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THE NEW YEAR AND THE UNKNOWN

"My heart gives thanks for yonder hill
 That makes this valley safe and still;
 That shuts from sight my onward way
 And sets a limit to my day.

If I could all my journey see
 There were no charm of mystery;
 I thank Thee for the hills, the night
 For every turn that blinds my eyes;
 To coming pain, or glad surprise;
 For every pound Thou settest nigh
 To make me look more near, more high;
 For mysteries too great to know;
 For everything Thou dost not show;
 Upon Thy limits rests my heart;
 Its near horizon, Lord, Thou art."

Anon.

MOTTO FOR THE CHURCH FOR 1949.

"STEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY GO FORWARD"

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER.

My dear Friends,

I am writing these lines in the bright sunshine of a wonderful November day, and it is difficult to realise that the year is getting old and weary, and that the New Year, fresh and young, will be with us when you read this letter.

The invitation to continue as your minister for another twelve months has reached me, and I have accepted it as God's call. The times are difficult, and somewhat threatening, with shadows resting on many lives and homes, but as Christians we have some great assurances and a splendid hope. A time like this calls for greatness, both in our leaders and in ourselves, and with God's help we shall emerge undefeated, with our characters purified and strengthened, and with renewed confidence in the wisdom, love, and power of our Heavenly Father.

As a Church we eagerly await the day when we can possess our new home, where further opportunities for service and Fellowship will be given us, putting us all on our nettle. However Elm Grove will stand for many as a place of hallowed memories, and the severance will not be without some pain.

Yet to have our own building, where we can meet during the week for prayer and worship, and the many activities which no Church can neglect without loss - that will be no small recompense for the years of patient waiting and planning.

We have had much happiness and blessing as a Church, and 'the best is yet to be.' So let each dedicate himself or herself afresh to the Master's service, and work for Him for the redemption of mankind. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." SYDNEY O. MORGAN.

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CHURCH NOTES

OUR MINISTER At a Church Meeting held on Sunday, November 14th at the close of the morning service, it was unanimously agreed to that the Church should ask Mr. Morgan to continue his pastorate for another twelve months. As a Church we owe much to our present Minister for leading us during the past year, and keeping us united. His readiness to visit members and friends has been much appreciated.

1940-1949 The New Church Hall is now rapidly approaching completion, but the delayed delivery of the boiler makes it unlikely that the building will be occupied before the early Spring.

Eight and a half years is a long time, but the little company who gathered together for the first services in 1940 were prepared to wait patiently in unity and loyalty of spirit. "Patience" wrote Bishop Horne, "is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility...patience produces unity in the Church, loyalty in the State, and harmony in families and society."

OUR CHURCH ROLL The list of Church members and their addresses given in our last issue needs amending. Mr. H. King of 32, Phrosso Road, should have been included, and the Misses Kaines corrected address is 82 Reigate Road. Also "Miss" A.M. Smith, 39 Robson Road should read Mrs. A.M. Smith. Apologies to all concerned.

ANNUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE The Free Church interchange of pulpits will take place on Sunday, January 9th, when we shall have the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. H. E. Stickler, B.A., Minister of the West Tarring Baptist Church at the morning service. This will be the first time that Mr. Stickler has taken one of our Services.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY This has been fixed for Sunday, February 13th. It is not yet known who will be the appointed representative of the L.M.S.

THE CHOIR Our friends who serve us faithfully in this way have been passing through difficult times owing to loss of members. They would be very greatly encouraged by more help, and gladly welcome new-comers.

CHURCH AUDITORS Mr. W. Fite and Mr. G. L. Nodes are being asked to carry out the auditing of our Church Accounts for 1948.

NEW FRIENDS During the past year several new friends have come to our district, and attended some of our services. Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hodder of 70 Sea Place, come to us from Sanderstead (Surrey) Congregational Church, and Mr. Hodder has very kindly contributed an article to this "Chronicle" describing our new Hall. Many of the Municipal Buildings in the Croydon area represent this work, including the fine Public Library and Baths at Norbury, and the Fire Station and beautiful Crematorium at Croydon. Mr. Hodder also kept a watchful eye on the work when the Church at Sanderstead was in course of erection, the building being completed just before the outbreak of war.

Another friend Mr. J.W. Hawes, of 13 Lancaster Road, comes to us from Wanstead (Essex). The meeting with him at Elm Grove was as pleasant as it was unexpected to the Editor of this News Sheet, as both were former members of the Leytonstone Church 20 years back. One of Mr. Hawes sons is the Rev. Gordon Hawes, M.A., of

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Dulwich Cong. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Featfield, The Chalet, 16 The Rose Walk are also newcomers from Buckhurst Hill Cong. Church. Mrs. Featfield first met Mr. Rule many years ago at Sheerness.

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1948

<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Oct. 3	3	10	3	4	15	1	Nov. 7	3	19	0	5	5	4
Oct. 10	4	6	3	4	11	0	Nov. 14	4	18	6	5	1	4
Oct. 17	2	19	10	4	10	0	Nov. 21	3	15	3	5	1	9
Oct. 24	2	5	3	3	17	6	Nov. 28	3	15	3	4	13	11
Oct. 31	5	13	3	5	19	4							
	£18	14	10	£23	12	11		£16	8	0	£20	2	4

TOTAL FOR THE TWO MONTHS £78. 18. 1.

TOTAL OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING FUND AT NOVEMBER 30th, 1948.....£2,204. 0. 9.

HOME CHURCHES FUND

It may be remembered that at a Church Meeting held at Elm Grove in June of last year the County Commissioner of the Home Churches Fund addressed members, and explained the object of the appeal being made. Briefly summarised the Fund is being raised to ensure that no minister's stipend should fall below the standard considered necessary for the times.

Miss A. M. Thomas, who is our representative and organiser in this matter, now reports as follows:-

"We are very glad to say that our Church has not only reached the target set for us of £25 for the year, but has exceeded it. The money has been raised in the following ways:-

	£	s.	d.
Collections at the Harvest Services	17	8	3
Subscriptions - - -	8	8	0
Goods made and sold by the Misses Thomson and Mumford.....	2	2	0
Collecting Box.....	1	12	0
Total	£29	8	3

Our grateful thanks are due to everyone who helped to bring about this excellent result. And as a postscript to this report the words of Seneca, the Stoic philosopher, are applicable--"The manner of doing anything goes a great way in the value of the thing itself."

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C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C H U R C H H A L L
(Barrington Road)

I have been asked to give my impression and a short description of the New Church Hall now approaching completion.

The elevations are pleasing and effective, and the entrance to the Hall imposing for a small building.

The roof is covered with hand-made Roman Tiles, laid on battens and felt. On the side elevations to the Hall the windows are slightly splayed, also the brickwork between. This has a pleasing effect, also giving stability and strength to carry the roof principals.

The front entrance, and also the plinths, are built with Broombridge Stocks, and the walls of Warnham Stocks, painted light cream with "Stet." The front doors will be glazed with White Cathedral glass, and the ornamental fanlight over the vestibule doors in clear glazing. All external doors will be painted green outside, and lightly stained and wax-polished inside.

The stone tablet in Gable will be carved, also the Foundation Stones. All the windows have oak sills with pine frames, and iron Casements with White Cathedral glass.

The Hall is 59' 3" long to back of platform, and 22 ft. wide, and has seating accommodation for 204 persons. The floor of the Hall is of solid oak wood block, slightly stained and wax polished, also the Minister's Vestry and Retiring Rooms. Cloak rooms at entrance, and the Kitchen at rear, will have Quarry Tile floor, with tile skirting. The interior is in selected Columbian Pine, slightly stained, and heating controlled by an Automatic Gas-fired Boiler. The Electric Lighting is on the special "Coldcathode" system.

Eric E. Hodder, L.R.B.A.
Chartered Architect (Retired)

CAN YOU PLEASE SPARE A CLOTHING COUPON

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Working Party was held at 19, Robson Road on November 23rd, when the members were entertained to tea by the Committee. The report showed that during the year over £180 had been raised towards the New Church Building Fund, and the necessary crockery for the Hall has already been purchased at a cost of £27.

Work has continued to be done for the British Sailors' Society, and it was agreed to send a donation of £2. 2. to this good cause.

It is also hoped that it may be possible to move into our new building at an early date and thus facilitate the work being done. To overcome the difficulty of obtaining materials for work, the members promised to each contribute one Clothing Coupon. Mrs. Cowen will be very glad of any offers of help in this way from members and friends in the Congregation.

The Treasurer's Statement showed a balance in hand of £21.

(Since the above report was handed in there has already been a good response to the appeal made for Coupons, but further contributions will be very welcome and put to good use).

"WHAT IS LIFE? To know God and to have fellowship with God, that is life. Nothing else is life. Other things contribute to life, but true and full life has not come until there is a vital connection with God."

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A BLIND FAITH.

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 : "The Lord...is : Is the above title a redundancy of words? In a sense is
 : manifested to : not all faith "blind?"
 : them that do not :
 : distrust Him." : "We have but faith; we cannot know;
 : (The Apocrypha) : For knowledge is of things we see."
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It is true that knowledge can come to us in other ways,
 but Pennyson's meaning is clear.

We may not always fully appreciate the wonderful blessing of sight, but we do place very great value on what our eyes register to our minds. And we are very ready to be influenced by our eye-sight, and to accept as indisputable the things we see. "I saw it with my own eyes" is a common expression. And what we term "a blind faith" is sometimes referred to a little scornfully as faith without reason, faith without any real foundation, faith which cannot be substantiated. Proof is what we ask for; proof that comes by seeing, and thus satisfies both mind and heart. Yet in our relationship to God this sort of proof is denied us.

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 In our youthful days perhaps we feel that there is a certain thrill about the uncertainty of many things. There can be something rather exciting and even fascinating about 'what lies round the corner.' And we may, in a nominal manner, accept the words faith, hope and charity, as part of our religious creed. But in later years faith begins to take on a new meaning, and we find ourselves being severely tested as to the reality of our beliefs. Time is getting short and we want to be more sure about what lies ahead. We have in mind the question of recognition in eternity, the assuredness of the 'many mansions' and what the unseen world will be like. As the years pass on the reality and quality of our Christian faith becomes of increasing importance.

And, perhaps, to our surprise we begin to find that the only faith which has any real value for us is the simple child-like faith. The faith that really trusts where it cannot see, and so fully and completely that it does not even realise that it is trusting. We had hoped that our intellectual powers would enable us to pierce the "thick darkness where God is", and yet much of this effort has failed us, and brought little real satisfaction, or comfort in time of need.

The late Arthur Porritt, former editor of "The Christian World" in his book "More and More Memories" sums up the few fundamental beliefs which served him as an anchorage - "saving truths" he calls them. He writes:- "I have long ceased to concern myself with problems of a future life. It is enough for me to believe that when I die I shall be dying in the arms of a loving God...Christianity as I see it can promise a peace of mind which the world cannot give, and I believe that wherever we find Truth, Beauty and Love, we see God expressing Himself. To me it is a sufficiently adequate faith to bring an inner peace that is not to be disturbed by any dread of cataclysmic changes in material civilisation. With it I can face any tomorrow."

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 But to attain to this child-like rest of heart is not made easy for us. A writer on bird life in describing the manner of feeding tits in the winter time advises his readers not to make it too easy for the birds. "Let them work for their food" he suggests. And it has been ordained that spiritual sustenance has to be sought for, and persistently and consistently cultivated by prayer, meditation, and thoughtful reading and thinking. When we say "I will trust and not be afraid" that does not imply a reckless carefree way of life, in which we will not bother ourselves as to what may happen. The emphasis can be put on the word "will" and that

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means effort, even a very determined effort. But the result is a reward of peace, hope, courage, and an increase of faith itself. It has been well said that "faith, beginning as an act of man's will, ends as a miracle of God's grace."

In the book already mentioned the writer relates an experience he once had in the company of Dr. James Moffatt, whose Modern English Translation of the Bible is so prized. On holiday in Switzerland Dr. Moffatt had his first ride on a funicular railway, and it rather tested his nerve power. So uneasy did he feel that he could not look out whilst on that steep ascent, and he vowed he would never repeat that way of travelling. "I'm like the Highland farmer" he told Arthur Porritt, "who said of another farmer 'He sings 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes,' but devil a foot will he put on them!'"

When hard pressed we too look upwards to the hills from whence cometh our help, but often we have previously neglected to climb the heights of God. The simple, unquestioning and satisfying faith, often comes only after long and habitual communion with God.

C.H.C.

THE HYMNS WE SING.

In our worship many of the hymns we sing would often have more meaning and come to us with greater acceptance if we knew the origin of the verses, and the spiritual experience which led to the composition.

One hymn which might well be sung at the opening service of our new Church Hall must often have been selected for the consecration of cathedrals and other magnificent buildings. It starts thus:-

"We love the place, O God
Wherein Thine honour dwells,
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels."

Yet this hymn was first sung in a little Mission Church. About a century ago a young naval officer, named William Bullock, was ordered to survey the coast of Newfoundland. An earnest man, the conditions of the settlers there so troubled and shocked him that he resigned his post, sought ordination, and again went to Newfoundland as a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. At a small place named Trinity Bay he built his first Church, and composed this hymn for the consecration service. So it was sung for the first time in a tiny building in poor surroundings.

As a closing paragraph for a winter number of this "Chronicle" here is a beautiful epitaph from a grave in Durrington Cemetery:-

"HE LIT MANY FIRES IN COLD ROOMS."

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March-April 1949.

The New Church Hall is situated in Barrington Road off Shaftesbury Avenue, West Worthing. Bus Services No. 3, 31 or 31F. Nearest stopping place is Sea Place, Goring Road. Sunday Services are held at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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SOMETHING TO THINK OVER

"AM I ANY EARTHLY USE IN GOD'S HEAVENLY PLAN?"

CHURCH NOTES

This number has been compiled under the stress of conflicting emotions. One of great thankfulness and joy that at last our Church Hall is ready for occupation. But overshadowing all is the great loss the Church has sustained in the passing of its beloved Church Secretary.

Mr. Rule was with us as usual at the evening service on Sunday January 30th. But he was by no means well, and had often carried out his duties under considerable physical strain and suffering. Visiting his daughter at Maidstone a day or so later he was suddenly called to his eternal Home on the morning of Thursday, February 3rd.

At our morning service on February 6th which our Minister conducted, Mr. Morgan paid eloquent tribute to our late Secretary, and expressed the deep sympathy which the whole Church extends to Mrs. Rule and family.

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The Church is indebted to two friends who have kindly promised to take over temporary duties at this time, Mr. E.E. Hodder will see that the completion of the building is in order, and Mr. C. Firth will superintend the arrival of furniture etc.

NEW MEMBERS At the Communion Service on Sunday Feb. 6th Mr. Morgan gave the right hand of fellowship to Mr. J.W. Hawes who joins us by transfer from the Leytonstone Cong. Church. And Mr. R.J. Harris was received on profession of faith. We heartily welcome these friends, and also Mrs. Twigg, 48 Rose Walk, who joins us as an Associate Member.

GOLDEN WEDDING Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Bradley of "Fifehead," Harvey Road, celebrated this happy occasion on January 28th last. They are regular attendants at our services and have lived in Worthing for about 12 years. Before retiring Mr. Bradley was the Principal Librarian for the Borough of Wandsworth. As a Church we share in this happiness and warmly congratulate them.

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It is good to report that after a serious and protracted illness Mr. Stanley Grew is at last making a steady progress. It is also cheering news to hear that a few weeks of complete rest has helped Mrs. Humphrey to regain health and strength. We hope that before long both friends will be present with us once again.

OBITUARY On Feb. 10th last, yet another friend passed on. Whilst in the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Mr. A.H. Rushby of 45 Trent Road, was called 'Home.' A Yorkshire business man, Mr. Rushby had in later years suffered much from ill-health and was devotedly tended by his wife. Though staunch Methodists they have attended at Elm Grove for many years. We offer Mrs. Rushby our very sincere Christian sympathy.

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MINISTER'S LETTER

(Most of this was written in the early days of February, and before the passing of Mr. Rule).

ON THE THRESHOLD.

With the arrival of the Boiler it was possible to make the final arrangements for the opening of our new spiritual home. Many of you have visited the Hall as the work progressed, and most of the comments heard are favourable. When we see the finished building, furnished and completed - our Temple of Worship, and meeting place for inspiration, social intercourse and normal activities of a Christian Church - I think gladness and happiness will fill all hearts.

On the opening day we are to be favoured by the presence of the Rev. Maurice Watts, B.D., the Chairman of the Congregational Union, one of the outstanding personalities in the Christian Church today. And we shall also have with us our own esteemed Moderator, the Rev. Maxwell Janes, M.A.

It will be a red-letter day for all, and let us pray that it may usher in the dawn of a day of steady advance in many directions, but especially in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

God has greatly honoured us in that we are associated with Him in this new adventure. But privilege carries with it responsibility, and our tasks will be multiplied. Set as we shall be in the midst of a new and growing population with its claimant needs for consecration of every gift and talent bestowed upon us, none need stand idle in the market-place.

The help of all and each is urgently needed to secure success. Given that, and with the blessing of the God of the Threshold upon our going out and in, we shall together build a Church that shall bring joy and gladness to ourselves, and to many who are now outside. Moreover by humble and loving service we shall develop our own character and extend the Kingdom which Christ came to establish, and which He still maintains, now as through the centuries. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and the future is safe in His hands.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Yours affectionately,
Sydney O. Morgan.

P.S. The above was written before we heard the distressing news of the sudden death of our greatly loved Church Secretary. As there is much other matter ready for this "Chronicle" I must withhold my tribute till the Memorial Service.

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Other matter is also crowded out of this issue, including the General Statement of Accounts, but the latter have been exhibited in the lobby at Elm Grove.

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ALBERT JAMES RULE. Church Secretary October 1944 to February 1949.

Mr. A. J. Rule was a man to whom it was not only a privilege to know, but also always a real pleasure to meet. And in one respect at least he was outstanding. He possessed very fully and completely all those attributes which make up a lovable man, and he was richly endowed with the gracious gift of a radiant personality which reflected itself upon, and brightened all with whom he came in contact.

To watch him as he received members and friends for Sunday worship was an object lesson in the art of welcome. A fatherly smile and a playful word for the young, a cheery greeting for the aged and perhaps an extra kindly word for the occupant of a chair. Always a warm handshake for the stranger and (if necessary) a little dignity for the stately! Our late Secretary could welcome the most distinguished visitor or the humblest, and make both feel glad that they had come.

As a personal friend to one and all Mr. Rule was ever ready to listen, to help, or to advise. As a visitor to the sick he must have been the equal of any tonic that a doctor could order. One imagines that on such occasions the patient always smiled as he entered.

Happy in family life, and at all times a busy man, yet he found time for the relaxations of life, and in general social intercourse he must have formed countless pleasant friendships. As a Bowler of no little skill our friend was prominent in his local activities, and honoured accordingly.

But looking back over the past $8\frac{1}{2}$ years it was from our own Church point of view that we knew him best, and one feels that he had been divinely appointed to help our Church through its difficulties, disappointments, and frustrations of that time. It is extremely doubtful if any one else could have shouldered the tasks and duties he readily took on when our first Church Secretary (Mr. E.T. Wiseman) resigned in 1944. Comparative newcomers to our Church can hardly realise the great value Mr. Rule was to our fellowship in the years that followed. His business ability and acumen, his tactful and pleasant manner in meeting with Corporation officials, and gaining concessions when trouble threatened, his never-failing determination when working with the Rev. F.J. Humphrey to secure recognition of our rights for priority in building - all this combined with a courage to protest against any kind of exploitation in business or financial matters, again and yet again helped the Church to pass safely through varied experiences that would have disheartened many men. Our late Secretary must have lived a happy life, and found great joy in service for his Master. He never spared himself in Christian effort, and our new Church Hall is a tangible and outward expression of his Christian faith and
 willingness to give even health and strength if by
 . "WELL DONE! GOOD AND . so doing he could show his allegiance and loyalty to
 . FAITHFUL SERVANT, . God. It would almost seem that with the ending of
 . ENTER THOU INTO THE . our tenure at Elm Grove our beloved friend had
 . JOY OF THY LORD. . finished his allotted task, and 'promotion' must
 follow. No more fitting words can be found than to
 conclude this simple tribute with the words inset. C.H.C.

EARLY DAYS AND LIFE AT SHEERNESS

Particulars which follow over leaf have been very kindly supplied by Mr. Rule's son-in-law, Mr. L.J. Lewis.

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EARLY DAYS OF A.J. RULE Born and brought up at Sheerness, he was associated with the Bethel Congregational Church in that town. Serving on the Diaconate he was later Church Secretary for some years. He also did a great work in the Young Men's Institute and the Sunday School. Always a leader with the young people who loved and admired him.

When he retired he did not intend to take further active part in Church life, but rather to quietly join in fellowship with others, But it was contrary to his whole life and experience to give up active co-operation, and coming to Worthing in 1939 he soon found he was still needed.

In the field of sport he was also always a leader, and in younger days played football. Later he became a well-known and popular referee. Serving on the Kent County Football Association he attended his last meeting the day before his passing.

A man of character, loved and respected by all who knew him, he was always ready to help others. To those of us in the family he set an ideal in family life, and was truly a father to us all. He was not only a good sportsman, but also a true Christian gentleman, and never happier than when present at family gatherings. At such times one wondered whether Grandpa or the children were younger in mind.

He leaves two married daughters and three grandchildren. Also a nephew whom he brought up from birth, and treated as a son.

I am only too sorry that he has not lived to see the opening of your Church Hall. But I am quite sure that together with Mr. Humphrey he will be there in spirit.

L.J. Lewis.

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THE LATE MRS. RIVERS-COLE

In the early days at Elm Grove so much depended upon the loyalty and regular help of the faithful few. Amongst the latter, from the very start was Mrs. Rivers-Cole, and those who knew her will best appreciate how indebted we were for the untiring service she rendered.

At the funeral service held at Shelley Road Church the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul paid tribute to her qualities as a Church worker, first in her home town of Ilfracombe, later at Ilford, and finally at Elm Grove.

And in the last months of her life in a time of great suffering she showed a patience, courage and bravery of spirit which many of us would find difficult to emulate if called upon to do so.

For our friend's sake we rejoice that the weariness and pain is now over. But to Mr. Rivers-Cole (who for many years has been a deacon at Shelley Road), we offer our very sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the great loss he has sustained.

One of our members who had much to do with the one who has passed on is Miss A.M. Thomas, and she has kindly written the following appreciation:-

"Mrs. Rivers-Cole who passed away on January 14th last, left behind her a very fragrant memory. In my mind's eye I can see her sharing in so many Church activities. My first memory of her was as one of our pianists, this work in the early years being shared with others during war time. Whatever the weather, and however black the night, Mrs. Rivers-Cole was always at her post for the evening service. With painstaking zeal she prepared herself that she might give of her best. And as a member of the Choir she was always anxious that our service of praise should be the highest we could render.

And again looking back on the year of war I recall the work she did in connection with the Soldiers Hostel at 3 Goring Road. There she ministered

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to those who came in the evenings, giving them refreshments, and arranging entertainments for them. Her efforts were much appreciated by the men, who frequently brought their difficulties and problems to her, and needless to say she was only too ready to be of service to them. And at that time also, when we met in the same house for Sunday evening worship Mrs. Rivers-Cole was the accompanist, playing the small harmonium.

And another piece of Church work that I shall always associate with her name is the assistance she gave at the time of our Harvest Festivals. She loved to help with the decorations, and threw her whole heart and soul into the task and was never satisfied till she had achieved what she felt to be the best possible results.

Of her it could be truly said:

"To duty firm, to conscience true
 However tried and pressed,
 In God's clear sight, high work we do
 If we but do our best."

A. M. Thomas.

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OUR NEW BUILDING

THE FOLLOWING GIFTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE CHURCH

PULPIT	:	CHURCH CHAIRS
COMMUNION TABLE	:	TWO PIANOS
3 COMMUNION CHAIRS	:	ELECTRIC CLOCK
BRASS READING DESK	:	FRAMED PHOTO OF REV. F.J.H. HUMPHREY
2 BRASS VASES FOR TABLE	:	FRAMED AND ILLUMINATED CHURCH COVENANT
3-TIER COMMUNION SET	:	PICTURE - "THE LAST SUPPER"
WRITING TABLE FOR VESTRY	:	PICTURE - "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
CHAIRS FOR VESTRY	:	KITCHEN UTENSILS
CHAIR FOR WRITING TABLE	:	SHRUBS AND PLANTS FOR GARDEN.
MIRROR	:	

AND MANY OTHER SMALL GIFTS

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The Church gratefully acknowledges the generosity of friends who have made these gifts, but it is felt best that the names of donors should not be given. An exception however is made concerning two of the above gifts. The picture "The Last Supper" has been given by the Shelley Road Church, and the Electric Clock by the children of our Church.

Also the Ladies Working Party as the result of various efforts have presented the following:-

CROCKERY FOR THE KITCHEN AND URN, CARPET FOR VESTRY, MATS FOR DOORS ETC.
 AND CURTAINS FOR THE HALL.

As showing the value of systematic giving, even on a very small scale, it is of interest to note that the Curtains have been purchased as the result of 1d per week Fund, collected by the Ladies Working Party over some years. Amongst other things still needed for the new Hall are the following:-

CURTAINS FOR ENTRANCE HALL	:	KNIVES AND FORKS
FLOOR COVERING FOR AISLES	:	SHED FOR GARDEN
PULPIT BIBLE, TUNE AND HYMN BOOKS	:	50 HYMN BOOKS

Also numerous small articles for use in Vestry, Kitchen, Cloak Rooms, etc.

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CHURCH BUILDING FUND TOTAL OF THE FUND ON JANUARY 31st 1949 - £2248. 15. 9.

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OPENING OF OUR NEW CHURCH HALL. GREETINGS RECEIVED

(Owing to lack of space these have unfortunately had to be curtailed)

FROM THE REV. MORRIS BOLD, M.C. (first Minister of our Church, 1941-1942).

"Though some years have passed since we left you, the memory of our fellowship at Elm Grove has lost none of its lustre, and is still a prized possession of us both.

We rejoice with you that at last the vision of those days is taking concrete shape, that your dream is coming true, and that, as a Church, you will be housed under your own roof. We pray that the sense of His presence, which was so evident in the fellowship of the earlier days, may still enrich your communion in the house you have built to His glory.

One cannot help thinking of those who laboured with you, shared your hopes and aspirations, who are now in the house not made with hands. Their prayerful intercession will not fail you, and the saints triumphant will I am sure share your hopes that the glory you have known at Elm Grove is not to be compared to that which shall be yours in the New Church Hall. May the spirit of God enrich you with such prosperity of soul, and zeal for Christ, together with much love for all those for whom Christ died, that your spiritual progress may be more than your most optimistic dreams. Yours in the fellowship of Christ, J. Morris Bold.

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FROM MR. E.T. WISEMAN (Church Secretary at Elm Grove, 1940-44).

"Mrs. Wiseman and myself send our deep sympathy to the Church in their sad and sudden loss. He (Mr. Rule) was a grand worker for the cause."

By reason of ill health Mr. Wiseman who now lives at Bexhill will be unable to attend our opening meetings, but adds the following message:-

"I recall that when the services were first started at Elm Grove it was said that people would not attend Sunday worship in a School Hall. But 35 gathered together for the first service, and under the ministry of the Rev. Morris Bold a good start was made. The following five years under the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey led to still greater progress, and now with the opening of the New Church Hall the message rings out 'Go Forward' to that fuller Christian service which will be possible. May you have a Church worthy of past efforts and to the glory of God. You have my best wishes for your task. Also you have hope and faith, and always trusting, you will not fail. Every good wish.

E.T. Wiseman.

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FROM THE REV. RIDLEY CHESTERTON (Former Minister at Christchurch Baptist Church)

"Writing as an old friend, and a close friend, and one who has often had the privilege and joy of leading your worship at Elm Grove, I rejoice with you most sincerely in the fulfilment of your hopes and prayers.

In these days of great difficulty the love and loyalty of your little Church has achieved a great task. Your new Hall is a monument to the trial and triumph of faith, and already before you enter it it is made sacred by those who have laid down their lives in its service. May the devotion and sacrifice which has added to the glory of the past, prove an inspiration in the work of the future. With all good wishes.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

W. Ridley Chesterton.

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THE CHRONICLE

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Goring Congregational Church

May-June 1949.

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Our New Church Hall is situated in Barrington Road off Shaftesbury Avenue, West Worthing. Bus services No. 3, 31 or 31F. Nearest stopping place is Sea Place.

Sunday Services are held at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Communion the first Sunday morning of each month.

Evening Communion the third Sunday in March, June, Sept, Dec.

Midweek Service on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. followed by Choir Practice. Church Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month. For the present, Morning Sunday School only, at 11 a.m.

THE SPRING-TIDE HOUR

"A bursting into greenness, Awaking as from sleep!" It was Longfellow who said that to most men only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be.

Dr. Lynn Harold, famous Dean of the Divinity School of Drew University, New Jersey, was a great lover of England. He must also have been the happy possessor of a keen imagination. He once remarked (was it in spring-time?) "It has always been a bit of regretful fantasy with me that the cattle in the fields do not know that they are in England." And that has been said to be one of the nicest things ever said about our country!

THE OPENING OF OUR NEW CHURCH HALL

TUESDAY Amidst the congratulations and acknowledgements of indebtedness to
MARCH 1st distinguished visitors and others must be recorded the part that our
1949. Church Secretary played in making all final arrangements for the
 opening ceremony. The sudden passing of Mr. Rule greatly complicated
 matters, and Miss Handford was immediately faced by additional duties due to
 altered circumstances, and which called for prompt attention. As a Church we owe
 much to services rendered by her during the transition stage in our history. Also
 both Mr. E.E. Hodder and Mr. C. Firth helped greatly by all that they did in settling
 us in our new home. And outside the building Mr. Deslandes and Mr. Wood put in
 many hours of hard work in making flower borders, and clearing the ground.

It was almost inevitable but none the less to be regretted, that at our opening service quite a number were unable to secure seats, and some were even unable to obtain admission. Accommodation at the evening meeting was not quite so

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severely taxed, but at both gatherings there were many friends from the Mother Church, including the Rev. B.R.H. Spaul and Mrs. Spaul, also Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Young. Some of our newcomers in recent years possibly heard for the first time how much our Church is indebted to Mr. Young for all his pioneering work in days gone by.

It was also a real pleasure to once again greet the Rev. Morris Bold, M.C. (our first minister at Elm Grove) and Mrs. Bold. We were sorry that ill-health prevented Mr. E.T. Wiseman (former Church Secretary) from being present, but we gladly welcomed Mrs. Wiseman who came over from Bexhill for the day. Other visitors included many local ministers and officials of the Sussex Congregational Union, several of whom voiced their congratulations and good wishes at the tea-table. Mrs. Ogborn, (Mr. Deslandes daughter), made a delightfully natural little speech of obvious sincerity, and representing another 'young' church at Cuffley, brought their Christian greetings, and the gift of a beautifully bound hymn book for pulpit use.

One of the outstanding (or should we say "down-sitting?") features of the afternoon was the manner in which the ladies managed to serve tea under most difficult circumstances.

THE OPENING CEREMONY In response to the knocking on the door by the Moderator, Mrs. Humphrey opened from within, the key having been passed to her by the Architect Mr. Donnan, F.R.I.B.A. Passing within the inner door the Moderator, followed by Ministers and Officials of the Union, pronounced sentences of Scripture as they filed up the aisle, and so started the first service held in our Church Hall.

Our distinguished visitors seemed to share in the general opinion that the Hall makes an attractive and pleasant building, and one not without charm and dignity in a simple way. We much appreciated their presence, and the part they took in the proceedings. The Rev. O. Maxwell James B.A., B.D. suggested that Church life still needed the active participation of "retired" folk, even though we base our hopes for the future on the young people. And the Rev. Maurice Watts, B.D., although Chairman of the Congregational Union, announced that when his Coventry Church is able to build it will be called a United Free Church. If not in name, we in spirit are already that, though under Congregational government.

CHURCH NOTES

NEW FRIENDS In a town such as Worthing it is so easily possible for newcomers to quietly settle down to retired life, and to attend our services, without many of us knowing how valued these friends were in Christian effort and Church activities in bygone years, and in other parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsefall who were received into Church Membership at the Communion Service on Sunday April 3rd came to Worthing last autumn, and their transfer was received from the Batley Congregational Church, Yorkshire. That county is proverbially warm-hearted and friendly, and as such is a challenge to us down South to be equally ready to greet new friends. Mr. Horsefall was a Deacon and Church Treasurer at Hanover St. and Mrs. Horsefall was also a most active member in the Choir and in other departments of the Church. We warmly welcome these new friends, and hope they may find not only renewed health in these parts, but also feel that they have a real part in our Church life.

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A YEAR BOOK The credit for this idea lies with Mr. E.E. Deslandes, and the 'brain-wave' was prompted by meditating on the Bowling Club's Handbook. Why not adapt some such idea for creating interest in our services, and the activities which we hope will develop in the near future?

It is expected to fully meet the cost of this little booklet by the insertion of advertisements already promised and in this case free distribution would be possible. Mr. Deslandes has already put much thought and effort into this work, and was given permission to go ahead at our last Church Meeting. It is hoped to include a full list of the names and addresses of Church Members and others who attend our services.

HARRY JAMES GILBERT In September last we were congratulating our old friend Mr. Gilbert on reaching his 80th birthday. But on March 9th a long and well-spent life ended, leaving little cause for grief, for his final illness was short.

Mr. Gilbert came to Worthing over 23 years ago, and not long after sorrowed greatly on the death of his wife. Formerly engaged in the textile trade, he was also prominent in Church life, first at Rye Lane Baptist Church, and later at Honor Oak. In later years he found much quiet enjoyment in gardening and the cultivation of flowers, and was at work in this way almost to the end.

ORDER OF SERVICE BOOKS At the Church Meeting held on March 30th those present were asked to express their opinion regarding the continued use of these books. As a result it was decided for a period of six months (April to September inclusive) to dispense with the books on the first Sunday of each month, (Communion Sundays). At the end of the period mentioned the matter will again come up for discussion.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME By the time that this News Sheet is distributed some of us should know a little more about the Alverstoke Branch of this good work. Our organising Secretary, (Mr. E.E. Deslandes) booked April 26th for a number of friends to travel into Hampshire by Southdown Coach, and together with others from the Shelley Road Church a party of 32 was expected. Alverstoke is a sea-side Home Branch for 184 infant and convalescent children.

The annual house to house collection for these homes also began a few days ago. It is hoped that there will be the same generous giving as there was in 1948, when the total was a record one.

REV. HUBERT JANISCH, M.A. Writing in the Christchurch Baptist "Herald" Mr. Janisch says:- "I was so happy to represent the Free Churches at the opening of the New Goring Congregational Church - so beautiful and reverent and right. We delight in this beautiful Free Church holding the fort out West, and pray God's blessing upon it."

Speaking from the tea-table at our opening ceremony Mr. Janisch said he would much like the opportunity of conducting a service in our new Hall. Doubtless this can be arranged some time or other.

OUR CARETAKER Mr. Webber, 71 Ripley Road, West Worthing.

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LADIES WORKING PARTY

Meeting for the first time in our new Church Hall on March 8th the gathering was made a social event, gentlemen being invited to be present from 4 O'clock onwards. The full attendance totalled about 50, and tea was provided by members. For the entertainment which followed thanks were due to Miss How, Miss Ball, Mrs. Turnbull and Miss West.

Meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. and a cordial welcome will be given to any new members.

THIS WORKING PARTY ALSO BADLY NEEDS A SEWING MACHINE If any friend has one they do not want it will be put to good use in this way. R.G.

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COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 1949

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 6	3	7	2	5	9	1	Mar. 6	3	18	3	7	8	9
Feb. 13	4	7	9	-	-	-	Mar. 13	4	0	3	6	15	5
Feb. 20	3	5	9	5	4	5	Mar. 20	3	3	3	6	12	0
Feb. 27	4	12	1	5	10	3	Mar. 27	3	7	8	6	12	0
	<u>£15 12 9</u>			<u>£16 3 9</u>				<u>£14 9 5</u>			<u>£27 8 2</u>		

Total for two months £73. 14. 1. Collection on February 13th was for the London Missionary Society - Total £8. 10. 7.

The New Church Building Fund at 31st March 1949, amounted to a total of:-
£2439. 15. 4.

THE CONTACT THAT ALTERS LIFE
(Contributed by a Church Member)

"Grant unto us O God, the royalty of inward happiness, and the serenity which comes from living close to Thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy, and let thy Spirit dwell in our hearts; that we may bear about in us the infection of a good courage, and may meet all life's ills and accidents with gallant and high-hearted happiness, giving Thee thanks for all things." (B.B.C's Prayer Book "New Every Morning.")

Do we, as we look around, find ourselves saying that he or she lives very close to the Master? Or, could it be said of us? Do we ourselves feel the glow of a personal contact, and find ourselves thanking God for the many blessings of life? Salvation, Health, Friendship and a sufficiency of this world's goods. Do we realise that He is the 'Giver of all?'

"Without me ye can do nothing" said the Master. The life lived closely to Him will make us at our best, and show itself in our contact with others.

"To be cut off from God is the most grievous calamity that can happen to men."
(Bible Reading Fellowship Notes).

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"WHAT THINGS HAVE THEY SEEN IN THY HOUSE?"

(On Sunday, January 30th of this year the Rev. Stephen B. Girling of South Harting Congregational Church conducted our services at Elm Grove. That was also the last Sunday that our late Church Secretary (Mr. A.J. Rule) was with us, and almost the last thing he did was to pass on to the Editor of this "Chronicle" a copy of the South Harting Quarterly News Sheet. What is given below is part of Mr. Girling's ministerial letter, and is well worth reading).

After referring to the troubled state of the world Mr. Girling also makes reference to those people who say "Why don't the Churches do something?" He then adds "As a matter of fact they are doing an immense amount, but you cannot measure their production in tons, nor value it in pounds sterling. People pass over the effect of their work because you can't actually see what is going on, any more than you can see the daily growth in wheat in the fields. 'The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation' said Christ. He continued 'So is the Kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day; and the seed should spring up, he knoweth not how, first the blade, and then the ear; after that the full corn in the ear.'

UNPERCEIVED GROWTH

The spiritual work of the Church is in men's souls, and therefore in that part of a nation's life which is responsive to the Spirit of God's influence; and this is a gradual unperceived growth. It is the result of patient preparation of the soil - now so wild and waste; of sowing the precious seed in faith and hopeful anticipation that God will give the increase to His word in men's souls. That work is quiet, and unobtrusive, and is passed over with indifference or disdain by the majority of people in apostate England today.

Next time you read your newspaper and experience that feeling of hopeless impotence in the face of such world-wide chaos, suffering and unrest, say to yourself 'What am I going to do about?' After all, the world is made up of people like you and me, and we along with all the others are equally responsible for what is happening in the world around."

In closing Mr. Girling stresses very strongly the enormous importance of Christian home-life and the effect on the child-mind of Christian faith and conduct.

"What things have they seen in thy house?' You will not expect your children to rise higher in these things than you have done, will you? Is your home just a place where people eat and sleep? Or is there an atmosphere of truth, purity, love and peace? What do your children know of the Abiding Presence of God in your family life?"

Stephen B. Girling.

WHEN WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND

"Sir, you are troubled, because you do not understand how God is dealing with you. Perhaps if you did it would not so well answer His design. He is teaching you to trust Him farther than you can see Him." William Law to John Wesley. (William Law was a devotional writer who exercised great influence over the Wesleys and other young men, and gave a great impetus to the religious revival of that time. 1686-1761).

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(Pity the Editor of a Church News Sheet! Oftentimes he has to condense the copy at his disposal and occasionally a contribution may even be crowded out. On this occasion however a whole blank page needed filling! And no apology is made for the manner of filling for it should make us ask ourselves whether our religion means as much to us as it did to our fore-fathers).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!

(Taken from a little book entitled "A Village Ministry")

Rev. George Bailey - Primitive Methodist Minister - otherwise a 'Ranter.'
(So-called because after attending meetings they sang in the streets on their return home). He was subjected to many forms of persecution. On one of his evangelistic visits to a village he was met on the out-skirts by the Vicar who forbade him to proceed, saying he would have "none of his blasphemies." Village rowdies incited by a big farmer commenced to attack him, and a riot ensued. One unexpected champion however, a man of gigantic size who had been listening to the sermon, stood up to the village policeman and taking a knife from his pocket he said "Teak thee honds off thick mon, or we'll ha thee vingers off!" Forty years later when preaching in the Independent Church in the same part (Marlborough), Mr. Bailey told his listeners that they were listening to the same gospel for the preaching of which in their Town Hall he had stood 40 years before in the dock, with police constables on either side of him. "Those were the happiest days of my life" said Mr. Bailey "and I felt much of the Master's presence."

ON THE WILTSHIRE DOWNS

High, bleak downs, unpeopled except in the valleys of the rivers, with lack of shelter, and much uphill work. One part "Inkpen Beacon" was over 1,000 feet high. During a series of years this village minister carried on his self-appointed work of carrying the Gospel to the scattered villages. In the summer a hot sun would pour down its rays on the weary traveller. In the winter the wind swept furiously over the open ground. He received neither fee or reward. Working at his business during the week but on Sundays often walking 20 to 30 miles and preaching three times.

The hunger for the Bread of Life was so great that men and women would walk many miles on a dark winter's morning to be present at an early service. When the Rev. Rowland Hill once visited Castle Combe, (a beautiful little Wiltshire village) he was timed to preach at 6 a.m. on a very cold winter's morning. One old lady recalling that visit remembered her mother starting off at 5 a.m. to attend the service, taking a lantern to help her through the dark country lanes.

The author of this little book concludes with references to the Sunday School teachers of those days. Men of 'little learning' but with rich spiritual knowledge and deep spiritual power. He adds "I do not depreciate learning, but the thing which should most earnestly be sought after as the principal element in Christian work is spiritual power obtained through personal experience."

Allowing for all the changed conditions of modern life, and our altered conceptions of truth and Christian teaching, are we as much in earnest as these simple villagers of 100 years ago and more?

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	:	54 The Rose Walk, West Worthing.
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OTHER APPOINTMENTS RECENTLY MADE

DEACON'S SECRETARY: Miss A. M. Thomas, 59 Ardingly Drive, Goring.
FREE-WILL OFFERING SECRETARY: Mr. S. J. Knott, 77 Lansdowne Road, W. Worthing.

Sunday Services are held at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
 Sunday School at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Midweek Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

SOMETHING TO THINK OVER

"WHAT COUNTS IN PRAYER IS WHAT THE HEART DESIRES. We can borrow words, and we can borrow thoughts, but we cannot borrow feelings. OUR DESIRES ARE ALWAYS OUR OWN. 'Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed.'"

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"As in the parable of the Prodigal Son, God can do nothing for men until they turn homewards. With a lost sheep or a lost coin, the initiative may be with the owner, but with self-willed men the first step must come from them. Then God is immediately on the way to meet them." (Zech. 1,3).

EDITORIAL CHURCH NOTES

CHARLES R. BARRATT The unveiling of the Memorial Tablet is referred to elsewhere, but many may wonder who the late Mr. Barrett was. Living in West Worthing he attended the Presbyterian Church, but he showed great interest in the proposed Congregational Church for this district, and was elected by our Mother Church to serve on the first Church Extension Committee. Although that Committee was unsuccessful in those early efforts, Mr. Barrett retained his interest, and on his decease his Will recorded a generous legacy for the building of a new Church in this part of Worthing. And a little point of additional interest is that for many years Mrs. Galley's father and Mr. Barrett were both on the Diaconate at Union Congregational Church, Putney.

NEW MEMBERS The transfer of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hodder has now been received, but already we have ceased to think of them as "new" friends. They come to us with high credentials as two of the original members of the Sanderstead (Surrey) Congregational Church, a building completed just before the outbreak of war.

As a retired Chartered Architect, Mr. Hodder L.R.B.A. has already given us

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very valuable service as Church Warden, and we are very fortunate to have his expert advice on many matters.

A GREAT LOSS It is no exaggeration to say that the forthcoming departure of Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull is a very real loss to us. From the very first it has been an added pleasure to have their help and interest as members of our late Pastor's family circle. The Choir especially will miss the willing and consistent service Mrs. Turnbull has rendered, and Mr. Turnbull on his return to this country was soon added to our rota of sidesmen. Joan also did good work with the little ones prior to leaving home and we have always been pleased to see Peter as holiday time came round, and hear of his successes in various ways.

To our very grateful thanks for all this we add our best wishes for the future, and home life at Sutton. But we shall miss them all, very much.

OUR CHURCH GARDEN The late John Oxenham told of a French priest who was very insistent that the approach to a Church should be as beautiful as possible. Some such idea must have prompted Mr. Deslandes for something like a transformation has taken place at Barrington Road, and a considerable part of the rough and stony ground has given way to broad flower beds with turf surrounds. The very generous offer of an unknown member of our Church defrayed the initial cost. But since then some very hard work has been done by Messrs. Deslandes, Wood, Ford and Annible. The tangled growth bordering the right-hand side of the approach meant many hours of patient toil.

OBITUARY One of the first duties of the new Diaconate was to express the sympathy of the Church in family bereavements. Mrs. Minett of 17 Bruce Avenue died on May 2nd, and early in the same month Mrs. and Miss Handford were suddenly called up North by the serious illness of Miss Winifred Handford, who quietly passed away at Harrogate on Tuesday May 10th.

Henry Drummond defined life as a "going to the Father" and added that death means "reaching the Father."

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME "The going was not easy." So runs the report given by our Organising Secretary for this House to House Collection which took place the first three weeks in May. Many of those called upon referred to State aid as making this sort of effort redundant in these days, but at present this is not so.

But despite the hard going the final result was £78. 6. 8. as against a total of £73 for 1948, and Mr. Deslandes very warmly thanks all those who helped to attain this excellent result.

OUR INVALIDS During the past months several friends who at one time regularly worshipped with us at Elm Grove have been laid aside by illness. Mr. Byard, Col. Blower and Mr. A.W. Cables, all live at Goring and in different ways each has passed through a troubled time. We have missed them, and hope that those who have watched over them may yet feel that there has been some definite progress made towards renewed health.

CHURCH SOCIAL Held May 31st, the first Social in our new hall was excellently attended, and proved very enjoyable. In order that we might all get to know each other better every one wore a label with their name inscribed. The musical part of the programme consisted of songs by our well-known friend Mrs. East, and a new-comer in Mr. John Crabb, organist of St.

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Columba's, Presbyterian Church. The catering arrangements by the ladies was highly praised.

AFTERNOON: A very hopeful start was made on Sunday May 22nd. Under Miss Handford's
 SUNDAY : temporary leadership 25 were present. Others who assisted included
 SCHOOL : Mrs. A. A. Aldridge from the Shelley Road Church whose offer of help
 ::::: as pianist or in any other way, was greatly appreciated. Thanks also
 ::::: to Mr. Deslandes for obtaining over 40 names for the Cradle Roll.

THE DIACONATE

At the morning service held on Sunday May 8th the Induction of the newly elected Diaconate took place, Mr. Morgan reading out the names as here given. Owing to her sister's illness Miss Handford was unfortunately not able to attend, but otherwise all were present to respond to the simple
 : BRENDA FORD : but impressive questions put to each, and relating to
 : MURIEL HANDFORD : willingness to serve. After the Ordination hymn which
 : VIOLET MUMFORD : followed our Minister preached on the words "Fervent in spirit"
 : ADELAIDE THOMAS : The Church Constitution adopted by our own Church has the
 : CHARLES CORNWALL : following paragraph:-
 : WILLIAM HITE : "Deacons are called by the Church to an office of great
 : SAMUEL KNOTT : honour and responsibility. They are, with the Minister, the
 : GEORGE NODES : religious leaders of the Fellowship, and are required to
 : ALBERT TRUSS : give consideration to all the Church's work and to carry out
 : EDWARD WEST : its decisions. Their efficient service is therefore
 : CYRIL WOOD : dependant upon the sympathy, confidence and loyal support
 ::::: of its members."

EIM GROVE "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE" With the election of Deacons the original Management Committee ceased to be, and the quarterly meetings hitherto held will now become monthly Deacons meetings.

Over many years this now defunct Committee was a very happy illustration of Church workers representing many different denominations, yet united in purpose and desire to serve, and one in spirit. Thanks to Mrs. and Miss Handford these quarterly meetings were usually held in their Lounge and so whatever the time of year members met under the pleasantest conditions possible.

Looking back the earliest names include the Rev. Morris Bold, M.C., our first Minister, and Mr. E.T. Wiseman as our first Secretary. Mr. W.E. Richardson also rendered good service in many ways prior to leaving Worthing in 1948. And of those who have now passed on we shall always retain happy and grateful memories of the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.O., Mr. A.J. Rule, and Mr. McClunan.

Others who also served on this Committee include the names of Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Doyle, Miss M. Stevenson Mr. C. Firth, Mr. Hodder and Mr. Tryhorn. We are glad to think that we still have the active interest and support of these friends.

OUR "CHRONICLE" Any suggested improvement for our News Sheet will always be welcomed, and carefully considered.

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THE CHILDREN'S "SPECIAL EVENT"

:"There's music of the river,
: There's music of the trees -
: Water ripples o'er the pebbles,
: Branches sway before the breeze;
: But the music most entrancing,
: Which sets the heart a-dancing,
: Is the music of the laughter of
: a child."
: John H. Litten.

At the opening of our Church Hall the
Rev. Maxwell Janes, M.A., (our Southern
Moderator) said he would like to think
that the walls might sometimes resound
with the laughter of little children.
With that thought in mind, the following
brief report is given by one who was
present.

happiness and excitement shown by the children, and the one hundred per cent
attendance, the party was a huge success, and many games were played before and
after tea.

"The first children's tea-party to be
held in our Church Hall took place on
Saturday April 9th. last. From the

The children did justice to a very enjoyable meal, which included plenty of
home-made lemonade, fancy cakes and jellies of many colours, for which we have to
thank many kind friends. Also our grateful thanks are due to the four ladies who
prepared and served such a wonderful tea.

The children showed their appreciation by giving three rousing cheers."

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR APRIL AND MAY 1949.

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
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TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS: £92. 16. 1.

LADIES WORKING PARTY The request made in our last issue for the gift of a
Sewing Machine was very promptly met, and grateful thanks
have been expressed to the donor.

Preliminary notice is given of a Sale of Work to be held in our Church Hall
on November 9th.

THE CHOIR Our last issue was being duplicated before the Easter music was given.
But the special efforts made by the augmented choir on Easter Day was
duly appreciated.

Practice night is now on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. The serious loss caused
by the removal of Mrs. Turnbull is referred to elsewhere, but it lends emphasis
to the appeal for help from those who have the gift of song. Here is a very real
opportunity to render our Church good service.

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MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILING
Sunday Morning, May 22nd, 1949.

"Not merely in the words you say,
Not merely in your deeds confessed,
But in the most unconscious way
Is Christ expressed.

For me, 'twas not the truth you taught,
To you so clear, to me so dim,
But when you came, you brought
A sense of Him.

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

(The above verses were quoted by our late minister, the Rev. F.J.H. Humphrey, D.S.O., in a broadcast sermon preached at Haven Green Church, Ealing, in 1934. They were used by one who had been greatly influenced by the ministry of the late Dr. R.F. Horton and who said "I saw in Him Christ; that was the attraction. I saw Christ in his personality; he radiated Christ as an atmosphere").

<p>..... : : THIS TABLET RECORDS THE : FRUITFUL MINISTRY OF THE : REV. F.J.H. HUMPHREY D.S.O. : DURING THE YEARS 1942-1947. : UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE : GORING CONGREGATIONAL : CHURCH WAS FORMED IN : JUNE 1947. : : IN LOVING MEMORY AND WITH : THANKFULNESS TO GOD. : :</p>	<p>It was fitting that the little ceremony recording fragrant memories should take place on a beauti- ful May morning. Without, and all around, the beauty and charm of late spring. Within, a well-designed tablet reminding us of the beauty and charm of well-lived lives. Lieut. Col. Roy Humphrey who came from Norwich for the occasion paid a fine tribute to his father, making special reference to the happy family life of which he was head. "As Husband, Father, Minister, Friend" all this and much more was included in thinking of the past. Other visitors for this service included Mr. Derrick Humphrey and family from Chepstow, and Alderman and Mrs. C.S. Green.</p>
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This Oak Memorial Board is 4ft wide and 3ft in height, with a shaped top. It consists of three panels, the central one being the largest, and containing the wording inset above. On the right hand panel is the inscription "A. J. RULE, SECRETARY 1944-1949". All the lettering is incised, and coloured blue and red.

Underneath this Tablet is a Brass Plate containing the following wording:-
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF CHARLES R. BARRETT
TO WHOSE INITIAL EFFORTS AND GREAT GENER-
OSITY THIS CHURCH OWES MUCH.

"His servants shall serve Him: and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there."

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STOKESMEAD
(National Children's Home, Alverstoke, Hampshire)

"You've arrived sir." In brilliant weather we stopped outside some quite ordinary iron gates, and there sure enough on a simple metal plate were the words - "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME."

But once inside there was more than a suggestion of royal spaciousness. Attractive looking country houses appeared to be scattered about as if land was cheap. It was "Homes and Gardens," not merely illustrated in a magazine, but come to life. And bathed in April sunshine, and adorned with lovely flowering trees and shrubs, wide pathways, flower beds, and grassland, it made a pretty sight.

Stokesmead is a place in the sun in more ways than one. Situated on Stokes Bay, from the grounds there can be seen a fine panoramic view of the Isle of Wight. And moreover there is an entire absence of drab uniformity in building, lay-out, or clothing of the children. One of the largest and most imposing of the various houses is known as "Sunshine House," and this is reserved for convalescent cases.

But a happy feature of all these homes are the pleasant sun-lit rooms and the spirit of family life which is encouraged by those in authority. Stokesmead is the home of 50 babies, also 100 children between two and six years of age, and 50 older girls and boys. The one necessary qualification for admission is that the child must be "in need."

The National Children's Homes now have 37 branches covering England and Wales. No uniform is worn, and every child receives a sound education and is trained to earn its own living.

THE "LITTLE CHURCH,"

A truly lovely feature of Stokesmead is the Children's Church. In the forecourt of this little Francisian Chapel is a figure of St. Francis, surrounded by a delightful water setting.

Designed by the late Mr. Frederic Lawrence who also planned St. Columba's, Worthing, "Little Church" is set in surroundings of natural charm. The architectural planning although simple, has dainty little transepts, and a charming chancel. Fine spanning archways add dignity to the interior and cunningly half-concealed triforium windows let in light where needed.

Everything connected with this Church was given, and in a cabinet electrically lit lies an illuminated booklet (the amazing work of a former N.C.H. boy who was born without hands), and which tells of the various gifts made, and their donors.

This visit to Alverstoke was arranged by Mr. Deslandes and the Southdown coach contained a happy family party from our own Church together with several friends from Shelley Road. Much more could be told concerning this visit, and the good work that is being done, but the following short story speaks for itself.

"One Christmas Eve I was staying with a minister when he received a phone call from a young man. The mother of five little children had suddenly dropped dead. The father had died two years before and the only relative was a grandmother too old to be of service.

WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF HEARING THIS TRAGIC NEWS, BY TELEPHONING TO HEADQUARTERS THE ADMISSION OF THE WHOLE HELPLESS FAMILY INTO THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME HAD BEEN SECURED."

THE CHRONICLE

No. 33.

Goring Congregational Church

Sept.-Oct. 1949

MINISTER: Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D.,
29 Westpark Lane, West Worthing.
(Tel: Goring 42526).

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

CHURCH SECRETARY: Miss Handford,
29 Marlborough Road, W. Worthing.
(Tel: Goring 41127).

EDITOR OF CHRONICLE: Mr. C. H. Cornwall,
"Bradda", 54 The Rose Walk, W. Worthing.

APPOINTMENTS RECENTLY MADE

CHURCH-WARDEN - Mr. E. E. Hodder, 70 Sea Place, West Worthing.

LADY HOUSEKEEPER: Miss V. Mumford, 5 Bruce Way, West Worthing.

SEPTEMBER SONG

"There's beauty in September : The late Axel Munthe in his classic "Story of
In every Sussex lane, : San Michele" reminds his readers that much that
Now black and scarlet berries : is best and most beautiful, is not put up for
Bedock the hedge again." : sale at all, but is offered to us as a gift.
: "We are allowed to watch the sun rise and set,
: the clouds sail along in the sky, the forests
and the fields, the glorious sea, all without spending a penny. The birds sing
to us for nothing, the wild flowers we may pick as we are walking along by the
roadside. There is no entrance fee to the starlit hall of the Night".

EDITORIAL CHURCH NOTES

REV. S. O. MORGAN, B.A., B.D. The July "Chronicle" had just been posted off for duplication when our Minister met with his accident on the sea front; so reference to this could not be made in our last issue. Despite the severe shock occasioned by the fall, Mr. Morgan was only absent for one Sunday, and we all hope that by the time these notes are being read, he may have recovered the full use of his arm and hand, but it must have been a time of much discomfort, and a trial of patience.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. At the Church Meeting held on July 27th., it was decided to apply to the local authorities for permission to build a Manse on the ground at Barrington Road.

A GENEROUS GIFT. Included in a former list of gifts for our Church Hall was that of three Vestry Chairs, given by Mrs. Allen. This friend of Mr. & Mrs. Rule has now found suitable chairs, and these should shortly be delivered. Our very sincere thanks are due for this most useful addition to our Church furniture.

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A PARTING GIFT. At the close of the Choir Practice on Friday, July 1st., a little presentation took place. As an expression of gratitude and regard for the musical services rendered, during the past years, Mrs. Turnbull was asked to accept an onyx writing-table set, including a perpetual calendar etc. In a few well-chosen words Mrs. Galley made reference to the indebtedness of both the choir and the Church for all that Mrs. Turnbull had done to help in the service of praise.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SERVICE. This was held on Sunday June 19th., and those responsible must have given much time and thought to preparing the children for the part they took. Suitably preceded by the christenings referred to elsewhere, the service also included special hymns, recitations by Elizabeth Robotham and Anne Calder, who both spoke clearly, and the lessons were well read by Alan Calder and Donald Bidgood. As leader of the morning school Miss Ford gave the young folk an original talk on "Buckets". An extra display of flowers, and a sermon on the ministry of flowers, made one hope some such service may be held annually.

THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN.

"I do not own an inch of land
But all I see is mine,
The orchards and the mowing fields
The lawns and gardens fine."

Happy are those who make the good things of life their own in this way. Yet even so a little garden which we ourselves have tended, and can call our own, gives very special pleasure. And it is certainly to the credit of girls and boys, that during the past days of this summer, the portion of ground on the South side of our Church has been gay with colour, and has often been admired. Gardening night has been on Tuesday evenings, and Miss Ford must feel pleased with such results. Thank you children for what you have done!

SPECIAL : Sunday, September 25th. Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, M. A. (Morning and Evening).

DATES : Sunday, October 2nd. Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

TO : Sunday, October 30th. Rev. Maxwell Janes, B. A., B. D., (Moderator).

NOTE : Thursday, October 27th. United UNA Meeting in our Church Hall.

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WINTER FLOWERS. Our Flower Secretary (Mr. Deslandes) has been thinking ahead, and visualising the dull days of winter when even a few flowers help to beautify our Church. In order to have a fund in hand for this purpose, small contributions will be very gladly received. In many a sick room the patient has been cheered by the thought that they have not been forgotten, and that the flowers have come direct from the Church after the evening service. "I appreciate it more than I can say, and the flowers gave me great joy", was one of many messages received.

Mr. Deslandes also wishes it known that a very real need for the Church garden is a small Tool Shed. At present the various gardening implements take up valuable space in the Men's Cloak Room. Anyone willing to help provide a shed of this kind would render good service and help solve a real problem.

HEENE ROOMS CONCERT. West Worthing Townswomen's Guild Drama Circle friends, provided a very enjoyable evening on June 16th. Arranged by Miss Ball this effort resulted in the excellent total of £13. 16. 6., being added to our Building Fund. The sincere thanks of the Church was suitably voiced by Miss Handford.

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A "CRADLE ROLL" AFTERNOON SERVICE

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: "Father, now we thank Thee : This might almost be called a service of smiles.
: For this little child; : True there were some signs of disapproval, from
: Thou hast given him to us, : just one or two tiny tots, but the unorthodoxy
: On him Thou hast smiled". : of it all was delightful.

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: The hot afternoon on July 23rd., may have
: kept some away, but about 20 mothers and fathers
: brought their little ones, and were suitable

welcomed by Miss Handford and Mr. Morgan. The distribution of Cradle Roll Certificates was made, Mrs. W.G. Hite reading out the names of 71 children, and in some cases the little ones themselves toddled up to receive the cards. As leader of the Morning Sunday School, Miss Ford also spoke a few words, making reference to future hopes and plans.

The great majority of those whose names are on the Cradle Roll were secured by Mr. Deslandes in a house to house visitation. Owing to absence from home he was unable to be present, but he would have been interested to hear our Minister suggest that possibly one of these little ones might one day be world famous! "Fragile beginnings of a mighty end" - who knows? It could be the one with a teddy bear nearly as big as himself, the tiny mite who tripped so daintily around, or any one of the others!

AN EDITORIAL APOLOGY

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: DIACONATE : In our July "Chronicle" reference was made to the Induction
: of the newly elected Diaconate, and the list of names was
: given. It is very sincerely regretted that by some un-
: fortunate oversight the name of Mr. Ernest Deslandes was
: BRENDA FORD : omitted. In one other case the Christian name was also
: MURIEL HANDFORD : wrong, so the full list is again recorded.
: VIOLET MUMFORD :
: ADELAIDE THOMAS :

Under the present system of duplication, it is not possible to receive a proof copy, and this alone makes it more difficult to ensure complete accuracy.

Miss Handford, (who was unavoidably absent at the Induction Service), was herself inducted and welcomed as a Deacon, at the morning service on July 17th., and each Deacon has received a copy of Harold Bickley's booklet "The High Calling and Work of a Deacon". A little work presenting high ideals for Church Officers.

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: WILLIAM HITE :
: SAMUEL KNOTT :
: GEORGE NODES :
: ALBERT TRUSS :
: ERNEST WEST :
: CYRIL WOOD :
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LADIES WORKING PARTY

After September 6th., weekly meetings will be held in preparation for the Sale which will be held in our Church Hall on Wednesday, November 9th. This Sale is in aid of our Church Funds, and will be opened by Mrs. Spaul.

It has been arranged to have the following Stalls:- 1. Needlework and Knitted Garments. 2. Garden Produce and Preserves. 3. Household and Groceries. 4. Bran Tub. Teas will be provided, and gifts for the stalls, also cakes, etc., for the teas, should be sent to Mrs. Gowen, 39 Rose Walk, or any member of the Committee; or they can be left at the Hall on the morning of the Sale. On September 20th., the Shelley Road Church Working Party will be entertained at Barrington Road.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONUNITED SERVICE IN OUR GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL

at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 27th, 1949.

Rev. W. W. S. March, M.A., B.D., Vicar of St. Mary's will give the address.

Very special attention is called to the above announcement. During our later years at Elm Grove these united gatherings were held in the Parish Church at Goring on a Sunday evening, our own service for that night being given up. But under altered circumstances the Deacons felt unable to abandon our usual Sunday evening service, and suggested that this time we should act as hosts to the Anglicans and Methodists, and arrangements have now been made as above. The collection will be given in entirety to the U.N.A. Campaign Fund.

It is earnestly hoped that our own members and friends will not fail to attend, and so worthily follow on the impressive gatherings hitherto held at St. Mary's Church.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY RALLY AT YAPTON

This Annual Summer Rally was held on June 29th., and came in the midst of the hot sunny weather we have enjoyed this year. The record number of 16 folk from our own Church attended, some going in the coach with friends from Shelley Road, and others in cars.

So remote seemed the idea of rain that the benches from the school were moved to the lovely Manse garden, and the meeting was held out there; a very pleasant arrangement in the heat, for as usual there was a company large enough to fill the little Church to capacity.

From Mrs. Cyril Knott we heard something of the very fine stand that the Chinese Christians are making against the persecutions and difficulties which the Communist regime has brought, especially among the students at the College where Mr. Knott worked.

Unexpectedly this fascinating story was interrupted by large drops of rain, so an adjournment was made to the Church. The Rev. A. M. Paterson from L.M.S. Headquarters also spoke, bringing greetings from the Society, and thanks for the well-sustained support which comes from the South-West Sussex Auxillary.

Bright sunshine returning, tea was taken in the Manse garden, the Yapton friends kindly providing cups of tea. This re-union of friends and fellow workers for the L.M.S., was a very happy interlude in the year of work, and an inspiration for all who desire the coming of God's Kingdom throughout the world. Perhaps next year even more of our number will join in this delightful excursion. M.E. Handford.

CHRISTENINGS The Summer Service held on June 19th and referred to elsewhere, included the first Christenings to take place in our Church Hall. The two little ones were JAMES MARK and VICTORIA SUSAN, the children of Mr. & Mrs. Clayden, of 37 Chesterfield Road.

OBITUARY We regret to record that yet another of those who joined our Church when first formed over two years ago, has now passed on. Mrs. F. A. Gammon, of 74 Ripley Road, was admitted to Southlands Hospital following a fall in a cafe, and died on June 8th. Mrs. Gammon was also a very loyal and active member of the Ladies Working Party.

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A VISIT TO WINCHESTER

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 : "Beauty is as necessary : If it was beauty we were after then we had it in
 : to man as food or drink. : abundance on one of the hottest days of summer in
 : He must have it in some : July last. An excellently planned excursion in a
 : form whether it is music, : new South-down Coach took us to the historic city
 : art, literature, philosophy : of Winchester, the one-time capital of the Saxons.
 : or religion". : Arranged by Mr. Deslandes, the party once again
 : Frank S. Smythe of Mount : united friends from our own Church together with
 : Everest fame, writing of : others from the Church at Shelley Road. The outward
 : his beloved hills and : journey alone took us through the typical and
 : Mountains. : charming Sussex scenery of Petworth, Midhurst and
 : Petersfield.
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"DEALING WITH WHAT IS MATERIAL, BUT HOLDING CONVERSE WITH
WHAT IS SPIRITUAL"

(Definition of Architecture by Bishop Wordsworth)

Only about 60 miles from Worthing stands one of England's finest Cathedrals, dating back to the 11th Century. But although so ancient it is far from being gloomy with "a dim religious light". And without a doubt it is sometimes for the good of our souls that we should stand and wonder at the tremendous dignity and majestic grandeur of Gothic architecture at its best, the ruling aim of which has been said to uplift both eye and mind, so that throughout his work the architect had elevation in every sense as his primary object.

Did space permit, much might be said about what proved a delightful visit, and which also included peeps at the College Chapel, and the peaceful College Closets, gay with old-fashioned flowers. But one abiding memory remains. This lovely building was seen with the sunlight infiltrating through the stained glass windows of great beauty, and adding the wondrous charm of light and shade to arches, gateways, Choir Stalls, and Reredos. Nothing mean or paltry here! One was compelled both to look up and around.

As regards the actual journey to Winchester, it is not often that one word can produce many laughs. But the word "approximately" gave rise to quite a lot of merriment, the approximate times as given on the neatly typed and interesting programme sheets being subject to disputive banterings by comparison with varying individual timepieces!

C.H.C.

"CROSSING THE BAR"

This "Chronicle" was ready for duplication when the sad news came through of the passing of our friend Mr. J.W. Hawes of 13 Lancaster Road.

Formerly of Wanstead, Essex, and a member of the Leytonstone Congregational Church, and following the loss of his wife, our brother came to Worthing in the early part of 1948, and had his Church membership transferred in February last.

Greatly loved by all his family connections, his sunny and happy disposition made us feel fortunate to have his sympathy and support in our church life, and we were hoping one day to have a visit from his son the Rev. Gordon Hawes, M.A., of Dulwich.

Mr. Hawes passed away on August 3rd, at "Pentlands" Nursing Home, Mill Road, after two or three weeks of serious illness. His sister, Miss Hawes with whom he lived, has our special sympathy in her great loss.

THE CHRONICLE

No. 34.

Goring Congregational Church

Nov. - Dec. 1949

MINISTER:

Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D. : Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
 29 Westpark Lane, : Children's Church at Morning Service
 West Worthing. : Afternoon Sunday School at 3 p.m.
 (Tel: Goring 42526) :
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CHURCH SECRETARY

Miss Handford, : Morning Communion first Sunday in the month.
 29 Marlborough Road, : Evening Communion every third Sunday in the
 West Worthing. : month.
 (Tel: Goring 41127) : Midweek Service on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 : Choir Practice at 7 p.m.

CHURCH TREASURER

Mr. E. W. J. West, : Ladies Working Party on Tuesday afternoons at
 "Overmoigne", : 2.30 p.m. After Sale, alternate Tuesdays
 Smuggler's Walk, : only.
 Sea Place, W. Worthing. : Church Meeting on Wednesday preceding 1st Sunday
 (Tel: 42450) : of each month.

EDITOR OF "CHRONICLE"

Mr. C. H. Cornwall, : The minister wishes to know of any case of
 "Bradda", 54 The Rose Walk : illness among the congregation, and such can
 West Worthing. : be reported to a Deacon or Steward.
 : The Flower Secretary will also be pleased to
 : supply Church flowers in such cases.

SOMETHING TO THINK OVER

"God's searching of our hearts is not the searching of a mere outsider or spectator. It is bound up with God's salvation of us.... It is not your good behaviour that God wants, but YOU. So that another 'I' may be born in you."

(Dr. F. W. Camfield, former Minister of Shelley Road Church)

CHURCH NOTES

OUR APPROACH TO WORSHIP "One wonders whether the folk passively sitting in the pews realise to what extent the success of a service depends upon their reverence, their expectancy, their thoughts, their intensity and their devotion... How different our routine sessions of worship would be if all of us - resisting the dull and deadly sense of familiarity - if all were able to believe, that we are actually then and there in the presence of God."

These are the words of the Rev. D. W. Langridge, M.A., of Union Church, Brighton, and the attention of all is drawn to the wording now exhibited at the entrance to our Church Hall. Unnecessary talking prior to the service is very infectious, even more so than measles or the common cold!

THE MANSE AND THE HUT As long ago as 1922 the late Sir James Barrie was giving the students of St. Andrew's University his Rectorial address, and his subject was "Courage". Facing his youthful audience he exclaimed "Courage is the thing. All goes if courage goes."

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Recalling that classic speech no one can accuse our young Church of lacking courage. With a membership which has not yet reached 100, and despite heavy and even crippling losses, we have at successive Church Meetings decided to apply for permission to build a Manse, and also elected a small Committee to make immediate enquiries

..... concerning the erection of a Hut for the Children's Church.

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: HUT : Circumstances have made both of these decisions almost
: COMMITTEE : inevitable. It is now an open secret that in July last
: : the Moderator (Rev. O. Maxwell Janes), told the Diaconate
: : that it would be useless to invite a new minister to our
: Miss Ford : Church unless we had a house to offer him.

: Miss Green :
: Mrs. Billings :
: Mr. Wood : And growing numbers at our morning Children's Church has
: Mr. Hodder : made it urgently necessary to find extra accommodation
: : for the children. It has therefore been decided that the
: : proceeds of the forthcoming Sale of Work in November, shall
: : be given to the latter cause.

HARVEST SERVICES These took place on Sunday, October 2nd., and were well attended both morning and evening. The tasteful decorations looked really beautiful when our "sunshine" lighting was switched on for evening worship. The children had a little harvest hymn all on their own at the morning service, and an augmented Choir gave us some excellent harvest music. The subject of both sermons was "The Challenge of the Harvest".

WINTER FLOWER FUND Our Flower Secretary wishes to acknowledge with many thanks a number of monetary gifts received for Church flowers during the winter months. If there are any others who would like to contribute their help would be much appreciated.

It is also a pleasure to report that the appeal made in our last "Chronicle" for assistance to defray the cost of a Church Tool Shed has already met with a generous response, and one or two friends have very kindly offered to finance the erection of this. Our Church gardeners will very fully appreciate the usefulness of this little outhouse, and gratefully thank the donors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Goring-by-Sea Branch of the United Nations Association, will hold a special meeting at the Molson Hall on Nov. 24th at 3 p.m., when the regional organiser Mr. Tweddle will address the meeting, his subject being "U.N.O. on Trial". Those arranging for this are anxious for a full attendance.

Preliminary notice is also given of a Concert which it is hoped to hold in our Church Hall early in December. This will be arranged by Mr. Truss and the proceeds will be devoted to the Church Garden Fund.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Our Minister will always be pleased to see friends with a view to becoming members of our Church. It would undoubtedly give Mr. Morgan special pleasure to welcome such before the termination of his pastorate.

Since our last "Chronicle" was issued we have had the pleasure of welcoming back Mrs. C. Fifth, following on her recent illness and Nursing Home ordeal. Our best wishes for renewed and sustained health.

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BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP 1950

My dear Friends,

We are living in an age of recurrent crises where Communism, Nationalism, and Secularism darken the horizon, threatening those values so precious to the Christian. Sober thinking is required of us, and wise guidance, and where can we look better than at the depository of precious truths so wonderfully adapted to human need and to every age and condition of human life?

I refer to the Bible, the oldest, and at the same time the newest of books, which is still a lamp to the feet, and a light to the path of those who seek to know what is highest and best. It is the book of God and it must be read and studied carefully.

The booklets issued by the Bible Reading Fellowship are proving a great help to thousands, many difficult passages being illumined by quoting the reading of the Moffat Bible, which often throws a new light on the Authorised Version. I should like to know that all our members are reading the same passages daily, and so developing a real fellowship and unity which must produce rich fruit in the life and witness of our Church. Mr. Deslandes will be glad to give you all information, and to enrol new members for 1950 at 2/- yearly.

Your friend in Christ, SYDNEY O. MORGAN.

"PIONEERS STILL"

(Centenary Booklet published by the Sussex Congregational Union)

.....	Some of the extracts from old Church Minute Books
:	given in this little booklet suggest very vividly the
:	earnest and determined manner in which our pioneers
:	lived and worked.
:	Horsham (Dec. 1800) "Bring unanimously led (we trust
:	by the Holy Ghost) to view and deplore the dis-united,
:	disorderly situation for many years past..... we
:	give ourselves up to God and each other in Church
:	fellowship. We do propose as opportunity occurs, to
:	meet together to implore the aid and direction of
:	God's spirit on all that shall lay before us."
:	Petworth (May 1887). "Resolved to print the Church
.....	Rules and every member is expected to purchase a
	copy", also "Every member.... shall be expected to

submit to such Church discipline as the Church may deem proper for the preservation of its purity and peace."

Battle in 1887 was troubled by lapsed members, and later 24 names were erased for various reasons. Hastings was a real storm centre, and there was much noisy opposition.

In the early years of the 19th Century, Croft Church, Hastings, was erected, but in the face of considerable difficulty and opposition. The first structure was of wood, and so great was the feeling against the little band of Congregation- alists, that the building had to be made in London and brought to Hastings by water.

Well worth reading, this little publication, "Pioneers Still" - ours is the privilege to follow on.

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C H R I S T E N I N G S

Sunday, August 14th. MARGARET ANN, Born December 22nd, 1948.
 Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clark, 121 The Quadrant, Goring-by-Sea.

Sunday, September 25th. PATRICIA ANN, Born August 11th, 1949.
 Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walker, 41 The Quadrant, Goring-by-Sea.
 Also ANTHONY PHILIP WILLIAM, Born July 17th, 1949. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Dorey,
 141, The Strand, Goring-by-Sea.

O B I T U A R YEDGAR TRYHORN

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 : "Come away; for Life and Thought;
 : Here no longer dwell;
 : But in a city glorious -
 : A great and distant city -
 : have bought
 : A mansion incorruptible."

During the present year our Church has had heavy and grievous losses. On August 15th, last, our friend Mr. Tryhorn somewhat suddenly passed away. The funeral service was held in our Church Hall - the first of its kind in our new home - and the centre of the Church was well-filled, many members being present from the Tarring Bowlers Club.

Mr. Tryhorn retired to Worthing in 1945, his home town in earlier years being that of Salisbury. A Post Office Official, he had also rendered good service as Secretary of the Congregational Branch Church at Brookman's Park, previous to his retirement.

Coming to us at Elm Grove, together with Mrs. and Miss Tryhorn, our friend soon began to help us, and was enrolled as a Steward, and also elected to serve on the Management Committee. Quiet, but alert and thoughtful, he was a valued member of the latter. Although living at Goring he was a very regular attendant at our services, and had health permitted would undoubtedly have been elected to the new Diaconate. The family were all received by Mr. Humphrey as members when our Church was formed in June 1947.

Joining our party for the first Winchester visit in July last, our friend soon after began to fail in health, and after considerable suffering he passed to his eternal home. His death is a very real loss to our Church, and we offer our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Tryhorn and her daughter in their time of trouble.

EDWIN JOHN BYARD M.B.E.

In our Elm Grove days, Mr. & Mrs. Byard were faithful supporters of fellowship. Staunch Methodists, they remained loyal to their own denomination, but we always felt we had their interest and sympathetic support. Formerly of Kensal Rise and Edgware, Mr. Byard was one of the Librarians at the British Museum. Also he was a Lay Preacher in the Methodist Church.

Throughout last winter our friend was seriously ill, and latterly was greatly weakened by much suffering, and he passed away on Sept. 15th. Devotedly nursed by his wife almost to the end, we also extend to Mrs. Byard our Christian sympathy in her great loss.

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THE SALE OF WORK

The date of this important event has been altered, and will now take place on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1949. And it has been decided to have the following stalls:-

<u>CHURCH</u>	::	<u>WORKING MEETING</u>
Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Green	::	Mrs. E.A. Hite, Mrs. Nodes & Mrs. Knott
<u>HOUSEHOLD & GROCERY</u>	::	<u>GARDEN PRODUCE & PRESERVES</u>
Mrs. Spittle and Miss Usher	::	Mr. & Mrs. Wood and Mr. Ford.
<u>CHILDREN</u>	::	<u>TEAS</u>
Miss Ford, Miss Coles, Miss West	::	Mrs. Gowen, Miss Hanford, Miss Mumford, Miss Stevenson, Miss Thomas

NOTES CONCERNING SALE Gifts for the Stalls should be brought to the Church Hall on the afternoon or evening previous to the Sale, or given to any of the Stall Holders prior to day of Sale.

The ladies who will be arranging teas will be grateful for offers of cakes, etc., and will friends kindly intimate what they hope to give.

Tea tickets 1/6 each, can be obtained prior to the Sale, or at the Hall on the day.

CAKEMAKING COMPETITION Miss Thomas, 59 Ardingley Drive, Goring, is kindly arranging a Cake-making Competition, the recipe and particulars of which can be obtained from her.

EVENING PROGRAMME Other competitions and music are being arranged for by the gentlemen and younger members of the congregation, to take place during the evening. Light refreshments will also then be obtainable.

As stated elsewhere the Ladies Working Party has decided that the proceeds of this Sale shall be given towards the fund for building a Church Hut for the benefit of the children, who will, we hope, form the Church and Congregation of tomorrow. Some of us have found a great deal of pleasure in watching the children as they leave our morning worship for a service of their own. Our marvellous summer has up to early autumn made it possible for them to hold this in the Church Garden, but the coming of winter has made some other arrangement very necessary.

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES Taking our week-night service on Oct. 5th, the Rev. Frank Smith, spoke on the words "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper, even as thy soul prospereth", (3 John, v.2). Only a small company were present but none could fail to be deeply impressed by the challenge thus presented. How should we stand if we could only prosper physically, financially, or in any other way, ACCORDING AS OUR SOUL PROSPERED?

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ANOTHER WINCHESTER COACH TRIP

(So successful were previous coach trips to Stokesmeade and Winchester that a repeat visit was made to the latter place on August 30th. The following breezy account is given by one who joined the happy party.)

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"9.30 a.m. sharp to time, 32 members and friends boarded the Southdown Coach at Elm Grove, all in a very happy frame of mind. Once again the success of the trip was very largely due to the organisation of Mr. Deslandes. As each one entered the coach, a leaflet was handed to them giving the approximate times of reaching the various stages, together with places of interest to visit in Winchester and elsewhere.

A stop was made at Midhurst for coffee, and on resuming the journey the invigorating Sussex air prompted some to open up their packed lunches of chicken and ham (? ! Ed.) and to start their meal before the appointed time. Those who were "willing to wait" (like John Bunyan's character, Patience,) found the pretty park at Winchester, beside the river Itchen, to be an ideal spot for a picnic lunch.

One of the centres of attraction was naturally the wonderful Cathedral, but on this occasion the shops also claimed quite a lot of attention. (The only part of the day when some of the men looked terribly bored!) One really bright incident was that of the lady in a party of six who found a bargain, and procured it with great joy.

The return journey was pleasant if uneventful, until at Portsmouth the majority of the party seemed to wake up and converse on one subject - Tea! But this alas could not be obtained until reaching Chichester, where with characteristic Church manners the party broke up in Hymnary fashion, some to the (Ancient) Tudor Tea Rooms, and others to the (Modern) Cinema Cafe. Besides visiting the Cathedral a few were fortunate enough to be allowed to enter the old Church of St. Mary's and see the eight dear old ladies who live in the almshouses inside the building, cubicles being arranged instead of pews.

A lovely day ended at 6.30 p.m. and the organiser scored full marks for his arrangements. "How about a visit to Canterbury next time?"

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1949

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
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" 14.	3.	13.	1.	6.	11.	7.	:	" 11.	3.	14.	9.	6.	2.	2.
" 21.	4.	3.	0.	5.	7.	7.	:	" 18.	3.	17.	0.	6.	17.	9.
" 28.	3.	5.	0.	5.	19.	0.	:	" 25.	4.	12.	9.	4.	13.	6.
	<u>£15. 1. 1.</u>			<u>£25. 4. 4.</u>			:	<u>£16. 19. 9.</u>			<u>£23. 7. 3.</u>			

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS £80. 12. 5.

OUR SERVICES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1949 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY
REV. H. M. SPRINGBETT, M.A.
 (Assistant Minister at Hampstead Garden Suburb Church)

GORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WEST WORTHING

MINISTER: Rev. S. C. Morgan, B.A., B.D., 29 Westpark Lane, W. Worthing.

SECRETARY: Miss Handford, 29 Marlborough Road, West Worthing.

TREASURER: Mr. E. W. J. West, "Owermoigne" Smuggler's Walk, Sea Place, West Worthing.

AN INVITATION

The Officers of our Church give you a very cordial invitation to come and visit our New Church Hall at Barrington Road, off Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring Road. The building is well heated, and the lighting both pleasant and effective.

Sunday Services are held at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. It is not our wish to weaken any other Church, but we shall warmly welcome newcomers to the district together with others who do not feel able to attend Churches farther away.

Meeting at Elm Grove School Hall during the past $8\frac{1}{2}$ years our activities have of necessity been severely limited up to now. Excepting on very rare occasions no other gatherings than that for Sunday worship have been possible. But with the opening of our new Church Hall there will be far greater opportunities for development of Christian effort. In particular we shall look forward to making the Sunday School work and Children's Services of real value, and attractive in character, and with the expected increase of population in the surrounding parts we confidently hope to add to our number.

WHAT THE BUILDING STANDS FOR

Those who are members of this Church believe that all men and women everywhere are children of one great human family whose Father is God. They also believe that we cannot live a full or satisfying life by "bread alone." It is possible to be starved spiritually, and suffer in consequence just as easily as we can lose physical health and strength by austerity rationing. A "spiritual home" can strengthen and help us in time of need, and also help to keep us at our best. And in corporate worship we are refreshed and invigorated for the daily duties of life, and discover that some sort of service is essential to our happiness and well-being.

The Church Covenant which we have adopted includes the following:-
 "We seek to fulfil the will of God, as declared in Scripture, in bearing one another's burdens and sharing each other's joys, in welcoming the stranger and befriending the poor and lonely, in caring for the young, and building up our families as part of the great family of God."

"WHATEVER THE NEXT WORLD HOLDS IN STORE FOR US WE ARE BIDDEN IN THIS TO SEEK AND TO SERVE GOD IN OUR FELLOW MEN, AND IN THE CREATURES OF HIS MAKING WHOM HE CALLS BY HIS NAME."