

Rev. F. J. Sainty

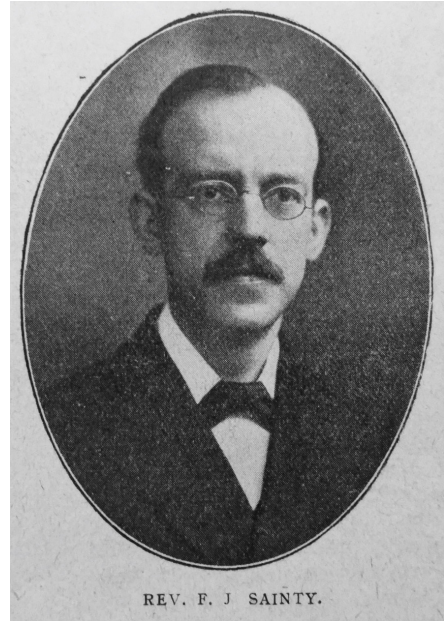
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Scottish Ministers.

What is there in Scotland that arrests and keeps the English ministers who are invited there? There must be some charm, because men who have laboured in Scotland speak of their ministries there as the "high water mark of everything," and some have been keen to return when the opportunity opened. It speaks well for our Scottish Churches, and we are glad to make note of the fact.

The Rev. F. J. Sainty.

Mr. Sainty is a case in point. He is a native of South Shields, and has spent twenty-two years in our ministry, seventeen of which have been beyond the Border. His is a record of which he may be proud. All his Scottish stations have been pastorates; four years at Blantyre (Glasgow second), four years at Greenock, six years at Pollokshaws (Glasgow third), three years at Shipley, two years at Bradford third, and now in his fourth year at Pollokshaws again.



His Programme.

We can imagine the strain of pastorates while we recognise the fine opportunities, but now that we have seen Mr. Sainty's last printed programme, we understand how the thing is done. In our experience this programme is exceptional. Everything is planned beforehand. There are definite schemes of study. He has courses of Sunday sermons on "Books of the Bible," "Revival Meditations," "Studies in Christian History," "The Supreme Things in the Christian Life," "Great Words of the Evangel." For the Young Worshippers' League he has Sunday forenoon talks on "Stories from English History." He conducts a minister's class on Sunday from three to four, and here he talks on such subjects as these: "What is a Christian?" "Who is the Christian's Christ," "How to become a Christian," and so on. It is the same at the Women's Own on Thursday evenings, where he gives a monthly address on "Mothers of the Bible." Again for the Training Class on Fridays he gives a monthly study on next Sunday's lesson, a monthly conversation on "Books that have helped me." All this is most instructive and suggestive.

His Literary Work.

For many years Mr. Sainty has been a valuable contributor to our various magazines. We can testify to the literary skill with which his MSS. are prepared. Readers of MESSENGER are finding his "Studies in Prayer" both interesting and edifying.

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