Transcription of a Sketch in the Christian Messenger by Rev J.G. Bowran

Rev. John Graham!

The Rev. John Graham is the writer of the serial for next year's MESSENGER. He was born at Blyth in Northumberland, but spent several years at Sacriston in the Durham Circuit, where he became a local preacher when only seventeen years of age. The Alston Circuit has the honour of having sent him into the ministry. Few men were more popular in college with their fellow-students than he. Everybody recognises his unique individuality. There is more than a spark of genius in him. He is a true bookman, and best of all he knows his Bible. Through all the years he has been a diligent and vigilant circuit minister. He is a boon companion and the choicest of friends. At present he is labouring at Castletown, in the Isle of Man. We have had the joy of being his guest. Mrs. Graham is an ideal minister': wife.



The Lady Bessie!

Mr. Graham has distinct literary gifts, and the art of the novelist. This serial has as its sub-title: "The Tale of a Methodist Manse." It is wonderful what interest there is in ministers and their homes and families, just as everybody feels the greatest interest in writers. We have read the manuscript of this story with great interest, and are quite eager for all our readers to have the same privilege. We are quite certain that the tale will be followed month by month with growing admiration and pleasure.

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When we presented our Programme to the Book Committee we were greatly gratified with the praises it evoked. Many members affirmed that it was the best of the five the present editor has been privileged to give. We pay particular attention to the Programme for the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER. Primitive Methodism will be kept to the front. We are particularly interested in the series showing the marvellous influence Primitive Methodism has among different classes of the population.

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