the hospital at Chik Ballapur and in the outlying villages, and spoke of India as a land of contrasts; a high degree of illiteracy existed side by side with culture, particularly among women. Dr. Cutting referred to a village where he worked, the nearest doctor being 18 miles away and the nearest hospital 80 miles.

There were many diseases to fight, among them malaria, asthma and tuberculosis. Children were subject to dysentery and many died from it. Very often illness entailed unemployment and not infrequently starvation followed. The hospital had 27 beds and a very inadequate staff to cope with all the patients. Dr. Cutting referred to the cost of running this hospital - £1,955 for a full year. Of this sum 15% comes from the L.M.S. and 85% from the patients. Dr. Cutting stated that the cost per annum for the same number of hospital beds in this country would be about £40,000.

"Blessings abound" to us, not through our desert. Our responsibility and duty is to share what we have received.

There was a small "Bring and Buy" sale, and refreshments were provided. It was an inspiring and happy evening. Next year we hope to have a still larger coach party for this gathering.

HILDA GREY.

#### THE COMMUNION OFFERTORY

For many years it was the custom in our Congregational Churches to devote the offertory taken at our July Communion Service to the care of retired ministers and to ministers' widows through the Pastors' Superannuation Fund and the Pastors' Widows' Fund. In 1954, in what was called the "Total Financial Operation", these funds were brought under the operation of an enlarged Home Churches Fund for the maintenance of the ministry, and now at the July Communion we make our appeal for the Home Churches Fund, especially bearing in mind the needs of our retired ministers and of the widows of deceased ministers.

In 1953, before this amalgamation of funds, when our total membership was less than 100, we contributed £30 to the Home Churches Fund and close on £25 to the funds for retired ministers and widows; when the amalgamation was approved we were asked to make a combined contribution of £60 per annum for the triennial period 1955/1957. Now following a new triennial assessment we have been asked as a church with a membership of over 200 to increase our annual contribution to £100. The request was made not only on the grounds of our increased membership, but more especially on the increased need of the Home Churches Fund through very needful increases in the minimum stipends of our ministers, and in the all too small assistance to our needy retired ministers and ministers' widows. We have, of course, accepted in our Church Meeting this new assessment and this acceptance means, amongst other ways of help, generous contributions to the offertory at the July Communion Services. Unfortunately, despite our increased membership, we have failed to reach again the amount realised in the 1953 offertory, possibly because of some confusion as to the part played by the Home Churches Fund in the help given to our retired ministers and widows. Accordingly may I repeat that this Fund is responsible for this help through the contributions of the churches, and can only increase this help through increased contributions. By our contributions at the July communion services we shall be helping towards the attainment of our increased quota to the H.C.F. and indirectly thereby to a further increase, as far as possible, in the inadequate aid to our needy retired ministers and ministers' widows.

H. GILMOUR.

#### CHURCH NOTES

NEW MEMBERS: Mr Cornwall writes in this issue of the Whit Sunday Communion Service when seventeen of our young people were received into membership, two as full members and fifteen as junior or associate members. To them all a warm welcome is extended from all the church fellowship. Similarly such a welcome is given to Mr and Mrs Richardson of 42 Chesterfield Road on their being admitted to membership. The young people are Mr David Richardson of 42 Chesterfield Road and Mr Raymond Waite of 140 Barrington Road (Full Members) and as Junior Members Miss Amanda Ashton of 50 A'Becket Gardens, Mr Anthony Ashton, Miss Olive Bentley of 39 Bruce Avenue, Miss Irene Challis of 38 George V. Avenue, Miss Nichollette Core of 6 Strand Parade, Mr Keith Gander of 110 Barrington Road, Mr Edward Hite of 44 Phrosso Road, Mr Eric Holland of 3 Melbourne Road, Miss Pamela Hozier of 79 Barrington Road, Miss Delia Hughes of 40 Melbourne Road, Mr John Linfield of 83 Barrington Road, Miss Margaret Mercer of 150 Ringmer Road, Miss Wendy Richardson of 77 Barrington Road, Miss Judith Ward of 43 Chesterfield Road and Mr David Webb of 73 Chesterfield Road.

VISITING MINISTERS: During July and August we shall be welcoming to our pulpit four Congregational ministers, and we would like to assure them that we look forward

to their visits and hope that for them the services which they conduct will be occasions both fruitful and pleasant. Details of these services are:-

July 20th: Rev. Ivor H. Eaton, B.D. (Evening service)  
 July 27th: Rev. W. J. Ashford  
 Aug. 17th: Rev. R. W. G. Talmey  
 Aug. 31st: Rev. Robert Duce.

Mr Eaton is the minister at Littlehampton; Mr Ashford is a retired minister, now living in Worthing; Mr Talmey is minister at Spalding and Mr Duce at Petts Wood.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP: Mrs Dobson writes: "It has now become necessary to hold our meetings in the Church Hall and, although we miss the homely comfort of the fireside, we were in no position otherwise to extend our fellowship. Our congratulations go to Mrs Ripon on the birth of her son and also to Mrs Wrighton whose two little daughters now have a baby sister. We trust and pray that both mothers and babies are making good progress. On June 30th. the speaker will be Miss Cullen, Children's Officer for West Sussex. The session ends on July 14th. when we have our outing to Midhurst."

"SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN..." The service of Infant Baptism was held on April 27th when Anthony Clifford Baker and Julie Anne Chandler were baptised; on May 11th. Neal Ripon was baptised and on May 25th. a service of dedication was held for Stephen Charles Lancaster Richards. The best wishes of the Church Fellowship go to these children and to their parents.

WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY: We have been very pleased to welcome several new members to our meetings this session. Our last meeting for the summer will be on July 8th. and we shall commence our autumn session on September 16th. when we shall be finishing off our work for the forthcoming bazaar in November. In addition to the work which is done at these meetings time is found for a cup of tea and a chat. These meetings afford the opportunity for members of the church and congregation to become better acquainted, and any ladies who have recently come to the church will be warmly welcomed. We meet on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. M.H.

WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP: Our fortnightly meetings are suspended during the summer months, and will be resumed on Tuesday, September 23rd. at 3 p.m. when Rev. C. C. Franks will be our speaker.

Plans for the Annual National Rally of Congregational Women at Union Church, Brighton, on Wednesday, October 1st. are going ahead. All Sussex Guilds are urged to send as many representatives as possible. The afternoon meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the address will be given by Rev. Reita Searle. This will be followed by tea (2/6d.) at the Aquarium at 4.45 p.m. If you wish to join the Fellowship coach party being arranged to attend the October Rally please get in contact with the Secretary. A.E.E.

NEW APPOINTMENTS: To his many activities, Mr Franks has recently added two more, and we congratulate him on his appointments as a Governor of the new local Girls' Secondary Modern School and to membership of the West Sussex Religious Advisory Council.

#### ----- EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

GOOD SHOW! Miss Bentley reports in this issue on the recent activities of the church company of the Girls' Life Brigade, and a special word of congratulation seems to be due to the cadets for their fine effort in winning the cup at the competition in May, and to the officers for devoting their time and energies to the work of training them. Best wishes to the seniors for next year's competition.

IS THIS JOURNEY REALLY NECESSARY? We understand that about 100 delegates from this country will be attending the forthcoming gathering of the International Congregational Council at Hartford, U.S.A. We have seen no official statement as to how the cost of this attendance is to be met, and we would like to be assured that it is not from denominational funds. Even on the assumption, which may well be the case, that hospitality for the delegates while they are in the U.S.A. will be provided free, it appears to us that the transport costs alone will run into several thousands of pounds. If our calculations are incorrect we shall be happy to be reassured on this point. If, however, the denomination is accepting responsibility for expenditure on this scale it seems difficult to justify, particularly at a time when we cannot apparently find sufficient money to increase to a reasonable figure the miserable pittances paid by way of annuities to our retired ministers and to the widows of deceased ministers.

P.S. Would not 10 delegates be ample to put forward the views of British Congregationalism and to report back to this country?

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY: This society has come in for a good deal of criticism particularly recently owing to its intervention in the matter of Coventry Cathedral and the proposed ballet performance on a Sunday in the Cathedral precincts. May we say quite frankly that we find the Society's activities rather stimulating and refreshing in these days which are not distinguished so much as were former times for clear unequivocal statements and stands by professing Christians and by the Christian denominations. They see clearly what they consider to be their duty in these days of an accelerating secularism of Sunday, and they proceed regardless of the bitter opposition which they so often encounter. Has there not in recent times been too much conformity to the present social pattern of life in this country by religious bodies? We could certainly do with a return to the more Puritan outlook on life such as Mr Donald Soper advocated in a recent address he gave to the Fifty-One Society. We do not seem to have among our Free Church leaders today men of the calibre of John Clifford, Silvester Horne, F. B. Meyer or S. W. Hughes. These men commanded the attention and respect of the general public; their names were known to churchgoer and to non-churchgoer alike. Are we Free Churchmen now suffering from the fact that we do not have to fight as did our predecessors?

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY, 1958

|      |     | <u>Envelopes</u>                    |       | <u>Loose Collections</u> |       |     |     | <u>Envelopes</u> |       | <u>Loose Collections</u> |       |
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|      |     | London Missionary Society           |       | £ 22. 0. 0.              |       |     |     |                  |       |                          |       |
|      |     | Sunday School and Children's Church |       | £ 21. 8. 9.              |       |     |     |                  |       |                          |       |

Reference has been made elsewhere to the passing of Mr Partington. It had been the wish of Mr and Mrs Partington to make a gift on the occasion of their 70th wedding day on June 2nd. Mrs Partington has now kindly made the gift of £50 which has been credited £25 to the Church Building Fund and £25 to the Manse Fund. The contributions to the Manse Fund in memory of the late Mr T. W. Gowen have now reached the total of £26. 6. 0.

The amount outstanding due to the purchase of the new Manse will be stated in the next issue of the Chronicle. Church Building Fund total to date - £5,375. 5. 8.

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### THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Manse.  
August, 1958.

My dear Friends,

We have just begun our holiday and are enjoying the opportunity of relaxing the pressure of duties for a week or so. Nonetheless, we shall be thinking of, and praying for you constantly.

Elsewhere in "The Chronicle" you will find details of some of our proposed devotional activities. I hope that the new form of Thursday night meetings will mean that more of you will think it a good thing to share in our gatherings. For the series on U.N.O. I shall be leading, but some of the members of the local branch of U.N.A. have promised to come along in support and to be prepared to contribute to the discussions and answer questions.

For the Bible Study I am preparing notes that will be made available before each session. If you cannot come to the Manse on the dates appointed you can have a copy of these notes to enable you to follow the direction of the study at your own convenience at home, I always find the intensity and directness of St Mark an exhilarating study and I believe you will too.

Some of you will have heard already that the Days of Prayer will include talks on tape recording by people beyond our church fellowship. September will bring the voices of the Rev. Gordon Hawes of our church at Nevill Avenue, Hove and of the Rev. Arthur Mills of Winchester Road, Southampton. In October Mr Hartwell (chairman elect of the Congregational Union of England and Wales) and Rev. Stanley Sheppard (chairman of Sussex Congregational Union) will be speaking. There are two gaps to be filled, but I am hopeful that these will not long remain. It would seem that this method of communication should widen our knowledge and deepen the intention of our praying together. These recordings will be available for anyone who cannot come to the Church, and if you will let me know where they are required I shall be pleased to make arrangements for them to be played over.

I have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Congregational Union of South Africa that he will make arrangements for us to exchange tape recordings with a church out there, giving news and views of their fellowship. This will take a month or so to prepare, but on completion it should be a fine means of learning more of the life of Congregationalism in the world.

I know that many of our organisations have completed their programmes for the Autumn and Winter. We pray that each of them will be encouraged by a growing response to their plans, and a sense of purposeful service in the church for those who belong and who may be brought in.

Our Building Fund mounts slowly. I am persuaded that we shall see advances here too and that the day when the work of construction begins will not be long delayed.

At this moment there are seven folk connected with the church in hospital and another will be admitted tomorrow. For you all we pray that the spirit of God will be yours and that His healing power may be known to you.

Yours very sincerely,  
C. C. FRANKS.

BIBLE STUDY : DAYS OF PRAYER : DEVOTIONAL CHURCH MEETINGS

With reference to Mr Franks' call for a bigger attendance at the above gatherings we give particulars of the arrangements for the months of September and October.

Bible Study. September 23rd. St Mark. Ch. I. v. 1-13. Announcement of, Preparation for, the coming of Jesus.

October 7th: St Mark. Ch. I. v.14-45. Jesus begins to preach, teach, heal and to recruit His disciples.

October 28th: St Mark. Ch. 2. v. 1-28. Controversy with leaders of synagogue.

Days of Prayer. September 24th: God's Harvest for Body, Mind and Spirit

October 29th: God in Government, Business and the Forces

Devotional Church Meetings: September 11th., 18th., & 25th. Free churchmanship  
October 9th., 16th. & 23rd. The work of the United

Nations Organisation.

Prayers for use in connection with September Devotional Church Meetings:

We praise Thee, O Lord, for the witness of Thy Church throughout the centuries. Especially do we offer thanks for that part of the Church to which we belong. With gratitude for their devotion to Thee and to Thy Son we remember the men and women who gave themselves that the Congregational Church might serve Thee well. **Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Inject us with Thy living spirit, O God, that Thy church may be strong to meet the needs of this day. Make us courageous, wise and loving to present Thy Gospel in all its joy and power. In Christ's Name. Amen.

O Thou Who knowest the future, inspire Thy Church in the days yet to be. Uphold, by Thy grace, those in our midst who will be entrusted with its maintenance and give them the cheerfulness of a full self-surrender. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for use in connection with the October Devotional Church Meetings.

O God Who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers we offer for our anxious and troubled world. Strengthen we beseech Thee the members of the U.N.O. that in their work, by the exercise of an inspired sympathy and an honourable tolerance, peace may be established and sustained everywhere. **For Thy Name's sake. Amen.**

O Thou Whose Son went about preaching the good news about the new Kingdom, and healing every disease and disability among the people, bless the work of the W.H.O. we pray. Grant that, as health is spread and disease defeated, men may come to recognise their bodies as temples of Thy Holy Spirit, and bring glory to Thee in body, mind and spirit. Amen.

O Lord of all, uphold those who love the world's children. May those who share in the labours of U.N.I.C.E.F. be enabled to bring to these young members of Thy family benefits both human and divine, that they may live lives more abundant. **For Christ's sake. Amen.**

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LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

At an Auxiliary Meeting of the Society in Littlehampton in August a director stated that all reserves had gone, and retrenchment in some areas abroad would be inevitable unless the 10% increase in contributions was made in every church.

As a church we are not considering the suggestion of a minimum 6d. a week contribution to the L.M.S. from each member. Instead every Sunday we have a collecting box for the L.M.S. in the entrance porch, and we are sure members will do all they can to meet this grave situation on the mission field.

**HILDA GREY.**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Editor,

In the last issue of our "Chronicle" Mr H. Gilmour stated the case for increased contributions towards the combined Home Churches, and Pastors' Superannuation and Widows' Fund. And, in so doing, there was a gentle suggestion made that, as a growing Church, we had not "pulled our weight" so to speak, as compared with money thus given in 1953, when our total membership was "less than 100".

But past copies of our News Sheet present matters in a very different light. On January 1st. 1953 our membership was not less than 100, but 134, a very considerable difference. Also, when our membership was just under 100 (as it was in 1949), our contributions were not approximately £55, but £34. 5. 3.

The recent sharp increase in our annual assessment for the combined funds has now been accepted, and we realise that it is a worthy object which it is our duty to respond to, as far as we can. But the extra £40 yearly, making the full total £100, will undoubtedly call for greater effort.

As comparison has been made with the year 1953, it is perhaps permissible to recall that much has happened since then. Even inflation was not quite so pronounced as now, affecting more especially retired folk of all classes. Since then we have built a Second Children's Hall (this about 4½ years after the first) and in addition, had increased expenditure on gas, electricity, caretaker, organist and ministerial stipend. Also a new Manse has been secured, and our electronic organ installed - all necessary expenditure, unless the organ be classed as a luxury!

Some of us who have known the Church from its earliest days have frequently wondered how we have, almost unaided, faced up to this financial strain. I suggest that it has been done by consistent, persistent, generous, and maybe sacrificial giving, by members past and present.

We all respect Mr Gilmour's anxiety that our Church should readily accept the increased assessment, but, in so doing, let us face facts as they are.

C. H. CORNWALL.

THE LATE MRS WISEMAN

The sympathy of the whole of the Church Fellowship is extended to the family of Mrs Wiseman on their loss. Miss Monica Wiseman writes:- "Barbara, Monica and Daphne would like to thank Church friends who have been so good to their mother during her illness. The prayers and flowers and other tokens of friendship have been greatly appreciated during these past months."

THE LATE MISS ALICE JACKSON

We extend also to the relatives of Miss Jackson our sympathy on her recent death. Our feelings are best summed up in the words of one of our members who was intimately acquainted with Miss Jackson. This member writes as follows: "Miss Alice Jackson, who passed away on August 12th., was a Founder Member of our Church, having been transferred from Shelley Road, Worthing, when Goring Church was formed. She was a graduate of Cambridge University, where she studied Social and Moral Science, later becoming Vice-Principal of both Homerton and Manchester Teachers' Training Colleges. She also carried out Educational and Social work in Croydon.

Since coming to Worthing about 20 years ago she has worshipped regularly at Goring and always had the interest of this Church at heart.

Miss Jackson will be remembered among us too for her long and devoted care of her brother."

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"THE ONLY WAY"

We are indebted to Mrs W. E. Richardson for bringing to our attention the following words by Brother Mandus, Crusader, August 1958:- "The only way in which the civilised powers of the world can solve the problem of finding themselves faced with the fearful might of nuclear strength in the hands of unethical power is to invoke the all power of the Almighty, compared with which the mightiest might is nothing but weakness. All power belongs to God, and when a mighty power comes into contact with main force it gets cut off from the main".

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"BELIEF IN GOD"

Mr Truss has sent us the following which constitutes the final paragraph in an article in which a young woman set out the reasons for her belief in God.

"The last reason, and for me the indisputable reason, for belief in God, is Jesus Christ. His life and death are historical facts which cannot be got over or around, or explained away. We don't have to believe all He said solely because He was the Son of God. We can take His life and judge it on its own merits. We find out from our own experiences of life that all He said is true, and that He is the Son of God. Because we can be so completely sure of Him so we can be sure of God Himself."

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BRITISH EMPIRE LEPROSY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Mr S. A. Kempster, the delegate from our Church to the local branch of BELRA, advises us that, as a result of rising costs, the figure he originally quoted as the sum required yearly for the treatment and cure of a leper child has gone up substantially and is now £10. This seems little enough if thought of in terms of luxury spending, say the cost of five or six bottles of whiskey! But what a contrast in these two ways of spending £10!

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CHURCH NOTES

WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY: The Autumn Session commences on Tuesday, 16th September at 2.30 p.m. We offer a very warm welcome to any lady of the congregation who would like to come and join us on these social afternoons, when we work and have tea and a chat. Meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays. M.H.

WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP. Our fortnightly meetings will be resumed on Tuesday, 23rd September at 3 p.m., when Rev. C. C. Franks will be our speaker. We invite all ladies of the congregation to this meeting and hope that many who may not previously have attended Fellowship meetings will be with us on that day.

Meetings for October are as follows: October 7th: Book Talk. "One Finger for God". Speaker, Miss A. M. Thomas. October 21st: Anniversary Service, Speaker, Mrs A. L. Starkey, M.A.

The Annual National Rally of Congregational Women will be held at Union Church, Brighton, on Wednesday, October 1st. at 3 p.m., when Rev. Reita Searle will speak. Tea (2/6d.) at the Aquarium will follow at 4.45 p.m. If you wish to join the coach party being arranged to attend the Rally, please let me know before I attend the Committee Meeting in Brighton on September 18th. if possible, so that I may secure your tea tickets.

A. E. E.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Our first meeting will be on 14th October, when Mr E. W. Lowes, one of our members, will be speaking on Esperanto. The following meeting, on 28th October, will be taken by Rev. C. C. Franks, who has chosen as his subject "The Power of Positive Prayer".

A good programme, with a variety of speakers, is being arranged for the coming session, and it is hoped that our numbers will be augmented by the addition of new members. All men are welcome, so why not come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship which is extended to all comers.

P.S.W.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST SUPPER:** On Sunday, September 28th., we shall be holding our Harvest Festival, to be followed on Monday evening, September 29th., by a Harvest Supper at 7.30 p.m. Loose collections at the Sunday services, and proceeds from the Harvest Supper will be given to the Home Churches Fund. Our Church has been asked to raise this year £100 for this Fund. Please help us to reach our target.

A.M.T.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We give a warm welcome to three friends who, since our last issue, have been received into membership of the Church. We trust that for them this step will open out opportunities for fuller and wider service. Please make yourselves known to these friends who are Mr and Mrs Gillam of "Giles", 25 Strathmore Road, and Miss Lilian Jackson of 23 Bolsover Road.

**VISITING PREACHERS:** The services during September and October will be conducted by our own minister, Rev. C. C. Franks, other than on the two Sundays, 14th September when Rev. Stanley A. Sheppard, minister of Portslade, and West Hove Congregational Church, will take both morning and evening services, and 26th October when the morning service will be conducted by Mr A. E. Pearn.

Mr Sheppard is chairman of the Sussex Congregational Union and he may be assured of a warm welcome when he visits us.

The editor is somewhat in doubt as to what he should say about Mr Pearn.

**GARDEN PARTY:** Mrs Nodes wishes to thank all those who supported the Garden Party on 5th July. The proceeds of £33 were divided amongst the stalls for the Christmas Market as follows: Refreshments £15, Children's Church £5, Young People £5, Young Wives' £4, Men's £4.

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#### EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

**THE CITY TEMPLE:** 17 years after being almost totally destroyed by bombing, the City Temple has been rebuilt and services were recommenced there on 17th August. It is good that once again there is a Free Church within the boundaries of the City of London, though, of course, the congregation is not a local one, but is drawn largely from the surrounding London districts. Some do feel that these worshippers might be giving a more effective witness by joining in, and so strengthening, local causes in the districts in which they reside. It is likely also that not a few Congregationalists may feel a little uneasy on learning that the rebuilding has cost some £430,000 (all provided by War Damage payments and donations) at a time when it is considered that a general appeal to the denomination to raise the pitifully small annuities paid to retired ministers and to ministers' widows, would meet with little or no response.

**MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN:** At a recent young people's international congress, a young Iraqi student referred to the position in his country in regard to the granting of licences to sell intoxicating liquor. The Moslem is, by his religion, required to abstain altogether from intoxicants, and no licences to sell liquor are granted to

Moslems. They are, however, granted to Christians and, this student stated, in the eyes of many Moslems drink and Christianity are inevitably linked together. Is it any wonder that the Moslem finds it difficult to appreciate the alleged superiority of Christianity over his own religion?

There seems scope here for the World Council of Churches to act, but so far this body has shown a marked reluctance to be associated with any movement which aims at tackling the drink problem, this, despite the fact that it is indeed a world problem. The victims of the trade in drink are numbered in MILLIONS, and these are not only men and women, but also children. France has some 200,000 teenagers in hospital under treatment for alcoholism, In this country youthful drinking is now a major social problem; convictions for drunkenness have greatly increased in recent years, but the highest rate of increase is among boys and girls under the age of 18!

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY, 1958

|      |           | <u>Envelopes</u> |          | <u>Loose Collections</u>             |          |          |         | <u>Envelopes</u> |           | <u>Loose Collections</u> |          |           |           |          |
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|      |           |                  |          | Total for Two Months                 |          |          |         | £ 218.           |           | 7.                       |          | 2.        |           |          |
|      |           |                  |          | Pastors' Widows' Fund                |          |          |         | £ 21.            |           | 14.                      |          | 0         |           |          |
|      |           |                  |          | National Children's Home & Orphanage |          |          |         | £ 7.             |           | 7.                       |          | 0         |           |          |

Up to the beginning of August the Church Building Fund had reached the total of £5,419. 13. 1. which included an anonymous gift of £30. Very shortly over £40 should be added in respect of recovery of tax under Deeds of Covenant and a sum of approximately £250 interest is expected to be credited at the end of the year.

The gross cost of the new Manse amounted to £4,600 and the sale of the old Manse realised a nett sum of £2,820, leaving a difference of £1,780. The Manse loan stood at £400 and the addition of this amount thus raised it to £2,180. However, with monies at present in hand and the recovery of tax under the Deeds of Covenant, the loan will be reduced to under £2,000 in the near future. It is earnestly hoped that following the Christmas Market in November next, a further considerable reduction will be recorded. The amount contributed to the Manse Fund in memory of the late Mr T. W. Gowen finally reached £31. 2. 6.

(As we go to press, Mr Nodes informs us that he has just received £161. 9. 6. in respect of recovery of tax under the Deeds of Covenant. This amount he has allocated as follows: Reduction of debt on Manse £118. 3. 2., Church Building Fund £43. 6. 4. The advantage which accrues to the Church from these deeds is apparent. Ed.)

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

The Manse.  
October 1958.

My dear Friends,

The following paragraph occurs in a letter addressed to all ministers and church secretaries of churches in the Congregational Union of England and Wales by the Chairman of the Union, the Rev. W. Griffith Jones, and the Secretary of the Union, the Rev. Howard S. Stanley.

"We are sure that nothing is more important for our Congregational Churches at this time than that they should expose themselves to the searching, cleansing, renewing power of the Spirit of God. Each local church will know best how this "waiting upon God" can best be secured. The vital matter is that all people, clear in their own minds about their needs and opportunities, shall hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches in 1958. Christ's promise is that God will give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. We beg you to claim the fulfillment of that promise. When the Spirit comes it may rebuke us for our complacency and inertia, our carelessness and faithlessness, but always it will bring renewal and power, vision and strength, for the building of a better future".

That we should be so waiting, is, of course, part of the basic requirements and privileges of our Church membership. It is good, although we wish that it were not necessary, that we should be reminded of it. There is no church and no person who is exempt from the continuing call to be prepared for the voice and the activity of the Holy Spirit. For many of us it may be that we shall have to ask, "Am I willing to receive the Holy Spirit? Am I willing to undergo the change of heart and mind, the re-direction of energies, the tightening of discipline, that will most likely be involved?" Then beyond that to enquire of God, "What blocks are there in me to the receiving of this Spirit?" Some words of the late Archbishop Temple are a salutary reminder of what the coming of the Holy Spirit means, "If we invoke the Holy Spirit, we must be ready for the glorious pain of being caught by His power out of our petty orbit into the eternal purposes of the Almighty, in whose onward sweep our lives are as a speck of dust. The soul that is filled with the Spirit must have become purged of all pride or love of ease, all self-complacency and self-reliance; but that soul has found the only dignity, the only lasting joy".

Let our prayer be that we shall be humble and courageous enough to undertake the adventure of being possessed more than ever before by the Spirit of the Living God and that in so doing we may be used by Him here in Goring.

With every good wish for each one of you,  
Yours very sincerely,

C. C. FRANKS.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

Mr Franks feels that the following words of St. Francis of Assisi, which are quoted in the October issue of "Readers' Digest" will be widely appreciated.

"Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace  
 That where there is hatred I may bring love;  
 That where there is wrong I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
 That where there is discord I may bring harmony;  
 That where there is error I may bring truth;  
 That where there is doubt I may bring faith,  
 That where there is despair I may bring hope;  
 And where there are shadows I may bring light;  
 That where there is sadness I may bring joy;  
 Lord grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted,  
 To understand than be understood,  
 To love than to be loved;  
 For it is by giving that one receives,  
 It is by self-forgetting that one finds,  
 It is by forgiving that one is forgiven,  
 It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life".

PRAYERS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER DEVOTIONAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

We bless Thee, O Father, for that part of thy family which is in Madagascar, and thank Thee for their faith. Grant them strength to resist the temptations to deny Thee that press upon them so severely and the courage to stand firm in Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Thou who desirest that all should come to know and love Thee, fill Thy church in Madagascar with zeal for publishing the good news of Jesus to their brethren in town and country. For Christ's sake. Amen.

O God, whose Son hast led us in the paths of truth and righteousness, raise up, we beseech Thee, men and women who may follow in His footsteps, and in gladness and wisdom be ready to lead others in the way of great discovery. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

O God, who at this time didst send Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, teach us to thank Thee for Thine unspeakable gift. Help us to hate the evil that He came to destroy, and to receive the eternal life that He lived and died to bestow; that so we may love Thee with all our power and may serve our day and generation according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (H. Bisseker).

O God, who art the author of peace eternal, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us that the peace-makers are Thy children; pour Thy peace into our souls that everything that is of discord may utterly depart, and everything that makes for peace be a delight to us for ever; through Him who is the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Rodborough Bede).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Mr Editor,

I have been reading your paragraph under the heading "The City Temple" and am wondering if you are not being a little unbalanced in your comments.

Surely, it is altogether good to have in Central London a fine outstanding Free Church Preaching Station where men and women from all over the country, and indeed from overseas, can worship together and "sit under" a preacher of distinguished ability.

There are I think many earnest and sincere Christian folk who by temperament are not attracted by the appeal of churches in their own locality, but who find in the larger fellowship of a great central church the spiritual enrichment for which they are seeking.

Personally I "owe my soul" to those great days, now alas so far distant, when at the City Temple I sat under that outspoken "Modernist" saint and pioneer, the late R.J. Campbell; and I feel sure there must be others still alive who would make the same claim. To suggest that one kind of fellowship is "giving a more effective witness" than another is I think completely to miss the point.

MALCOLM RUTT

(The fact remains that local causes suffer and this was the point we were making. Also we could not but be concerned to learn that the rebuilding had cost £430,000 at a time when the average annuity paid to widows of ministers by the Congregational Pastors' Widows' fund averaged the meagre sum of 15/- (fifteen shillings) a week. These central London "preaching stations" do not exercise anything like the influence which they did in the days of R. J. Campbell, Joseph Parker, F.B. Meyer and John Clifford. These were household names, known throughout the country, and there was wide publicity in the Press for pronouncements by these men. The case is far different today, and we venture to suggest that if the average "man in the street" were asked what he knew about Leslie Weatherhead he would probably ask which team he played for. This is in no way to minimise the great work which Dr. Weatherhead has accomplished, but neither he nor the other Free Church leaders are national figures as were the four named above. E.D.)

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CHURCH NOTES

A NEW POST FOR THE MINISTER: We offer best wishes to Mr Franks on his recent appointment as secretary of the Western District of the Sussex Congregational Union. On taking up this post Mr Franks is relinquishing the secretaryship of the Worthing Free Church Federal Council which he has held for the past three years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH - ACCOMMODATION: At the Church Meeting held on 9th October it was resolved to purchase a wooden hut, 20 feet by 15 feet, for erection on the vacant land to the North of the present halls. The hut will provide additional accommodation for the increasing number of scholars, enabling a more satisfactory distribution of the classes to be effected. The cost will be about £180, with in addition the expense of preparing the site and erecting the building.

BOYS PLEASE NOTE! The blessing of Church Meeting has been given to Mr R.E. Jones' proposal to form at the church a branch of the Life Boys, a junior section of the Boys' Brigade. Mr Jones will be in command, and boys aged 9 to 12 are eligible for enlistment in this organisation. They will meet on Monday evenings from 6.15 until 7.45. Mr Jones will need helpers, temporary or permanent. Can you HELP?

F.W.O. The initials stand for Free Will Offering. Mr Tilbury, the F.W.O. secretary, will be pleased to supply particulars of this scheme to any members, old or new, who would like to join in this method of helping the finances of the church.

NEW MEMBERS: Three friends have been admitted to membership since our last issue. They are Mr E.E. Hodder, now of 146 George V Avenue and Mr and Mrs A.E. Edmonds of 122 Palatine Road. To them a warm welcome is extended. Mr Hodder is of course an old friend, a former member for many years, and it is a joy to have him back with us again after his stay in Harrogate; he has been re-transferred to us from the Congregational Church there. Mr and Mrs Edmonds come by transfer from the Congregational Church at Roath Park, Cardiff, and their coming will we are sure be a source of strength to this church, and we trust a blessing to them.

VISITING PREACHERS: On November 16th our pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. T. J. Williams, B.A. minister of Horsham Congregational Church, and to him we extend a warm welcome. His visit is on Temperance Sunday, and in view of the challenge to the Christian Church which is presented by the appalling position in regard to youthful drunkenness, road accidents due to drink, waste of foodstuffs in the manufacture of intoxicants, the brewers propaganda to secure women and the youth of our country as drinkers, and an annual expenditure of some £930,000,000 on intoxicants (enough to

build 62,000 (sixty two thousand) churches costing £15,000 each) we anticipate a stirring call to action to counter this evil thing.

An old friend will conduct the morning service on December 14th., when we have a visit from Dr. H.G. Chapman of Worthing. At our Men's Fellowship we have had the privilege of hearing Dr. Chapman on more than one occasion, and his lucid, scholarly and enthralling talks have been much appreciated. We very much look forward to his visit and to having the benefit of his leading of the worship that morning.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP: An interesting and varied programme has been compiled for the Autumn Session; we have been very pleased to welcome new members. Arrangements are well in hand for the Hallow'een Social on October 31st. With your support we hope to make it a successful evening. M. S. D.

INFANT BAPTISM: Services of Infant Baptism in respect of the following children have been held in recent months, and it is good that the parents should wish to declare publicly their wish that their children should be brought up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The children are Andrew Philip Webb, Heather Rowena Russell, Wendy Farquharson, and Delia Vanessa Robson.

WOMEN'S GUILD - WORKING PARTY: We have been pleased to welcome some new friends this session, and extend an invitation to other ladies of the church and congregation to join us on alternate Tuesday afternoons for a little work, tea and chat. Knitting or needlework for the stall at the coming Bazaar in November, from ladies who are unable to attend the meetings, will be gratefully received by any member of the Working Party. As there are only two more meetings before the Bazaar - October 28th and November 11th - a good attendance on these occasions will be appreciated. M. HITE

WOMEN'S GUILD - FELLOWSHIP: We have been glad to welcome new members this session, and hope that still more will join us on Tuesday afternoons. Our programme for November and December is as follows:-

- Nov. 4th: "The Work of a Magistrate". Mrs H. Lupton, J.P.
- 18th: "My Job". Miss J.M. Prince, Worthing Moral Welfare Officer.
- Dec. 2nd: "Four Years in a Japanese Prison Camp". Miss M. North.
- 16th: Christmas Service.

Fellowship members are responsible for the Cake and Sweet Stalls at the Christmas Market in November. Gifts for these will be welcomed by Miss E. Lock and Mrs Bridger. Those willing to enter for the Cake Making Competition should see Mrs Manington or Miss Frost. A. E. E.

#### LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Committee is glad to report that during the past two months £2. 5. 3d. has been contributed in the special L.M.S. box in the church porch. In future the amount received will be published in each issue of "The Chronicle".

Following a most impressive talk by Miss Thomas on a missionary book, "One Finger for God" a retiring collection was taken at the Women's Guild Fellowship. £1. 4. 6d. was contributed that afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7.30 p.m. Friends, do not forget this evening. During November we shall learn much about Madagascar and the Christian Church there in a variety of interesting ways. Mr Franks spares no effort in preparation for these weekly meetings. Members who come will be richly rewarded in an increased knowledge of an important part of the world church, and in a closer spiritual fellowship among themselves.

During the past year £8 has been added to the missionary funds through the Birthday Scheme. Grateful thanks are given to all participants in this scheme. Mrs James will always welcome new contributors.

So the very urgent needs of the younger churches are being remembered. "Freely ye have received, freely give".

MAGAZINES

Miss Hawke writes:- "When I took over the job of Magazine Secretary from Miss Stevenson three years ago I firmly believed that with a growing church there would be a corresponding increase in the number of subscribers to the Missionary "Chronicle" and to the "Congregational Monthly". This has not been the case, the numbers being the same as three years ago. This is not a good thing, as there should surely be a moving forward in everything. I would therefore like to ask whether there is anyone who feels that he or she could supply that extra something which would stimulate support for what I personally consider to be two excellent magazines.

I do thank those who have subscribed over the years and hope that they will continue to do so for 1959, as I shall soon be sending in orders for the coming year.

This applies also to the order for the Prayer Fellowship Handbook, which has to go in by November 1st.

(We understand that there are little more than a dozen subscribers to each magazine. It would seem therefore that only about one in twenty or our members takes a copy. We trust that Miss Hawke's request for suggestions for stimulating interest in these publications will be taken seriously, and that she will receive help in this respect. E.D.)

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

10.45/11 a.m. & 6.15/6.30 p.m. May we say, in response to the enquiry we have received for a list of topics suitable as subjects for conversation during the minutes preceding the commencement of the Sunday services, that we know of none suitable, and we trust that the silence this may entail for our enquirer will not result in any undue strain.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND THE DEATH PENALTY: There was a spirited discussion at the Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool on the effectiveness of the present penalties for murder and other crimes of violence. Strong pleas were made for the re-introduction of corporal punishment for juveniles found guilty of certain offences, mention being made of some particularly revolting cases of cruelty to animals perpetrated by boys. We find it difficult to believe that in such cases, or where young thugs assault and rob old ladies, a pat on the head and a request that they should not be naughty boys in future is adequate treatment, or is much in the way of a deterrent. In these cases we have to confess that our concern is more for the victims, and the potential victims, of this type of bestiality than for those who are guilty of such crimes. Claims that the death penalty and corporal punishment are deterrents and that they are not deterrents are made with equal fervency; the published figures of convictions etc., do not seem to help much, but we have a sneaking feeling that if ever we contemplated "bumping off" anybody the thought of that nasty rope would exercise a decidedly restraining influence. Perhaps time can be found at Church Meeting to discuss what is after all a very important issue.

Dr ALBERT SCHWEITZER: The interest in the life and service and sacrifice of this great and good man continues unabated. Although he will be 84 on the 14th of January next he continues to work 17 or 18 hours a day regularly, without a day's rest, not even a Sunday, for months on end. It is truly amazing how at his age, and in a climate so trying for Europeans, he is able to sustain his work at such a high pressure. He has been blessed with a wonderful physique which permits of such efforts, and he requires apparently but a few hours sleep each night. He anticipates being back in Europe next year, but it is not certain whether he will be able to find the time to visit this country. He has been here twice only in the past 20 years, for a week-end in 1951 and for a longer visit in 1955, when he was invested by the Queen with the Order Of Merit. There are but two non-British holders of this order, the other being President Eisenhower.

It is now 45 years since the Doctor, accompanied by his wife, first went out to Lambarene, and one of their first tasks was to clean out and whitewash a disused chicken house, all that was available for them as their first operating theatre! What an example of true humility for this man and his wife, the Doctor of Theology, Philosophy, Music and Medicine and the trained nurse, to undertake so menial a task.

It has been our privilege to be associated with the work of Dr Schweitzer's Hospital Fund for the past 17 years, and, in these days when our young people are subjected to so much propaganda of an unwholesome nature, it is good to find the great interest taken in the Doctor and his work by schools, day and Sunday, all over the country.

Can we remember in our prayers this great and good man, theologian, philosopher, musician, physician, surgeon and indeed a practical builder and business man, but above all a man of great heart.

#### GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

A Note for your Diary! The date to remember is Saturday November 29th. On this evening the 5th Worthing Company will be holding their Annual Display. Admission is by programme obtainable from the officers of the Company or from Miss M. West. All proceeds go to the Company funds.

Over the past three years we have been pleased to notice an increase in the size of the audience at these annual displays. Will you please help to make this year an "all time record".

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A welcome awaits any men of the church and congregation, and their friends, to the meetings of the Men's Fellowship which are held during the Winter months on alternate Tuesday afternoons. These meetings correspond in dates with those of the Working Party, a particularly happy arrangement, as the ladies very kindly welcome us to a wonderful tea at the ridiculous price of sixpence! Come along on October 28th, and join us.

#### PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES.

Days of Prayer - 19th November. Congregationalism - Locally, Nationally and Internationally.

17th December. Jesus - Messiah, Saviour, Immanuel.

Devotional Church Meetings 6th.13th.20th.27th November. The Madagascar Scene.

11th December. What the coming of Jesus means to me.

18th December. A Service of Worship.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1958.

|        | <u>Envelopes</u>     |           |          | <u>Loose Collections</u> |          |          |         | <u>Envelopes</u> |           |          | <u>Loose Collections.</u> |          |          |
|--------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
|        | £.                   | s.        | d.       | £.                       | s.       | d.       |         | £.               | s.        | d.       | £.                        | s.       | d.       |
| Aug. 3 | 9                    | 18        | 0        | 13                       | 14       | 6        | Sept 7. | 11               | 7         | 6        | 13                        | 17       | 3        |
| 10     | 12                   | 5         | 0        | 11                       | 12       | 11       | 14.     | 9                | 16        | 0        | 10                        | 16       | 6        |
| 17     | 11                   | 4         | 6        | 12                       | 6        | 9        | 21.     | 12               | 16        | 6        | 13                        | 14       | 10       |
| 24     | 8                    | 17        | 6        | 10                       | 2        | 11       | 28.     | 12               | 13        | 0        | -                         | -        | -        |
| 31     | 13                   | 13        | 0        | 15                       | 7        | 8        |         | -                | -         | -        | -                         | -        | -        |
|        | <u>55</u>            | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>63</u>                | <u>4</u> | <u>9</u> |         | <u>45</u>        | <u>13</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>38</u>                 | <u>8</u> | <u>7</u> |
|        | Total for Two Months |           |          | £204                     | 4.       | 4.       |         |                  |           |          |                           |          |          |
|        | Home Churches Fund   |           |          | £ 24                     | 8.       | 0.       |         |                  |           |          |                           |          |          |

It has been pointed out to the Treasurer that the total collections for June and July amounting to £218. 7. 2. were the largest for any bi-monthly period in the history of the Church. The total for the above period would probably have been similar but for the fact that the Harvest Festival collections were devoted to the Home Churches Fund.

At the time of going to press the Church Building Fund had reached the sum of £5,528. 18. 2d. of which £5,500 was on deposit with the Sussex Congregational Union.