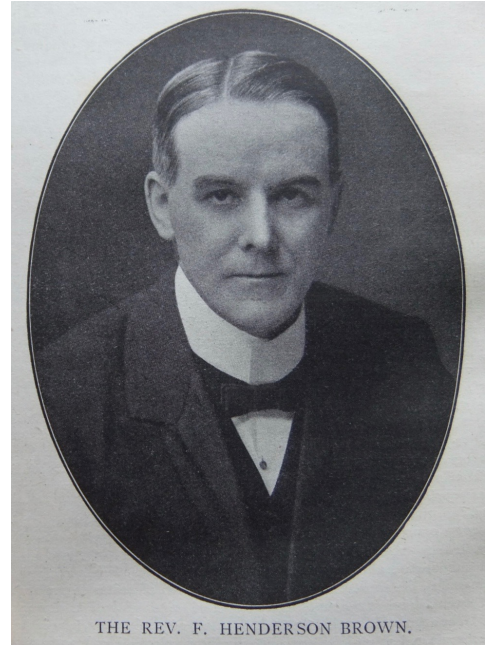


Rev. Frederick Henderson Brown

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THE subject of this sketch is a member of a family known in the North as the Browns of Sunderland. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, he was the third child of a family, of which four are Ministers in our own church, and a fifth is a Congregational Minister. He was born, in 1878, into a home where gracious spiritual influences were always present, and he is profoundly grateful to God for his parents' example, and instruction in Divine things. He is intensely conscious of the great debt he owes to his saintly mother, whose memory acts as a great inspiration to him in his work. When our friend was eleven years of age, she knelt by his side at the Communion rail, her hand in his, while he surrendered and dedicated his life to our Lord. But long before that decisive day she and he had often conversed together about his future, and he hardly remembers a time when he did not know that he was destined for the Ministry if God should but open the way by the call, which he was ready to obey. At thirteen he received his first lessons in Greek from the sainted Thomas Greenfield. At fourteen the Quarterly Meeting requested him to prepare for the plan. At seventeen he was a hired local preacher far from home. At nineteen he received his first ministerial appointment at the minimum salary of ten guineas per quarter. At twenty-four he was superintending the Dalton and Millom Circuit - that was in the days before the iron mines suffered so seriously from trade depression.



The last two of his four years here were made particularly happy by the Confereatial appointment of his brother Oswald as his colleague, who came to the circuit from Hartley College. It was during his term at Dalton that he spent seven days in Lancaster Castle as a prisoner for conscience sake. He also had a successful term of three years at Berwick-on-Tweed and five years at Bloxwich during which time he divided the circuit into the Bloxwich and Cannock Circuits. Six happy years he spent at Chesterfield III Circuit where he resided during the whole of the strenuous years of the war, and remained long enough to welcome the boys home. He has had five prosperous years at Oswestry, and is remaining another year before returning to Bloxwich. My friend is eminently qualified for the work to which he has consecrated his whole manhood. His arresting personality, generous and sympathetic nature, studious mind, keen and clear perception, help to make him an attractive and forceful preacher, diligent pastor, and capable business man. The weight of his influence is in the work of "Spiritual Advance" and by his convincing and fearless manner in making known the Truths of the Gospel he is winning for himself golden opinions, and great expectations for his future. During his ministerial career he has had his share of Chapel and Manse building, has been to Conference twice, once as G.C.D., and has also been President of Synod. He has shunned District Office, but for several years has had a congenial sphere as a member of the Candidates Examining Committee.

His devoted wife, who takes a great pride in the home and all that appertains to her husband's welfare, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dykes who were associated with the historic Brinkworth Circuit,

Their family consists of two boys - Cyril and Cedric - who are in their early teens, and are full of promise.



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