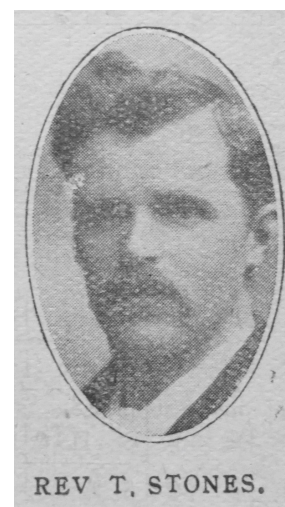


Thomas Stones

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The Rev. T. Stones!

The Rev. T. Stones has responded to the invitation of the General Missionary Committee to succeed the Rev. G. E. Wiles at Fernando Po. There will be great satisfaction throughout the Connexion, and earnest prayers will surround him when he returns for the fourth time to the Mission sphere. We are happy to recall some particulars of his previous service in Africa, and also in the home ministry. His earliest ministerial tuition was received under the Rev. H. B. Kendall, B.A. He also came under the inspiring influence of the Rev. J. D. Thompson. His probation was spent in the Grimsby and Lincoln District. Immediately afterwards he was invited by the General Missionary Committee to proceed to the Mission Field. During his first term he opened out Jamestown, from which place we subsequently advanced into the interior. His second term was at San Carlos Bay. He witnessed remarkable success on the industrial, the financial and spiritual side of the work. Later he was desired to proceed to Central Africa. Here he did itinerating work down the Zambesi River, preparing for the Missions which in recent years have been so successful. Travelling in the rainy season, and the death of Mr. Walter Hogg, necessitated his return home at the end of two years. He had the melancholy duty of burying two of our Missionaries in Africa, the Rev. M. Barron and Mr. Walter Hogg.



Home Work!

After his first term abroad he was engaged for two years on Deputation work, visiting many of our home centres. After his second term he was stationed at Laxey in the Isle of Man. Here he conducted for five weeks a Mission, and twenty-five young people joined the Church, who are now in faithful service in our church there. The last twelve years he has been stationed at Chalfont St. Giles. Guildford, Colnbrook, Chertsey, and Oxford. At Chalfont St. Giles, four hundred pounds was spent in building and renovating the church, two hundred pounds of which was raised. He did good work in a special difficulty at Guildford. At Colnbrook all the Trust debts were paid off and Chertsey Mission added to the circuit. At Oxford a movement is on foot to liquidate the debts on the Chapels.

Mrs. Stones!

Mrs. Stones is the youngest daughter of Mr. H. Botley, St. George's, Salop. She was reared in a Methodist New Connexion family, and has proved herself an ideal helpmeet for her husband. She will remain in this country with her children as the Government refuse passports for ladies. They, too, will have the prayers of the Church. We are proud indeed of our Missionaries and their families.

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