

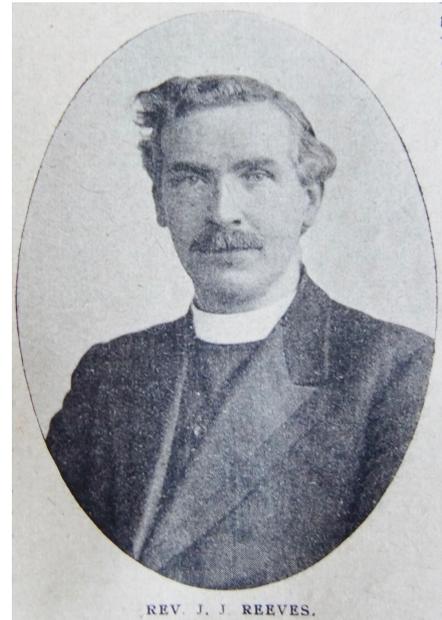
John Jones Reeves

Transcription of Sketch in the Christian Messenger by the Editor

The Rev. J. J. Reeves.

There is music and witchery in the very name of Weston Lulling Fields, where the Rev. J. J.

Reeves was born in 1877, and some of it must have been born in him. He did not remain long in this quiet corner of what was then the Oswestry Circuit, for at fourteen years of age he removed to Liverpool, where he came under the influence of the Revs. James Watkin and D. T. Mann. Decision was made at a service conducted at Palmerston Street by the Rev. A. Fawcett, then a student, and at sixteen John began to preach.



College and Probation.

A winter of gracious work on the Isle of Man was followed by a delightful college course in company with a number of men already well-known in our church - Hobson, Hopkins, Standing, Low, Carden, Cuthbert, Wardle, Thompson and many others – and of these Reeves speaks with glowing enthusiasm. One of the valued memories of those days is that he was elected to represent his year by speaking at the Students' Missionary Meeting. Probation began at Seacombe (Birkenhead I.) where the membership was more than doubled, and the site for the new church secured, and where he enjoyed the advantage of the superintendency of the Revs. T. M. Pinnock and John Mayles.

From Bradford to Northampton.

Mr. Reeves spent twelve years in Bradford, and witnessed much success at Idle and Great Horton, where great revivals of religion were enjoyed. His article on the Bradford Increase Campaign, which appeared in the "Leader" in 1911, was much quoted and discussed, notably by Dr. Nicol in the "British Weekly." The new cause at Eccleshill was begun during the Bradford ministry. At Saltburn-by-the-Sea congregations increased, and £1,100 was paid off the debt. Mr. Reeves is now at Northampton, serving a church famous for its mighty power and resources, and maintaining a great tradition in a great way.