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January - February 1950

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REV. H. M. SPRINGBETT, M.A.
(Assistant Minister at Hampstead Garden Suberb Free Church)

At the Church Meeting held on Wednesday, November 30th, 1949,
the Church decided by a unanimous vote to ask Mr. Springbett
to accept the pastorate of our Church. A letter of acceptance
was read at the morning service on on Sunday, December 11th.,
and it is expected that Mr. Springbett will commence his min-
istry at an early date in the New Year.

1950 SETTING SAIL 1950

"Whichever way the wind doth blow	:	But leave it to a Higher Will
Some heart is glad to have it so,	:	To stay or speed me; trusting still
Then blow it east or blow it west,	:	That all is well, and sure that He
The wind that blows, that wind is best.	:	Who launched my bark will sail with me
My little craft sails not alone;	:	Through storm and calm, and will
A thousand ships are out upon a	:	not fail
thousand seas.....	:	Whatever breezes may prevail
And so I do not dare to pray	:	To land me, every peril past,
For winds to waft me on my way.	:	Within His sheltering Heaven at last".

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT In our early days at Elm Grove School, and even before our Church was actually formed, friends were asked if over a period of three years they would promise subscriptions towards the Reconstruction Fund which the Congregational Union was planning. The scheme was to raise a sum of £500,000 in order to help repair and replace the ravages caused by war to our Church buildings. Many of our number who thus generously responded have now passed on. But the result of this amazing enterprise is now published in a little booklet. OVER £535,000 WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED. Lancashire had the honour among the counties of topping the list with over £75,000.

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As a Church we began the year 1949 with high hopes and great expectations, many of which, by God's gracious providence, have been realised, and so we end the year with deep gratitude.

We have had some serious losses and disappointments, while death has removed several of our number, including some of the 'pillars' and we still feel our loss acutely. But God has sent others, and the ranks are filling up. The opening of our Church Hall on St. David's Day marked a memorable epoch, and old and new members share in the pride and satisfaction of our new Home, made beautiful by many generous gifts. The congregations are steadily growing, and the appeal for a Youth Hall met with a fine response, the recent Sale of Work with donations realising £530.

We have twelve good deacons, and the Church has extended a unanimous call to Mr. Springbett, which to our joy he has accepted, while a Manse has been purchased at a reasonable figure. So the year ends with high expectations, and we pray that with the advent of a young minister the Church will go from strength to

..... strength, and under God's leading prove a stronghold,
: a centre of inspiration, comfort and hope, for old and
: WHY PRAY? : young, a shining witness to the Christian faith and the
: "Prayer does not : self-sacrificing love to God.

: change God's plans - :
: but it releases :
: them". :
: Let each member dedicate himself afresh to some

: "Prayer is the :
: opening of our : service and sacrifice, and respond to the challenge
: lives to the : which confronts us all in these great days, and which
: guidance of God. : mark the beginning of the second half of this 20th
: It is the link : century.

: which binds men :
: to God." : "Lo, I am with you always" is the Master's word of
: assurance, and with that ringing in our ears let us go
: forward with humility and yet with a glad confidence of
: Christ's soldiers "marching as to war, With the Cross
: of Jesus, going on before."

: S.O.M. : Yours in His service,

: : SYDNEY O. MORGAN.

THE DOME, BRIGHTON. The Centenary Service of Praise and Thanksgiving organised
DECEMBER 3RD, 1949. by the Sussex Congregational Union was a memorable event, and
those who were present must have felt the "thrill and challenge
of it all" as the Presiding Chairman put it. And back on his native soil the Chair-
man of the Congregational Union of England and Wales (Rev. Leslie E. Cooke, B.A., B.D.)
recalled his own early days in the county, and in his impressive address spoke of
some of the little village churches of those days - composed, not of perfect people,
but of self-committed people, who believed that as free men in Christ they were
equals.

The singing of the massed choirs was very good indeed, as was also the organ
music. And the great audience singing was another "thrill". Motor coaches from
all parts of the county seemed to have congregated round the Dome, and that was a
sight in itself. One wonders what the pioneers of the early days of Sussex Congre-
gationalism would have thought of it all!

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REV. S. O. MORGAN, B. A., B. D.,An Appreciation

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 : "Religion has not yet :
 : come into being until :
 : faith in God is trans- :
 : lated into action." :
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 : S.O.M. :
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The early weeks of the New Year will bring to an end a temporary ministry which has lasted just over two years.

It was in December 1947, and following the passing of the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.O., that our Church invited Mr. Morgan to take over the leadership for a limited period.

Circumstances were exceptional, and permission to start building the new Church Hall had not yet been obtained. It therefore required courage, faith in future possibilities, and a breadth of Christian view for a retired Presbyterian Minister to accept such an invitation. The fact that Mr. Morgan thus ventured to carry on the work for a time, placed our Church under a very real debt of gratitude.

The Committee of Management as it was called at that time, was feeling very acutely the loss of our former Pastor, but Mr. Morgan soon acquainted himself with the problems and difficulties facing the Church. He himself would be the first to admit that our late Church Secretary - Mr. A. J. Rule - helped very greatly to further plans for building, and to secure the necessary official co-operation for the days ahead. And the sudden passing of our beloved Secretary early in February 1949, and just prior to the opening of the new Hall, was a very heavy blow indeed, not only for members, but also for our Minister. But while almost overwhelmed by this unexpected loss, Mr. Morgan showed a Christian fortitude that greatly helped the Church to carry bravely on the work so well begun.

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 : "All men need to :
 : worship, And they :
 : do worship - something". :
 : S.O.M. :
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The Editor of this "Chronicle" has constantly heard expressions of appreciation concerning the ministry soon closing. In addition to conducting our Sunday Services in a dignified and helpful manner, countless members and friends can testify to the value of our Pastor's visitation to our homes. Always ready at the shortest notice to show sympathy in times of illness and bereavement,

he has also endeavoured to establish contact with newcomers as quickly as possible.

And since the opening of our Church Hall those who have supported our week-evening services have been more than rewarded by the homely chats Mr. Morgan has given. Here was our Minister in a new light. One recalls the story of the Welsh Shepherd making his sheep face the coming storm, rather than retreat before it; reminiscences of former pastorates, the reality of telepathy, the startling changes wrought in times of revival in Wales - all these and other illustrations and incidents linger in the mind.

To Mr. Morgan fell the honour of being our minister both at the stone-laying ceremony, and also presiding at the opening services and welcoming our special guests when our Church Hall was first used. He has never spared himself in any way, and his wide experience of ministerial life, and the reality of his Christian faith, has been a very great asset to us in this time of transition and loss.

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Together with Mrs. Morgan, (who has never made any complaint at the demands made upon her husband in his days of semi-retirement), we offer our grateful thanks for all, and sincerely hope that these days of service so willingly given, and so loyally rendered, may have brought their own blessing and reward.

C.H.C.

A WONDERFUL DAY!

Sale of Work, November 23rd, 1949.

Climatic conditions for this important event were most decidedly unfavourable. But once inside the Hall, November gloom was forgotten, and the great success finally achieved, astonished even the optimists!

True, the handsome donations of £100, £25, and £5 respectively made the full total of £530 sound very impressive. But apart from that the Sale was a uniformly joyous occasion, both as a corporate effort extending over a long period, and as a gathering in which we were brought together to do our best for the Master and His little ones, As Secretary of the Ladies' Working Party which organised the Sale, Mrs. Cowen herself has referred to it as "a wonderful example of team spirit".

The amount of work and thought put into the production of such an attractive display of goods is not easily estimated, but the stalls were a striking and very happy illustration of Christian service in very practical form. Where all did so well it is hardly safe to mention names, and the Editor has been asked to refrain from so doing. But it can at least be reported that we were indebted to Mrs. Barnard Spaul for opening the Sale with a kindly and sympathetic speech. And it was more than cheering to see the young folk taking part in various ways, and enjoying it, apparently. The Children's Stall alone took over 250.

Before closing our Church Treasurer smilingly announced "We have our Children's Hall!" The fact that it still had to be built did not trouble us at all, and the unexpected statement was greeted with a burst of applause. Six months previously this extra building has not even been thought of, but the growth of numbers at the morning school, and the obvious lack of suitable accommodation made the matter a very urgent one, and it is needless to say this magnificent result is a very great relief to the Church Treasurer and Minister and Deacons.

The singing of the doxology at the end of the day was no mere formality, but a very sincere expression of gratitude. Over 200 teas were served, and friends new and old were present, including several from the Mother Church.

And the final total raised caused a good deal of comment amongst friends and well-wishers in the neighbourhood. "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill" said Samuel Johnson. He might have added the words "and enthusiasm"!

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	:	Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Haverstock, Parklands Avenue.
The Church had the	:	Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, 78 George Vth. Avenue.
great pleasure of	:	Mrs. Robert Lunn, 5 Avondale Close,
electing these	:	Miss Miller and
friends at the	:	Miss A. Miller, 134 George Vth. Avenue.
November Church	:	Mr. and Mrs. Newman, 57 Chesterfield Road.
Meeting.	:	The Misses Stockbridge, 22 Lancaster Road.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. H. M. SPRINGBETT, M.A.

"I know only a few of you in the Church as yet, but to all of you I send greetings from myself and my wife. We are eagerly looking forward to our new life amongst you, confident that our coming is under the guidance of God, and as His blessing.

The Sunday I spent with you in November was a very happy introduction, and I know that the number among you whom I was able to meet then, will soon have increased many times. But this has a significance and purpose that is much more than merely social or even personal. It has already been made clear to me that there is a great task before us; we are to be the representatives of Christ in a neighbourhood into which many new families are already coming. And this task is one that we face as a united Fellowship in Christ, each one among us having his or her own duty to fulfil as a part of the whole. Furthermore there is no one else whom we can expect to do this for us, either we do God's work here or it is not done - the call is clear.

In this and in all things may God bless and guide each one of us".

H.M.S.

CHURCH NOTES

THE CHOIR We regret to report that Mrs. Galley has felt it necessary to resign the conductorship of the Choir. She has rendered valuable service in this way for some years, and when we were without a building of our own Mr. and Mrs. Galley very generously provided a room in their house for the weekly practice. Also under Mrs. Galley's leadership on special occasions our service of praise has been enriched by suitable music and extra voices.

All this has been much appreciated, and together with our thanks we add best wishes for better health.

The newly appointed conductor is Mr. W. Annible, who has been a member of our Choir over many years, and whose vesper verse we have recently again been singing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY For Mrs. Humphrey, and for her family, all of whom were present, this was a notable occasion at the Haven Green Baptist Church.
NOVEMBER 1949 The service included the unveiling of a memorial plaque in burnished bronze, the lettering being in white, and recording the ministry of the Rev. F. H. J. Humphrey, D.S.O., during the years 1927-1941. Added to the inscription were the words "So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side".

OUR AFTERNOON Since May last, when the afternoon school met for the first time
SUNDAY SCHOOL. our Church Secretary has courageously taken over the additional work involved in temporary leadership, and Miss Handford's efforts have been much appreciated.

In her place we now warmly welcome Mrs. D. Billings, who has so readily consented to fill this responsible post.

And as pianist Miss Thomson has succeeded Mrs. M. Aldridge of the Shelley Road Church. Here again we express our thanks in this case for the many weeks of willing

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service from a member of the Mother Church, and also for the immediate response from Miss Thomson when a volunteer was asked for. May any self-sacrifice entailed be more than rewarded by the joy of service.

CONCERT DEC. 6TH. This, the first concert held in our Church Hall, was very successful, Mr. Deslandes initiating the idea, and Mr. Truss arranging an excellent programme. The proceeds were set aside to meet the cost of spring flowers for the Church Garden, and after meeting all expenses £12.18.0. was realised. Where all the flowers came from remains a mystery, but their final distribution amongst sick friends was doubtless much appreciated.

THE MANSE. The small sub-Committee appointed with authority to take prompt action if necessary, quickly got to work, Supplied with vital information which greatly helped, negotiations for a house in Brook Barn Way, off Sea Place, will shortly be completed.

A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Passing of Lieut.-Colonel Tom Blower

.....	:	From the beginning of our Church Fellow-
:	:	ship at the Elm Grove School, it was a
:	:	marked feature that under successive
:	:	ministries those who gathered together
:	:	represented many different branches of
:	:	the Christian Church. And so it hap-
.....	:	pened that retiring to Goring over 6

years ago Colonel Tom Blower of the Salvation Army was passing the building one Sunday, when attracted by the notice board he entered the Hall. And that was the beginning of the regular attendance of Col. and Mrs. Blower over a prolonged period. Some months later he himself conducted our services one Sunday, and we always felt it to be a privilege and honour to have their sympathy and support in our early efforts.

Col. Blower became a Salvation Army Officer 52 years ago, and took command of one of the largest Corps appointments in Great Britain. And at the Clapton Congress Hall, London, between 700 and 900 people attended his week-night Bible Class for nearly 3 years. He afterwards became Divisional Commander in South Wales and Ireland, and later still rendered service in Scotland as the Territorial Young People's and Candidate Secretary.

In failing health during the past year or so he was devotedly nursed by his wife, and finally passed peacefully away on Sunday, October 16th, 1949. Speech was difficult during the last days, and his final effort at personal prayer began and ended with the words "I thank Thee Lord,...." What better prayer could be offered up prior to "Crossing the Bar"?

COLLECTIONS FOR THE TWO MONTHS, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1949, AMOUNTED TO £88. 7. 0.
SPECIAL HARVEST COLLECTIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL UNION HOME CHURCHES FUND TOTALLED
£15. 10. 3. COMBINED TOTAL £103. 17. 3.

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March - April 1950.

MINISTER:

Rev. H. M. Springbett, M.A. : Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

19, Brook Barn Way, : Children's Church at Morning Service.

Sea Place, W. Worthing. : Afternoon Sunday School at 3 p.m.

(Tel: Goring 41349) :

: Morning Communion first Sunday in the month.

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Miss Handford, : Evening Communion every third Sunday in the month.

29, Marlborough Road, :

West Worthing : Mid-week Service on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

(Tel: Goring 41127) : Choir Practice on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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: Ladies Working Party on alternate Tuesday afternoons

CHURCH TREASURER:

: at 2.50 p.m.

Mr. E. W. J. West, :

"Overmoigne", :

Smuggler's Walk :

Sea Place, W. Worthing. :

(Tel: 42450) :

: The Minister wishes to know of any case of illness

: among the congregation, and such can be reported to a

: Deacon or Steward.

EDITOR OF "CHRONICLE"

: The Flower Secretary will also be pleased to supply

Mr. H. C. Cornwall, :

: Church flowers in such cases.

"Bradda", 54 The Rose Walk : (Mr. E. E. Doslandes, Rosedene, 18, Sandwich Road.

West Worthing : Tel: Worthing 1855)

E A S T E R 1 9 5 0

(Another Easter will have come and gone before our next issue in May)

There is a story told of an old fisherman who was asked how he knew that Christ had risen. His reply was this:-

"Sometimes when I am far out at sea I know the sun is risen by the light reflected from my cottage windows. I know Christ has risen by His light reflected in the faces of some of my fellows, and the light of His glory in my own life. A dead Christ could never give such light had He been dead nearly two thousand years."

(Anon.)

"We need never say, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.' Nothing can take away your Lord but your own action."

(S. O. M.)

EDITORIAL PREFACE.

"Everything changes but change." So writes one of our philosophers. And the beginning of this year marks the turn-over of yet another page in our own little history as a Church. The past is gone "glimmering through the dream of things that were." But we should indeed be lacking in gratitude both to our Master and those who have during the past 10 years so faithfully served Him and thus rendered us service, if we failed to remember how great is our debt.

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: MINISTERIAL MESSAGE.
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: February 9th was a very happy day indeed for my wife, myself, and our little
: daughter. So many kind words were spoken and so much good-will expressed
: that it was, and is, impossible to make any adequate expression of thank-
: fulness.

: From the time of our first arrival, when we stayed for two night with Mrs.
: Humphrey, we have been treated with the very greatest kindness, and the
: labours on our behalf in the Manse and elsewhere have been prodigious.
: Miss Handford has been a model of kindness and efficiency, and my meeting
: with the Deacons was an excellent augury of things to come. We have now
: settled into our home and after much screwing and hammering and the acquir-
: ing of more than one blister, most things are straight, at least to outward
: appearance, and we are very happily installed indeed.

: It is my intencion now to do my best to repay all the kindness and service
: we have already received by devoting myself wholeheartedly to my work amongst
: you. I am confident of your fullest support, and I ask God's blessing upon
: our labours together, that under His guidance and with the aid of His grace
: we may serve Him acceptably in the work He has called us to do.

: H. M. S. :
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: INDUCTION OF REV. H. M. SPRINGBETT, M.A.
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One of the outstanding features of our gatherings on Thursday, February 9th
was the fact that the Rev. Frank Ballard, M.A., brought down with him over 30 friends
from the Hampstead Church. This long journey by road was made despite very uncom-
fortable weather conditions, and was not only a great tribute of regard which our
London friends had for Mr. Springbett, but was also very greatly appreciated as an
act of Christian courtesy and goodwill. Their presence, together with many friends
from the Shelley Road Church made the occasion a memorable one.

We were also much indebted to Alderman L. Bentall, Deputy Mayor, for favouring
us with his beaming presence as Chairman at the tea-table. And amidst the chorus of
greetings from Ministers and friends may one be forgiven for singling out a tribute

: paid by the Rev. Macpherson, Presbyterian Minister. Re-
: calling a visit paid to the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free
: "Visions kept to : Church one day when conditions seemed somewhat depressing,
: ourselves quickly : he referred to the altered and helpful atmosphere created
: fade." : as Mr. Springbett started the service. A very gracious
: (Rev. F. Ballard.) : testimony this.

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The weather for this auspicious occasion proved very
disappointing, but did not prevent an excellent attendance. The Rev. Maxwell O.
Janes, B.A., B.D., who presided at the Induction, has been a very good friend to our
Church, and this was probably his last visit to us as Moderator, prior to his new
sphere of service with the London Missionary Society.

CHURCH NOTES.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HALL: At the Church Meeting held on January 25th, it was decided to accept the estimate of Messrs. Sparks & Son of West Worthing for the erection of this building. Holding accommodation for 100 children this extra Hall will be similar in style to our present Church Hall, and will include offices at the entrance. The estimated cost is about £1360.

We are very greatly indebted to Mr. E. Hodder for drawing up the plan for this additional building. He must have spent much time in this way, and previously also in designing the Church Manse which unfortunately proved wasted effort. Such work involves far more time and thought than many would think likely, and our friend has undoubtedly saved the Church considerable added expense.

CHURCH SOCIAL, JANUARY 14th: Days of long ago came to mind on entering the Hall for this gathering. True the old-fashioned tea-urns were absent, but once again we had the long continuous tea-tables. Following the tea the Editor of this 'Chronicle' was given the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Church and Congregation, and presenting the Rev. S. O. Morgan with a cheque for £60. Thus the opportunity was provided to thank our former Minister for the great service he has rendered to our Church since December 1947.

In a few well-chosen words Miss Thomas followed and presented Mrs. Morgan with a hand-bag from the Church. In a short, but charming little speech Mrs. Morgan replied, and then Mr. Morgan made reference to the happy times he had experienced in association with us all.

A varied programme followed, and at least one game provided hilarious amusement. It must be a long time since some of the men present tried on so many hats - and ladies' hats at that!

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY: This annual event preceded the grown-up's party, and was held on Saturday, January 7th. About 40 children were present and 19 helpers attended. The little ones arrived in good time and games were played pending the arrival of Father Christmas. The tea-table was charmingly decorated, and a delicious tea was much enjoyed. During this meal Pamela Older presented Mr. Morgan with a silver pencil on behalf of the children and the teachers, wishing him a happy retirement 'but not one where we had to say goodbye.'

Games and competitions continued in the evening, after which everybody received a small present! Auld Land Syne and three hearty cheers ended the proceedings.

OUR CHOIR: Mr. Truss writes as follows:- 'We are pleased to report that owing to altered circumstances, Mrs. Galley is now back with us as leader of the Choir. In the event of her being unable to attend the weekly practice Mr. Grew has kindly promised to act as deputy. Our repeated requests for new members has so far been without result, with one exception, and we have been very pleased to welcome Mrs. Colvart as a gifted contralto. Now then Ladies and Gentlemen, please walk up and follow her example.'

(This manner of putting it is not meant to disguise the seriousness of this appeal. Those who can thus help will be doing good work. Ed.)

CHURCH NOTES CONTINUED: It is a pleasure to report that a suggestion made at our December Church Meeting has met with a ready and generous response. An appeal was then made for special gifts to cover a period of two years to off-set the increased Church expenditure that has to be faced. Sixteen such offers have been made, and in some cases the money has already been paid in.

Also in addition to the cheque for £100 referred to elsewhere in this number, another friend who also wishes to remain anonymous, has made special contributions towards L.M.S. Funds, British & Foreign Bible Society, and so helped to swell the total amounts of Church collections.

And more generous giving marked the Missionary Sunday collections for the L.M.S. on February 12th. The total reached was £17, nearly double the 1949 total!

CAROL SINGING: This is the first opportunity we have had of recording the result of this annual effort. Our young folk once again received a warm welcome from members' houses visited, and a rather wonderful total of £7.13.0 was reached, the National Children's Homes benefitting accordingly. We thank all who gave so willingly.

NEW MEMBERS: Miss Shirley Eaton, 43 Westpark Lane,
Miss C. Cable, 8 Elgin Road, From Muswell Hill Congregational Church.

WORTHING LADIES' CHOIR.

A Concert has been arranged to take place in our Church Hall on Friday, March 17th, 1950. Admission will be by programme, price 1/6, and the proceeds will be given to the Junior Church Hall Fund.

The Conductor of the above Choir is Mrs. Stella Morgan, L.R.A.M., the widow of the late Rev. I. W. Morgan, at one time L.M.S. Missionary in Bengal States, and later Minister at Hither Green and Rochester.

Several of those in this Choir are members of the Shelley Road Church, and the programme on March 17th will consist of part songs, with interludes of soprano and contralto solos, also pianoforte and elecution items. The music will be selected from all periods, from Queen Elizabeth to that of the present day.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 1949, AND JANUARY 1950.

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>	<u>LOOSE CASH</u>		<u>ENVELOPES</u>	<u>LOOSE CASH</u>
1949	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1950	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 4th:	4 17 6	4 15 2	Jan. 1st:	5 8 5	4 14 8
Dec. 11th:	3 6 0	4 19 6	Jan. 8th:	5 11 3	7 4 7
Dec. 18th:	6 0 9	5 12 10	Jan. 15th:	5 14 6	5 0 3
Dec. 25th:	4 12 2	7 4 4	Jan. 22nd:	5 15 0	4 12 0
			Jan. 29th:	5 16 9	5 19 7
	<u>£18 16 5</u>	<u>£22 11 10</u>		<u>£28 5 11</u>	<u>£27 11 1</u>

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £97 - 5 - 3

L.M.S. Widow's & Orphan's Fund. Collection at Communion & Special Subscriptions £9.8.9. British & Foreign Bible Society, Retiring Collection and Special Contributions £7.11.6

UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION. FOR WORTHING.

Over 40 years ago the London Missionary Society planned 'The Orient in London' at the Agricultural Hall, London, a really great effort which attracted thousands, and created much interest in Missionary work.

This Exhibition must have included tons of scenery alone, and the imposing Pageant of 'Darkness and Light' was very effectively staged. With words by John Oxenham and set to stirring music the closing processionals aroused the emotions, and the grand finale around an illuminated cross stimulated the imagination of young and old.

..... Fostered by the Worthing Christian Council it is now
: proposed to hold a United Missionary Exhibition at the
: "If Christianity were : Assembly Hall from May 24th to May 27th inclusive. The
: for us only it : Anglican Churches made the initial move, but approached
: would shrink in the : the Free Churches through the Council. Some 28 Mission-
: eyes of its own dis- : ary Societies will be represented, but in the words of
: ciples. Ceasing to : one of the Co-Secretaries, 'We are, as far as is pos-
: be universal truth : sible, sublimating the Society for the work of Christ
: our faith in it : in particular areas of the world."
: could not then long :
: survive." : General arrangements will be on territorial lines, not

..... denominational, and the Hall will be divided into sec-
tions called "Courts", e.g. China Court, India Court,
etc. The Presbyterian Church and the three Congregational Churches (Shelley Road, Sompting and Goring) are to be responsible for China, and this includes staging, and arranging exhibits. There will be an official opening each day, and one day will be devoted especially to women's work in the mission field. Stewards will be required and there will be special training for such helpers, who will be asked to attend a meeting for this purpose. There will also be films and plays staged in the Court Room.

..... James Chalmers - one of the greatest of all pioneer Mis-
: When an audience : sionaries once thrilled an audience by saying:- "Recall
: was "electrified!" : me the 21 years, give me back its shipwrecks, its standings
: in the face of death, give it me back with spears flying
about me, with the club knocking me to the ground, give it
me back, AND I WILL STILL BE YOUR MISSIONARY! Some years later Chalmers was killed
by cannibals when landing at Goaribari Island, New Guinea, in 1901.

FOR PULPIT USE: A little presentation made at a Deacon's Meeting in the closing weeks of 1949 has not yet been recorded. Coming through Mrs. Ogborn (Mrs. Deslandes's daughter) the Baptist Church at Cuffley supplemented their previous gift of a Pulpit Bible by also presenting our Church with a beautifully bound copy of the Congregational Hymnary. Yet another happy illustration of "the tie that binds." Our grateful thanks, and best possible wishes for the Church at Cuffley.

O U R " C H R O N I C L E "

In May 1945 our little Church publication was first started - a single sheet. So it has grown as our Church life has developed.

And more than once during the past two years it has been suggested that this News Sheet might now attain to the dignity of printer's type, and that many would be quite willing to pay for their copies. But after very careful consideration it is felt that for the present our Church stands to gain by free distribution, and that the excellent work of duplicating by Messrs. Sankey of Nelson, Lancashire, is much appreciated.

..... Issued bi-monthly the actual cost of each number works
: out approximately at 3d., the 250 copies thus printed
: "CHRONICLE" FLASH BACK : costing us about £18 yearly. But as against this ex-
: December 1944 : pense we gratefully record many gifts made to the
: Church, both in money and in kind, and presented as a
: "What an inspiration a : result of interest created by free distribution. A
: good congregation is : very striking example of this was a recent gift of £100
: to everybody!" : given by a friend known to Mr. Deslandes, and ear-
: F.J.H. HUMPHREY. : marked for Sunday School work.

..... It was however decided at our January Church Meeting that a Collecting Box should be displayed, so that anyone who felt so disposed could contribute small sums, or even just a few pence, to help defray the cost at present borne by the Church. But such contributions will be entirely voluntary, and copies will continue to be given away.

O U R C H U R C H G A R D E N .

Our Church Garden and our Church Handbook do not seem to have much in common, but actually they have some connection. The Year Book was, and will continue to be, given away, but this free distribution is only made possible by the advertisements

..... which cover the cost of production. Under these circum-
: stances we ourselves stand to gain by giving what support
: "The glory of the : we can to those who advertise in our little book. Here is
: spring how sweet. : a letter received from 'Gardens Ltd.', 100 George Vth Avenue:
: The newborn life : "We should like to take this opportunity to inform you how
: how glad! : very satisfied and pleased we have been with the strong
: support that you have given to our flower shop, and we shall be
: glad to renew our advertisement in your 1950 Year Book. We feel
: it to be an honour to have supplied so many of the flowers and bulbs for your Church
: Garden, and feel sure they will make a lovely sight this coming spring."

Yours faithfully, Gardens (Surrey) Ltd.,

CHURCH ACCOUNTS: Attention is called to the Financial Statement which it is hoped to include with this number. The Church is very conscious of the fact that it has been most fortunate to have Mr. E. W. J. West as Treasurer for some years now, and the consistently good work he has done has been very greatly appreciated. For accuracy, neatness, forethought, and skilful management of Church Funds, a very high standard has been reached.

Also our best thanks are due once again to Mr. W. G. Hite and Mr. G. L. Nodes for auditing these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1949.

R E C E I P T S		P A Y M E N T S	
1948	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1948.
CHURCH FUNDS:			
£ 268	298 5 2	Minister and Supplies	281 13 6
209	209 11 0	Rent Elm Grove and Caretaker	53 2 0
18	18 0 0	"Chronicle"	18 6 8
£ 495	£525 16 2	Sundries including Printing, Stationery and Pianist (Maintenance)	43 11 5
		Expenses - Opening of New Hall	26 0 0
752	883 14 7	Lighting, Heating & Water	28 9 0
		School Expenses	57 16 0
			10 15 3
		Balance 31/12/49 Cash and Investments	519 13 10
			889 16 11
			<u>£1409 10 9</u>
SPECIAL PURPOSES:			
£ 58	49 15 11	London Missionary Society	49 15 11
29	26 3 3	Sussex Cong. Union Home Missions	26 3 3
10	8 2 0	Cong. Union Widows and Orphans Fund	8 2 0
73	78 6 8	National Children's Homes	78 6 8
8	8 5 7	United Nations Association	8 5 7
20	£170 13 5		<u>£170 13 5</u>
£ 198			
£ 31	35 3 4	L.M.S. Widows and Orphans Fund	1 12 9
	34 16 6	Queen Alexandra Hospital Homes	4 4 0
		Sick and Needy. Christmas Gifts	15 0 0
		Balance on Hand 31/12/49	20 16 9
			49 3 1
			<u>£69 19 10</u>
CHURCH BUILDING FUND:			
£ 591	109 1 6	Total payments made for Sunday Equipment of Hall, and including 10% Deposit on purchase of Manse (£315)	£1517 2 7
	13 16 6		
	13 12 0		
	113 16 10		
	43 14 0	Balance at 31/12/49 Cash and Investments	1013 10 11
	294 0 10		
	£2236 12 8		
	<u>£2530 13 6</u>		<u>£2530 13 6</u>
RECEIPTS prior to 1st January 1949			
	407 17 0	Balance on Hand 31/12/49	632 17 0
	125 0 0		
	100 0 0		
	£632 17 0		<u>£632 17 0</u>
JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL:			
		Proceeds from Sale of Work	
		Subscriptions	
		do for Equipment of Hall	
E. M. J. WEST,			
Treasurer - January 23rd, 1950.			
We have examined the vouchers and accounts, and compared with above summary, and found correct. Signed M.G.HITE: G.L.NODES, 24th January, 1950.			

THE CHRONICLE

No. 37.

Goring Congregational Church

May-June 1950

MINISTER: Rev. H.M.Springbett, M.A.,
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Class on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Choir Practice on Thursday at 7.
Ladies Working Party on alternate
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flowers in such cases.

The next "Chronicle" is due for
distribution on Sunday, June 25th.

L I M I T I N G G O D

"Has it ever dawned upon our
minds that we can limit God?
It is said of the Children of
Israel that "they limited the
Holy One of Israel", and the
startling truth is that we can do
the very same thing; we can tie up
the hands of Omnipotence.
What we all need to remember is
that God does not work apart
from man. He works with man.
We are the messengers of His love
We are the servants of His will.

We are His hands, His eyes, His
feet, to do His will and get
His will done in this world.

Let us remember that all good is
done by this arrangement."

Rev. David Davies,
Minister of Congregational Church
Westgate-on-Sea.

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REV. F. W. CAMFIELD, M.A. News recently came through from the West Country that
Dr. Camfield had passed away. Formley Minister at the Shelley Road Congregational
Church from 1918 to 1934 he was much liked, and was a most thoughtful and gifted
preacher. In 1941 he left the denomination for the Church of England, but he always
retained the good wishes of those who knew him. One warning of his, given in a ser-
mon, has echoed and re-echoed in the mind over many years. Yet it was seven words
only:-

"BEWARE OF THE DOMINATION OF THE ORDINARY"

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Statistics are notoriously dangerous things on which to base conclusions, but I was very impressed and encouraged to learn recently that in the Church there are over one hundred members of the Bible Reading Fellowship. There are doubtless other activities within the Church which seem to produce greater immediate effect, and thus tend to make more impression on the outsider, but I am sure that there is nothing which can more truly minister to the deeper needs of our church life and enrich our Fellowship together in Christ, than our constant study of the Scriptures.

Whenever in the long history of the Church, there has been a period of great revival, one of the constitutory factors has always been a renewed attention to the Word of God as revealed in the Bible. In this way, from time to time, the Church has paused to reconsider its life and faith, and to judge itself in the light of God's revelation made through His prophets and apostles. There are ample signs that such a movement of self-examination and re-consideration is taking place today, at the end of a period when the Scriptures themselves have been subjected to a thorough critical examination. Let us pray that through our turning anew to attend to God speaking through His Word, we may take our part in His revival of His Church.

H.M.S.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOOD LIVES

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 : In a recent article written for the daily press Mr. John
 : Some words of en- : Maude, K.C., M.P., discusses the question concerning the
 : couragement for : punishment of crime, and how far modern preventive methods
 : those who are : have failed in their purpose. His final words might well
 : training the young : be heavily underlined. They read as follows:-
 : in Christian ways. :
 : "There are persons living today who have given much of
 : And a reason for : their lives to work in prisons, Borstals, Approved
 : urgency in obtain- : Schools, and in the Criminal Courts of Justice. I have
 : ing official per- : consulted many of the wisest of these men and women in
 : mission for the : order to discover what their considered views are upon
 : further develop- : crime prevention. I have always found that I am advised
 : ment of such work. : to try my uttermost to improve homes and schools, AND
 : ALSO TO SEE THAT SO FAR AS LIES IN MY POWER ALL CHILDREN
 : ARE BROUGHT UP IN THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FEAR OF GOD.
 :

I am sure that this is the best of advice, and will be neglected at our peril... if we as a nation fail to see that the foundations of good lives are well laid in the provision for our children of a fine set of values, and a belief in the ultimate triumph of good."

PLEASE : The Sunday School Anniversary on Sunday, June 18th., will be preceded by
 NOTE : a Children's Concert, to be held in our Hall on Saturday, June 17th.

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CHURCH NOTES

OUR LITTLE FOLK The announcement that we are to have a "full-blown" Sunday School Anniversary on the morning of June 16th., recalls Topsy's famous saying in "Uncle Tom's Cabin". When asked concerning her family origin Topsy persisted that she never had a father or mother - "I spects I grow'd" was her simple way of putting it.

And that sort of development can most certainly be applied to our morning Sunday School and Children's Church. Beginning away back at Elm Grove under "Auntie May" (Miss May Green) some of our present teachers were the "little ones" in those days. And now the Diaconate is wondering what will happen if numbers continue to increase. But, this after all is rather a pleasant problem.

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: PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS :

: "Do we get so used to these
: that we only hear the ones
: we are interested in?

: "The week-night service will
: be held on Wednesday Evening
: at 7 p.m."
: Does this 'register' with
: many of us?

: Our Pastor has been giving us
: a series of Bible Study
: thoughts. He must have
: spent quite a lot of time in
: preparation, and for those
: who wish to know their Bibles
: better it is a profitable hour:
: and a larger attendance would
: obviously encourage our Mini-
: ster. Did you say you are so
: busy? Well, he too is a busy
: man.

: The above, with very slight
: variations, has been taken
: from the Ferme Park Church
: (London) Magazine.

: But it is equally applicable
: to us as a Church.

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rendered valuable assistance in the Easter Anthems, and may do so on other special occasions. But there is still need for men's voices.

AND ANOTHER SPECIAL DATE. A visit to which we shall look forward

with much interest will be that of the Rev. Gordon Hawes, M.A., B.D., Minister of Dulwich Congregational Church, who will conduct our services on July 16th. One of three brothers, Gordon Hawes father was Mr. J.W. Hawes who coming to this town from Wanstead in the early part of 1948 had his membership transferred to our Church about a year later. The passing of this genial friend was a real loss to us, and we shall again be remembering him when listening to his son.

MEDICAL MISSION WEEK This has been arranged for May 14th, to 21st. And as usual, envelopes will be distributed.

THE NEW HANDBOOK This is now being compiled and Mr. Deslandes has already given much time and careful thought to this most useful little publication.

We record with pleasure that although Messrs. Berry & Sons, Builders of 179 Tarring Road when approached, felt unable to advertise in this way, they kindly gave a generous donation towards the cost of the Handbook. Such a friendly act is much appreciated, and such a firm is worthy of support.

THE CHOIR Mr. Truss is glad to report that several ladies have been welcomed into membership. Also our Minister himself

CHURCH NOTES CONTD. LADIES WORKING PARTY. This good work continues, and the fortnightly meetings are well attended. But there is still room for newcomers, and new friends and members of our Church will be warmly welcomed.

This appointment means the retirement of Mrs. Humphrey from that special office, after being President for over seven years, and members acknowledge with very sincere gratitude the valuable work she has done, and the good work she has inspired. Although no longer President the Working Party will still benefit by her wise experience and readiness to help in various ways.

OBITUARY Since our last "Chronicle" was distributed our Church has suffered further loss in the passing of those connected with us. Mr. W.T. Bradley of "Fifehead", 15 Harvey Road, died on Feb. 21st., at his home. Together with Mrs. Bradley, our friends had been loyal and consistent supporters of our cause over some years. Formley of Wardsworth, where Mr. Bradley was a Borough Official, tragic family bereavements must have cast much shadow over later years.

in his profession as Marine Engineer, and was living in the Argentine at the time of his marriage. A widely read man, he also had keen interests in life.

: "And bright : read man, he also had keen interests in life.
 : in Heaven's :
 : jewelled : And on March 14th, at 28 Phroso Road, our friend Mrs. E.
 : crown, : Waters passed on - "after many years of suffering nobly
 : They shine : borne". How much can be condensed into a few words!
 : for ever : And what gracious and inspiring memories can energise
 : more." : those who are left to struggle on. We influence each
 : : other far more than we often realise.

Dr. and Mrs. Lees, 14 Crowborough Drive, by transfer from Clifton Road Congregational Church, Hove.

Mrs. Howes, 12 Elgin Road, Formerly of the Church of England.

Mrs. Price, 22 Angus Rd., by Transfer from West Worthing Baptist Church.

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S O M E T H I N G T O T H I N K O V E R

(Contributed by A.F.Mason, Esq.)

Durrington people will I am sure, be interested to hear that their fellow Christians in Tai Po are building a new Church.

In 1948 my wife and I were taken out to the New Territories on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong, and on that morning the Rev. Frank Short of the London Missionary Society had a satisfactory interview with the Land Office. Now we hear that the first sod has been cut by a frail old man, with appropriate ceremony.

When the Goring Congregational Church Hall was opened my mind wandered back to Tai Po, and the poverty of that neighbourhood and the building which was then serving for a Church - just a ground floor, quite bare, except for forms.

But if the building was bare and ugly the kindly greeting was unmistakably Christian, and the cup of warm water had an added significance. Tai Po folk have not asked for the interest of the Goring Congregational Church in any way, yet I think perhaps a contact might be made to the enrichment of all.

A S S E M B L Y H A L L W O R T H I N G

Missionary Exhibition, May 24th to May 27th inclusive.

OPEN 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. DAILY. (MORNINGS RESERVED FOR CHILDREN). ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET 1/- each for Adults, Children 6d. REFRESHMENTS, LIGHT LUNCHEES AND TEAS. FILMS AND PLAYS STAGED IN THE COURT ROOM.

WEDNESDAY May 24th. The Church's Work in Evangelism.

CHAIRMAN - Sir John Hope Simpson.

OPENER - Rev. Norman Goodall, Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

THURSDAY, May 25th. The Church's Work in Education and Training.

CHAIRMAN - Councillor Mrs. R. Summers, Vice Chairman of the Worthing Education Committee.

OPENER - The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Lewes.

FRIDAY, May 26th. The Church's Work in Medicine.

CHAIRMAN - The Rev. D. F. Wilkinson, M.C., M.A., R.D., Chairman of the Missionary Exhibition.

OPENER - Dr. R. Boulton, Medical Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society.

SATURDAY, May 27th. The Church's Work amongst Women.

CHAIRMAN - Not yet fixed.

OPENER - Lady Lois Swabey, Vice President of the Mother's Union.

Six ladies from our own Church at Barrington Road have kindly offered their services as Stewards for this Exhibition.

WORTHING LADIES' CHOIR. This concert held in our Hall on March 17th., was well attended, and the total raised for our Children's Church Hall was £19. 7. 6. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Morgan and the members of her Choir for a very pleasant evening, and excellent result.

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A V I S I T T O C A N T E R B U R Y

Mr. Deslandes is arranging for a Coach Party to visit this old City and ecclesiastical capital of England. This famous Cathedral was founded A.D. 597 by St. Augustine, and the building dates back to the 12th and 14th centuries. It is one of the largest and most magnificent in our land.

A hearty welcome to join in this trip is given to any of our Church and Congregation. Particulars are as follows:-

Date, Tuesday, May 23rd. Pick up at corner of Elm Grove and Goring Road at 9 a.m. The length of the single journey is approximately 85 miles. Time will be allowed for morning coffee, lunch, and tea. Many friends will doubtless once again take a picnic lunch with them. Cost of the trip together with driver's tip is 12/4 per person. Our good friend who organises these coach tours so admirably adds, "If you have not been on one of our excursions you have missed a lot!"

Given good weather this could be one of the happiest days of the year.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1950

<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Feb. 5.	4.	13. 3.		5.	17. 3.	Mar. 5.	4.	19. 3.		7.	15. 1.
Feb. 9.	-	- -		11.	6. 0.	Mar. 12.	4.	18. 1.		6.	1. 11.
Feb. 12.	5.	7. 3.		-	- -	Mar. 19.	6.	11. 0.		5.	11. 9.
Feb. 19.	4.	1. 3.		7.	12. 6.	Mar. 26.	5.	2. 8.		5.	16. 10.
Feb. 26.	7.	6. 3.		6.	14. 0.						
<u>£21. 8. 0.</u>			<u>£31. 9. 9.</u>			<u>£21. 11. 0.</u>			<u>£25. 5. 7.</u>		

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £99. 14. 4.

Cash amount on February 10th. was collection money resulting from the Induction services. Cash collection on February 12th., was for the London Missionary Society, and resulted in a total of £18. 10. 0.

"C O N G R E G A T I O N A L P R A I S E"

An event of not a little interest will occur in the autumn of this year, when the new hymn book for the Congregationalists will be published under the above title.

It is said that there is a great story to be told of the making of this book, and it has meant a tremendous amount of work extending over some years. Prospectuses and order forms will be sent to every Church.

It is now over 30 years ago that the Congregational Hymnary was first published, and previous to that it was in 1887 that the first Congregational Church Hymnal was being used.

The adoption of the new book will of course be a matter of individual choice so far as our Churches are concerned, and the expense involved will alone act as a deterrent in some cases.

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S U M M E R D A Y S

"A pebble lies on the beach. Why
does it lie there, on that exact
spot and no other?
This, it will be said, was deter-
mined by the wave that flung it
there. But what was behind that
wave determining its direction and
energy? The pressure of the wind;
and this had for its cause some
unknown changes of heat or cold,
stretching over unknown kingdoms of
space, and determined by forces
which run up to the crown of the
heavens and back to the beginning
of the worlds.

It would have required a different
history of the universe to have
cast that pebble a few inches
higher!" Dr.W.H.Fitchett.

"Great God of wonders! all Thy ways,
Are matchless, godlike and divine."

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

One of our friends was working in the Church Garden. At the same time several
men who had been working by the bank stood still and looked over the fence. The
following dialogue then took place.

WORKMAN. "That's right isn't it mister?"

GARDENER. "What's right mate?"

WORKMAN. "And the wilderness shall blossom as the rose."

GARDENER. "Quite right, and it was a wilderness this time last year."

WORKMAN. "Yes, I know, for I remember what it was like."

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Two very different events have had a marked effect upon our Church life in these last two months. One has been the sad and sudden death of Mr. Duff, after an accident in the street when returning home from the Church Social. That Mrs. Duff received more than 300 letters of sympathy is tribute enough to the number of his friends and the universal regard in which he was held. Suffice it to say here that he was, perhaps above all things, a good churchman, and always a most faithful supporter of his minister. His memory will live long amongst us, and our sympathy and friendship go out to Mrs. Duff.

The other happening is the granting, by the Ministry of Works, of a licence for us to build the new children's hall. As I write there are visible and tangible signs that the work is about to begin, and it seems reasonable to hope that the building will be ready for use by the winter. Surely this is the time for us all to consider very seriously whether there is not more we can do to help in the work of the Sunday School. There is a grave shortage of teachers, which will be made worse in September by the departure of two of them to College. It does not matter a whit how old you are, your help will be more than welcome in the morning or afternoon.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the reapers are few. If you have never done it before, why not try, for it is God's work, and He will surely help.

H.M.S.

EDITORIAL NOTES

ONE TO WHOM WE OWE MUCH To those who remember the early days at Elm Grove it was a great pleasure to welcome Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Wiseman and family who paid us a visit on Sunday, April 16th. Now resident at Bexhill, Mr. Wiseman himself had not previously seen our Church Hall, and his old friends and comrades learnt with regret of his failing sight. He was our first Church Secretary from 1940 to 1944, and when he left us Mr. Humphrey wrote thus in our "Chronicle":- "It was Mr. Wiseman who gave body and actuality to the idea of a Congregational Church in Goring. He saw the possibility of securing the Council School for our services, and to him, and to the loyal helpers he gathered around him, the cause at Goring will ever be indebted."

OUR YEAR BOOK This is shortly due for distribution. The amount of work involved even in a little publication of this sort is very considerable, and only those who have attempted such compilation can realise how fatally easy it is to make mistakes.

350 copies are being printed, and though given away, some may wish to give a small sum for their copy. It contains very useful information concerning our Church life, and we much appreciate the time and thought that Mr. Deslandes has devoted to it.

COVENANT SCHEME Attention is drawn to the article on another page, which deals with this important matter. Mr. and Mrs. Horsefall came to us from the Congregational Church at Batley (Yorkshire), and as Deacon

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and Church Treasurer there, Mr. Horsefall brought with him valuable experience as regards the working of this Scheme. When asked to tell us all about it he very readily sent along this very lucid contribution.

NEW MEMBERS Mr. and Mrs. Elson, 23 Ripley Road, Mr. Elson formerly of the Church of England, and Mrs. Elson by transfer from West Worthing Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Grew, Whitestacks, Goring Way. By transfer from Haven Green Baptist Church, Ealing.

OBITUARY On May 11th, Mrs. Ripley Collins of 12 Ripley Rd. Although formerly connected with the Anglican Church, Mrs. Collins over many years was a consistent supporter of our cause, and also a generous giver. It was an open secret that our garden Bird Bath was one of her gifts.

Many friends have also expressed their sympathy with our pianist Mrs. Hipkin in the recent loss of her Mother. Yet another case of a great blank in the home life.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY Lack of space forbids complete weekly amounts, but full totals for the two months are as follows:-

<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			FULL TOTALS FOR THE NINE WEEKS £125. 2. 8.
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
April	34.	5. 5.	April	39.	13. 3.	
May	23.	6. 1.	May	27.	17. 11.	
<u>£57. 11. 6.</u>			<u>£57. 11. 2.</u>			

J A M E S H. D U F F

It was in March 1949, and our Church was shocked by the sudden passing of its Church Secretary, Mr. A.J. Rule. The Editor of this "Chronicle" referring to this great loss tried to pay tribute to the lovable character of the one who had so unexpectedly been called home.

A few days after the Church News Sheets had been distributed a letter arrived - beautifully written in very neat hand-writing, and expressing a kind and most generous appreciation of the article mentioned. It was signed "James H. Duff".

A trivial incident? Yes, but telling of a kind thoughtfulness and Christian grace which means so much when we are contacting one with the other.

On April 28th., at our Social Gathering little did we think that our friend was singing one of his beloved melodies for the last time, "By cool Siloam's shady rill" to the tune of Belmont. We sang this at Mr. Duff's request, and at the close of a very happy evening it was again Mr. Duff who counselled Church members to "tell their minister" when they felt appreciation for his friendliness and help. This advice was most appropriately emphasised by a pathetic little story relating to a sorrowing husband.

Now once again we recall the words "The Angel of Death is bright to those who are called, but dark to those who remain. Our faith is that they who have fallen asleep in Him are not lost, but absent from the body, and present with the Lord." (F.J.H.H.) Mr. Duff died in Worthing Hospital on May 1st.

C.H.C.

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DEED OF COVENANT(This article has been contributed by Mr. H. Horsefall)

IF YOU PAY INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 9/- IN THE £ ON ANY PORTION OF YOUR INCOME, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY -

Many Churches and Charitable Institutions receive a valuable addition to their income by persons who pay Income Tax at the rate of 9/- in the £ taking out a Deed of Covenant for a period of seven years, promising to pay to the Church or Institution a certain sum each year. This enables the Church to make a claim from the Inland Revenue Authorities for the repayment of tax to the extent of approx. 16/- for every £ Covenanted. Thus - if a person Covenants to pay to the Church £5. 0. 0. per annum for seven years the Church would benefit to the extent of approx. £9. 0. 0., i.e. £5. 0. 0. for the subscription, plus approx. £4. 0. 0. repayment of tax.

HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE POINTS

1. The subscriber need only sign the Covenant form - the Church Treasurer will do the rest.
2. It is permissible for the Covenant to be paid through the Weekly Free-Will Offering Scheme, and spread over the financial year.
3. If the person who Covenants should unfortunately die before the seven years have expired, the Covenant becomes null and void, and no claim can be made against the person's estate.
4. If a person's income is so reduced that tax ceases to be paid at the rate of 9/- in the £ the Covenant becomes null and void.
5. ONLY persons who pay tax at the rate of 9/- in the £ may take out a Covenant.

The Church Treasurer will be very glad to arrange for any member of the Church or Congregation to make a Covenant, thereby helping the Church financially by the simple expedient of signing a form.

SALE OF WORK - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd. 1950

The above important announcement is made by the Ladies' Working Party. The proceeds of this effort will go towards the cost of the Children's Church Hall now being built. The Mayor of Worthing, Alderman C.S.Green, accompanied by the Mayoress, has very kindly promised to open this Sale, and it is proposed to have the following stalls:-

CHURCH STALL: Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Green.
 WORKING MEETING STALL: Mrs. Hite, Mrs. Nodes, Mrs. Knott, and Mrs. W. Hite.
 GARDEN PRODUCE AND GROCERIES: Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Miss White.
 CHILDREN'S STALL: Miss Ford, Miss Cole, Miss West, and Miss Pat Green.

The Secretary of the Ladies Working Party will be very glad to hear from any friends willing to help in any way.

"I DON'T LIKE IT: I'M FRIGHTENED - PLEASE MAY I GO ON IT AGAIN?"

"UNCLE"

"A SHINING EXAMPLE"

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A CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGETuesday, May 23rd, 1950

"O happy band of pilgrims"! This might aptly describe the Southdown Coach Tour to the famous old city of Canterbury. Over 50 friends having booked seats two coaches were necessary, and no coach party could be anything else but happy if it included Mrs. Horsefall and Mr. Grew. And perhaps it is unnecessary to add that Mr. Deslandes has now become an expert in the management of such outings.

In a sense it was "the mixture as before", but what a mixture! And what a delightful tonic! A combination of a perfect spring day, a succession of charming villages like Burwash, Hawkhurst, Tenterden, Smarden; May blossom at its best, and lilacs, laburnums, rhododendrons, yes, and buttercups and daisies, and in the shady woodland glens thousands of bluebells. And for the kind of mountain scenery. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral."

R.L.Stevenson, £5000 yearly, merely for maintenance and upkeep. Actually over £300,000 is also needed for postponed restoration work.

In the little Guide Book, and under the heading of "The Choir" the visitor is exhorted thus:- "Notice first the splendour of its architecture". Notice it? A visitor would have to be nearly blind not to be awed by it! And what else could we do but "remember the Master Builders and Priors, also the craftsmen of succeeding ages who raised this House to the glory of God." What intense pride these workers of old appear to have taken in doing their best.

The Cathedral is in very truth "A sermon in Stone", with its traditional peaceful setting of well-cut lawns and fluttering pigeons. The scene of Becket's martyrdom still draws the day tripper, but actually the lovely colouring of the stained glass windows is more worth pondering over. The total mileage for this tour was over 170, but it was all very enjoyable, and worked out at less than 1d per mile.

WINDSOR. The following morning Mr. Deslandes booked another trip for Tuesday, July 11th. Return journey 120 miles only, and the fare will be 9/7. Please note that it will again be necessary for friends to book their seats in advance.

ANOTHER MEMBER "CALLED HOME" As this "Chronicle" was being completed the news came through that our friend and fellow-member Mr. W.H.Barker, of 28 Gerald Road, had, after a prolonged illness, died at his son's residence at Heston.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barker joined our Church when it was formed, but ill-health has in each case prevented recent attendance at worship.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Mrs. Barker and family in their great loss.

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Goring Congregational Church

Sept.-Oct. 1950

MINISTER: REV. H. M. SPRINGBETT, M.A.
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29 Marlborough Rd.	:	Smuggler's Walk,	:	"Bradda",
West Worthing	:	Sea Place, West Worthing.	:	54 The Rose Walk,
(Tel: Goring 41127)	:	(Tel: Goring 42450)	:	West Worthing.

Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 6.30	:	Church Meeting on Wednesday pre-
Children's Church at 11 a.m.	:	ceding first Sunday of each month.
Afternoon Sunday School at 3 p.m.	:	
	:	The Minister wishes to know of any
Morning Communion first Sunday in	:	case of illness among the congre-
the month. Evening Communion third	:	gation. Such can be reported to a
Sunday in the month.	:	Deacon or a Steward. The Flower
	:	Secretary (Mr. E. E. Deslandes) will
Mid-week Service & Bible Study on	:	be pleased to supply Church flowers
Wed. at 7 p.m. (re-starting Sept.)	:	in such cases.
Ladies Working Party on alternate	:	
Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. (Re-starting	:	The next "Chronicle" is due for
September 19th.)	:	distribution on Sunday October 29th.

OURSELVES - THE WEATHER - AND THE HARVEST

"Mostly it rains when you don't want rain. Then it is dry much too long. Then when we could do with a bit of growing weather we get cold winds. But for it all there's mostly a good harvest come autumn."

An old Farmer.

"He is a poor husbandman indeed who does not realise that to 'save' the harvest does not necessarily imply a competition with the angry elements, but rather a 'making use of' the fruit or corn that he harvests. In the country one does not waste water... In the same sense we rescue the harvest - not in a desperate struggle with Nature, but in order to prevent waste or decay.

And is it not spiritually significant that salvation only takes place when a thing or person is put to some useful service?"

From "Thy Kingdom is a Garden". W. F. Hodgkinson.

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"Of His own will" (James 1.18.) God has called His people to be a kind of first-fruits among his creatures. 'I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain'. (John 15.16). Ripened and mellowed by the sunshine of His love, characters are to grow in all holiness ... and to ripen as fruit, to the praise of Him Who has called them."

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Since the last issue of the "Chronicle" events have continued to move and we have seen the walls of the new Children's Hall rising foot by foot, while the Inland Revenue Offices have been officially opened, and we have been very pleased to welcome at our Services the first of what we hope will eventually be many friends from that quarter.

It is strange to imagine for a moment how these words will appear to our successors 25 or 50 years hence. Perhaps they will talk of the "pioneer days" in the middle of the century, and a phrase like that should be a reminder to us all of our great responsibility now, when our neighbourhood is growing and expanding so rapidly. Yet, though we must bend our minds to considering the best use that we can make of our new Hall through the winter, and of how we can serve all our neighbours, especially the new ones, the greatest need remains the same, that we should all continue to be good Church men and women, that we should take very seriously the responsibilities of Church Membership, that we should be men and women of the Bible and of Prayer.

For in the end it is not the multiplicity of our activity that counts most, but the spiritual quality of our life together as a Christian Church. May the Holy Ghost continue to move in our midst to give us guidance and inspiration.

H.M.S.

RE-DIGGING THE OLD WELLS. (Genesis 26, 17-18).

This was the subject of a morning sermon of recent date. Reminding us of the Old Testament story Mr. Springbett suggested that like Isaac we too may find three places in which the water of life flows freely. 1. The Bible. 2. The public worship of God. 3. The place of prayer.

Quoting from this sermon, and respecting the first of these headings our Minister said:- "Most of us know where the site of this old well is. Too often we see it in the bookcase or at the bottom of the pile. For some of us there is still a little water to be found there, but the flow is not very abundant. It is only on the surface, and the taste is a little brackish ... the well has not been properly tended, it is becoming shallow and choked, we never dig deep down into it, and we do not dig regularly enough.

We salute and respect it as an emblem of our forefathers, but we do not tend it as carefully as they did ... Yet for us there are far better tools than for them. We can know far more than they did of the life and times of the people of the Bible. Research of many sorts, not least that of archaeology, has brought to light all sorts of knowledge ... There are English translations to be had which may serve to enlighten the not infrequent obscurities of the Old version, though they can never replace its majestic beauty. Cannot we make better use of these tools which have been placed in our hands by God?"

As a reader of the above paragraph are you a member of the Bible Reading Fellowship? Our little branch numbers over 100 members, and the monthly "Notes" encourage systematic and helpful reading.

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CHURCH NOTES

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 : ; Were it possible the heading to this paragraph would be
 : A MOST URGENT NEED ; in heavy type, for the matter is one of serious urgency.
 : ; As the Children's Hall approaches completion the impera-
 : ; tive need for more helpers cannot be too strongly
 : ; stressed. Sacrifice it may mean, and some re-adjustment
 of other claims. But now that opportunity is opening out it would indeed be tragic
 if lack of workers necessitated curtailment of effort. Two or three more teachers
 would greatly encourage Miss Ford and those who already assist her.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS" Our florists are undoubtedly right. Though not a word be
 spoken, much can be said with flowers. One sick friend to
 whom Church flowers were sent wrote "They make me feel one of a family. I do so
 value the kindness shown me."

With the shortening days our Flower Secretary once again asks for contributions
 towards the cost of providing flowers for the Church during winter days. If you
 would like to help in this silent ministry please hand on your gift to Mr. Deslandes
 who so efficiently carries on this work.

THE REVERENT AP- One of the problems facing a comparatively small Church such as
PROACH TO WORSHIP our own, consists in retaining the 'atmosphere' which is so
 helpful on entering a building for worship. When holding our
 services at the Elm Grove School we were greatly favoured by a spacious lobby where
 we could greet each other, and discuss matters pertaining to Church work. Here at
 Barrington Road we are more limited for space, yet it is still desirable that there
 should be a quiet and reverent period preceding the service. Talking, especially
 when audible, can be very infectious, and disturbing to some.

The matter was mentioned at our last Church Meeting as protests have been made
 regarding this matter. Stewards on duty can undoubtedly help to give dignity and
 impart the quietness which is so expressive of true worship, but in the main the
 matter is a personal one, and even the little ones present may to some extent be
 influenced by a reverent approach on the part of the grown-ups.

IN THE MINISTER'S VESTRY Mr. Springbett has given permission for his vestry to be
 used for a short prayer meeting on Sunday mornings at
 10.15 a.m. A few brief prayers asking for God's blessing on the services and the
 work of the Church make a good start to the day, and greatly encourages the minister
 himself. Any friend will be welcomed.

DATES TO NOTE Harvest Festival Services will be held, Sunday September 24th.
 Sussex Cong. Union Autumnal Meetings will be held in our Church Hall -
 probably on Monday Sept. 11th. Our Church will entertain these friends to tea.

"FLORAL" CONCERT Arrangements are in hand for another concert on behalf of our
 Church Garden Fund. Mr. S.F. Grew has very kindly promised to
 organise this for a date in October yet to be fixed. Here once again is a worthy
 object, and a pleasant evening can be expected.

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THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(This article is contributed by Mr. E. E. Hodder, L.R.B.A.)

I was requested by the Church to prepare designs for the Children's Hall, and it has given me great pleasure in carrying out the scheme. The new building is 20 ft. away from the Church Hall, and set back so as to allow for a small parking space for cars in front. The Hall is 40 ft. by 20 ft., with a 3'6" lobby the full width of the building. This lobby gives access at one end to the Lavatories.

The walls are of 9" brickwork, with substantial piers to carry the roof principals which are of light steel construction. The ceiling will be of insulating boarding (similar to our Church Hall), and the walls inside are of plain brickwork distempered. At the end of the Hall is a plastered Screen, painted white, and suitable for Lantern Lectures. The wood block floor will be lightly stained and polished.

The heating is by Gas Radiators with the supply pipes hidden in the floor, and the Hall will be illuminated by seven pendants hung from the ceiling. The front elevation is of simple design to correspond with the Church Hall as far as funds will allow. The work is being carried out in a satisfactory manner by Sparks & Son, Building Contractors, West Tarring.

"WHILE THE BIRDS SANG"
Summer Missionary Rally at Yapton, on June 28th.

The little Congregational Church at Yapton was filled to the doors for the above gathering. The Rev. E. Rowlands, B.A., B.D. was the speaker, he having served as a missionary in Central China for 40 years.

During that period there were 3 distinct divisions. First the time of the old regime - China under the Manchus, when missionaries found it hard to get a footing. Then came the revolution and the Republic was formed.

During the second period 3 members of the Cabinet were Christians, and a telegram was sent out to provincial officials saying "Prayer is requested for the National Assembly now in Session". This was the first time in the history of the world that such an appeal had come from a non-Christian nation. Happier and more settled times followed, and instead of being isolated units the Church became more united. Education and communications were improved, and the Church grew in strength.

The third period in 1937, when Japan attacked China, proved a severe testing time. Many missionaries left, and Chinese Christians had to stand alone. After the defeat of the Japs, Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek broadcast the message "No revenge. Love your enemies."

So the work goes on, though once again the Church is being sorely tested under the Communists. The task now is to show that Christianity has something bigger and better to offer than Communism.

This was the message that we listened to on that summer afternoon, while the birds sang in the Manse garden.

Miss A. M. Thomas.

WANTED FOR THE CHURCH GARDEN

Plants or divisions of Anchusa, Red Hot Poker (kniphofia), Bearded Iris, Oriental Poppies, and Hydrangeas.

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EXCURSION TO WINDSOR CASTLE

On Tuesday, July 18th. Mr. Deslandes took a party of 32 by Southdown Coach to Windsor. Starting at 9.30 a.m. splashes of rain were seen on the windows for some time. A stop at Guildford gave time for coffee, but did not allow for exploration of this interesting and historic town. Driving through beautiful woodland scenery we reached Windsor at 12.30.

Here the party divided up, but most of us found our way into the Castle. In the State Apartments we admired the spacious rooms with their beautiful ceilings, splendid furniture, and wonderful paintings by Rubens, Van Dyke, Lely, etc. Words cannot adequately describe the impression made by the beauty and grandeur of St. George's Chapel, and especially of the Chapel of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Some energetic members made their way to the top of the Round Tower, and another attraction was the Queen Mary's Dolls House, marvellous in its miniature perfection.

The day although still dull had become very hot, and we gladly welcomed the break for tea. On the homeward journey half an hour was spent at Weybridge, and before arriving back in Worthing we passed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Deslandes for arranging such a pleasant day.

Mr. C. Firth.

"THE GATEWAY TO THE GARDEN ISLE"

As a final trip for the season for our Church folk it is being arranged to visit Ryde (Isle of Wight) on Tuesday Sept. 12th. The Coach will leave the corner of Elm Grove and Goring Road at 8.45 a.m., and this will allow about five hours being spent on the Island, arriving home about 7 p.m. Fare - Coach, Boat, and Driver's Tip 9/11. The sea crossing takes about 20 minutes only. Friends wishing to join please notify Mr. Deslandes as early as possible.

THE STORING HABIT
(Or the Harvest of the Years)

Orlyle tells us that habit may be our supreme strength or our greatest weakness. He even uses the words "miserablest weakness"! So the storing habit may be one of two extremes - our salvation or our downfall!

In "Animal Mind" Frances Pitt makes reference to the fact that the raven finds the impulse to store a dominant one, and this bird is everlastingly secreting not only food but all sorts of oddments. And the writer claims that there is no great difference between the lady with a fondness for jewels or a collector of stamps or china, and the raven who carries off a shining tin lid. The only difference is that the former are well ahead on the long ladder of mental development, and the raven only a few rungs up.

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There are things which we cannot store. To a certain extent we may reserve our strength, but we cannot, as we do with money, put aside part of the good health of today for a "rainy" or painful tomorrow. Given certain conditions scientists tell us that light may actually be bottled for use. But for all practical purposes the sunshine of June cannot be retained for the grey days of winter.

And there are things of more than doubtful value for storing. Those who store away a bitter grudge engendered by an angry quarrel may find that in the process they have frittered away some of their own happiness and even lost some of the finer qualities of life. And in countless homes, many folk still hoard away in

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drawers and cupboards things which are practically useless. How often executors and relatives must have wrung their hands at the accumulations of personal possessions they are called upon to disperse!

Yet despite our mistakes and failures the storing habit is an instinct meant to enhance and beautify life. Store something we must, unless we are prepared for an empty life and the starvation of our mental and spiritual capacities. On the last page of Edward
: "The infinite joys : Whympers's "Scrambles Amongst the Alps" the writer
: of life can only : sums up the richness of his experience thus:-
: come to those who : "I see the great peaks with clouded tops; I
: have the frame of : hear the music of the distant herds; I scent the
: mind to seize them." : fragrance of the pines. And another train of
: Lord Mottistone : thought succeeds - thoughts of those who have been
: upright, brave and true; of kind hearts and noble
deeds; of courtesies received at strange hands, but expressive of goodwill." Here
is the treasure house of the mind - memory, which can so easily be sweet or bitter.

Sometimes the harvest of the years takes another form. Can anything equal the value of stored up human affection when radiating in happy family life? A friend recently celebrated his golden wedding anniversary together with his wife, and surrounded by affectionate children and grandchildren. He acknowledged congratulations with the words "Here is something priceless!"

There is no doubt that we were meant to store, and the choice is often ours as to what the treasure shall be. Poverty of life may come to us through narrowed interests, or enrichment may come through gems of literature, harmonies of music, the study and wonders of nature, in the joy of friendships of worth, the memorizing of scripture and hymns, and in countless other ways.

..... When Christian faith is weak there are few things
: more heartening than to treasure up and re-read the
: "Life holds in store : story of those who passing through great tribulation
: great things : came out conquerors in the end. What was it gave
: for those, : such courage and fortitude in the evil day? Was
: Who walk with God : it just ordinary physical bravery? Or was it that
: And love the right." : during long years perhaps, spiritual reserves had
: been built up, and the store drawn upon when the
testing time arrived?

"Lay up for yourselves -" we all know the rest of those words. The best storing habit of all.

C.H.C.

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY 1950

		ENVELOPES	LOOSE CASH			ENVELOPES	LOOSE CASH
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 4.		5. 3. 3.	5. 6. 9.	July 2.		6. 0. 3.	6. 8. 6.
June 11.		5. 10. 6.	6. 12. 3.	July 9.		7. 2. 11.	7. 3. 2.
June 18.		6. 1. 11.	7. 9. 10.	July 16.		7. 5. 11.	6. 17. 8.
June 25.		7. 9. 3.	7. 7. 0.	July 23.		5. 3. 9.	7. 4. 6.
				July 30.		6. 3. 6.	8. 1. 10.
		<u>£24. 4. 11.</u>	<u>£26. 15. 10.</u>			<u>£31. 16. 4.</u>	<u>£35. 15. 8.</u>

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(Tel: Goring 41127)	:	(Tel: Goring 42450)	:	West Worthing.

THE SHORTER DAYS AND THE STARLIGHT HOUR

"I stood and stared; the sky was lit,	:	"Seek him that maketh
The sky was stars all over it,	:	the seven stars and
I stood, I knew not why,	:	Orion... and maketh
Without a wish, without a will,	:	the day dark with night
I stood upon that silent hill	:	... The Lord is his
And stared into the sky until	:	name".
My eyes were blind with stars and still	:	"SEEK YE ME, AND YE
I stared into the sky".	:	SHALL LIVE".
Ralph Hodgson	:	(Book of Amos. Ch.5.)

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

You will find elsewhere a notice of the Church Bazaar to be held on Wednesday, 22nd of November. It is an unfortunate fact that we cannot do as much of the work of the Gospel as we should like without money, money for buildings and wages and work of many kinds. Therefore I hope that the great labours which have gone into the preparation for this day will be amply rewarded by a goodly attendance and open purses, so that through all these endeavours the work of God may be able to go forward without hindrance from financial handicap.

There is one other future occasion which I should like to mention. On the Sunday morning before Christmas I hope that we shall have a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, similar in kind to that which is broadcast upon each Christmas Eve from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. In this I hope that we shall all take part, from the youngest to the oldest, rehearsing from its very beginning the story of our Redemption as it is recorded in Scripture, and giving thanks to God in the joyous music of Christmas Carols.

With Christian greetings to you all,

H. M. Springbett.

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CHURCH NOTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1950 At the Charmwood Nursing Home, the happy arrival of a son for Mr. and Mrs. Springbett. Our Church shares in this joy and enrichment of family life for our Minister and Mrs. Springbett.

INTERCHANGE OF PULPITS On Sunday, November 26th, our services will be conducted by the Rev. L. J. MacPherson, M.A., Minister of St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Worthing.

THURSDAY EVENINGS 7 to 9 p.m. Unless otherwise announced on the previous Sunday, Mr. Springbett will on these evenings be at home for anyone wishing to interview him on pastoral matters.

OUR CHURCH HANDBOOK Any friends who worship with us, and who have not already had one of these Year Books can have one on application to Mr. Deslandes or one of the Stewards. No charge is made.

FLOWER STANDS The little problem of where to put the flowers on Communion Sundays has at last been solved in a pleasing way. Two oak stands have been made to a design suggested by Mr. Deslandes, and these carry out in a simple way the same planning as the Communion Table. An unknown friend has kindly presented one, and the cost of the second stand was defrayed by the generosity of other friends. Each stand cost £3. 5. 0.

"CHRONICLE FUND" Starting with the March-April issue of our Chronicle the Deacons decided that a box should be displayed for any contributions friends cared to give towards the cost of publication. Many have given generously, and thus helped to minimise the cost of free distribution. Our Church Treasurer gratefully acknowledges a total amount up to date of £6. 3. 8.

CHURCH BUILDING At the Church Meeting held on September 27th, it was decided to appoint a committee to consider preliminaries concerning this important matter. The Committee will consist of six elected friends together with the Minister and the Diaconate.

THE CHOIR Our Choir Secretary (Mr. Truss) writes:-

"The anthems rendered by the Choir at the Harvest Festival Services seemed to be very much appreciated, and we were very indebted to our Minister for his valuable assistance.

Although our Choir when at full strength numbers 16, it is often not possible for all the members to be present owing to various causes. It is therefore necessary to again press for new members to swell the ranks. Any who can come forward will receive a hearty welcome."

OUR CHURCH GARDEN Now that the floral pageantry of another summer has drawn to a close it is only fitting that there should be some expression of appreciation at what has been done to beautify the approach to our Church. Even outsiders have frequently made complimentary remarks when passing, and we have all rejoiced in the charm of colour and varied plant life. Mr. Deslandes has never

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spared himself in the effort to make the flower beds as beautiful as possible, and he has been most ably seconded by Mr. Wood and Mr. Ford. Once again one recalls the French priest John Oxenham once wrote about, who was most insistent that the entrance to a Church should be as lovely as it can possibly be.

PRESENTATION OF PLANTS. Mr. J. W. Moles, F.R.H.S., of Bradwell, Braintree, Essex, has very kindly sent us free of charge, 200 sturdy wall-flower plants for the Church Garden. He will be pleased to send his seed list to any one who would like it.

NEW MEMBERS At the Communion Service held on Sunday morning, October 1st, Mr. & Mrs. Graham Askew were received into Church Membership. In both cases the transfers come to us from Derbyshire. Mr. Askew from the Pinxton Methodist Church, and Mrs. Askew from the Belper Congregational Church. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Askew lived with her father, the late Rev. J. F. Houghton, and the address we already have in our Year Book still holds good - "Sunny Corner", Eirena Avenue, Sea Place. Mr. Houghton was formerly the minister of the Church at Belper.

BAPTISMS Sunday August 13th. MERVYN ERIC, Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Dobson, 12 Wavertree Road. Sunday, October 8th. MARTIN, Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lednor, 107 Elm Grove.

OBITUARY The Church offers its Christian sympathy to Mr. H. G. King, of 32 Phroso Rd., on the sudden passing of his wife on August 30th. Owing to ill-health over some years, Mrs. King had been unable to join us in worship, but Mr. King whilst devotedly attending his wife often managed to be present at our evening services.

FOR THE FIRST TIME

It is always interesting to do anything for the first time. There is a novelty about it, and one wonders what the result will be. On Monday, September 11th, we entertained for the first time the Delegates of the Western District of the Sussex Congregational Union.

At the morning session the Rev. Harvey Goldsmith (Chairman of the Sussex Union) initiated a discussion on the subject of "Has Congregationalism a Future"? And at the afternoon gathering the same speaker gave a brief account of the recent Congregational Forum held at Swanwick. In a bright and breezy talk he touched upon the happy unity of that conference, and also told those present something about the new hymn book shortly due for publication - "Congregational Praise". It is hoped that this will prove a means of blessing to the Churches.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT The Rev. John Grant followed, telling us of the need for this proposed Movement, sponsored by the Rev. Leslie Cooke to deepen the spiritual life of the Church, and aiming at a greatly increased numerical strength. Mr. Grant recalled the pioneer days when there were no Youth Clubs, and few social activities in Church life, and yet people went to Church. Did these efforts lead young people to join the Church?

Playing the part of host for the day our Church provided tea for the visitors, and so ended that first visit. In 5 years time we may be asked to entertain the delegates again.

A.M. THOMAS.

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THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP FOR 1951

During the year now closing the Notes issued in connection with this Fellowship have proved most helpful and stimulating. Readings have included both the Old and the New Testaments, and the September notes on the books of Amos and Hosea were especially illuminating, and prefaced by introductory remarks which were very acceptable.

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: "To think over" are also meant to stir the
: "Do we concern ourselves : imagination, whilst the occasional prayers
: sufficiently with the : are often very helpful.
: great themes of the :
: Bible? Or do we prefer : New members are welcomed at any time but the
: to look for isolated : beginning of another year makes a convenient
: texts of comfort?" A : starting point for newcomers. The annual
: query from B.R.F. Notes. : subscription is 2/-, and Mr. E.E.Deslandes is
: our local Secretary.

Special attention is also drawn to "Series C", these notes being written for children. And will parents and others please take notice that these booklets are by the generosity of a friend provided free of charge. Did space permit a specimen day's reading would have been quoted, but any one interested can be assured that they are very ably written.

PRESENTATION BIBLES It may not be generally known that for some years now a member of our Church has made the generous offer of a beautiful bible to any boy or girl who can correctly recite the books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

At the close of the morning service on September 24th, (Harvest Festival Day), a simple but very interesting incident took place after most of the worshippers had left. Yvonne Buchanan, of 8 Trent Road, surrounded by a small audience (who listened with almost breathless anxiety in case of a breakdown!) recited both clearly and correctly the books of the Bible and so qualified for the presentation copy referred to. She received this after the children's address on Sunday October 8th. Well done, Yvonne!

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: SALE OF WORK
: (Organised by the Ladies' Working Party)
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: This very special event will be held on November 22nd., 1950, and
: will be opened by the Mayor of Worthing, Ald. C. S. Green, J.P.,
: accompanied by the Mayoress. The proceeds of the Sale will be
: given to the Building Fund for the new Children's Hall, and
: gifts for the stalls will be gratefully received by the following
: Stallholders:-

: CHURCH STALL Mrs. Humphrey : CHILDREN'S CHURCH Miss Ford
: WORKING PARTY Mrs. Hite. : GARDEN PRODUCE AND GROCERIES
: Mr. and Mrs. Wood

: Teas will be served from 4 p.m. Also during the evening there
: will be a programme of music, etc., arranged by Mr. A. Truss, and
: Refreshments will be obtainable. Please help to make this Sale
: another wonderful success.
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THE LADIES WORKING PARTY

1950

To exactly estimate how much our Church has been indebted to the Ladies Working Party during the past 10 years would be almost impossible. When we were meeting as a Fellowship in the School Hall at Elm Grove this organisation was practically the only outlet for our Church activity. It was not that the men folk were unwilling to help in any way, but restrictions and limitations left little or no opportunity for other work than the simple planning for the Sunday services and the general support of the ministry. In later years however the whole "Management Committee" became of real importance to the cause.

But for the first 3 or 4 years it was the ladies who not only helped greatly to unite friends who worshipped with us, but who by their untiring and enthusiastic efforts galvanised into service those who attended our Sunday devotions. No apology is therefore made for quoting from the 10th Annual Report recently presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Gowen.

..... : "The formations of this working meeting was suggested by
: the late Mrs. Beasley, and the first meeting was held at
: NOTE WHAT A : her house on September 24th, 1940, when thirteen ladies
: PENNY A WEEK : were present. During the 10 years we have had many
: CAN DO! : meeting places, often including the homes of members. War
: : work was done for the Red Cross and Indian comforts Fund,
: over 3,300 garments being made for the Forces. Also much
needed articles of clothing were sent to the bombed people of Portsmouth".

The financial side of this report is especially interesting. Starting without any funds the following amounts have been raised:-

Members contributions, Whist Drives	£	s.	d.
and sales of articles made.....	511.	9.	11.
Garden Party and "Bring & Buy Sale"....	249.	10.	0.
"PENNY A WEEK BOX"	44.	2.	6.
Sale of Work, November 1949.....	407.	17.	0.
Total Amount:	£1212.	19.	5.

Out of this money thus raised, generous donations, totalling £51, have been made to several good causes, including Spurgeon's Training College (of which the Rev. F. J. Humphrey was Chairman), The Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, British & Foreign Bible Society, and the Claremont Mission.

..... : But most of the total sum has been given to the Church
: Building and Children's Hall Funds.
: "Gratitude is : For nearly 7 years the Working Party were fortunate
: the heart's : enough to have Mrs. Humphrey as President, during
: memory." : which time she helped and inspired each one. And
: French : members also remember with love and gratitude some who
: Proverb. : have now passed on.

..... : On the occasion of this 10th Anniversary on Sept. 19th,
both Mr. and Mrs. Springbett were present, and at the
tea-table a cake with appropriate wording and 10 candles was cut by Mrs. Handford.
Also Mrs. Gowen was presented with a beautiful house plant.

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THE HAPPY MAN

"Happy beyond description"! That is how Charles Wesley describes the Christian man. Is that an extravagant and emotional outburst in a time of spiritual exultation, or is it the truth?

Inside a simple Methodist Church Hall overlooking one of the finest bays in North Cornwall we were singing Wesley's hymn:-

"Happy the man that finds the grace
The blessing of God's chosen race...
Happy beyond description, he
Who knows, the Saviour died for me."

Being Harvest Sunday the Hall was modestly adorned with fruit and flowers. Outside and facing the Atlantic, there was the majestic spectacle of a wild Cornish sea lashed into fury by an autumnal gale. And standing around were about five score of folk anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Sunday morning newspapers. Who were happiest? The little congregation inside the building or those waiting the arrival of the local newsagent?

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First let this be said. Christianity is not greatly concerned with merely surface things. It goes deeper than that. Also the truly Christian man is not unduly concerned with the enjoyment of the passing moment. Instead he takes the long view, and therefore is not so dependent on the passing moods of life. And further - "Happiness is no laughing matter"!

Also let it be admitted that Wesley had in mind the Christian man at his truest and best. No mere superficial and conventional religion here. Neither is he to be charged with the parading of a somewhat unpleasant superiority complex, exulting in pious attendance at public worship.

But this at least can be truly affirmed. That a deep-rooted trust in God has time and again brought a great happiness into life, a happiness which cannot be matched by anything this world can offer.

"Let those that trust in Thee rejoice; let them for ever shout for joy".
Perhaps Charles Wesley was not so far out after all!

C.H.C.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1950

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Total for two months £94. 8. 11. Harvest Festival Collections on Sunday, September 24th., were for the Congregational Union, Home Churches Fund. Total (Loose Cash) £17. 7. 7.