

A Book of
Remembrance
1880—1930

Claremont Street
Primitive Methodist Church,
Belgrave, Leicester.

A Book of Remembrance."

"They that feared the Lord
spake often one to another;
and the Lord hearkened,
and heard it, and a book of
remembrance was written
before him for them that
feared the Lord, and that
thought upon his name."

—*Malachi 3, 16.*

"The centuries are the lineal
descendants of one another."
—*Carlyle.*

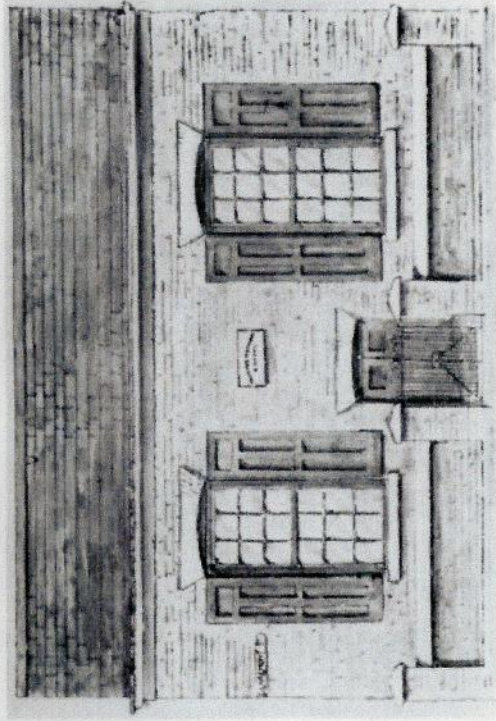
"Not to know what was done in
the world before we were born
is always to remain a child."

*J. W. Hemmings & Capey,
Printers,
Charles Street,
Leicester.*

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CLAREMONT STREET
PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH
(LEICESTER IV. CIRCUIT)

JUBILEE
1880 ——— 1930



BELGRAVE OLD CHAPEL
(From a drawing).

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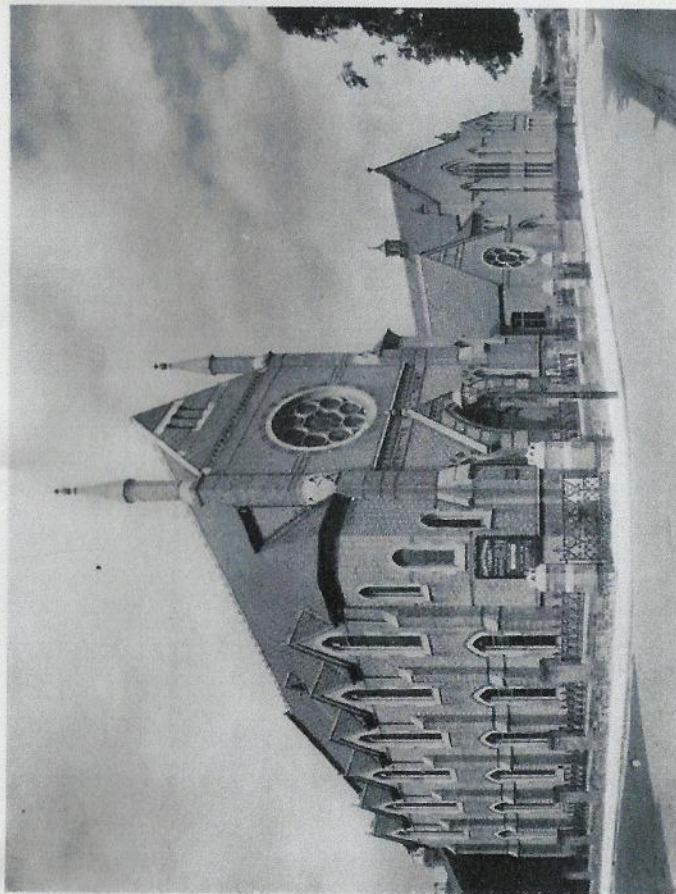
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CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH AND SCHOOLS



REV. G. W. MEADLEY.



REV. J. L. PRITCHARD.

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CHURCH SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

Sunday.

10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. Public Worship.

10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Sunday School.

Beginners. Primary. Junior. Senior.

Young Men's Class.

Young Women's Class.

3-30 p.m. Teachers' Training Class.

Monday.

6-0 p.m. Junior Girls' Guildry.

6-45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavour.

7-0 p.m. Local Preachers' Study Circle.

7-15 p.m. Senior Girls' Guildry.

8-0 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavour.

Tuesday.

4-30 p.m. Women's Society.

6-30 p.m. Boys' Comradeship Class.

7-30 p.m. Operatic Society.

Wednesday.

7-45 p.m. Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

8-0 p.m. Literary Society.

Friday.

7-30 p.m. Teachers' Training Class.

8-15 p.m. Choir Practice.



CLAREMONT STREET SIDESMEN.

PROLOGUE.

THIS book is published to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the present Church at Claremont Street. As we have recounted amongst ourselves the labours and the characteristics of the men and women who built this Bethel, our hearts have been filled with a profound sense of indebtedness to them and of gratitude to Almighty God. So let our first word be one of thankfulness to the Head of the Church for that grace which redeemed our spiritual ancestors into His Kingdom, and for that divine love which impelled them to pray and work for the upbuilding of this Church.

Some were renowned beyond our borders for their leadership, understanding and counsel, and received honour in their generation. Others there were who were unknown to the world, but whose names are in the Lamb's book of life. "Their children are within the covenant," and remain as a testimony to their goodness.

Our lot is cast in vastly different days. We have tasks and conditions to face of which they never dreamed ; but our hearts may glow with the same divine love, and our lives may be filled with the same sacrificial devotion. God grant that we fall not behind them in the quality of our lives !

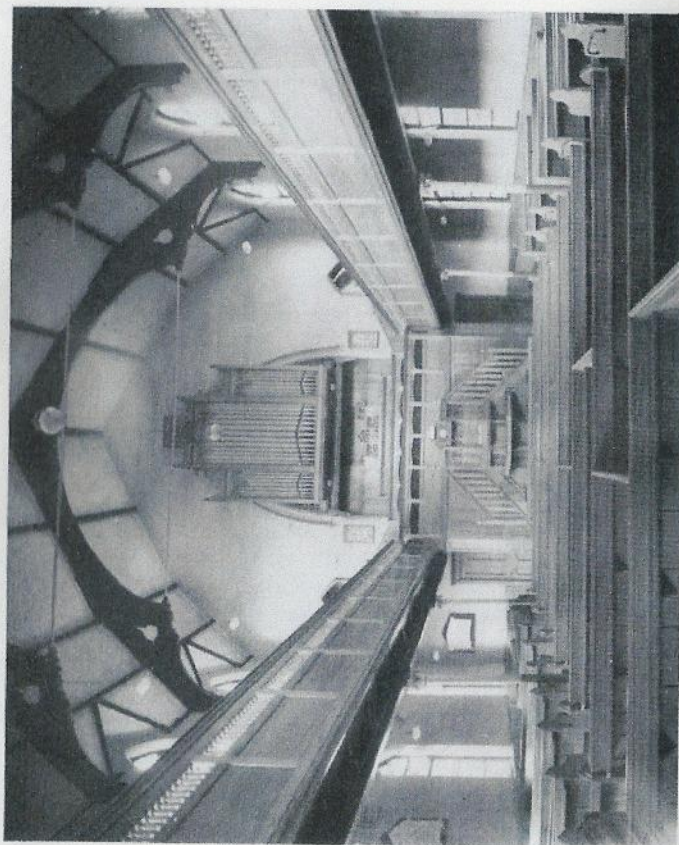
You will not need to be told that much loving care has been given to the production of this handbook. We trust that it will meet with your approval.

Our prayer is that the Jubilee Services may be marked by the same passionate love that inspired those who went before.

GEORGE W. MEADLEY, *Editor.*

ISAAC CLAYTON, *Secretary.*

KATHLEEN M. HILTON, *Editor's Secretary.*



INTERIOR OF CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

Sermon at 3-30 by Dr. HUTTON.

Public Tea at 5 p.m.

Public Meeting at 7-45.

Chairman—Coun. R. Hallam.

Speakers—Rev. F. Pickett and Mr. W. Rogers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st.

Public Tea and Re-Union. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6 p.m.

Chairman—Mr. G. E. Hilton, J.P.

Speakers—Messrs. S. Brown, Coun. R. Hallam.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd.

10-30 and 6-30. *Preacher*—Rev. TOM SYKES.

Morning Anthem—"Te Deum." (*Stanford*).

Evening Anthem—"Awake ! Awake !" (*Stainer*).

MONDAY, MARCH 3rd.

Lecture by the Rev. TOM SYKES.

"THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY."

Chairman—Mr. F. J. Hilton.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th.

10-45 Rev. J. L. PRITCHARD.

6-30 Rev. G. W. MEADLEY.

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PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.

10-45 Mr. A. G. HILTON.

6-30 The choir will render
Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise."
Mr. R. HALLAM will conduct the service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.

10-45 and 6-30 Rev. JAMES LOCKHART
(Ex-President of Conference).

Morning Anthem—"How lovely are thy dwellings"
(Liddle).

Evening Anthem—"Sing wemerrily unto God our Strength"
(Oliver King).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.

The Rev. J. A. HUTTON, M.A., D.D.
(Editor of "The British Weekly")
will lecture under the auspices of the
Literary Society, on

"SOME ASPECTS OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE."

Mr. C. TAYLOR, MUS. BAC., F.R.C.O., will give an Organ
Recital of Russian Music at 7-15.

The Choir will sing *Tschaikowsky's* "THE LEGEND."

Lecture to commence at 7-45.

Chairman—Rev. G. W. MEADLEY.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH.

Origins.

PRIMITIVE Methodism was introduced into Leicester on Sunday, March 1st, 1818, when George Handford, a Local Preacher of Sileby, "accompanied by a large number of persons from the adjacent villages," marched along the Melton Turnpike Road singing "Turn to the Lord and seek salvation."



THE LATE ALDERMAN S. HILTON, J.P.

They took their stand at the Old Cross, Belgrave Gate, where John Benton preached the first sermon from the text, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

The first Chapel used for preaching services was a small one in Millstone Lane, formerly belonging to the Wesleyans. In 1819 the first Chapel was built in George Street. The cause prospered so rapidly that in 1852 the membership numbered 1,178.



THE LATE
MR. D. WARD.



THE LATE
MR. H. SCOTTON

In 1820 a Society was established in Belgrave, which was, at that time, a small village; the services being held in a cottage on the village green occupied by Mr. Mark Hefford. Later the little Society rented a disused cowshed in Crane's yard on the Checkett's Road.

In 1838 a Trust was formed and 800 square yards of land was bought for £80, upon which a Chapel and two cottages were built. The deeds state that the land was conveyed from David Deakins and Thomas Hartshorn to the trustees "acting for and on behalf of a Society or Community of religious persons called Primitive Methodists, belonging to the Primitive Methodist Connexion." The cost of the Chapel and the cottages is a matter of conjecture. A mortgage deed of 1841 states that a loan of £260 was taken up. A second mortgage deed shows that the mortgage for the same amount was transferred to another person in 1871, the inference being that nothing had been paid off for 30 years.

The old Chapel was of the usual four-square village type. Its exterior was extremely plain. Immediately inside were three rows of high-backed pews with doors and iron buttons. So high were the pews that children could neither see nor be seen. To the

Tennis Club.

Secretary—Mr. J. H. West.

Ladies' Hockey Club.

Captain—Miss E. Wragby.

Secretary—Miss M. H. Canner.

Treasurer—Miss W. Smith.

Sidesmen.

Messrs. H. E. Wragby, A. Branson, J. West, A. Lloyd, T. Warner, A. Moore, A. Lloyd, Junr., C. Andison, E. Skinner, G. A. Atkins, A. King, I. Major, W. E. Lloyd, H. Clarke, A. G. Hilton, Horace Moore, Herbert Moore.

The Girls' Guildry.

Chaplain—Rev. G. W. Meadley.

Guardian—Miss K. M. Hilton.

Assistant Guardians—

Miss Winnie Smith.

Miss Edna Smith.

Miss Connie Smith.

Miss Edna Peach.

Hon. Guardians—

Mrs. G. E. Hilton.

Mrs. C. S. Gibbins.



MR. A. O. CLAYTON
(Trust Financial
Secretary).



MR. C. S. GIBBINS
(Editor of "The
Quarterly Guide.")

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Senior C. E. Society.

President—Rev. G. W. Meadley.
Vice-President—Mr. Herbert Moore.
Secretary—Mr. C. S. Gibbins.
Roll Secretary—Miss W. Sharpe.
Treasurer—Miss D. Pickering.
Organist—Mr. F. J. Hilton.

Intermediate C. E. Society.

President—Mr. A. W. West.
Secretary—Mr. K. Towers.

Junior C. E. Society.

President—Miss H. Smith.
Secretary—Miss P. Jones.

Boys' Comradeship Class.

Leader—Mr. J. G. Hilton.
Assistant Leaders—Messrs. A. Jordan C. Stretton, A. W. West,
J. H. West, G. Bale, and E. Bell.

Literary and Debating Society.

President—Rev. G. W. Meadley.
Secretary—Miss Hilton.
Treasurer—Miss Exton.
Librarian—Miss M. Canner.

Operatic Society.

President and Director—Mr. G. E. Hilton, J.P.
Secretary—Mr. Alan G. Hilton.
Treasurer—Mr. J. G. Hilton.

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right of the entrance a wooden staircase led to a tiny gallery with three rows of seats, the occupants of which could easily touch the ceiling. The pulpit, a mere box, was attached to the back wall of the Chapel, and its size must have placed severe restrictions upon the exercises of the energetic preachers of those days. The choir and the players of divers instruments occupied a spacious pew to the right of the pulpit. It is recorded that two gas-jets in the pulpit "shed a halo round the preacher's face."

The financial struggles of those days may be imagined from the resolutions of the old minute books. In 1877, when Mr. and Mrs. J. Berrington commenced their duties as caretakers, they received sixpence per week, out of which sum they had to provide buckets, mops and firewood. In 1879 the following resolution was recorded: "Agreed that Mr. Berrington be paid at the rate of 1/- per week, and that this sum be paid for the past year."

The Present Church.

In 1877 the land on which the present Church stands—490 square yards—was bought from George E. Wade, Wine Merchant, Belgrave, for £355 2s. 6d. The stone-laying took place in June, 1879. A printed



THE LATE
MR. J. S. BROWN



THE LATE
MR. T. HENSON.



THE LATE
MRS. S. HILTON



THE LATE
MRS. R. HALLAM.

circular, issued on February 12th, 1880, over the names of Revs. John G. Smith and R. Barron, and Messrs. S. Hilton, W. S. Perkins, J. Wain, H. Scotton, T. Henson, J. Berrington, and R. Smith (Secretary), states that "the purchase of the land, with the erection of the building, etc., will cost nearly £2,200." The cost of the present Church would therefore be approximately £1,864. The same letter states that £750 was in hand before the opening, and, as the debt after the opening was £1,615, £250 would be raised at the opening ceremony.

The Church was opened on Thursday, February 26th, 1880, when the Rev. J. Williamson, M.A., of Gallowtree Gate Chapel, preached the sermon. A handbill states that "A Public Tea Meeting (gratuitously furnished) will be provided in the Nonconformist's School Rooms (kindly lent). Tickets 1/- each. We respectfully ask the presence of 500 people." The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Wm. Bishop, of Archdeacon Lane Church. On the following Sunday Dr. Antliff preached, the Rev. R. Y. Roberts, Belgrave, taking the afternoon service. On the following Monday, Dr. Antliff lectured on "Queer Folks and Good Folks," the chair



CLAREMONT STREET WOMEN'S WORKING PARTY.

OUR DEBT TO THE WOMEN.

The unique respect which our Lord shewed to women evoked an immediate response. While the Disciples often faltered, one giving Him a traitor's kiss, and another denying Him with unholy tongue, the women gladly ministered to Him of their substance, were last at the tomb, anointed His body for the tomb, and were first at the resurrection. And since those far-away days women have been among His most loyal followers.

In his "The Balance of Power," Benjamin Kidd says that woman by the being has been source of the ism of the her nature she to the race, and the commun- has woman's best things of finely illus- the history of Street Church. ginning they en the most with gladness. they held sew- and teas during for some years



MRS. G. E. HILTON
(President).

raised an average of £1 per week for the Trust Fund. Last year they handed over £200 for this purpose.

In every part of the Church may be found evidences of their taste, and the beauty of the Lord's House is in no small degree due to their choice minds.

In recent years they have been elected to the position of Leaders and members of the Trust and Chapel Committee.

Mrs. G. E. Hilton has been President for 28 years, and Mrs. H. Moore, Secretary for 20 years.

laws of her "the principal creative ideal-world." By gives herself sinks herself to ity. Nowhere devotion to the life been more trated than in Claremont From the be- have undertak- sacrificial tasks For many years ing meetings the winter, and they have

being taken by Wm. Key, Esq. On March 7th, the Rev. J. G. Smith preached morning and evening, and the Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., in the afternoon.

The Heroic Poor.

Heroic efforts were made by the members, most of whom belonged to the wage-earning class, to reduce the debt. A number of women, after a long day's work in the factory shared the labour of cleaning the Chapel. Among these may be named: Mary Smith, Caroline Clayton, Charlotte Chadwick, Harriet Chadwick, Sarah Jane Pole, Amy Horner, Sarah Jane Harris, Sarah A. Palmer, Sarah A. Lumley, Eliza West, Polly Greasley, Ann Preston, Lizzie Harris, Susan Harris, Hannah West. This work they gladly did for eight years until the financial burden became lighter.



THE LATE
MR. J. WAIN

The Junior Schools.

In 1887 the old Chapel was pulled down to make room for the present Junior Schools. The cost of these additions was about £865. In this block three of the departments are accommodated—the Beginners, Primary and Junior.



THE LATE
MISS C. CLAYTON.

The "Hallam Memorial Schools."

To meet the increasing number of



THE LATE
MR. R. SMITH.



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MRS. R. SMITH.

scholars and the modern ideas of work among the young, and to express his affection for his daughter, Mrs. R. Hallam, who had recently died, Mr. S. Hilton resolved to build the new Schools. This generous gift was in harmony with his general principles of life, for, though he was successful in business, and influential in the town, his heart was in the Church. As Class Leader, Local Preacher, Trustee and Leader of the Young Men's Class, he had ever sought to build up the Church of God. In 1903 he bought two adjoining cottages for £295. These were pulled down along with the two old Chapel cottages, and on the land built the Schools at an approximate cost of £3,000. Mr. R. Hallam presented the two-manual pipe organ to the School in memory of his wife.

Improvements.

In 1922 the interior of the Church was modernised and renovated. The organ was enlarged and improved, the front of the gallery brought up-to-date, and leaded windows put in. Mr. R. Hallam presented the pulpit at the cost of £100 in memory of his grandfather, Mr. George Hefford, who for 37 years was a faithful Local Preacher of the Church. As stated in "The Story of the Choir," Mr. G. E.



CLAREMONT STREET CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

40 musicians of the city, have given pleasure and inspiration to large congregations.

Amongst these works may be named : Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," Sullivan's "Prodigal Son," Gaul's "Holy City," Sterndale Bennett's "The Woman of Samaria," Barnby's "Rebecca," Stainer's "The Daughter of Jairus," Darnton's "Abraham," E. Nichol's "Day and Night," Sullivan's "Festival Te Deum."

The choir holds a large repertoire of anthems, and could render an anthem each Sunday without repeating any for two years. The library of music is valued at £100.

The value of the choir, however, is not limited to anthems and special occasions. Speaking comparatively, and in view of the congregational nature of public worship, some would suggest that the hymn-singing is even more valuable than the fine rendering of anthems. The blending of music and words, the unobtrusive observation of the punctuation marks, the sense of intense restraint, produces in the worshipper the conviction that here we have an unusual combination of musical and poetic culture with Methodist fervour. There have been many times when the rendering of a hymn has produced spiritual effects similar to that of the dedication of Solomon's Temple, when it was said "that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house."

One of the old problems of Church music is that of reconciling the dignity of the service with the standards of succeeding generations. An unusually successful attempt has been made at Claremont Street ; on the one hand, pedantic frigidity being avoided, and on the other, sentimentalism and frivolity being eschewed. The voluntaries are selected with a due regard to the dignity and warmth of worship, and never fail to be a means of grace. From the hymns the organist deducts the preacher's message, and with fine insight weaves the service into an inspiring unity.

During the years the choirmaster has been ably assisted at the organ by Messrs. W. Ainge, Harry Scotton, Wm. Davy, Colin Ainge (deceased), Walter H. Pole and Miss B. Tyldesley.

17 Hilton defrayed the cost of the organ enlargement. The total cost of the alterations was £1,705.

The present premises and appurtenances are officially returned at the value of £17,100, and are debtless.

The Burial Ground.

Reminiscent of the old struggles for Free Church rights is the old burial ground adjoining the Church. In order to provide for the burial of their sacred dead, and that the last rites might be performed by their own ministers, these poor folk set apart a portion of their land for this purpose. The fact that there is only one grave-stone suggests the poverty of our fathers. Mr. George Hefford, to whom the pulpit is dedicated, was buried here in 1877. The last to be buried here was Mr. James Bentley.

Young People's Efforts.

For over 50 years these efforts have been an annual event at Claremont Street. They began in 1877, when Mr. George Hefford interviewed Messrs. E. Hefford and I. Clayton, and Miss Caroline Clayton, on behalf of the Trustees, with the request that they should organise an effort. The first realised the sum of £25. The Jubilee of these efforts was held in 1927, when £124 was raised for the Trust Fund.



MR. J. BERRINGTON.



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CLAREMONT STREET CHOIR

The Missionary Fund.

The Primitive Methodists began their African work in 1870. The earliest records of the local raisings are not known, but there are those still living who remember old Mrs. Maria Billington, who, 50 years ago, on her rounds to sell sage and mint, took a missionary box. In 1904 the Church sent £12 7s. 10d. to the Missionary Society. In 1929 the total was £120.

"Leaders of the People."

Several of our people have been honoured by the public outside our fellowship. The late Ald. S. Hilton and his son, Mr. G. E. Hilton, have served as Mayors of Leicester, and as Justices of the Peace. Mr. R. Hallam has served as City Councillor, exercising considerable influence as the Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee. Mr. W. H. Collett has been a County Councillor for some years.

The late Ald. S. Hilton received the highest honour open to a Primitive Methodist Layman by being elected Vice-President of the Conference in 1906.

Mr. S. Brown has served the Circuit faithfully as Steward for over 25 years.

"Their name liveth for evermore."

Time would fail to tell of the loyal souls who of their poverty gave richly, and of their time and ability gave their all for the Church we are proud to call ours. We pay our glad tribute to their memory, and thank God for the heritage they have left us.

"For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed,
Hallelujah !

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might :
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight :
Thou, in the darkness drear, their Light of Light :
Hallelujah !

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold :
Hallelujah !

LIST OF MINISTERS

who have served during the past 50 years.

Before the separation from the First Circuit.

1878-1881	Rev. John G. Smith.
" "	Rev. Reuben Barron.
1881-1884	Rev. John Gair.
1881-1883	Rev. Nathan Haigh.
1885-1887	Rev. G. P. Clarke.
1884-1887	Rev. Henry Kirk.
1887-1889	Rev. John Wenn.
1887-1889	Rev. Samuel Brock.
1889-1893	Rev. Robert Bryant.
1889-1893	Rev. Fred. Pickett.
1893-1896	Rev. J. H. J. Beckhurst.
1894-1895	Rev. John Wenn.
" "	Rev. G. W. Meachim.
1895-1898	Rev. W. E. Walmsley.
1896-1901	Rev. Wm. Dickinson.
1898-1903	Rev. George Windram.
1900-1903	Rev. W. S. Bosence.
1901-1904	Rev. J. Hodges.
1903-1906	Rev. R. W. Keightley.

Since the separation from First Circuit.

1904-1908	Rev. J. W. Ulliyatt.
1904-1907	Rev. J. Norton.
1907-1908	Rev. H. Lancaster.
1908-1912	Rev. James Lockhart.
1908-1915	Rev. William Hughes.
1912-1919	Rev. John Whittle.
1915-1921	Rev. William Thompson.
1919-1922	Rev. William Dawson.
1921-1925	Rev. George Welbourne.
1922-1925	Rev. G. Arthur Morgan.
1925	Rev. George W. Meadley.
1925-1930	Rev. James L. Pritchard.

desire to preserve the rapturous experience of his converts.

Mr. Isaac Clayton remembers the time when there was not an instrument in the old chapel, the singing being led by a precentor named John Kirk. The preacher would read out each verse, explain its meaning, and the precentor would pitch the tune.

Among the hymns commonly sung were, "Christ now sits on Zion's Hill," "Come and taste, along with me," "My soul is full of glory," "Hark! the Gospel News is sounding," and "Thou Shepherd of Israel, and mine." Much freedom was exercised by the members of the congregation in repeating the last verse of the hymns.

double basses introduced, sitting side by side with the singers in the The first har-bought from Davis, the Daniel Palmer, ginal trustees. the first player. about the year Mr. H. Scotton, as choirmaster succeeded harmoniumist 1878.

was a musician

and worked zealously for the raising of the musical standard. He organised a choir fund towards which the members paid a penny per week for the purchase of music. Mr. I. Clayton was the first secretary of this fund.

In those days anthems were not common, but were reserved for special occasions. The most popular form of musical services were "Services of Song" with connective readings. Occasionally a short and simple cantata was rendered, among



MR. W. H. POLE
(Assistant Organist).

Later, fiddles, and flutes were the players side with the singers' pew. monium was Josiah Palmer grandson of one of the ori-Mr. Davis was This would be 1870.

who had acted for some years, Mr. Davis as about the year Mr. Scotton of good ability

THE STORY OF THE CHOIR.

With their roots in the magnificent worship of the Jewish Temple, music and song have played an important part in the history of the Christian Church. The development of the art of music has been intimately associated with Christian worship at practically every stage.

This connection is clearly seen in the rise of Methodism, particularly of hymn-singing. "Hymn-singing in England is practically a creation of the Evangelical Revival. At the rise of Methodism was unknown Churches," Wiseman, B.A., History of The evangelism of the Wesleys experience alone could express. It was with the triumph of Method-Primitive pioneers Leicester sing-marched along Road, "Turn and seek sal-



MR. G. E. HILTON, J.P.
(Organist and Choirmaster).

the custom in English says Rev. Luke in "the New Methodism." cal conversion created an which song adequately in harmony phant characterism that our Methodist should enter ing, as they the Melton to the Lord, vation."

The association of early Methodism with music was practically confined to the singing of hymns, organs and anthems being regarded with suspicion, on the ground that they "would bring with them the cold, stately, even popish ceremonial, in place of the hearty free services enjoyed by many Methodists." Organs were found in only three Methodist chapels in Wesley's day. This antipathy may be explained by the chilly formality of public worship with which Wesley had been accustomed, and by his

LIST OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

Society Stewards.

Mr. J. West.
Mr. J. Berrington.
Mr. A. Moore.

Secretary to Leaders' Meeting.

Mr. A. E. Towers.

Trust Secretary.

Mr. R. Hallam.

Trust Treasurer and Chapel Steward.

Mr. S. Brown.

Financial Secretary.

Mr. A. O. Clayton.

Editor of Quarterly Guide and Envelope Scheme Secretary.

Mr. C. S. Gibbins.

Organist and Choirmaster.

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Deputy Organist.

Mr. W. H. Pole.

Deputy Choirmaster.

Mr. W. E. Lloyd.

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Mr. R. Hallam.

Choir Secretary.

Miss H. Wragby.

Choir Treasurer.

Mr. W. West.

Choir Librarian.

Mr. C. S. Gibbins.



MR. J. WEST
(Society Steward).



MR. A. MOORE.
(Assistant Society Steward).



CLASS LEADERS.

Teachers—Messrs. I. Clayton, R. Hallam, G. E. Hilton, H. E. Wragby, A. E. Towers, W. E. Lloyd, F. J. Hilton, A. O. Clayton, C. Andison, G. Bale, C. S. Gibbins, T. Warner, A. Moore, A. G. Hilton, W. E. Smith, A. Jordan, C. Stretton, F. Hern; Misses D. Pickering, L. Payne, K. Wragby, E. Towers, A. Holmes, M. Hilton, S. Wells, M. Waite, K. M. Hilton, W. Smith, C. Smith and Mrs. A. W. West.

Junior Department.

Superintendent—Mr. Herbert Moore.

Assistant Superintendent—Mr. A. King.

Pianist—Miss M. King.

Teachers—Messrs. T. E. Cundy, J. Smith, G. V. Welbourne, E. Green, S. Smith, E. Bell; Misses King, H. Wragby, I. Pickering, E. Smith, E. Stubley, M. Lumley, W. Sharpe, M. Inchley, M. Exton, K. Pickering, D. Powell, G. Smith.

Primary Department.

Superintendent—Miss H. Smith.

Pianist—Miss H. Moore.

Teachers—Messrs. J. Martin, W. Warren; Misses N. Canner, H. Moore, A. Southwell, C. Moore, J. Wincote, M. Canner, L. Noseley, E. Wright, Marjorie Wright, V. Smith, O. Howe, C. Pole, Winnie Exton.

Beginners Department.

Leaders—Misses E. Welbourne and E. Wragby.

Pianist—Miss J. Andison.

Teachers—Misses I. Haines, J. Andison, W. Ainge, Mary Wright, K. Selvidge.



MISS E. WELBOURNE
(Beginners' Leader).

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND WORKERS.



MR. I. CLAYTON
(S. S. Secretary
for 43 years).



MR. T. E. CUNDY
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Mr. G. Bale.

Senior Department.

*Superintendent—*Mr. A. W. West.

*Organist—*Mr. C. S. Gibbins.

CLASS LEADERS.

One of the marks of Wesley's genius was the division of the local Societies into classes, each having its leader, whose duty it was to serve as sub-pastor, and to receive the weekly contributions of the members. Southey says, "The organisation of Methodism may vie with that of any society that has ever been instituted for the admirable adaption of the means to the end proposed." There can be no doubt that this system has been one of the secrets of the wonderful progress of Methodism.

Writing in *The Manchester Guardian* of the first day of this year, "Artifex," a well-known Canon of the Anglican Church, said, "I never attend any service or meeting in one of the Free Churches without being struck by the number of laymen, and often quite young laymen, who are active not only in social but also in directly spiritual work."

But let not past success blind us to certain modern tendencies, one of which is the decay of Christian fellowship. One of the urgent needs of modern Methodism is the rekindling of that spirit which created the class meeting.

The following are the names of the men and women who have served in this capacity at Claremont Street Church:—

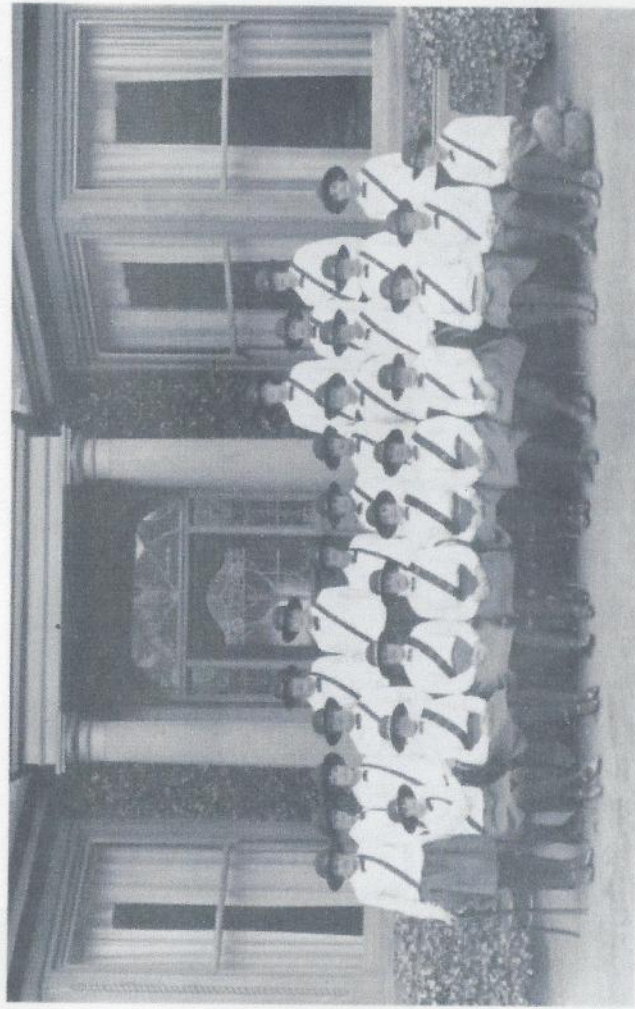
Messrs. Richard Smith, J. Walker, Joseph Berrington, Stephen Hilton, T. Henson, George Bates, Henry Scotton, H. Garner, D. Ward, William Hefford, T. Appleton, William Foxcroft, J. R. Hunt, Charles Seymour, Henry Kirk, Fred Pickett, James Lockhart, John Whittle, William Thompson, Miss Garner.

The following served as Assistant Leaders:—Messrs. George Kinton, J. Flewitt, John S. Brown, D. Garner, H. Smith, G. Lumley, W. J. Crane, T. W. Sarson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. A. Whatnall.

Present Leaders:—Messrs. Joseph Smith, Thomas Warner, Joseph Berrington, Richard Hallam, Herbert Moore, Horace W. Moore, A. Walter West, W. E. Lloyd, and A. Towers and A. E. Towers (Assistant Leaders); Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. Gibbins, Mrs. A. W. West, Mrs. G. E. Hilton.



LOCAL PREACHERS OF LEICESTER IV. CIRCUIT.



CLAREMONT STREET GIRLS' GUILDRY.

Schools" in memory of his daughter the late Mrs. R. Hallam.

The work is now carried on in four departments :—Senior, Junior, Primary and Beginners. Beginning with the Cradle Roll the children are lovingly cared for through the various departments until the teachers see the travail of their souls in many of the scholars becoming members of the Church and teachers in the School.

In addition to the Sunday sessions there are many week-day activities designed to help the young to make the best of life. The Girls' Guildry has a membership of thirty-six. Thirty boys meet in a Boys' Comradeship Class for instruction in handicrafts, physical exercise and religion.

There are also vigorous Junior, Intermediate and Senior C. E. Societies, and a Literary and Debating Society.

One of the outstanding features has been the School Anniversary. Under the present choir-master these have been renowned as high-class musical festivals. The financial proceeds have increased by leaps and bounds ; in 1893 the sum raised being £22 5s. 8d., the high-water mark being reached in 1920 when the collections amounted to £117 15s. 10d.

The following figures indicate a deepening interest in missionary work. In 1904 the school raised 17s. 6d., in 1929 the total reached £80.

Few schools are blessed with more suitable premises, or staffed with more up-to-date and competent officials and teachers. The fact that over 60 senior scholars have been added to the Church membership indicates the quality of the workers.

In Affectionate Remembrance of those from this School who fell in the War.

George Ball, George W. Bates, Horace Clayton, George F. Cooke, Alfred Costello, Samuel J. Eagle, Bertram E. Horner, Thomas W. Horner, George Jesson, Ernest Moore, Vincent H. Moore, Oliver J. Orton, William E. G. Payne, Roland Skinner, Leonard G. Southwell, Albert E. Waring, Freeman Whitelark.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

At the beginning of Primitive Methodism the pioneers were all local preachers, and when the need for a separated ministry arose, it was from this class that it was selected. Mainly poor and unlettered they spent their spare time in establishing societies all over the land.

To-day there are 13,110 local preachers in our Church, and they include manual workers, and business and professional men of all classes.

The following is a list of those whose membership has been at Claremont Street, with the dates they came on the Plan.

1840 George Hefford	1898 Thomas Ogden
„ T. Billington	1898 Frank Smith
1865 Stephen Hilton	1899 William J. Musson
1865 Henry Garner	1900 George W. Welbourne, B.A.
1872 Richard Smith	1904 Thomas Bates
1874 Daniel Garner	1905 Joshua S. Eagle
„ Isaac Sheppard	1908 Albert E. Towers
1882 Frank Stevens	1908 Harry Andison
1884 George Bates	1908 William H. Collett
1884 Mrs. Bailey	1915 Herbert E. Wragby
1884 William Hefford	1916 Herbert J. Pottage
1884 J. Brown	1920 William E. Smith
1889 Enoch Bell	1920 Reginald J. Smith
1889 John Walker	1929 A. Walter West
1890 William Richmond	1929 Thomas D. Meadley
1894 John Pendleton	1929 Alan G. Hilton
1897 M. Coaten	1929 Alfred Jordan
1898 Samuel Brown	On Trial.
1898 Richard Hallam	1929 George V. Welbourne
1898 George Greaves	1929 Leslie Green
1898 G. E. Atkins	1929 Howard Garner

Those who have entered Ministry from Claremont Street.

1905	Wm. J. Musson.
1913	Thomas Bates.
1923	Reginald J. Smith.



CLAREMONT STREET TRUSTEES AND CHAPEL COMMITTEE.

Names which occur are familiar :
 Daniel Palmer, Daniel Basford,
 Henry Smith, John Woolley,
 George Hefford, T. Waldron,
 Thomas Carter, D. Ward,
 B. Hartshorn, Mary Clayton,
 E. Lumley, Edward Pick,
 Richard Horner, J. Elliott,
 Thomas Minchen, Cornelius Smith,
 G. Kinton, and John Kirk.

In accordance with the custom of those days refractory scholars were corrected with a cane, and minutes are recorded forbidding the teachers to "strike any of the children on the head with the cane."

Other matters which caused serious discussion relate to the custom of bringing fruit and "nose gays" to school. The children were warned not to bring any fruit into the school, the resolution declaring that "if they do, it shall be immediately took from them." At a meeting in 1844 the only minute passed was : "Agreed that all the female scholars of our school be allowed to have their bonnets on."

From small and primitive beginnings the work has developed amazingly. In 1846 there were seven teachers ; to-day there are over fifty. The number of scholars reported in 1929 was 548.

In 1887 new schools were built. In 1903 the late Ald. Stephen Hilton built the "Hallam Memorial



MISS H. SMITH
 (Primary Leader).



MISS E. WRAGBY
 (Beginners' Leader).

THE ROMANCE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.



MR. A. W. WEST
(Senior School
Superintendent)



MR. H. MOORE
(Junior School
Superintendent)

Over a hundred years ago one or two Primitive Methodist pioneers gathered a handful of children in Belgrave to instruct them in the Way of Life. The beginnings are obscure, but an inscription in the porch of the old school buildings records that Rebecca Smith was the first scholar in the year 1825, so that the first school would be founded seven years after the Primitive Methodists entered Leicester.

The oldest minute book in existence dates from the year 1838, the year in which the old chapel was built. The resolutions recorded indicate the zeal as well as the standards of education of the age. The teachers were fined a ha'penny if not present at the morning roll-call, and a penny if absent from the morning session, and each teacher owing more than two-pence was deprived of voice and vote in the teachers' meetings. Special teachers' meetings were held once a month to "settle the forfeits."

Certain references suggest that they "admonished one another," in apostolic phrase, and, while some of the resolutions may evoke a smile it is wiser to interpret them as expressions of a deep anxiety to keep one another "unspotted from the world."

LIST OF TRUSTEES.

The Original Board of Trustees—1838.

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J. Crofts, J. Warrington.

Appointed 1877.

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T. Branson.

Appointed in 1903.

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A. G. Hilton, C. Stretton,
Mrs. G. E. Hilton, Mrs. H. Moore,
Miss H. Smith, Mrs. John Pole,



MR. R. HALLAM
(Trust Secretary).



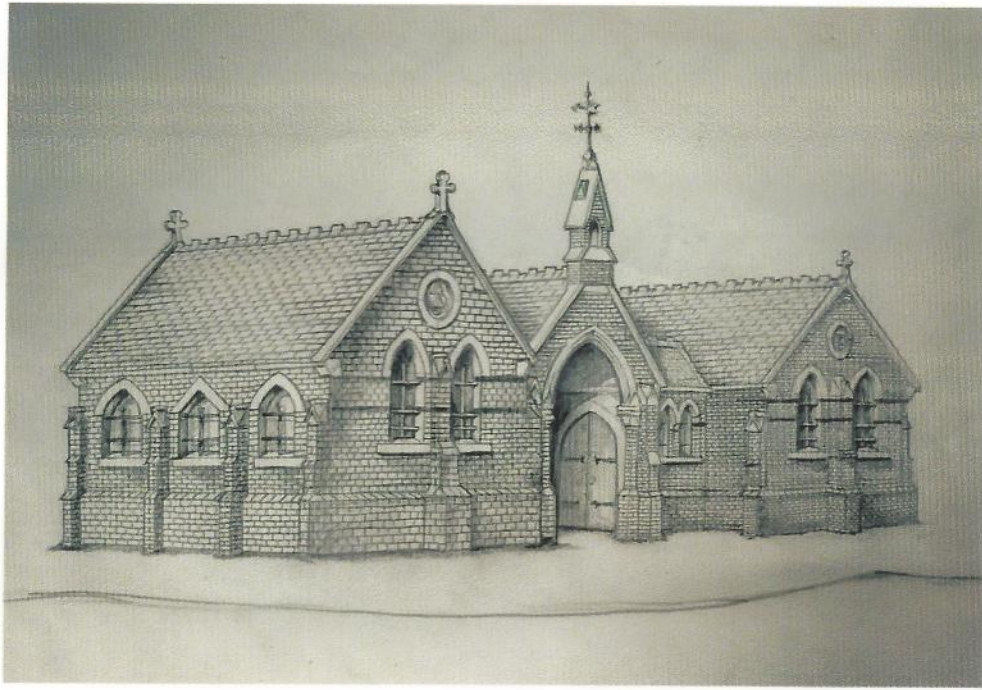
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Chapel Steward).



INTERIOR OF "HALLAM MEMORIAL SCHOOLS."



CLAREMONT STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.



MP17 George Henton 1861-1924

OLD COTTAGES AT BELGRAVE (FORMERLY THE MANSION HOUSE), 1921

Watercolour

28 x 38.6 cm



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CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH AND SCHOOLS.



REV. G. W. MEADLEY.



REV. J. L. PRITCHARD.

PROLOGUE.

THIS book is published to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the present Church at Claremont Street. As we have recounted amongst ourselves the labours and the characteristics of the men and women who built this Bethel, our hearts have been filled with a profound sense of indebtedness to them and of gratitude to Almighty God. So let our first word be one of thankfulness to the Head of the Church for that grace which redeemed our spiritual ancestors into His Kingdom, and for that divine love which impelled them to pray and work for the upbuilding of this Church.

Some were renowned beyond our borders for their leadership, understanding and counsel, and received honour in their generation. Others there were who were unknown to the world, but whose names are in the Lamb's book of life. "Their children are within the covenant," and remain as a testimony to their goodness.

Our lot is cast in vastly different days. We have tasks and conditions to face of which they never dreamed ; but our hearts may glow with the same divine love, and our lives may be filled with the same sacrificial devotion. God grant that we fall not behind them in the quality of our lives !

You will not need to be told that much loving care has been given to the production of this handbook. We trust that it will meet with your approval.

Our prayer is that the Jubilee Services may be marked by the same passionate love that inspired those who went before.

GEORGE W. MEADLEY, *Editor.*

ISAAC CLAYTON, *Secretary.*

KATHLEEN M. HILTON, *Editor's Secretary.*



INTERIOR OF CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLAREMONT STREET CHURCH.

Origins.

PRIMITIVE Methodism was introduced into Leicester on Sunday, March 1st, 1818, when George Handford, a Local Preacher of Sileby, "accompanied by a large number of persons from the adjacent villages," marched along the Melton Turnpike Road singing "Turn to the Lord and seek salvation."



THE LATE ALDERMAN S. HILTON, J.P.

They took their stand at the Old Cross, Belgrave Gate, where John Benton preached the first sermon from the text, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

The first Chapel used for preaching services was a small one in Millstone Lane, formerly belonging to the Wesleyans. In 1819 the first Chapel was built in George Street. The cause prospered so rapidly that in 1852 the membership numbered 1,178.



THE LATE
MR. D. WARD.



THE LATE
MR. H. SCOTTON

In 1820 a Society was established in Belgrave, which was, at that time, a small village; the services being held in a cottage on the village green occupied by Mr. Mark Hefford. Later the little Society rented a disused cowshed in Crane's yard on the Checkett's Road.

In 1838 a Trust was formed and 800 square yards of land was bought for £80, upon which a Chapel and two cottages were built. The deeds state that the land was conveyed from David Deakins and Thomas Hartshorn to the trustees "acting for and on behalf of a Society or Community of religious persons called Primitive Methodists, belonging to the Primitive Methodist Connexion." The cost of the Chapel and the cottages is a matter of conjecture. A mortgage deed of 1841 states that a loan of £260 was taken up. A second mortgage deed shows that the mortgage for the same amount was transferred to another person in 1871, the inference being that nothing had been paid off for 30 years.

The old Chapel was of the usual four-square village type. Its exterior was extremely plain. Immediately inside were three rows of high-backed pews with doors and iron buttons. So high were the pews that children could neither see nor be seen. To the

right of the entrance a wooden staircase led to a tiny gallery with three rows of seats, the occupants of which could easily touch the ceiling. The pulpit, a mere box, was attached to the back wall of the Chapel, and its size must have placed severe restrictions upon the exercises of the energetic preachers of those days. The choir and the players of divers instruments occupied a spacious pew to the right of the pulpit. It is recorded that two gas-jets in the pulpit "shed a halo round the preacher's face."

The financial struggles of those days may be imagined from the resolutions of the old minute books. In 1877, when Mr. and Mrs. J. Berrington commenced their duties as caretakers, they received sixpence per week, out of which sum they had to provide buckets, mops and firewood. In 1879 the following resolution was recorded: "Agreed that Mr. Berrington be paid at the rate of 1/- per week, and that this sum be paid for the past year."

The Present Church.

In 1877 the land on which the present Church stands—490 square yards—was bought from George E. Wade, Wine Merchant, Belgrave, for £355 2s. 6d. The stone-laying took place in June, 1879. A printed



THE LATE
MR. J. S. BROWN



THE LATE
MR. T. HENSON.



THE LATE
MRS. S. HILTON

circular, issued on February 12th, 1880, over the names of Revs. John G. Smith and R. Barron, and Messrs. S. Hilton, W. S. Perkins, J. Wain, H. Scotton, T. Henson, J. Berrington, and R. Smith (Secretary), states that "the purchase of the land, with the erection of the building, etc., will cost nearly £2,200." The cost of the present Church would therefore be approximately £1,864. The same letter states that £750 was in hand before the opening, and, as the debt after the opening was £1,615, £250 would be raised at the opening ceremony.

The Church was opened on Thursday, February 26th, 1880, when the Rev. J. Williamson, M.A., of Gallowtree Gate Chapel, preached the sermon. A handbill states that "A Public Tea Meeting (gratuitously furnished) will be provided in the Nonconformist's School Rooms (kindly lent). Tickets 1/- each. We respectfully ask the presence of 500 people." The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Wm. Bishop, of Archdeacon Lane Church. On the following Sunday Dr. Antliff preached, the Rev. R. Y. Roberts, Belgrave, taking the afternoon service. On the following Monday, Dr. Antliff lectured on "Queer Folks and Good Folks," the chair



THE LATE
MRS. R. HALLAM.

being taken by Wm. Key, Esq. On March 7th, the Rev. J. G. Smith preached morning and evening, and the Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., in the afternoon.

The Heroic Poor.

Heroic efforts were made by the members, most of whom belonged to the wage-earning class, to reduce the debt. A number of women, after a long day's work in the factory shared the labour of cleaning the Chapel. Among these may be named: Mary Smith, Caroline Clayton, Charlotte Chadwick, Harriet Chadwick, Sarah Jane Pole, Amy Horner, Sarah Jane Harris, Sarah A. Palmer, Sarah A. Lumley, Eliza West, Polly Greasley, Ann Preston, Lizzie Harris, Susan Harris, Hannah West. This work they gladly did for eight years until the financial burden became lighter.

The Junior Schools.

In 1887 the old Chapel was pulled down to make room for the present Junior Schools. The cost of these additions was about £865. In this block three of the departments are accommodated—the Beginners, Primary and Junior.

The "Hallam Memorial Schools."

To meet the increasing number of



THE LATE
MR. J. WAIN



THE LATE
MISS C. CLAYTON.

OUR DEBT TO THE WOMEN.

The unique respect which our Lord shewed to women evoked an immediate response. While the Disciples often faltered, one giving Him a traitor's kiss, and another denying Him with unholy tongue, the women gladly ministered to Him of their substance, were last at the tomb, anointed His body for the tomb, and were first at the resurrection. And since those far-away days women have been among His most loyal followers.

In his "The Balance of Power," Benjamin Kidd says that woman by the being has been source of the ism of the her nature she to the race, and the commun- has woman's best things of finely illus- the history of Street Church. ginning they en the most with gladness. they held sew- and teas during for some years



MRS. G. E. HILTON
(President).

laws of her "the principal creative ideal-world." By gives herself sinks herself to ity. Nowhere devotion to the life been more trated than in Claremont From the be- have undertak- sacrificial tasks For many years ing meetings the winter, and they have

raised an average of £1 per week for the Trust Fund. Last year they handed over £200 for this purpose.

In every part of the Church may be found evidences of their taste, and the beauty of the Lord's House is in no small degree due to their choice minds.

In recent years they have been elected to the position of Leaders and members of the Trust and Chapel Committee.

Mrs. G. E. Hilton has been President for 28 years, and Mrs. H. Moore, Secretary for 20 years.



CLAREMONT STREET WOMEN'S WORKING PARTY.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Senior C. E. Society.

President—Rev. G. W. Meadley.

Vice-President—Mr. Herbert Moore.

Secretary—Mr. C. S. Gibbins.

Roll Secretary—Miss W. Sharpe.

Treasurer—Miss D. Pickering.

Organist—Mr. F. J. Hilton.

Intermediate C. E. Society.

President—Mr. A. W. West.

Secretary—Mr. K. Towers.

Junior C. E. Society.

President—Miss H. Smith.

Secretary—Miss P. Jones.

Boys' Comradeship Class.

Leader—Mr. J. G. Hilton.

Assistant Leaders—Messrs. A. Jordan C. Stretton, A.W. West,
J. H. West, G. Bale, and E. Bell.

Literary and Debating Society.

President—Rev. G. W. Meadley.

Secretary—Miss Hilton.

Treasurer—Miss Exton.

Librarian—Miss M. Canner.

Operatic Society.

President and Director—Mr. G. E. Hilton, J.P.

Secretary—Mr. Alan G. Hilton.

Treasurer—Mr. J. G. Hilton.

Tennis Club.

Secretary—Mr. J. H. West.

Ladies' Hockey Club.

Captain—Miss E. Wragby.

Secretary—Miss M. H. Canner.

Treasurer—Miss W. Smith.

Sidesmen.

Messrs. H. E. Wragby, A. Branson,
J. West, A. Lloyd, T. Warner,
A. Moore, A. Lloyd, Junr.,
C. Andison, E. Skinner,
G. A. Atkins, A. King,
I. Major, W. E. Lloyd,
H. Clarke, A. G. Hilton,
Horace Moore, Herbert Moore.



MR. A. O. CLAYTON
(Trust Financial
Secretary).

The Girls' Guildry.

Chaplain—Rev. G. W. Meadley.

Guardian—Miss K. M. Hilton.

Assistant Guardians—

Miss Winnie Smith.

Miss Edna Smith.

Miss Connie Smith.

Miss Edna Peach.

Hon. Guardians—

Mrs. G. E. Hilton.

Mrs. C. S. Gibbins.



MR. C. S. GIBBINS
(Editor of "The
Quarterly Guide.")

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PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.

10-45 Mr. A. G. HILTON.

6-30 The choir will render
Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise."
Mr. R. HALLAM will conduct the service.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.

10-45 and 6-30 Rev. JAMES LOCKHART
(Ex-President of Conference).

Morning Anthem—"How lovely are thy dwellings"
(Liddle).

Evening Anthem—"Sing we merrily unto God our Strength"
(Oliver King).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.

The Rev. J. A. HUTTON, M.A., D.D.

(Editor of "The British Weekly")

will lecture under the auspices of the
Literary Society, on

"SOME ASPECTS OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE."

Mr. C. TAYLOR, MUS. BAC., F.R.C.O., will give an Organ
Recital of Russian Music at 7-15.

The Choir will sing *Tschaikowsky's* "THE LEGEND."

Lecture to commence at 7-45.

Chairman—Rev. G. W. MEADLEY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

Sermon at 3-30 by Dr. HUTTON.

Public Tea at 5 p.m.

Public Meeting at 7-45.

Chairman—Coun. R. Hallam.

Speakers—Rev. F. Pickett and Mr. W. Rogers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st.

Public Tea and Re-Union. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6 p.m.

Chairman—Mr. G. E. Hilton, J.P.

Speakers—Messrs. S. Brown, Coun. R. Hallam.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd.

10-30 and 6-30. *Preacher*—Rev. TOM SYKES.

Morning Anthem—"Te Deum." (*Stanford*).

Evening Anthem—"Awake ! Awake !" (*Stainer*).

MONDAY, MARCH 3rd.

Lecture by the Rev. TOM SYKES.

"THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY."

Chairman—Mr. F. J. Hilton.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th.

10-45 Rev. J. L. PRITCHARD.

6-30 Rev. G. W. MEADLEY.



CLAREMONT STREET SIDESMEN.

CHURCH SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

Sunday.

10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. Public Worship.

10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Sunday School.

Beginners. Primary. Junior. Senior.

Young Men's Class.

Young Women's Class.

3-30 p.m. Teachers' Training Class.

Monday.

6-0 p.m. Junior Girls' Guildry.

6-45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavour.

7-0 p.m. Local Preachers' Study Circle.

7-15 p.m. Senior Girls' Guildry.

8-0 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavour.

Tuesday.

4-30 p.m. Women's Society.

6-30 p.m. Boys' Comradeship Class.

7-30 p.m. Operatic Society.

Wednesday.

7-45 p.m. Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

8-0 p.m. Literary Society.

Friday.

7-30 p.m. Teachers' Training Class.

8-15 p.m. Choir Practice.

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