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ELM GROVE CHRONICLE

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(Goring Congregational Church)

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MINISTER'S GREETINGS.

My dear Friends,

I can call you friends after the
warm welcome you gave me last month,
and I hope we shall remain so to the
end, with a deepening loyalty to our
Lord and to His Church.

The past Christmas season will have
brought poignant memories, but let
us not miss the comfort and inspiration
brought to the world by the Babe of
Bethlehem. To a darkened and depressed
world Christ brought light and hope,
whilst to those who received Him, He
gave a great gospel of good tidings. Let
us dwell on the goodness of God as re-
vealed in Jesus Christ - and 1948 will be

a year long to be remembered!

"As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk ye in Him."
(Col. 2, v. 6 and 7). In receiving Him we receive forgiveness of sins, comfort,
rest, joy and strength to do God's will. We have now a great Friend and Lord, a
mighty Saviour, who is responsible for you and me, and so we face the unknown
future with courage and strength, for we shall walk in Him who is the way, the
truth and the life.

God bless you with a good New Year.

Yours ever,

Sydney O. Morgan.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR.

Since our last issue much has happened in our Church life. At a Church Meeting held at the close of the morning service on Sunday Nov. 16th, 1947, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. Morgan, B.A., B.D., should be asked to be our Minister for one year. This invitation was accepted, and Mr. Morgan started his ministry on Sunday Dec. 14th.

So we now enter upon yet another phase of our Church life, and we very sincerely welcome our new Pastor and Mrs. Morgan. Good wishes were briefly expressed at a tea-table gathering, held at the Pantiles Cafe, (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson) following the Induction Service, the latter taking place in the School Hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13th.

We had the additional pleasure of meeting in a real Christmas setting, the Hall being beautifully decorated for the final week of the School term. And very heartening it was to see every seat occupied, and we also yet once again very greatly appreciated the presence of so many friends from the Shelley Road Church.

Mr. W.H. Young was Chairman and made reference to the real interest that the Mother Church has taken in our growth, and also giving expression to the

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spirit of friendliness and help for future days. The charges and the right hand of fellowship was given by the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul, M.A., and in his address which followed he laid stress on the thought that in times of persecution and hardship the trust of the people has always been won by faithful witness for Christ.

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LOOKING BACK - AND LOOKING FORWARD

The backward look is not always useless or wrong. To glance back at the way and distance we have travelled may give us courage and hope for the future. There has been great loss, but even as we grieved we spoke of the trumpets sounding. There have been great difficulties to overcome, but they are gradually being conquered.

And there is now every prospect that the coming of spring will see the building of our new Church Hall on the Barrington Road site. And when we have premises of our own, our Church life can expand and develop, and our activities generally will increase. We shall then be able to meet more often, and use the Hall during the week.

As a Church we owe a very great deal to our two able Secretaries. Mr. A.J. Rule has not spared himself during the difficult and testing days of 1947. There have been many disappointments, and few of us would have had the optimism or the courage to face them. Official interviews, Governmental prohibitions, ungenial work connected with serving notice on the allotment holdies, these and many other matters, have all meant giving time, and making for serious thought. But in his own hopeful and inimitable way our Secretary has at last metaphorically brought us out in the open.

And during all these trying days he has been most ably supported and helped by Miss Handford. The matter of supplies alone has undoubtedly meant a great deal of correspondence for her. Altogether our grateful thanks are due to them both for all they have done. And need it be added that we are more than fortunate to have as Church Treasurer, Mr. E.W.J. West? A treasurership entails more work than some people would credit.

When the time comes for us to hold our first gathering in the new Church Hall it will naturally be a time of rejoicing. But it will be with mixed feelings that we shall leave Elm Grove. Mr. Young in the few words he spoke at the Induction Service, suggested that in saying farewell to the School Hall we shall probably retain feelings akin to that of affection for the place in which we have grown up. Any place, whether consecrated or not in an official sense is holy ground, if there we have together met with the Master of us all, and under the two ministries now ended this has been our experience. That is why Elm Grove will always hold a lasting place in our affections.

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BIBLE READING This membership at Elm Grove now totals 70, and Mr. Deslandes
FELLOWSHIP writes as follows:- "As Secretary of our local branch I am continually hearing from our readers how much they appreciate the notes on the readings, and how helpful they find them. If you are not a member may I suggest that you accept a specimen copy, and read through same? Then if you would like to become a member, we shall be most pleased to enrol you. I should like to add that joining does not entail attending any special meetings, and it is simply the private daily reading of God's Holy Word. The

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 2	4	0	9	4	2	6
Nov. 9	4	2	8	5	7	0
Nov. 16	4	8	9	5	8	0
Nov. 23	2	17	2	5	15	6
Nov. 30	4	3	0	5	16	6
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	£19	12	4	£26	9	6

BUILDING FUND Nov. 30th 1947
£1636. 3. 8.

ation are given, which means that the whole of the purchase money benefits our Building Fund. It also means brighter windows, without the use of leather and water.

The two paragraphs given below are taken from the Monthly Magazines of two London Churches. The first from Leytonstone Congregational Church, and the second from Ferme Park Baptist Church. Both ministers make pointed reference to the great value of a devotional atmosphere, both before as well as during the service.

"Most ministers would say, I fancy, that nothing helps them so much in leading their people in prayer as the knowledge that among their congregation are many who have prayed for them, and that all are ready to pray with them, and enter fully into the spirit of worship. It is the maintenance of an atmosphere of worship throughout the whole service perhaps, that is most difficult. Here everyone can help by perfect quiet before the service, by refraining from using the time of prayer to find the next hymn (rustling leaves can be distracting to Minister and other worshippers alike), by resisting the temptation to use the period when the offertory is taken to enquire as to your neighbour's health." (Rev. G.R.C. Fuller, B.A., B.D.).

And from Ferme Park the Rev. Douglas H. Hicks writes:- "The moments before the beginning of the service are well spent if in them we prepare ourselves for worship, and commend the preacher to God. They are badly spent if in them we nod and talk to all and sundry. Let us....show due respect to the One whose presence we seek, and in whose House we are gathered."

CHURCH NOTES Starting with the New Year our evening Communion will be held the first Sunday evening in each quarter, instead of monthly.

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During December last some of our young people visited member's homes carol-singing. As a result they collected £1. 16. 7. for the National Children's Homes.

We give a hearty welcome to our new pianist, Mrs. Hipkin, L.R.A.M., who is settling down quite happily amongst us.

Please make a special note of the Concert in aid of our Church Building Fund, which will be held on Wednesday January 28th at the Heene Rooms Hall. The first part will consist of musical items by choir members, and the second half a one-act play by the West Worthing Townswomen's Drama Circle.

"BE NOT AFRAID OF THEIR FACES."
 (Jeremiah, 1 v.8)

Fear and faces! The untutored and barbaric mind knows all about this combination. But even the rest of us react to the 'look' of things which suggest trouble and danger.

A recent picture in "Punch" probably amused many people. Two ladies are chatting over the times in which we live. "What a year we have had" says one, and then adds "And now we are threatened with 1948!"

Our smile over this bit of fun is just a little wistful. There is just enough of that element of apprehension in the thought to make us serious again. The future, what of it? The look of things rather disturbs us.

 Faces usually command our attention. And the outward appearance of things like change, loss, privation, suffering and death, have a facial look which troubles us. We may try to avoid looking at them, but their presence and reality may cast a shadow on the brightest day. And even the New Year has to be faced as an unknown thing, which may be good or bad.

But Christian faith enables us to go forward unflinchingly, and greet the unseen with a cheer. "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." And almost numberless are the scriptural encouragements to those who are troubled, or afraid.

And so we can still find pleasure in the delights of a wonderful world, because we look forward to eternal realities. Still carry on, even when we lose some of our earthly props. Still sing "And with the morn those angel faces smile" even though we have seen for the last time one dear to us. Still be nerved by the triumphant thought that one bright morning the spectres of earth will vanish for ever.

In that spirit, and with that assurance, the New Year can "bring with it nothing, but He will bear us through."

And in that sense we can be sure of a Happy New Year.

C.H.C.

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THE COMING OF SPRING.

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

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: Henry Mayhew's "London Labour" and the
: London Poor" was a book first published in
: early Victorian days, the "good old days."
: Mayhew found 200 bird sellers in London,
: and calculated that their combined annual
: sales amounted to over 40,000 birds, includ-
: ing nightingales, goldfinches, thrushes and
: blackbirds. Nests, complete with eggs could
: be bought for 3d each.

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: Commenting on this a "John O'London" writer
: quotes the words from Ecclesiastes:-

"Say not thou, What is the cause that the
former days were better than these? For thou dost not inquire wisely concerning
this." He then adds "Go down on your knees and thank God for the Wild Birds'
Protection Act."

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Henry Ward Beecher (the eminent American preacher) once said "The sun does not
shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the world's joy! The lonely pine on
the mountain top waves its sombre boughs and cries, 'Thou art my sun;' and the
little meadow violet lifts its cup of blue and whispers with perfumed breath, 'Thou
art my sun;' and the grain in a thousand fields rustles in the wind, and makes
answer, 'Thou art my sun!' And as a fitting postscript to such thoughts a writer
adds "And there is no creature so poor or so low that he may not look up with
child-like confidence and say to God, 'My Father, Thou art mine.'"

CHURCH NOTES

OUR NEW CHURCH HALL It is anticipated that work will be commenced some time in
April next, and before another autumn comes round we shall hope to be meeting at
Barrington Road for worship and other gatherings. Those "not in the know" can
hardly imagine the frustration and disappointments of the past seven years.
We have reason therefore to be thankful that despite all the many problems and
difficulties and although suffering loss in membership and leadership by those who
have passed on, we are still united, and still maintaining good congregations.
We all regret that any real expansion of our work has been almost impossible
and opportunities for social intercourse so few. But the present year should
see a welcomed change in this respect. Also we are fortunate to have Mr. Morgan
with us during these crucial months and we gladly realise that our late Pastor's
final message "Be loyal" has borne fruit.

CHURCH MEETING The Management Committee in January last decided that these
meetings should now be held every two months. The difficulty hitherto has been
that of a suitable time and place, and Sunday Business Meetings had obvious

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CHURCH NOTES CONTINUED

disadvantages. But the need for gathering together in this way was felt to be so strong that the experiment of meeting on a Saturday evening was made, and on February 14th an excellent attendance resulted. The next Church meeting is fixed for Saturday April 10th at 6.30 p.m. in the School Hall.

Also please note that during the present year evening Communion will be held only once every three months, starting with the third Sunday in March.

NEW MEMBERS

We give a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. C.S.C. Wood. These friends come to us from Seaton, South Devon, and were received into membership at the Communion Service on Sunday morning, February 1st.

SPRING-TIME SERVICES

On Sunday April 18th it is hoped to hold services of a special spring-like character. The awakening of new life in the natural world, and the working of the Divine Renewer in the hearts of men and women have not a little in common. So it is anticipated that morning and evening worship that day may be a glad and helpful time, and have a character of its own.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES. At our last Church Meeting it was decided that our Church should now pay the affiliation fee to this Union, and so be entitled to send a representative to the May Meetings. Miss Thomas was elected as our delegate.

HEENE ROOMS CONCERT This effort on behalf of the Building Fund was arranged by Mr. Truss with the co-operation of the West Worthing Townswomen's Drama Circle, and was very successful. Our sincere thanks are due to all who organized the evening, and also to all who took part in the programme. Expenses were much reduced by the generosity of one or two of those responsible, and a total of £20 was thus handed to our Church Treasurer.

A WORD OF WELCOME By the time this "Chronicle" is distributed we shall hope to have welcomed back Mr. and Mrs. S.J.W. Knott after their winter visit to America. We have missed them, but trust that they have much enjoyed their experiences. We shall gladly greet them once again.

"STRAIGHTWAY" or "THE DIVINE CALL" ("As of old the fishers heard it, by the Galilean lake.")

In 1947 the fourth Sunday in February was one of the worst days of winter. So bad was the weather that on that occasion the evening service was cancelled. This year also the corresponding Sunday was a real winter's day. However we met twice as usual, but only 15 were present at the evening service. Mr. Morgan's subject was "Straightway," a word used over 40 times in St. Mark's gospel. This illustration of immediate obedience and response to the Master's call was an impressive sermon, and one felt sorry that so few heard it.

Personal evangelism has perhaps an old-fashioned ring about it, but it still remains true that the final appeal must always be to the individual.

"There is no expeditious road
To pack and label men for God,
And save them by the barrel load."

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WORK WELL DONE. Gratitude has been said to be an easy virtue. But it is also easy to take some things for granted. So let it be put on record how much our Church at Elm Grove is indebted to the activities of our lady members and other supporters of our work.

The Ladies' Working Party has the distinction of having been an outstanding feature during the years of inevitable restrictions which has so hampered our tenure of the School Hall. During the war years their efforts in connection with the soldiers hostel at 3 Goring Road, was very greatly appreciated by the service men. And in addition during the first five years over 3,000 garments etc. knitted and otherwise, were made for the Forces and the Red Cross.

Also this organization has from time to time made some very generous donations towards various good works, including a Travelling Library for the British Sailors' Society.

And now preparations are being made to benefit our Church Building Fund, by holding a Jumble Sale at the Scout Hut, Elm Grove, on Friday, April 9th. Contributions of all kinds will be gratefully received, including clothing, footwear, crockery, kitchen utensils, household goods, and all other things that are sought after. It is anticipated that this effort may prove very successful if we all send articles likely to attract purchasers.

And during the coming summer a Garden Sale will also be held with the same object in view. It is hoped to arrange for various stalls, and Mrs. Gowen as Secretary of the Working Party asks for the co-operation of all ladies of the congregation, whether members of the Party or not. Work can be done at home by anyone, and with no restrictions of any kind. Here is another real opportunity for all who are interested and willing to help.

Also at all times the Ladies Working Party will give a very cordial welcome to new members to join and help in the good work. Meetings are held at the houses of different members once a fortnight, and those who thus gather together get to know each other better.

OUR "CHRONICLE" It was in May 1944 when the attempt was first made to stimulate interest by means of these little News Sheets. Like everything else the cost of duplicating has much increased, but it is felt that free distribution is still worth while, and copies are often sent to friends in other parts who wish us well. Incidentally in years to come it may be that those who follow on may look through the past copies, (a set of which is being retained) and thus be able to realise the hopes and struggles of the early years. 250 "Chronicles" are printed each time, and sometimes all are needed.

"WINDOW-KLEENE" Mr. Deslandes wishes it to be known that orders for this preparation, together with "Silver-Kleene" can be phoned to him, Tel:- Worthing 1853. The ingredients are given, so the full purchase price is donated to our Church Building Fund.

EASTER 1948 "We can't see, can't imagine how, the body destroyed, the soul can live on. But there are scores of other things we can't imagine. Like the Sadducees we err through not allowing for the power of God. To take the soul out of the body is probably as easy to God as taking a letter out of an envelope is to us. God and the future life are almost the same thing. The one carries the other. We all live into Him." (Rev. D.W. Langridge, M.A.).

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ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR
ENDING

31st December 1947.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<u>CHURCH ACCOUNT</u>							
Freewill Offerings and Interest	465	14	5	Minister and Supplies.			
Balance 1/1/47				Hire of Hall and Chairs			
Government Bonds and Cash	675	13	5	and Sundry Expenses	388	1	8
				Balance 31/12/47	753	6	2
	£1141	7	10				
<u>COMMUNION FUND</u>							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Offeratories	31	18	11	Sundry Payments	23	14	9
Balance 1/1/47	26	9	7	Balance 31/12/47	34	13	9
	£58	8	6		£58	8	6
<u>NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND</u>							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, Collecting Boxes and Special Efforts	196	16	10	Balance 31/12/47			
Memorial Fund to Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey	733	19	4	Govt. Bonds,			
	930	16	2	P.O. Savings Bank and			
Balance 1/1/47	714	9	8	Cash	1645	5	10
Govt. Bonds and Cash							
	£1645	5	10		£1645	5	10

SPECIAL PURPOSES - RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

	£	s.	d.
London Missionary Society	76	15	8
Sussex. Cong. Union Home Miss.	17	5	6
British and Foreign Bible Socy.	9	2	4
National Children's Homes	46	6	0
	£149	9	6

The Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey Memorial Fund is still open, and all Collecting Boxes and Subscriptions will be added to this amount.

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £71. 7. 11.

Total of New Church Building Fund at Dec. 31st 1947 - £1645. 5. 10.

"Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given the Bible to be the revelation of Thy great love to man, and of Thy power and will to save him, grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the callousness or carelessness of our hearts; but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, and made strong for service, and above all be filled with the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ."

Possibly never before was there such a universal desire for new things. So much is old, shabby, worn-out and needing renewal or replacing. New carpets, curtains, and clothing; re-decorated rooms and paint for our houses and other buildings; new valuations in life, new outlooks and courtesies, fresh hopes and changed hearts - how we long for them all!

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THE NEW LOOK Continued. And in our search for new things we certainly seem to have discovered new gods. (or are they old idols, recarved and rebranded, masquerading as new?).

There are new authorities based on a set of doctrines denying the sovereignty of God. A new reverence and awe for the cleverness of man, and a new regard for forces and inventions capable of unthinkable destruction. New standards for pleasure, and a new freedom to make light of the marriage tie. A different conception of honesty and fair dealing, a tearing up of chivalries, a new valuation of things which matter, and even a new ugliness under cover of technique, originality, and self-expression. A change of labels in the world's shop window - cheap things priced high, and many valuable and vital things priced low.

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And to offset these perils and dangers that threaten us what is there? Mankind never likes to be humbled. It hurts his pride. He dislikes control, for that limits his freedom. And for the most part we all like our own way, and it comes as an unpleasant sensation to be told that in order to have all things new we must go back and acknowledge "In the beginning, God."

"Lax of Poplar," in bygone years so well known and respected for his East End ministry in London, summed up his own work as follows. After referring to a conjuror who had changed half-pennies into golden sovereigns he added:- "Christ was no conjuror. He was no deceiver. But for 25 years in Poplar he has taken half-penny men into His blessed hand, and before He has let them go He has transformed them into sovereign characters, with the King's image upon them."

And it still remains true that this transformation is what really alters life and ways of living, and here is the real "new look." No devaluation here of any kind, but rather a transfiguration which most effectively and even dramatically disposes of the shabby ways of living.

Where real contact is established between God and man there is always this new look, sometimes even visible in physical form. Ask the missionary, the social worker, the minister, or any Christian worker of experience.

A missionary returning to his work in China before leaving held a farewell gathering of friends, one of whom said "You are going back after 13 years. You must like it."

The reply was "We don't like it. We know what it is to be separated from family connections. We know the climate we are going back to, and what it is to be in constant danger and fear of brigands, and we don't like it, but the love of Christ overmasters us. (Weymouth's translation of "the love of Christ constraineth us.")

And this form of consecrated living, and registration with an unseen Master, not only produces the "new look," but also a new outlook.

"Behold I make all things new."

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..... keenly interested in Church work, and had
a Bible Class of 150 men. Then the
doctors advised him to give up all Church work and to reserve his strength for
his business.

Instead he gave up making more money, and moved to a smaller house. Three
years later the 150 membership had grown to 1,700.

"Them that honour me I will honour." (1 Samuel, 2,30).

OUR NEW CHURCH HALL AT BARRINGTON ROAD

The preliminaries have already begun, and contractors have commenced operations, materials being placed on the site. It is hoped at a suitable date, not far off, to hold a short ceremony at the laying of the two "Corner Stones." This service will mark a real advance in the erection of the Hall and we shall watch with deep interest the progress of the building, and it is hoped that essential materials may be obtained, and the building completed at the earliest possible date.

At the Church Meeting held on Saturday evening, April 3rd, it was decided that our Church should be known as "Goring Congregational Church, West Worthing." Various other suggestions were made but the final vote was unanimous. At this meeting Mr. Rule also reported that application has been made to lengthen the Hall by another 10 ft.

Our Secretary also made reference to the ordering of Church furniture. Many gifts have been promised, and this wonderful generosity of members is very greatly appreciated by the Management Committee. A carved Memorial Board is also being prepared in memory of the 5 year ministry of our late Pastor, the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.C.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION A committee has been appointed to deal with this matter and includes the Minister, Miss Handford, Miss Thomas and Messrs. Deslandes, Tryhorn, and Cornwall.

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NEW MEMBERS At the Communion Service held on Sunday Evening, March 21st, Mr. Morgan welcomed into membership Miss Rosemary Billings of 140 George Vth Avenue, this transfer coming from the West Worthing Baptist Church. Mrs. Challis, of 38 George Vth Avenue was also received into Church membership and will be welcomed at the May Communion service.

A DEPARTURE We are sorry to lose two friends who have often been present at our Elm Grove services - Mr. and Mrs. Rees. They have now left Worthing for their former home at Huddersfield and while missing them, we add our best wishes for health and happiness in days ahead.

We also much regret to report several cases of illness amongst members. These include Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Barker, and Mrs. Tyrell. We hope that in each case the time of trouble and suffering may be curtailed, and that under treatment real progress may soon be reported.

A HAPPY DAY This tersely describes Sunday, April 11th. Our Spring Festival services held that day coincided with glorious spring weather, and in addition it was a real pleasure to hear our young folk taking part. In the morning the lessons were read by Joan Turnbull and Donald Bidgood, and other young friends recited portions of John Oxenham's "Little Te Deum of the Commonplace," and well did they all take part. Our best thanks are due to Miss Thomas for the trouble she took in helping the children to learn their recitations, and to both Mrs. Doyle and Miss Thomas for the simple but beautiful floral decorations. The flowers on the Communion Table were not only choice specimens, but also beautifully arranged. Mr. Morgan's words and prayers likewise helped greatly to give a distinctive touch to our worship.

The Church will much miss the help that Joan has given in connection with the little ones during the past three years, and while thanking her for all she has done we add our best wishes for her future in the nursing profession. Mr. Morgan presented her with two books dealing with her coming work, and given as a tangible expression of appreciation from us as a Church.

"THE SUNSHINE CITY"

(St. Petersburg, Florida)

Our friends Mr. and Mrs. Knott in their recent visit to America had some interesting experiences of Church life and worship in the places they stayed at.

There is no shortage of paper in America and all Churches apparently have an Order of Service leaflet for the Sunday Services. Some of these suggest more variations and a certain freedom of worship as compared with the Church at home. Church attendance for the most part seems really good, and in many Churches young folk were well in evidence.

"TOWER CHIMES" This delightful phrase was the first item on one Order paper, and at another a Processional entrance by the Junior Church initiated the morning worship. At yet another those attending are faced by the appeal: "SILENCE AND SPIRITUAL MEDITATION ON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY". Morning Sunday School is usually held at 9.30 a.m.

Other details that to us strike a fresh note include a notice asking

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worshippers to occupy the centre seats on entering the pews, thus making it easier for others who follow in later. In some Churches the Offertory Prayer takes the form of a verse of a hymn, sung quietly and reverently by both the Choir and Congregation. At Baptisms it is father who holds the baby!

At St. Petersburg the newspapers contain attractively worded "Come to Church" invitations, and evidently Church officials believe that it pays to advertise. In this, a comparatively new town, there were many Churches, some of them handsome buildings seating over 2,000.

The design of these larger Churches is interesting, in that they are wider than they are long. The seating is arranged in a semi-circle round the minister's rostrum, so that all can see and hear. In one case the Choir occupied a gallery overlooking the rostrum, the musical items being conducted by the Choir Master.

A Sunday morning service was attended at two of these Churches, and both were filled with a devout congregation. In one, (the Congregational Church) the Communion was included as part of the service, and nearly all participated.

Several of these larger Churches duplicate their morning worship, at 9.30 and 10.50 a.m. and some of the services are broadcast. Evening worship often starts at 7.30 p.m. or even later. One Sunday a Sound Motion Picture, "Queen Esther" was advertised for the evening service, and at another Haydn's "The Creation" was rendered by a Symphonic Choir.

And it is worth recording that in this part (the West Coast of Florida, "a placid playground in the sun") the Churches endeavour to attract the tourist and make him happy. After all goodness and happiness often go together.

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NATIONAL The annual House to House Collections in aid of these homes will
CHILDREN'S be made during the three weeks May 10th to the 29th. The total
HOME collected last year by our own workers amounted to £46. 6. 0.,
 which was the largest of all the Worthing sections. This year
 we are setting out to reach £50, and shall be in friendly competition with the
 collectors who in 1947 raised the second largest amount. We are very desirous
 of reaching this substantial figure, as we feel that today especially, orphans
 and children who are separated from their parents because of bad home conditions
 and other reasons, need the help of Christian guidance and loving care given at
 these homes.

If we seek to do the Master's will, and think on His words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," it may help us in our collecting.

The Homes London representative who controls the Worthing District has been down from London and asked that we might add a number of extra roads to last year's list, and we have undertaken to do our best. May we appeal too, to those who helped as collectors last time, and to others who have not previously collected, to lend us their aid. It is a grand work, and worthy of our support by giving and collecting. Donations will be thankfully received by Mr. E.E. Deslandes, Organising Secretary for this sector.

"JUMBLE SALE" Once again our Church Building Fund benefits as a result of
 this effort recently made. Total amount raised was £45.
 It must have been a tiring day for the ladies, (helped by the men) but well
 worth while.

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COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1948

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Feb. 1	4	2	6	5	17	10	:		Mar. 7	4	16	9	5	4	0
Feb. 8	4	10	0	-	-	-	:		Mar. 14	5	11	9	5	15	10
Feb. 15	3	14	0	5	17	10	:		Mar. 21	4	5	3	6	16	0
Feb. 22	1	4	9	1	17	5	:		Mar. 28	3	17	6	7	14	0
Feb. 29	4	17	9	6	15	6	:								
	£18	9	0	£20	8	7				£18	11	3	£25	9	10

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £82-18-8.

Collections Feb. 8th Loose Cash for the London Missionary Society amounted to - £9. 3. 0.

Total of New Church Building Fund at March 31st £1703.17.10.

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MISSIONARY NEWS

The little town of Kendal (Westmorland) recently honoured Dr. T. Howard Somervell of the London Missionary Society. A native of that town he was given the freedom of Kendal on February 12th.

Surgeon, musician, mountaineer and missionary, with art and literature thrown in for good measure - here is a modern Missionary who well merited such an honour.

Dr. Somervell has also written another book about Nayyoor Hospital entitled "India Calling." This, the largest medical mission in India, was brought to its present fine modern standard by him as a result of 20 years work. If any one of us wants to give a friend or relation a birthday present here it is! (Price 6/-). It includes the doctor's own photographs, and the writer never fails to capture the interest of his readers.

JOHN WILLIAMS VI It seems but a few years ago that some of us went to Shoreham to inspect the new Missionary Boat, John Williams V, but it was as long ago as 1930. It was not a big boat, for seven ships of that size could be placed bows to stern along the deck of the Queen Elizabeth. And now it is planned that on August 5th, H.R.H. Princess Margaret will perform the naming ceremony for the new John Williams. This will take place on the Thames, and will be followed by visits of the boat to various British Ports. Southampton dates are for August 12th to the 14th, and bookings by coach from Worthing are now complete. The L.M.S. flag for this ship is a silver dove carrying an olive branch, on a purple background.

When John Williams V was visiting British Ports in 1930 at Southend, a woman asked where the boat was bound for. "The South Seas" was the answer. She brightened up at once. "Is that one of them there day trips?" Miss Stevenson has bought "The Ship Book" for our Church Library. Even grown-ups will find it very interesting. For children it contains stories, poems, games, models etc. A charming book for little ones.

FOR LITTLE FOLK

For the first time since we started this little "Chronicle" here is a page all to yourselves. And here is a question for you to try and answer.

WHAT PART OF YOU IS MOST IMPORTANT.

It is not very easy to decide that, is it? Supposing you lost your feet through an accident. That would be a terrible loss. Today wonderful things are done by clever people in making artificial limbs, but it is never quite the same thing. If you had no feet you would not be able to play games like cricket, football, tennis or hockey. And you would not be able to run, skip, or dance. The loss of your feet would alter your whole life.

Or supposing you lost your arms or even your hands, and there have been people who have been crippled in this way. Well whatever was done for you by the clever people mentioned it would never make up for such a dreadful loss. Not only would you be unable to play all sorts of games, but it would also limit you in other ways. For instance you would not be able to play the piano, organ, or the violin. You could then never hope to be something that perhaps you would like to be. You could hardly be a doctor or an engineer. Such a great loss would cloud over your whole life, and make impossible to do what others are able to do.

But perhaps you will say your heart is the most important part of you. One thing is very certain. If our "ticker" stops working we cannot live. And all parts of our bodies are wonderfully made, and if anything goes wrong, we have to suffer. We can live without limbs, but not without a body.

And how about your head? Some lose their sight, but still carry bravely on. Some are very deaf, or even dumb, but still manage to do many things, and to enjoy life. But think how wonderful is the thinking part of you - the brains.

When you say "I want that" or "I am going to do this" it is your head that made you say it. The thought was there in your head before you said the words. If you are going to do something you feel to be wrong - well it was thinking about it decided you. And when you do a kind action, and give your mother a surprise gift, or help someone, there again it was the head part of you that first suggested the deed. Our whole life depends a great deal on what we think.

The Bible tells us to "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." And what we call the desires of our heart work out through the head part of us.

Do you wonder then that at the close of our Sunday evening services we sometimes sing as a closing verse the lines starting "God be in my head, and in my understanding?"

If God is in our head as we go through life we shall not make so many mistakes, or go very wrong. And if we really want God to be in our head, and to control it, He will be there.

Here is a	: What a nice place :	Not very good
closing verse	: The world would be, :	grammar, but
of another	: If I loved others, :	worth thinking
kind	: Like I loved me." :	about.

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"TO GOD ALONE."

"Rather let my head : In the coming months we shall hope to be gathering
 Stoop to the block : together for worship in a building of our own.
 than these knees bow : And worship - adoration, reverence, wonder and awe -
 to any : is life itself for every Church. Homage and service
 Save to the God of : sincerely and truly paid to God cannot fail in its
 Heaven." (Shakespeare): purpose, and always quickens and inspires good works.
 : : : : : Earthly objects are often exhausted by familiarity,
 : : : : : but the very thought of God by contemplation can be-
 come continually brighter, richer, and vaster. So this idea of worship is of
 far greater importance than we sometimes think.

Looking back we have good reason to be thankful and sincerely grateful for the privilege of having been allowed to use a School Hall for so many years. And we gladly acknowledge that under able and devout leadership we have found it possible to overcome the disadvantages of 'atmosphere' associated with such a building. Even when we first used to meet in the rooms of an ordinary dwelling house the real spirit of worship was at once manifest. And the building up of our little Church owes much to that.

And now that we are looking forward to a Church Hall of our own we realise that it will have to serve for many purposes, and that it will not be exclusively for worship. We shall at last possess a building which will be under our control, and can thus be used for meetings, social gatherings, and in various other ways, if so desired. And in that sense alone it cannot be set apart and reserved for Sunday services only. Also it cannot be otherwise than a comparatively simple Church Hall. A beautiful Church has a character of its own, and awes us into silence. The dignity and grandeur of a Cathedral usually makes us lower our voices, and tread softly, even though it be admitted that ornate ritualism and beauty of architecture can so easily be merely spectacular and superficial, and not necessarily productive of sincere and heartfelt worship. But it does help the worshipper if he feels that the place he has entered is holy ground in which noise, flippancy of speech, a carelessness of attitude and manner, are out of place.

Further it will always be the case that divine service is most helpful and impressive when those attending have by quiet thought attuned their minds to the dignity and reverence that alone enables us to gain contact with spiritual things. And for this reason it will be an immense gain if we look upon our Church Hall as a sacred spot, wherein the Master can be met, and where His holy spirit shall influence our lives.

So although our new building shall serve for many purposes, all can be consecrated efforts. And although the structure be simple it must claim the best we can give. Our own Minister has already made references to the thought that we should aim to make it as beautiful as possible. And one recalls words spoken by the Rev. Leslie Atkins, B.A., (Northern Moderator) who when he visited us stressed the value of order, dignity, and beauty, in public worship. The writer of the hymn "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" probably had other thoughts in his mind than that of stained glass windows, and imposing arches and columns. And we cannot attain to the latter in our building. But there can be the same spirit of awe and reverence in our approach to God. n

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WHERE "FLOWERS" CAN GROW.

"What are we trying to do when we worship?
I fancy the belief still lingers that we are
primarily engaged in doing a ritual which God
somehow likes.... I know that God desires com-
munion with the human heart, and that we do
well, with Robert Louis Stevenson, to be
thankful for health and work, and food, for
the bright skies and dear friends; but worship
is more than the polished sentences of prayers,
or the rendering of a difficult anthem.
The aim of worship, in private or in church,
is surely that we should be joined to God,
and that, with cleansed minds and hearts, we
become channels through which the Divine Mind,
Love, Law and Power may flow into the lives
of those about us and burn the other sands
of this world into a place where flowers can
grow." (McEwan Lawson).

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CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH MEETING. At a well attended meeting held on June 12th members heard the report of the Management Committee on the Church Constitution. This, in the main, follows the Model Church Rules drawn up by the Moderators and the Literature Committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and was unanimously agreed to. Chief points of interest included the proposal for Associate and Junior membership, a Diaconate of twelve, and the issue of Communion cards.

This meeting was also addressed by Mr. Launder, County Commissioner of the Home Churches, who explained the object of the appeal being made for annual contributions in aid of the Home Churches Fund, and to ensure that all minister's stipends should be secured, and not fall below the standard necessary for these times. Our own Church has been assessed for a yearly contribution of £25, and members agreed to this proposal.

NEW MEMBER: Miss Gearing, of 7 Bruce Avenue, was proposed and elected for Church Membership.

NEW CHURCH HALL The heating arrangements for the new building have now been decided. The Building Committee are to be congratulated on their choice in this respect. A modern method of gas heating will ensure an even temperature for both Sundays and weekdays.

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A VERY HAPPY CELEBRATION. Two of our congregation - Mr. and Mrs. William Partington of "Kingsgate," 3 Robson Road, recently had the great pleasure of celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. As a Church we should like to add our warmest congratulations, and best wishes for now and always.

Mr. and Mrs. Partington were married at the Presbyterian Chapel, Rivington, Lancashire, on June 2nd 1888.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th Please make a special note of this date. On that day the Ladies of the Working Party are arranging to hold a Garden Sale on behalf of the Church Hall Building Fund, and by the kindness of Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Green this will take place at 21 Robson Road.

The Committee will be very glad of gifts for the stalls, and these can be sent either to Mrs. Humphrey or Miss Green at the address given. Promises of cakes etc. for tea will also be very acceptable.

The Secretary of this Working Party also notifies that members have agreed to provide the crockery and kitchen equipment for the Church Hall.

REV. MORRIS BOLD, M.C. Those who remember the early days of our Church under its first ministry, will be interested to hear that both Mr. and Mrs. Bold are well. A brief visit to their home at Storrington found Mr. Bold busy in his garden, where he has accomplished a transformation on difficult ground. On clear days they have an extensive view of the surrounding country, and even the Surrey hills, 40 miles away, can then be seen.

Many enquiries were made concerning known friends at Elm Grove, and in leaving Mr. Bold's final words were "Give them all my love."

A DEPARTURE. Our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have now left Worthing to join their son in country life. We are sincerely sorry to lose them, for at all times we have had their sympathy and co-operation in the work at Elm Grove. Also we have more than once been indebted to them for special privileges in using their Pantiles Cafe for little social gatherings. Twice last year we met thus, once preceding the actual formation of our Church, a tea-party which our late Minister described as one of the happiest he had ever attended, and again later in the year when we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson leave with our best wishes for future days at "Chapelcroft Farm, Membury, Nr. Axminster, Devon."

"THE MODERN FREE CHURCHMAN." The latest issue of the official organ of this Union contains an article by "Malcolm Rutt, of Worthing." Mr. and Mrs. Rutt attend our evening services, and for many years Mr. Rutt took an active part in the lunch-time gatherings on Tower Hill, London. The writer's contribution to the magazine mentioned is entitled "The Real Jesus," and stresses the humanity of our Lord - "Human brother and friend."

One paragraph reads "For it is our faith in this world as God's world; our faith in mankind as His family, and above all, our faith in ourselves that we are His children - the faith that Jesus possessed so utterly and completely - which will remove mountains from our path and make all things possible to us."

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O B I T U A R Y

In recent weeks two of our members have passed from our midst. On April 11th Mrs. Langton died whilst in the Worthing Hospital, and on April 21st Miss Ashwell also entered the Homeland after a prolonged illness.

And about the same time yet another of our friends passed on - Mr. Henry Mitchell. Although not members of our Church, both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell often worshipped with us during Mr. Humphrey's ministry, and we always had their good wishes and sympathy in the endeavour to form a new Church in this district. Mr. Mitchell had lived a full and active life of good works, and was at one time a Magistrate in the Sutton (Surrey) area. He was also a lay preacher in the Methodist Church, and retained his interest in that denomination to the end.

Leaving his home in George Vth Avenue quite recently to join his married son living at Amersham, our friend died only a week or so later. To Mrs. Mitchell and family we offer our sincere Christian sympathy.

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 : WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE SAID? :
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: At Durrington Cemetery during one of the lovely days in May of this year, a lady :
 : brought three little ones to put some flowers on the grave of a "Church Father." :
 : One, a little girl about 4 years of age, wandered off on her own account. "Is :
 : someone buried in this grave too, Mister?" she enquired. "Yes, my dear was the :
 : reply. "WHEN WILL THEY BE BETTER?" the child asked. :
 : One tried to explain that loved ones who have left us are well again, and that one :
 : day she would understand, But still wondering, and looking puzzled, the little :
 : maid toddled off to join the others. :
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S U M M E R D A Y S

The cultivation of flowers has been said to be of all the interests of mankind, the one to be selected and approved. An occupation conducive to health, peace of mind, and teeming with boundless variety, and affording unceasing pleasure.

But Miss Nancy Price, so well-known in the dramatic and film world, and also noted as a writer and lecturer, goes farther than this when pondering on nature. From her Salvington home she not only bravely defends the rights of birds and animal life, but also indirectly challenges us to equal plant life in courage! Writing in one of her books she puts it thus:- "It is impossible to watch the growth of any plant without realizing the enormous courage of that life. From the time that the first green tip appears above the earth its existence is a continual battle against drought, flooding, cold, heat, destructive animals and birds. But the plant perseveres, adapting itself marvellously to its conditions, and sheltering its treasures of beauty until the glorious day when at last the chalice may be opened and its loveliness displayed to pleasure the world."

So there it is! Are we, facing up to all the perplexities of life, crowded with disappointments and endless struggles, to come off second best with the flowers of summer?

"Be of good courage." That is not only a command, but it should also be the natural outcome of Christian faith. In a chapter on "Courage" the writer mentioned adds this:- "Out of apparent disaster His (Christ's) courage lit a flame that swept the world... We talk of the shadow of the Cross; that shadow typifies persecution, apparant waste of effort, but to have a shadow there must be a light behind - that light is courage."

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And after the flowers, how most of us love the wide open spaces we associate with summer days. The moors, the mountains and valleys, and the open sea. Surroundings in which we can feel the expansion of life, and also experience invigoration of body. An atmosphere in which the soul also can breathe.

Yet much of life to-day is in the direction of closed doors - or its modern equivalent - "The Iron Curtain." Frustration, restriction, freedom of movement hampered and limited, confining us to harrowed pathways, and tending to cripple man in his outlook as a free being.

Holman Hunt's famous picture "The Light of the World" symbolises the artist's conception of a situation which to the ordinary man seems almost hopeless. The tangled growth and forbidding aspect of a closed door. And this symbolism does to some extent express the spirit of the times. The way is barred. The heart apparently hardened. The mind unreceptive. The spirit chilled and frozen so that it cannot operate. God, often shut out, and sometimes not wanted.

And today the Christian Church is in some respects facing a situation of this kind, and many thinking men and women are troubled and depressed.

"Then Jesus stood in their midst the doors being closed." (John, 20, v.26) Such is the nature and omnipotence of God, that when doors are closed he still enters in other ways. And another hall-mark of the Christian is that of supreme confidence in the Master's power to overcome the barred entrance, and to enter because He is needed. And that confidence brings comfort and re-assurance. Isaac Watts must have felt all this when he wrote "Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun." One can imagine the emphasis on the word "shall."

AND THAT, FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, IS THE WIDE OPEN SPACE IN WHICH WE CAN ALL BREATHE. If we so desire.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME. The result of this House to House Collection is now to hand. Our Organising Secretary hoped to raise £50, and thus do even better than in 1947. It is therefore with great pleasure and thankfulness that it can now be announced that this year's effort has resulted in the fine total of £73. 2. 0. This means that the 1947 total has been exceeded by £27.

The amount raised indicates the manner and zest with which the work of collecting has been carried out, and Mr. Deslandes desires to most sincerely thank all who have helped, - both those who by personal effort have made this excellent result possible, and also all who have given so generously. In giving this report he repeats the words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

More could be added concerning a record individual amount thus collected, but the Editor has been forbidden to enlarge upon this!

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A PAGE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS.

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER BE?

Thomas Macaulay, the great historian, once said this.

"If anyone would make me the greatest king that ever lived, with palaces, gardens, fine dinners, wines and coaches, beautiful clothes, and hundreds of servants, on condition that I should not read books, I would not be a king. I would rather be a poor man in a garret with plenty of books to read, than a king who did not love reading."

THE LAND WE LIVE IN.

Perhaps we do not always realize that the country we live in is one of the most beautiful islands of the world. Small, because no place in Britain is more than three hours motor drive from the sea. But charming, and often beautiful, because something of everything is packed into a small area. And the chief feature of the British landscape can be summed up in one word - trees. Heather for Scotland perhaps, but trees for Britain. Elm in the Severn Valley, elm, oak, and willow for the Thames, juniper and thorn on the rolling South Downs, ash and birch on the cold uplands. Willow lining streams, and chestnuts fringing roads. Take trees away from Britain and what a different place it would be. Let us thank God for "England's green and pleasant land." And "see your own country first."

ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

Have you ever read about the great American President,

Abraham Lincoln? He was not very good-looking, and perhaps he had this in mind when he said "God selects His own instruments, and sometimes they are queer ones - for instance He chose me! But Lincoln was a good man, and took an active part in the fight against slavery. And although he died 83 years ago some of the things he said and did are still remembered. During the American Civil War he said this: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have."

During this war he was often appealed to by soldiers when they were in trouble, and many of these appeals were backed up by letters from well-known people. But on one occasion a man brought before him had no one ready to say a good word for him. "Has this man no friends?" he asked. "No sir, not one" was the reply. "Then" said Lincoln, "I will be his friend."

Throughout our lives we all owe much to our friends. And another famous man (Dr. Johnson) told us to "keep your friendships in repair." But so much depends upon our choice of friends, and some people have had their lives spoilt by making friends with the wrong sort of folk. So it is of the greatest importance that those we associate with should help us, and not hinder us, in trying to live the life God wants us to live.

We were not asked who we would like for our parents! But we can choose our friends, and some of the best men and women who ever lived tell us that they have found that the best friend of all is our Heavenly Father, God. In our joys and pleasures, as well as in our troubles and difficulties, it is as if God were saying something like Abraham Lincoln said - "I will be your friend."

King Solomon, noted for his wisdom, reminded us that "a friend loveth at all times." Even so our earthly friends do sometimes fail us. But "God never yet forsook at need, The soul that trusted Him indeed."

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COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY, 1948.

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>					<u>ENVELOPES</u>					<u>LOOSE CASH</u>		
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Apr. 4	3	16	3			3	16	2			5	4	6
Apr. 11	3	19	6			3	15	6			6	15	2
Apr. 18	3	19	0			3	2	3			7	4	6
Apr. 25	4	14	0			5	6	0			6	3	2
						3	18	9			5	17	7
	£16	8	9			£22	4	5			£19	18	8
											£31	4	11

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £89. 16. 9.

Retiring Collection April 11th for the Children's Relief Fund amounted to £20 and was duly handed to the Mayor of Worthing.

New Church Building Fund at May 31st 1948 totalled £1803. 19. 7.

NEW CHURCH HALL.STONE LAYING CEREMONY.Saturday June 19th, 1948.

In the autumn of 1939 arrangements had been made for the laying of the foundation stone of a new Congregational Church in this district. At that time no services were being held in this area, but the new building was about to be erected because it was felt that the need for a Free Church in this part was evident, and a few Shelley Road members were ready to transfer their allegiance. The outbreak of war however meant that the new building was indefinitely postponed.

Starting in August 1940 services were held in the School Hall at Elm Grove, and under the ministries of the Rev. Morris Bold M.C., and the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.O., real progress was made.

Throughout the years we have had to wait very patiently for the day when we could at last erect a Church Hall of our own. But under Mr. Humphrey's 5-year leadership, numbers increased, the Building Fund was started, and a Church was formed. It has been no small achievement to attain to our present position, and with very real gratitude we think of many who have now passed on to their eternal home, or who have left the district, but who shared with us in visions of the future, and worked for that end. Amongst the latter may be mentioned our first Church Secretary, Mr. E.T. Wiseman, now of Bexhill.

And at last under the ministry of the Rev. S.O. Morgan, B.A., B.D., the happy day arrived, and on the afternoon of Saturday, June 19th last, the two Corner Stones were laid by the Rev. Latimer Thomas, M.A., Chairman of the Sussex Congregational Union, and the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul, M.A., minister of the Mother Church at Shelley Road.

The service was conducted by Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Thomas gave a short address. The weather fortunately held fine, and the attendance was excellent. And a skylark rose high, adding music as the benediction was pronounced.

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we dare not presume to apologise for Him." (Charles E. Raven, D.D., Canon of Liverpool, writing on "Jesus and the Gospel of Love.")

CHRISTIAN "APOLOGETICS"

"Apologetics" suggests that Christianity is something to be excused, something to be apologised for, something eccentric. That we whose faith is weak, we whose lives and thoughts are so unworthy of our calling, should be ashamed and apologetic, is natural enough. Our right to be Christians certainly needs excusing; our failures to fulfil our faith put us on the defensive. But the attitude which regards the religion of Jesus Christ as constantly in the dock is one which imputes to our religion a weakness inherent not in it but in ourselves. Indeed shame and apologies are due precisely because the splendour of our profession throws into relief the futilities of our practice. We may well be ashamed of ourselves just because our Master so far transcends us. We must apologise for ourselves:

FROM THE "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS." FAITHFUL, telling CHRISTIAN about his encounter with SHAME. "SHAME was a bold villain. I could scarce shake him out of my company. Thought I...shall I entertain thee against my sovereign Lord? How then shall I look him in the face at his coming? Should I now be ashamed of his ways and servants, how can I expect the blessing? The poor man that loveth Christ is richer than the greatest man in the world that hates him." CHRISTIAN. "I think he has the wrong name; for he is so bold as to attempt to put us to shame before all men; that is to make us ashamed of that which is good. Let us resist him."

THE COMING OF AUTUMN

"In October things do not grow any more, they ripen; they fulfil the destiny of summer, and the thought of Autumn is that it is going down, going forth. When all things in nature know and feel that death is drawing near do they sheet themselves in black? Rather do they cry 'Bring forth my royal garments.' And the oak puts on the habiliments of beauty, and all the herbs of the field turn to scarlet and yellow, and every colour that is most beautiful, and so the whole of Autumn goes tramping forth towards Death glowing and glorious." Henry Ward Beecher.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY.

My dear Friends,

With the swift passing of Mr. McClunan to the Eternal Home we have lost a faithful, genial, and regular member of our congregation, who though a good Methodist was associated with our Church from its early days.

A fine upstanding man, over six feet in height and generous proportions, he was an outstanding figure who will be greatly missed, even beyond the little circle of those who have found a spiritual home in our midst. He rarely missed the morning diet of worship, and his genial smile was in itself a benediction. Our deep sympathy goes out to his brave widow and the son and family in their great loss. Mrs. McClunan shared her husband's faith and loyalty to the Cause, and now she is sustained from those streams of comfort which death cannot destroy, and the tender ministrations of friends are greatly appreciated.

The excellent company that gathered together for the Ceremony of Stone-Laying on June 19th and again at the Garden Sale on July 14th. is striking evidence of the general goodwill of many, not yet connected with our Church, but who are interested in our work. While the financial results exceeded all expectations.

The new Church Hall grows rapidly, and when it is completed will please the eye, and under the blessing of God will provide greater opportunities for fellowship and service than are possible at present. Let each dedicate himself or herself afresh to the Master's Service.

"The past is a story told
The future may be writ in Gold"

Your loving friend,
Sydney O. Morgan.

"THE CHRISTIAN WORLD" For the benefit of non-readers of this weekly paper it can be mentioned that in the issue of June 24th last, some prominence was given to the history of our Church. Under the heading of "Something Really Unusual" the Editor agreed that not only was it very rare for a Congregational Church to have had three successive ministries representing other denominations than Congregationalism, but the Congregation itself was a very happy illustration of real church union.

Also of local interest was another paragraph which followed, and having reference to the passing of Mr. Frederic Lawrence, the highly gifted architect whose plans for the new City Temple were accepted some months ago. He had already built three "outstandingly beautiful churches" - at Southbourne, Oxted (Surrey), and St. Columba's, Worthing. The plans for the Southbourne Church were preceded by a remarkable vision of what it could be. He himself referred to it as "an offering to Almighty God...my first spiritual effort." His death is a great loss to Free Church architecture.

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AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE Starting on August 22nd last, the first Assembly ever held of the World Council of Churches met in Amsterdam. Many Churches, and many lands and races are concerned. The Worthing Christian Council have booked our Assembly Hall for October 27th at 7.30 p.m. when reports will be made of this historic conference. Names of speakers will be announced later.

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PARTICULARS ABOUT MY FATHER'S LIFE.
(Contributed by Mr. Eric McClunan) ..

"He was first and foremost a vigorous worker for the Methodist cause. As a young man of 19 he went to London, and started work in the Connexional Funds Office of the Methodist Church, at that time in the City Road. For 49 years he remained in that position, and thus came to be widely known throughout the Methodist world. As Secretary to the minister in charge of the Connexional Funds he attended all conferences, and he knew the present President (the Rev. Benson Perkins) very well. But his special work did not prevent him from spending his leisure hours in other Christian work, and he spent much time at the East London Mission, in the days when that district needed strong characters and good physiques. At Mildmay Park Chapel he was a hard worker, and at one time was Sunday School Superintendent, his wife nobly supporting him in all his work, and giving unstintingly of her time to help her husband. So there was a complete partnership in Christian service.

) Later in his career when he moved to Blackheath (Kent) Father associated himself with Sunfield's Church and for many years assisted in the Sunday School. Upon his retirement to Worthing, where he attended first at Steyne Gardens Chapel, and later at Elm Grove."

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As a postscript to the above it should be recorded that for some years Mr. McClunan also served on the Management Committee at Elm Grove and not only were those services highly appreciated, but by so doing he helped us all to rejoice in the unity of spirit which prevailed. He has now received his Master's welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY 1948.

<u>Envelopes</u>				<u>Loose Cash</u>				<u>Envelopes</u>				<u>Loose Cash</u>			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
June 6	3	14	3	5	1	10		July 4	2	15	1	3	1	9	
June 13	4	1	9	5	8	5		July 11	4	9	9	6	1	5	
June 20	4	12	6	4	15	10		July 18	4	7	5	5	3	0	
June 27	3	6	6	5	19	0		July 25	3	8	5	4	18	10	
	£15	15	0	£21	5	1			£15	0	8	£19	5	0	

Total for the two months £71. 5. 9.

Collections for the London Missionary Society, Medical Missions.....£10. 15.

(NOTE: Dr. Howard Somervelle in his latest book entitled "India Calling" writes:- "The thing which speaks loudest to the heart of the Indian villager is the direct relief of his sufferings by treatment...there must be many areas where 100,000 have only one doctor to treat them. As a medical missionary I am anxious to give to the Indian two things - the relief of his suffering and the love of God as we see it through Christ.")

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TOTAL OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND at July 31st 1948 -- £2014. 3. 11.

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"THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS"

Lord Elton recently said that what is wrong with the world to-day is that primarily we have ceased to think in terms of eternity. Amongst large masses of people it would seem that there is undoubtedly much to support this contention. But it is fatally easy for us to misjudge our fellow men.

The 250th anniversary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was made the occasion for the presentation of John Bunyan's allegory in dramatic form in London during July. The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was crowded for each one of the 16 performances and it is safe to say that these large audiences to some extent at least, thought in "terms of eternity," if only for an hour or so.

Possibly "The Pilgrim's Progress" is little read by the younger generation of today, and there must be many dusty copies lying on the bookshelves in countless homes. Yet here in allegoric form the simple story of "Christian" still rings true, and the many characters depicted are still met in daily life. The trials of this earthly pilgrimage, the disappointments and temptations, the fascination of this world, and the blunders and mistakes common to each one of us, are all here. But also here are those fellow travellers to whom we owe so much.

A good deal has been written about the presentation of this great English classic, and added personal impressions are hardly necessary. But one outstanding feature which helped very greatly was the "splendid speaking" of those taking part. Even in that vast building words came over clearly and distinctly, and for that reason alone the endeavour ranked high and impressed those present. Christian, Faithful, and Hopeful were well and truly portrayed, and Talkative would have "his say." Some of Bunyan's minor touches have indeed the handling of the master writer. For instance "Fassion would have all things now, but Patience was willing to wait." And yet again when the last crossing has to be faced "they asked if the waters were all of a depth?" "No" was the reply "but you shall find it deeper or shallower as you believe in the King of the place."

In a darkened building, and before the rising of the curtain, Mendelssohn's "Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling" was beautifully sung, with the trumpets sounding the call to higher things. It made an unforgettable overture.

UNITY AND ACTION.

At a tea-party gathering which was held after the Stone-Laying Ceremony on June 19th. Mr. James H. Duff interested and amused those present by relating a story which perhaps has a very special application for a small Church such as our own. The minister of a Scottish Church was asked to what he attributed the success of his Church and the big congregations he was able to draw. The reply was that one reason was due to the fact that they were

"Aye at it, and	:	Translation: "Always at it, and
A' at it, and	:	All at it, and
Aye a' at it."	:	Always all at it."

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THE GARDEN SALE.

Once again our Church is very greatly indebted to the Ladies Working Party for yet another effort to augment our Building Fund. Although the weather was not very good on July 14th this Sale was a great success, both financially and socially, and our sincere thanks are due to all friends who by their time and gifts realised the astonishing total of £136. 4. 4. The special objective of this endeavour was the raising of money to cover the cost of the crockery and kitchen equipment needed for our new Church Hall, and the former goods have already been purchased by the kind assistance of Mr. A.A. Aldridge to whom we tender our grateful thanks.

It is not possible to give the names of numerous friends who so generously helped in this Sale, but at the opening Mr. Morgan duly voiced our very real indebtedness to Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Green for so readily throwing open their homes and gardens for the occasion, and for all the hard work that they and many other willing workers did to make the Sale so successful. Mrs. Humphrey's Stall alone raised £60. The effort thus made must have been preceded by much thought, individual exertion and skilled workmanship beyond the powers of men folk. But the latter also turned up in goodly numbers and helped in other ways.

A lot of interest was centred around the garden tent, and here Miss Gold of Cuckfield very truthfully told the characters and virtues (and failings?) of numerous friends as indicated by their handwriting. We thank her for so kindly coming to Worthing for this purpose, and so helping to swell the total sum by about £2.

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME. A full report of the House to House Collection made last May has now come to hand and discloses the fact that out of the 20 Churches collecting in the Worthing area our own share was the highest, heading the next best by £25, our own total being £73. 2. 0. Our organising Secretary (Mr. E.E. Deslandes) again thanks all who helped in this achievement. As a token of appreciation our Secretary has received a book entitled "Golden Links" - a book concerning the work of the Homes, and Mr. Deslandes hopes that each one of the Elm Grove collectors will take it in turn to read this copy.

S O U T H W A R D B O U N D
 (John Williams VI)

"I would love to be going out again." These brave words were spoken by an old lady, Mrs. Goward, who joined the party which visited the Southampton Docks on August 12th to view the new L.M.S. boat.

It was in 1888 that Mr. and Mrs. Goward left Sydney Harbour in the third John Williams for missionary work in the South Sea Islands, and for 32 years they gave of their best in the Samoan area. No wonder a cheer went up when the Rev. Cecil Northcott announced that "Mrs. Goward is now walking up the gangway." Although 10 counties were represented by visitors that day, the Worthing contingent was one of the largest parties, and about 90 filled the three coaches necessary. This included 15 from our own Church, the Shelley Road Church party being accompanied by the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul and Mrs. Spaul.

We climbed (and still more cautiously descended) upright iron ladders, peeped into tiny cabins and kitchen departments, and visited the hold which for the occasion was fitted out as a bookshop, and for the sale of souvenirs. Coloured post-card views showed the John Williams quietly steaming ahead in tropical waters under

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a starlit sky. A very charming and artistic little study. Although only a converted cargo boat John Williams VI will cost £70,000. No sails this time, she will be driven by powerful Diesel engines. There are now more islands to be visited, more teachers to carry, and more children to take to school on adjoining islands. Samoa has promised £10,000 towards the total cost as an affectionate tribute to the London Missionary Society and the people of Britain. Even the Anchors cost £50 each. The Siren £10. The Chronometer £30, and the Lifeboat £450. This summer the boat will be touring our coasts, and will be seen by thousands.

Not far away at Southampton was the mighty Queen Elizabeth and by comparison the Missionary Boat was an insignificant little vessel. Some were surprised that she was not larger. But the L.M.S. Flag with the silver dove which flies from her mast stands for something greater and more powerful than the largest Liner or Dreadnought ever built.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

The Bible Reading Notes which many of our members receive each quarter contained an exceptionally helpful thought for July 27th. It ran thus:- "Different types of mind are required for the apprehension of different aspects of truth. The flowers in a garden represent a great variety of colour, and they do so because their constitution is such that they absorb and reflect different rays of the sun's light, which falls upon all alike."

George Matheson in his hymn "Gather us in" expresses much the same thought:-

"Each sees one colour of Thy rainbow light,
Each looks upon one tint and calls it heaven,
Thou art the fulness of our partial sight,
We are not perfect till we find the seven."

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It is sometimes said that hand-shaking is going out of fashion. If so we shall lose something of value. When we really wish each other well, much may be expressed by such a greeting.

In his latest book ("Oil and Wine") Mr. Philip Inman the well-known Chairman of the Charing Cross Hospital quotes this verse:-

"It's the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter or bread or wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand, and the sound of a voice
Live in a soul always."

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THE CHRONICLE

No. 28. Goring Congregational Church, West Worthing. Nov.-Dec. 1948.

MINISTER:

Rev. S.O. Morgan, B.A., B.D.,
29 Westpark Lane, West Worthing
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THE USE OF SILENCE

: "And not a breath crept through the
: rosy air,
: And yet the forest leaves seem'd
: stirr'd with prayer."

CHURCH SECRETARIES

Mr. A.J. Rule, 25 Wadhurst Drive,
Goring-by-Sea. (Tel: Goring 41955)
Miss Handford, Corresponding Sec.
29 Marlborough Road, W. Worthing.
(Tel: Goring 41127).

: "The Free Churches need to experiment
: with the use of silence. There are
: two points at which its value is plain:
: at the beginning of the service that
: in quietness the worshippers may find
: out what is the soul's sincere desire,
: and after the sermon. St. Augustine
: prayed: 'O Lord, who canst teach Thy
: faithful people without the din of
: worlds, teach us.'"

CHURCH TREASURER:

Mr. E.W.J. West, "Overmaigne,"
Smuggler's Walk, Sea Place,
West Worthing. (Tel: Goring 42450)

: We need to learn that it is not only
: in seeking and doing, but in a wise
: passiveness that the soul is fed."

EDITOR OF "CHRONICLE"

Mr. C.H. Cornwall, "Bradda"
54 The Rose Walk, West Worthing.

Rev. John Bishop, M.A.

CHURCH NOTES

NEW MEMBERS The transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Noddes from the Church at New Barnett was accepted at the Church Meeting on August 21st, and these friends received the right hand of Fellowship at the Communion Service on Sunday, September 5th. We wish them all that is best.

OBITUARY Yet another friend on our Church Roll has passed on. On October 1st, Mr. J.W. Leach died at his home, 7 Brooklyn Avenue, following a long illness of over two years. Formerly of Buckhurst Hill, (Essex) and Purley, we extend our sympathy to his son who is a member of the Shelley Road Congregational Church.

ABSENT FRIENDS There have been several cases of illness amongst those who attend our services. Both Mrs. Rivers-Cole and Miss Cox have been in hospital and our sympathetic thought is with them in this time of trouble. May there be a complete restoration to health and strength before long. It is good to record that Mr. Hodder is back home again after a successful operation, and we include him in our good wishes.

For the winter months we shall miss two other friends, Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Lander have recently left by air to spend the next six months in South Africa. Both are members of the Ladies Working Party.

A HAPPY OCCASION At our evening Harvest Service Mr. Morgan made kindly reference to our fellow member, Mr. H.J. Gilbert. On September 22nd our Minister had called to offer our friend warm congratulations and best wishes for his 90th Birthday celebration. It is now over 23 years since Mr. Gilbert first settled in Worthing, and he left London after doing good work at Rye Lane Baptist Church, and later at Honor Oak. As deacon and leader of the

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Children's Services and Guild he has many happy memories.

TULIP SUPPLY On Sunday Oct. 3rd our Minister was unexpectedly absent through a family bereavement. At very short notice the Rev. Ridley Chesterton once again readily paid us a visit. His morning sermon could well have been preached at the opening of our Church Hall, his text, being "They had the hands of a man under their wings" (Ezekiel, 1,8), and this was interpreted as "Wings to soar, and hands to serve." Our visitor also recalled an anonymous postcard he received when starting his first pastorate. On it was written "We touch men most when we touch God."

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP, 1949.

Our Secretary for this Fellowship contributes the following:-

Members will observe from the notice at the end of the November Notes that in future these monthly booklets will be increased in size to 32 pages. A glance at the December Notes shows that the additional "To Think Over" matter should help us considerably in our reading.

I am continually being told how helpful friends find the readings and notes, and we should like others to share in what has undoubtedly proved a very real blessing. Membership does not call for any attendance at meetings. It is simply Fellowship reading with no other obligation. But this systematic study of God's Word, coupled with quiet meditation, and aided very greatly by suggestive thoughts, is well worth trying.

At present we have a membership of 80, but if you are not already a member will you become one? In addition, the children of the Sunday School are supplied with the "Child's Series of Readings."

The cost of the enlarged copies of Notes for 1949 is 2/- for the year. And a specimen copy can be had free. E.E. Deslandes.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1948.

<u>ENVELOPES</u>				<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>				<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	
Aug. 1st	3	14	1	4	14	0	:	Sept. 5th	4	2	2	6	2	10	:	
Aug. 8th	3	7	9	3	16	2	:	Sept. 12th	4	10	11	4	18	6	:	
Aug. 15th	3	18	11	5	19	8	:	Sept. 19th	4	2	11	5	11	2	:	
Aug. 22nd	3	11	0	6	9	0	:	Sept. 26th	4	19	9	-	-	-	:	
Aug. 29th	3	5	0	6	9	4	:								:	
	£17	16	9	£27	8	2	:		£17	15	9	£16	12	6	:	

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS

£79 13 2.

September 26th Harvest Festival Collections for Congregational Union Home Churches Fund £17 8 3.

Total of New Church Building Fund on September 30th 1948. £2128 13 11.

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"THE HIGH CALLING AND WORK OF A DEACON"

Before long our Church will be asked to elect a diaconate of twelve. When preaching at Elm Grove recently, the Rev. P. Thompson of Faling said this:- "Why do we elect deacons? In order that they may be honoured or privileged, and occupy a more prominent place in our Church life? No, deacons are elected for service."

With this thought in mind the following quotations are made from a little booklet written by the Rev. Harold Bickley under the title given above.

 "God gets His opportunity to do His saving work when individual members of His Church make it their first task to live up to their high calling. If much is asked of ministers, no less is asked of deacons. Every minister and deacon is called and ordained by God to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Church....A deacon must bring his particular gifts of mind and soul, and cultivate them for the service of the Church.....to inspire and guide the Church to its real task of witnessing to God, and passing on to others the power of Christ's spirit. This needs observance of prayer and worship, Bible reading and meditation, and practical methods of discipline and nurture of the soul, without which faith becomes tain. Drop the means of grace, and grace is lost.

THE FIRST CONCERN

The Church though it be an organisation is not a machine, and cannot run on organisation alone. The first concern is the spiritual life of the Church. He (the deacon) shares the spiritual oversight with the minister, maintaining the services of worship and the varied activities of the Church, by force of Christian example.

The value of worship in the eyes of the Church member depends on the value which the leaders of the Church set upon it.....If the world sees Christian people treating the worship of the Church as a secondary or even a casual concern, it will conclude that our Christian faith cannot be very important.

All Church work is shared by minister and deacons. It is not in the best interests of the Church if the spiritual oversight is left to the minister exclusively...The deacon shares with the minister the task of promoting Christian fellowship. Visitation of the homes of members and adherents should not be left to the minister. By systematic visiting of the people by minister and deacons the fellowship is bound to gather, and comfort, sympathy, and Christian affection are mediated to the needy, the bereaved and the sick.

Every organisation of the Church is the concern and care of the deacons. Youth organisations are sometimes in danger of running parallel to the Church and not leading into it...If we do not win the young people for the Church we rarely win them for the spiritual things for which the Church stands.

THE HIGH CALLING

Ministers come and go, but the Church remains. Leadership must be largely in the hands of the more permanent officers of the Church. A deacon should faithfully guard the privileges and responsibilities of the Church meeting, and while relieving that meeting of the details of finance and administration, help every member to realise that the ultimate well-being of the Church demands the time, thought and prayer of the whole fellowship. Deacons are called to be

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leaders, not governors. And for every Christian, and more especially for those who are called to the offices of the Church, the Church must claim our first loyalty and take precedence over all other organisations.

Such a conception of the office of deacon in the Church of Christ may at first sight make us pause and say 'Such a task is too high for me, I cannot face up to such high demands made upon an ordinary person like myself.' That is what everyone who truly hears the call of Christ feels. It is the only attitude we can rightly take up to such a call. But we should be disloyal to our Lord if we toned down His demands, and lowered the threshold of every Church office.

Our Churches have an inspiring record of consecrated men and women who in spite of heavy demands of their daily calling, accepted in humility and sincerity the challenge of Christ. They matched the highest, most exacting call of Christ with the willingness and devotion that Christ always asks for."

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Contributed by Mr. A.J. Rule)

.....	The Committee regrets that it is not yet possible to
.	give a date for the opening of the Church Hall.
. <u>COMMITTEE.</u>	Unforeseen difficulties have been met with, and at
.	times delayed work. However good progress is now
. Mr. A. J. Rule	being made, and a probable date for occupation may
. Miss Handford	soon be made.
. Mr. E.E.Deslandes	It will be of some interest to members and friends
. Mrs. Gowen	to know of some of the problems facing the Committee,
. Mr. S.J. Knott	and also to be told of some of the very generous
. Miss Thomas	gifts already on given <i>promised or given</i> .
. Mr. E. Tryhorn	The heating and lighting have been very carefully
. Mr. H.M. Tyrell	considered, and the gas heating installation alone
. Mr. E.W.J. West	will incur an expense of £360. A tender is to hand
.	for the lighting, and to have what is considered ad-
.....	equate means the added outlay of another £150. Another
	large item in the cost of the roadway leading up to
	the Hall. The present estimate for this is £450.

The chairs which are coming from Oxford have been ordered at a cost of £320. Our ladies are providing the crockery and kitchen equipment necessary, and the former has already been delivered. It is also pleasant to record that the gifts referred to, include the Pulpit, Communion Table and Chairs, Reading Desk, Vases, Piano, Electric Clock and Pictures, and more detailed reference may be made to these contributions later on. Cutlery will also be needed, tables, and various other things. The Vestry also will require furnishing.

These matters are reported that all may know just how we stand. The upkeep of the Hall will also entail extra expenditure. But knowing the Church Members and supporters, as I think I do, I can visualize the requirements necessary being gradually met, and the Church developing in Christian work and endeavour.

A. J. Rule.

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LOOKING FORWARD

As the completion of the Church Hall draws near, there comes into our thoughts the question, "What use shall we make of it?"

The possibility of holding meetings during the week opens up many avenues of service, and we shall need to consider how best we can help our own Church life, the children and the young folk, and also the district near the Hall.

We all gladly welcome the opportunity that will come to develop the social side of our Church. This has been one of the main drawbacks in our present circumstances, and we look forward to many occasions when we shall be able to get to know one another better in friendly gatherings. The week will also bring opportunities for devotional meetings, and others of educational and missionary value.

Those of us who have the work among the children and young folk specially on our minds, rejoice in the possibility of using the Hall on Sunday afternoons for Children's Services. There may not be all the room or equipment we should like to have, but these difficulties will be overcome by enthusiasm and zeal, and it is the hope of some to foster the 'Family Church' atmosphere, so that the children may feel they are a real part of the Church's life, as they are in their homes.

Week-night activities for the young people should also be possible, and it may be that there are parents and other friends in the district who would welcome some week-time gathering of a devotional or social nature.

For all these possibilities to become certainties, recruits will be needed, and it would be splendid to have sufficient help assured by the time we are able to make a start.

If you can help in any of the ways indicated, will you let us know? And if you have any further suggestions to make as to how our Church Hall can be useful, we shall be only too glad to hear of them. It should be a feature of our Church life that there is a place for everyone in it, and that we each have a job we can do for the Church. So please let us know what your special capabilities are, and we will find something for you to do.

M.E. Handford.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The meetings of this Working Party have now been resumed, and they still have to depend upon the kindness of members for the use of meeting together in private homes. But it is hoped that before very long they may be able to use the New Church Hall for this purpose. The gatherings are held fortnightly, and a very cordial invitation is given to all newcomers. The

Annual Business Meeting will be held during November.

THE CHURCH HALL It is pleasant to be able to record that the children who attend our morning services have, of their own accord, started a fund to purchase an electric clock for our new building. These young folk not only need, but deserve our thought and interest, and represent one side of our Church life which must be carefully cultivated and encouraged.

THE CHORIR Our Choir Secretary still asks for new members, and makes a special appeal for new lady members.

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CHURCH MEMBERS

Anderson, Mrs. M., Windyridge,
Wallace Avenue.
Annand, Mr. A.S., Glenshiel,
Courtlands Way.
Annible, Mr. W., 50a Goring Road
Barker, Mr. and Mrs. W.H.,
28 Gerald Road.
Bennett, Miss L.M., 55 Mill Road.
Billings, Mrs. D.E. and Miss R.,
140 George Vth Avenue
Brazier, Miss M.M., 21 Roseberry
Avenue.
Byward, Mrs. M., Three Bridges,
Cables, Mr. and Mrs. A.W., Banfield,
Compton Avenue, Goring.
Carter, Mrs., 29 Phrosso Road.
Cornwall, Mr. C.H., 54 Rose Walk
Challis, Mrs. H.W. 39 George Vth
Avenue
Deslander, Mr. and Mrs. E.E.,
Rosedene, 18 Sandwich Road.
Dixon, Mrs. H. 3 Amberley Court
Doyle, Mrs. E.F. 4 Southsea Ave.
Driver, Miss 60 Robson Road.
Fades, Mrs. E.M., 64 Ripley Road.
Duff, Mr. & Mrs. J.H. 3 Bury Drive
Goring.
Firth, Mr. & Mrs. C., 16 Elgin Road.
Firth, Mr. and Mrs. W.H., 79 Lans-
downe Road.
Freeman, Mrs. C.M., 11 Arundel Court
Ford, Mr. & Mrs. S.A. & Miss B.J.
17 Treat Road.
Galley, Mr. & Mrs. W.S., 28 Rose
Walk.
Gannon, Mrs. P.A., 74 Ripley Rd.
Gearing, Miss 17 Bruce Avenue.
Gilbert, Mr. H.J. 21 Brooklyn Ave.
Gowen, Mr. & Mrs. T.N., 39 Rose
Walk.
Green, Miss F.M., 21 Robson Road.
Green, Miss P.A. 57 Mill Road.
Handford, Mrs. L.K. & Miss
M.E., 29 Marlborough Road.
Hann, Mrs. F.E., 128 Goring Road.
Harris, Mr. A.J. 12 Hurst Avenue.
Hill, Mrs. N., 4 Phrosso Road.
Hite, Mrs. E.A. 46 Phrosso Road.

Hite, Mr. & Mrs. W.G., 46 Phrosso
Road
Humphrey, Mrs. B., 19 Robson Road
Jackson, Miss A.M., 150 Goring Road
Jordan, Miss L. 37 Forty Acres Rd.
Canterbury.
Judd, Mrs. F.M. 31 Gerald Road,
Kaines, Miss B. and Miss L.,
Reigate Road.
King, Mrs. M.E., 59 Reigate Road.
Knott, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. 77 Lans-
downe Road.
Langton, Mr. C.O. 19 Gerald Road,
Mumford, Miss V., 5 Bruce Way.
Nodes, Mr. & Mrs. C.D. 27 West
Avenue.
Parker, Miss W., Wynstead,
Compton Avenue, Goring.
Pooler, Miss E., 3a Ardingly Drive.
Powell, Mrs. E.F., Lexworth,
Ilex Way, Goring.
Pyle, Mrs. M., 29 Marlborough Road.
Rule, Mr. and Mrs. A.J., 28 Wad-
hurst Drive, Goring.
Smith, Miss A.M., 39 Robson Road.
Spittle, Mrs. E.A., 34a Aglaia Rd.
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