

The Connexional Fund Treasurer

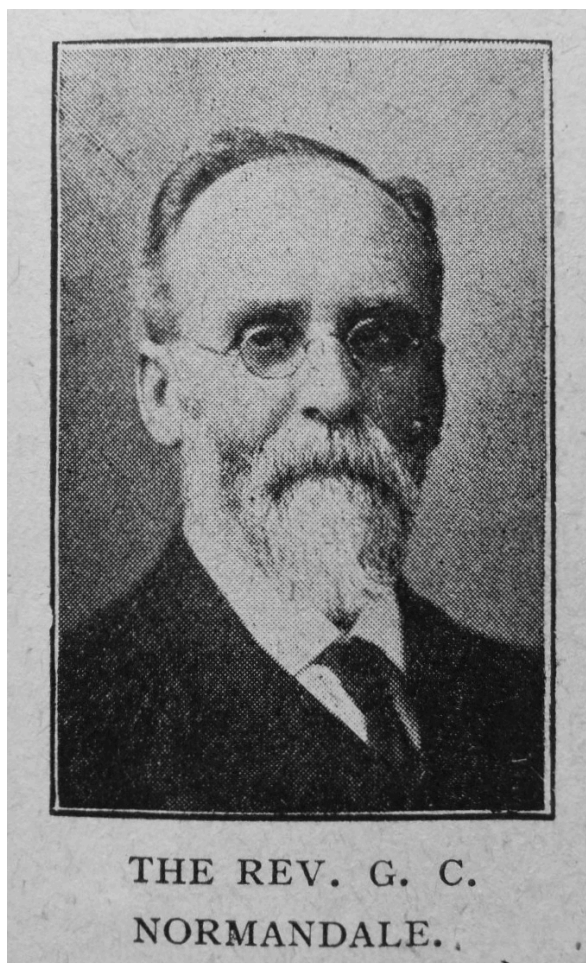
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The Rev. G. C. Normandale was appointed by the Conference in succession to the Rev. J. Goldthorpe, as the Treasurer of the Connexional Fund. Mr. Goldthorpe has served the Church with great efficiency. He has had many difficult problems to solve, and received the thanks of the Conference for his faithfulness and skill.

Mr. Normandale is a worthy successor, and comes to the office after long years of preparation. He is one of the best known of our ministers, and every good wish will surround him. When thirteen years of age he entered the business of a large builder and contractor, and by the time that he was twenty-three he had become the book-keeper and confidential clerk. Realising his call to the ministerial life, he served as hired local preacher at Ripon, prior to his entering the Theological Institute at Sunderland. His ministry has been entirely in the Norwich and London districts. For fifteen years he laboured in East Anglia, and for thirty years he has been in the London I. and II. Districts. He has seen much success in circuit work, building five chapels and four schools, and reducing debts

everywhere. Few men have had such experience in secretaryships as he. He has been Secretary of the Orphanage and School Committees, and for ten years held the Building Committee Secretariat in the London I. District. In 1908 he was Assistant Secretary of Conference. He has been a member of the General Committee for twenty years.

His interest in the temperance cause has been conspicuous in every circuit. In addition to the advocacy of temperance principles, he has taken an active part in opposing licences. At Richmond, during his seven years' term, no new licences were granted, and eleven houses were closed through direct action. At Southend during five years no new licence was given. He has also taken a great interest in education, being a member of the School Board and a manager, both in the provinces and in London. He has been seven times a member of Conference, and has always been appointed to some secretarial post. He has been in close touch with the official life of our Church for many years. He is conversant, therefore, with our financial position, and will bring to the work of his office a fine judgment, unflinching courtesy and ceaseless devotion. We are glad thus to write of him, and confidently anticipate a most successful term for him.



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