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Ten Years.

IN November, 1934, a few brethren decided to start a new magazine to plead for loyalty to the faith of the New Testament. So in January, 1935, 'The Scripture Standard' began its course. It was a real venture of faith which has been amply justified. It has been gratifying to note the steady increase in circulation in Britain and other lands; and to know of the continual growth in numbers, strength, and influence of the cause for which it stands. To God be all the praise!

Adapting Paul's words, we say; Having obtained help of God, we continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those taught in the Scriptures, and fought for by the pioneers of the Restoration Movement.

We hope by God's grace to continue our witness for the Old Faith against 'Modernism,' 'Anglo-Catholicism,' and every other 'ism' that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and to endeavour to bring "our own thoughts, and those of others, into captivity to the obedience of the Christ.

During 1945 we hope (D.V.) to publish a series of articles by Bro. Carlton Melling on 'Landmarks in the Restoration Movement.' Such articles are much needed, for many members of Churches of Christ do not know the history of these Churches. A revival of interest in, and earnest propagation of our special and distinctive witness is one of the most urgent needs of to-day.

We warmly thank all our numerous helpers. EDITOR.

From the Treasurer

ANOTHER year has almost gone. Warmest thanks are due to those who have helped with the despatch of the *S.S." and to agents and subscribers generally. Without your co-operation the task would be much more difficult. Thank you every one.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please send these along at once if possible, also changes in quantities, addresses, etc. Let me have these in

the early days of December, where possible, please.

READING CARDS

These have again been prepared, and can be had for the asking. Please say how many are required. No charge is made, but a few stamps to cover postage. I am not this year asking for addressed envelopes, as most sent last year" were not big or strong enough.

New Testament readings will cover 2nd Thessalonians, the Gospel of John, and part of Acts, Old Testament exclusively from Isaiah. The general opinion of brethren was in favour of consecutive readings. Some readings during 1944 have been rather long, as brethren have pointed out. I have tried to meet this for 1945, but could not do so entirely without loss. Chapter divisions have been ignored where necessary.

'THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST'

This has been reprinted from the December issue of the 'S.S.' 1943.' It is a single sheet, and can be printed on the other side for advertising meetings. It is ideal for distribution, and sets forth our position admirably. 100 copies for 1/- post paid—from the Treasurer.

A. L. FRITH.

Our Example.

God, in His goodness, not only has given a full revelation of the law by which we are to be judged, but has also revealed to us the character of the judge. He came in the flesh and suffered being tempted. Hence through experience as well as by infinite knowledge, he is sympathetic and merciful toward us all in our weakness and temptations. Yet he was without sin, making it manifest that one can fulfil God's righteousness while in the flesh; and leaving us without excuse to sin, encouraging us to follow his example in doing God's will rather than to rely wholly on his mercy and the abundance of his grace.—J. R. Hackworth.

The God of Both Covenants

Dear Jim,

I enjoyed our short chat, some weeks ago, and am only sorry that pressure of circumstances prevented us from continuing the discussion. I feel it is a more important subject than you realise, unless I misunderstood the doubts you expressed regarding the authority of certain parts of the Scriptures.

Your main point seemed to be the apparent difference between Moses' idea of God and that expressed by Jesus which, you thought, indicated a failure on the part of Moses to understand God. This led you to doubt the truth of such statements as "The Lord said unto Moses," and "Thus saith the Lord," spoken by Moses and other 'prophets' of the Old Covenant in connection with precepts which seem to you to be unchristian.

But do you not see where this idea leads? I had to put the word prophets in quotation marks to indicate what must be virtually an objection to Moses' right to that lofty title, and I fear that to carry your thought to its logical conclusion there will not be one single prophet of the Old Testament free from the effects of your censorship.

Yes, I agree that the Old Testament must be considered in the light of the New Testament. To us who believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, everything in life must be regarded in the light of this teaching. The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed' is a well-known slogan, but I fear you have misunderstood it, or if you do believe the latter part of it you have missed the truth of the first half. The New is in the Old concealed—not distorted. The Old is in the New revealed—not contradicted. In the Old Covenant the love of God is *latent*; in the New Covenant it is *patent*.

This brings me to a thought implied in the second paragraph above. You, like many another, have difficulty in reconciling the Mosaic law with the Law of Love in Christ, haven't you? Your reasoning, therefore, takes this course:

Moses and Christ cannot both be right. Jesus was the Son of God, therefore it is Moses who must be wrong. God cannot be inconsistent, therefore when Moses saying he is speaking the words of God he is in fact expressing merely his own mis-taken ideas of God.' Then you go to the New Testament and find words of Jesus which you can twist to substantiate your hypothesis, such as: 'Moses said unto you but I say unto you

and you say 'There Jesus acknowledges that Moses gave the Law not God.'

But the whole argument has a wrong foundation because Moses and Christ do not contradict each other. To say that

God's revelation through Moses is not consistent with his revelation in Christ is limiting God to your own finite conception of consistency. Do you suppose that the Lord of the Universe has no reserves of thought that you cannot grasp? Must all the words of God be conformable to human logic? There is nothing logical in God's matchless Gift of Love to the erring human race—being a gift of incomprehensible mercy and grace—so why must his previous laws be logical? I must confess that to me the thought of God's Word being available for my consideration is so great a privilege that I would not dare to doubt any part of it, especially those 'Thus saith the Lords' which have been so miraculously preserved as authentic for four thousand years, unless they were proved conclusively as counterfeit.

Professor Basil Atkinson, in his book 'Is the Bible True?' wrote a chapter on 'The Morality of the Old Testament,' from which I will make a quotation in conclusion.

'The Old Testament contains frequent instances of the judgment of God upon sin and sinners. Popular theologians say these are inconsistent with the nature of a God of Love, that a God of love was revealed by Jesus, and that therefore there is a difference between the view of God in the Old Testament and that in the New . . .

"There is one complete permanent cure for any one inclined to think that there might be something in this view. It is to read the Bible carefully through and let it speak for itself — as a consistent whole. Both Old and New Testaments reveal what we may call, without intending to speak irreverently, two great sides to God's character, His holiness and His love. These are not antagonistic to each other, but complementary. The " Old Testament speaks more of His holiness, the New Testament more of His love, but both are clearly revealed in both sections of the Bible. It is easy to understand why the Old Testament speaks more of His holiness, because it is necessary for us to understand the holiness before the love. At least it is certainly necessary for us to understand first of all about God that He is absolutely good. Then He goes on to show us how much He loves us. The value of the love of God should lie in the fact that it is the love of One Who is absolutely good and hates sin.'

Perhaps you will reconsider this question and let me know any other thoughts you have on the matter. Every good wish.

RAY.

IT is by no means unusual for an open mouth and a closed mind to be connected with the same anatomy.—'North Carolina Christian Advocate.'

Bro. George Hassell Do You Just Belong?

SIXTY
YEARS MEMBERSHIP IN THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

THE Editor has asked me to write something about this, though no one could have done so better than he. I have known Bro. Hassell for twenty-five years, twenty of these intimately. He has been, and is to me, as Paul to Timothy. When I first made contact with the Churches of Christ he was one of the first preachers I heard and made friends with. Throughout the years "we have come closer to each other. Many years ago he came to our home in Blackpool broken in health, and was with us for nine weeks. Many times since then he has been our guest; and was the first to address, the few brethren at Fleetwood.

He always felt the call of the sea, and never wanted inviting to Fleetwood twice. Bro. Hassell is beloved over a wide area, especially where he is so well known in the Midlands. His main interest-in life, it is safe to say, has been that of the Kingdom of God. No man among us has served the churches better, amazingly so In view of his physical disability. Some of us marvel how "he has done it. The Editor some time ago paid him a great tribute when he said 'he has ever been loyal to the old faith.' This will find an echo In many hearts. A man deeply spiritual, yet interested in men and things, of simple life and few wants, and with a keen sense of humour, Such is Bro. Hassell.

At the end of sixty years' membership, Bro. Hassell feels the apostacy and departure from our original position as keenly as any man. He has done what he could all along to stem the tide. He believes, as do many of us, that as a people, we hold the truth. His chief Joy has been proclaiming the Gospel, and he has ever been appreciative of the glorious fellowship, with those of like mind over the sixty years. No one looked forward to the means of grace more than he.

At the moment of writing our brother expects to go into hospital, and, if his condition permits, a further operation of a somewhat serious nature is in prospect. He will need our prayers, thought, and sympathy. Brethren pray for him and his sister wife, and may God be their strength and stay.

A. L. FRITH.

'WHOSO hath felt the Spirit of the highest cannot confound, nor doubt Him nor deny;
Yea, with one voice, O world, though thou deniest.
Stand thou on that side, for on this am I

FRANCIS THOMPSON,

ARE you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The friend that 'just belongs'?
Do you ever go to visit
A member that is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few,
Then talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about.
And we'll appreciate it
If you'll come and help us out. :
So come to the meeting often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be 'just a member' "
But take an active part

Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong-
Are you an active member,
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG? ,

Religious Instruction.

C. H. G.' (Shipley) sends this reply to 'Student' (Leeds 6) who wrote on religious instruction in schools: • - >

Now, Student, surely deems the victory won,

When owls hold candles to the mid-day sun, ,

And gravely say 'His light must soon go out'

Before the blaze of philosophic doubt

If such decide to overthrow the Bible,
How can it stand before their sovereign libel?

-We stand astonished when we see an ape
Ascend the pulpit in a human shape,
And hear him say that godly men of old
Were all mistaken in the truths they told:

That Moses was a poor deluded fool,
The victim of his indolence at school;
That those who wrote the words of God
for us
Had no more sense than they who Judge
them thus,

Indignant we reply with holy ire,
'Let God be true ,and every man a liar!'
—William Wileman.

—'Yorkshire Evening Post,' Sept. 20, 1944.

Second Coming of the Lord

Dear Bro. Editor,—

IN the November issue of the 'Scripture Standard,' your leading article applies Luke xvii 8 .to the second advent. This, I suggest, is a mistaken application.

Some well-meaning folk tell us the New Testament is full of the second coming, others that there is very little said about it. It is wisest to look for one's-self. It cannot be successfully shown that the above passage refers to the second advent without overlooking evidence pointing in another direction. The other passages referred to concerning the Son of Man coming -with angels and clouds, etc., seen} to be equally wide of the mark.

May I point out that the parable of the widow's importunity, and the assurance that God will avenge His elect relate primarily to verse 22 of preceding chapter The days will come when ye shall-desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man.' Whatever the cause of the desire, was to be countered by the instruction contained in the parable and the assurance that God would act.

The attempt to show the meaning of 'generation' is unfortunate. In preceding chapter, Jesus declares His rejection 'of this generation.' No one would attempt .to apply this other than to those then living. Why do so in Matt, xxiv 34, Luke xxi. 32, Mark xiii; 30\$ There would be no point, whatever in the words of Jesus, "This generation shall not pass until . . ." if He simply meant the Jewish race or nation, for it is manifest it must pass away along with the rest when He comes in person. (2 Peter iii. 10, 1 Thess. iv. 16; 1 Corinthians xv. 22). Your remark 'Anyway that generation witnessed the beginning in the destruction of Jerusalem, and that race (nation) will witness the closing scenes' is destitute of Scripture authority. What chance will anybody have to witness the closing scenes, for according to Paul one moment will suffice to change the whole scene (1 Cor. xv. 52).'

Most professing Christians cannot conceive of a coming of the Son of Man without confounding It with His coming as Lord in person to judge the world. I have not yet discovered New Testament evidence that the second coming will be visible to mortal sight. This being so, Who can watch for His return? The, term Son of Man is used once after Pentecost. When Stephen uses it he is speaking to Jews. These facts seem

to suggest a special relationship to the Jewish nation.

I suggest that the coming of the Son of Man in the Gospels has to do with the Judgment upon the Christ-rejecting Jewish nation, just as in Revelation ii. 5; 16, iii. 3, He is said to 'come' in judgment upon those particular churches.

ALFRED JACKSON.

If we believe in the Second Coming of the Lord, why cannot the question, 'Shall He And faith' apply to that event? Jesus said, "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory: and He shall send His angels . . . and 'they shall gather together His elect,' etc. Matt. xxiv. 30, 31. Does that apply to Jews only?

It was of events 'after the tribulation of those days' (the destruction of Jerusalem) that Jesus said: 'This generation shall riot pass TILL ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED' (v. 34). "In 1 Corinthians xv. 52 Paul is not speaking 'of the change of the whole scene,' but of the "changing of living believers when Jesus comes (verses 51-54).

The Scriptures do teach that the 'coming of the Lord will be visible, and that we are to look for that glorious event. (See Matt. xxiv. 30, Acts i. 11,, Coloss. ill. 4, 2 Peter iii. 12-14, Hebrews ix. 28).
EDITOR.

Where is Happiness?

Not in Unbelief. Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: 'I wish I had never been born.'

Not in Pleasure. Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if anyone did. He wrote: 'The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone.'

Not in Money. Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying he said: 'I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth.'

Not in Position and Fame. Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: 'Youth is a mistake; manhood, a struggle; old age, a regret.'

Not in Military Glory. Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because, he said, 'there are no more worlds to conquer.'

Where, then, is Happiness found? The answer is simple: In Christ alone. He said: I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your Joy no man taketh from you.—Clarence EdWard Macartney.

Think on These Things.

1. Robert E. Lee never promoted a man who drank. He said: 'I cannot consent to place in the control of others one who cannot control himself.'

2. Abraham Lincoln said: 'The saloon is a cancer on humanity, eating at its vitals and threatening its destruction.'

3. 'Drink-does more harm than war, pestilence, and famine.'—W. E. Gladstone.

4. 'Eighty per cent, of the suffering of the families of the common labourers of Chicago was wiped out by prohibition.'—Evangeline Booth.

5. 'The *drunkard drinks alcohol to escape the hard realities of life. His wife does not escape, his children do not escape, society does not escape, and in end the drunkard does not escape.'

Duty and inclination

'STAY at home,' said Inclination,
'Let the errand wait.'
'Go at once,' said Duty firmly,
'Or you'll be too late.'

'But it snows,' said Inclination,
'And the wind is keen.'
'Never mind all that,' said Duty,
'GO, and brave it, Jean.'

Jean stepped out into the garden,
Looked up at the sky,
Cloudy, shrouded, dreary, sunless,
Snow unceasingly.

'Stay!' again said Inclination.
...'Go!' said Duty, 'Go!'
Forth went Jean with no more waiting,
Forth into the snow.

You will smile if now I tell you
That this quiet strife,
Duty conquering Inclination,
Strengthened all her life.

Sometimes on a little skirmish,
Hangs a nation's fate;
Very much hung on that skirmish
At the garden gate.

Russia has investigated her juvenile delinquency problem, and traced the trouble to the demoralising influence of the cinema. To remedy it, Soviet children of high-school age will not be allowed to attend cinemas during the entire; school age.

Gems of Truth.

'Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.'—Jesus.

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and continue to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.—Daniel Webster.

The last business of Christ's life was the saving "of a poor penitent thief."—D. L. Moody.

Jesus did not sacrifice principles nor 'an opportunity to do good that he might conform to public' opinion.

A religion that never suffices to govern a man will never suffice to save him. That which does not distinguish him from a sinful world will never distinguish him from a perishing world.—Gospel Broadcast.

Never was a truer saying: most sinners have more pain and difficulty to get their souls damned than the righteous have, with all their cross-bearings, to get to the kingdom of heaven.—Adam Clark.

If anything is right, let us do it first; then others will be willing to follow our example. We must do, and then teach others to do. This is the rule that our Master followed. 'The former treatise I have made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach.'—W. Claytus Anderson.

The way to keep your religion is to keep it busy.—Truth in Love.

The true religion of Jesus Christ our Saviour is that which penetrates, and which receives all the warmth of the heart, and all the elevation of the soul, and all the energies of the understanding, and all the strength of the will.—Gospel Broadcast.

In view of the value of the soul and because of its intelligence and immortality, we should seek to save it. The eyes arid ears are but the windows of the soul. Open them and let the thoughts of heaven and the fears of hell have entrance for consideration, and then make a choice. Race away from the broad way, and seek the narrow way. Desire heaven, live for it, pray for it, and be zealous and work for it.—L. O. Sanderson.

'TRAINING FOR SERVICE,' by ~H. Moninger. -Price, etc., to A. E. Winstanley, 50 Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

GOD willing, the next Conference will be held in Kirkcaldy, Fife, at the invitation of the Church meeting in Rose Street on Saturday, 31st March, 1945.

If you intend coming to Kirkcaldy, please communicate with David Mellis, 149, Beatty Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Fife, stating length of stay and hospitality requirements. It is desired that preparations be made well in advance of March.

We anticipate a time of blessing, in which the Lord shall be exalted and His Word honoured.

D. MELLIS.

'FORTHCOMING EVENT

THE New Year Social of the Church of Christ in the Slamannan District will be held in the Slamannan Church meeting house, on Monday, 1st January, 1945 at 12.30 p.m. Chairman, Bro. William Steele (Prestonpans).- Speakers: Bro. Thos. Miller (Kilbirnie), Bro. A. E. Winstanley (Evangelist), Bro. W. Crosthwaite.

A warm welcome given to all. Come and enjoy good fellowship.

DUNCAN STEWART, District Secretary.

From the Printer.

THIS issue of 'Scripture Standard' has been produced under great difficulties. Owing to subsidence of about two-and-a-half feet, due to mining operations, and to the heavy rainfall, our printing office has been flooded a number of times within the last few weeks, and it is necessary to have the premises re-erected at a higher level. As this will necessitate delay in the delivery of work, we ask of our many friends their kind indulgence with us in our troubles.

Evangelistic Fund

Nos. 643, £1; 644, 10s.; 645, £1; 646, £1; 647, £2 10s.; 648, £5; 649, £1; 650, £1; 651, £6; 652, £2; 653, £2; 654, 5s.; 655, £1 10s.; 656, £1; 657, £5; 658, £20; 659, £20; 660, £4 16s. 9d.; 661, £3 16s.; 662, £1 6s. 1d.; 664, £1; 665, £6; 666, £1; 667, £40; 668, £10; 669, £1; 670, 10s. Total, £140 17s. 9d.

As our readers are now aware, we have secured the services of Bro. W. Crosthwaite—H is already in harness and getting into his stride. This step has been taken at the request of many

brethren. We are looking forward to many years of close co-operation for the good of the cause we all have at heart. Your help and interest is earnestly solicited so that the work will go forward.

We again thank our many subscribers for their liberal and valuable support.

R. McDONALD (Treasurer).

Ngasaland.

IN a letter dated 3rd October, 1944, Brother Ronald Kaundo of Namiwawa, Nyasaland, tells of a conference held at Namiwawa, on July 28th to 30th. The brethren and sisters from far and near met with singleness of heart and the blessings received were rich. On the Lord's Day during the conference meetings a large audience witnessed the confession of 23 persons who made known their belief that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God. These were buried by baptism into Him one by one in a stream 'because there was much water there.'

Readers will rejoice with us in this further evidence of the power of God in the Gospel. Those who have supported this work in Nyasaland will be satisfied that their fellowship was not in vain.

WILLIAM STEELE,

News.

Birmingham, Summer Lane.—A season of great joy and rich spiritual blessing was the experience of all who were able to join with us in our 79th Anniversary celebrations. Our Saturday afternoon meeting, 4th November, was held in the Ormond Street Mission Hall, graciously lent for the occasion. It was presided over by our senior deacon, Bro. W. G. Griffin, and stirring messages of cheer and exhortations to increased faithfulness were passed on to us by Brethren Gilbert H. M'Cartney (of Sparkhill) and Leslie E. Coley (of Leicester). The report showed steady progress, despite all the disadvantages of meeting in hired rooms, and it was particularly gratifying to hear of so large an increase in the school. On Lord's Day morning, Brother Coley urged us to emulate the example recorded of Israel when the Tabernacle was a-building: "The people bring much more than enough." In the evening, his gospel message was built around 'Purpose Or perplexity?' The rooms were crowded at all meetings. We are hopeful of having a temporary meeting place of our own on the site of the old chapel before many more weeks have passed by.

FRED C. DAY.

Blackburn, Hamilton St.—The Church has just had another short, but very inspiring and profitable time with Bro. Leonard Morgan as missionary for four, week-nights, and all three services on Lord's Day, October 15th.. The meetings were very well attended considering the difficulties of the times. We had a good number of friends present. Our Brother's delivery of Gospel truths was excellent, with sincerity of purpose, that Christ might be all in all. Our prayers for our brother are accompanied with great appreciation of his labours.

We are very glad to report one definite decision:—a young woman, who had been attending the Gospel Meeting for some time. She was immersed on October 22nd, and received into fellowship on October 29th. We rejoice in anticipation of three or four more decisions. To God be the glory for His sure Word! 'We shall reap if we sown not' We do not intend to fossilize, but to evangelize.

H. WILSON.

Blackburn, Hamilton Street. — The Church has had another real refreshing time. On Lord's Day, November 12th, we had the joy of witnessing the immersion of four; two from the Lord's Day School and two who have been attending the Gospel meetings for a long time. The scene was one which will linger long in our memories. The youngest candidate was only eleven years old. Questions were put to her, and intelligently and sincerely answered. We were all touched with the courage and happy demeanour of them all. We pray that God will bless them on their pilgrim way from earth to heaven. We believe all four have been greatly helped to their decisions through the ministrations of Brethren Day and Morgan. They will be received (D.V.) into fellowship on Lord's Day, November 19th.

We praise God for these showers of blessing.

H. WILSON.

East Ardsley*—Church Anniversary, was held on October 28th and 29th, at which we had a very inspiring time, and we felt refreshed and strengthened. On Saturday about eighty enjoyed a good tea. Although tea was very good, better things were to follow. At 6 o'clock, Bro. Lewis Murphy took the chair, and a very inspiring meeting commenced, Bro. E. W. Jepson (Doncaster) and Bro. P. C. Day (Birmingham) giving of their best.

On Lord's Day, Bro. Day exhorted the Church in the afternoon; and preached the Gospel at 6 o'clock to an audience of more than" forty.

At the close of the Gospel service we paid a visit to the local Sanatorium, and gave—a short service to the patients. This brought to a close a very enjoyable time in the work, of the Master.

We thank all who came along to help in this anniversary, and especially we thank all those who have' come along and served the Church on various Lord's Days during the difficult days we have been passing through. We pray that we may be given strength to continue work in this corner of His vineyard during the year which has just opened for us.

O. HOLDSWORTH.

Eastwood, Notts.—The Church wishes to record their thanks, through the 'Scripture Standard,' for the services rendered by Bro. Winstanley; and the uplifting addresses he delivered at their week-night meetings, Oct. 19th and-26th.

F. BEAVER.

Loughborough.—We are very pleased to announce the baptism of two young people from the Sunday School, Vera Brown and Grace Playel (of Dagenham). Both had been very interested for some time. They made the 'good confession' at the Gospel Service, on Lord's Day, Oct. 15th, and were immersed by the Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. S. Ward, who afterwards gave an address on 'Is Baptism Necessary?'

Quite a number of scholars, and also friends, were present, and several showed keen interest.. We trust in the near future others will follow the example of our two young friends. Sister Vera was received into the Church the following Lord's Day, but unfortunately Sister Grace could not be received into fellowship, having returned to her home at Dagenham.

We trust the Lord's blessing may rest on our two young friends throughout life's journey, and that they may be a blessing to Him.

S. WARD.

Slamannan District.—The Churches in Slamannan district held their half-yearly Sunday School Conference at meeting place, Bathgate, on Saturday, 4th November, Sister Christine Whyte presiding. About forty teachers and brethren from the district Churches were present.

Sister Whyte, in her opening remarks, emphasised the necessity of Sunday School work to-day. Bro. Andrew Gardiner gave a most interesting and instructive paper on 'How to raise and sustain a Sunday School.' Bro. Gardiner remarked that work among the young is one of the Church's proper functions. The Church should be responsible for the conduct of the school, and all the Church members Individually ought to feel that the school is part of their work as servants of the Lord. Bro. Gardiner also stressed the importance of personal visitation, children's meetings, and the contact of teachers and scholar be more as friend with friend. The address was followed by a profitable discussion. One outstanding difficulty was the problem: 'How best to retain our elder scholars?'

so that was decided on as the subject for next conference, to-be held (D.V.) at Tranent, in June,- 1945,

We are hoping to see the result of these conferences in a more earnest desire on the part of teachers and others to try and win the children for Christ and His Church.

J. NEILSON.

Obituary.

Eastwood, Notts.—The Church with great sorrow records the death of Sister Mrs. F. Perry, who passed away on November 1st, after a short illness. Sister Perry, who was sixty-seven years old, was a member of the Church of Eastwood for over fifty years. Our loss is her gain.

F. BEAVER.

Hindley.—It is with much sorrow that we record the death, on Lord's Day, October 15th; of Sister A. Watkinson, at the age of Seventy-two years. She has been laid aside for many months, and has not been able to be present with us around the Table of the Lord, which would be her desire.

Her loyalty to the faith inspires us to press on, and we commend her two daughters and son to our Heavenly Father. To these we extend our deepest sympathy; and pray that the God of all comfort will strengthen and sustain them in their bereavement.

Bro. S. Winstanley conducted the service in the chapel, and the writer at the graveside.

L. MORGAN.

Loughborough.—It is with very deep regret we have to announce the passing away of another of our pioneer members, Sis: Mary (Polly) Pritchard, at the age of seventy-five, on Saturday, Oct. 14th.

'She had been a member of the Loughborough Church for over fifty-nine years, being baptised, along with two others, at Langley, by the late Bro. Joseph Barker, of Heanor. The Church at Loughborough at that time met in the Oddfellows' Hall, and there were no facilities for immersions.

Our Sister was always very regular in her attendance at the Lord's Table, and also in her support of the Gospel meetings, and we indeed felt keen regret when through illness she was unable to be with Us. So another link is broken. The name of Pritchard, so long connected with the Church Here, has passed from us, but we know assuredly that one day in His own good time we shall meet again in that home which He has gone to prepare for all those who are faithful unto the end.

Our Sister was laid to rest at Loughborough, on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Bro. Edmund Hill conducting the service.

S. WARD.

Wigan-Scholes—We regret to announce the death of our young Sister Mrs. Gregory, better known as Mary Farrimond, on October 15th, in her thirty-fifth year. She was the granddaughter of our eldest member, Mrs. Farrimond. The funeral service was held on Thursday, when friends gathered to pay tribute to her. Bro. C. Melling conducted the service in the Meeting House and at the graveside, and conducted the Memorial Service on Lord's Day, Oct. 22nd. Our Sister leaves behind a husband, now serving in the Forces, and a son, also a devoted brother. To all who mourn her loss, we extend our Christian sympathy, and commend them to our Heavenly Father, the only source of comfort and consolation.

G. M.

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