

Rev. A.W. Bagnall

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THE REV. A. W. BAGNALL comes to the Wrexham Circuit with a very fine record of service, and will be warmly welcomed by all parts of the district in which he is to labour. At the close of probation he was sent by Conference to superintend the Eston Circuit, residing at Southbank. The situation there was difficult but the work prospered. A second minister was called out, a new Manse built and a new church was opened in the circuit. Mr. Bagnall was elected a member of the Eston School Board and sat until the Boards were dissolved. During his ministry he had the pleasure of seeing a large increase in membership and great strengthening of the financial resources of the circuit. This success has also marked the progress of his ministry elsewhere. His executive ability has been recognised by various District appointments, and he has twice been Delegate to Conference, once as G.C.D. The Christian Endeavourers of the Circuit will be especially interested to know of Mr Bagnall's deep interest in the movement, he having filled the post of District CE. Secretary, as well as that of Sunday School and Examinations Secretary.

He is deeply interested in all civic affairs and especially in the League of Nations' Union. While in Hartlepool the membership of the town branch, under Mr. Bagnall's guidance, rose from 40 to 800, and included representative leaders of all denominations and all political. Mr Bagnall has been up to the time of his removal President of the Monmouthshire Association of Sunday School Unions.

He comes to Wrexham with a wide and varied experience in Shildon, Leeds II., Leicester III., Manchester VII. Circuits besides those already named, and has three times received invitations to return to the scene of former labours.

Mr. Bagnall is genial and brotherly. His gifts as a student, an organiser and a leader will be fully and freely placed at the service of our Churches. Our people will find in him a kind and sympathetic minister, a loyal and devoted friend. He has been ably supported in his labours by Mrs. Bagnall, who also brings varied gifts of heart and mind to the service of the Church. They come to the Circuit with a deep and earnest desire to spread the Evangel in all our Churches, and to apply its principles to all the varied needs and problems of life as we face it to-day. They will enter upon their labours with the eager expectancy of the Church and the loyal and trustful prayers of the Wrexham Circuit.

We predict for them a full and fruitful ministry in our midst.