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## Sir William P. Hartley.

By Prof. A. S. PEAKE, M.A., D.D.

The loss of Sir William Hartley will be felt far beyond the limits of his immediate circle. Tens of thousands who never saw him will mourn his departure, and feel that they have lost a friend. Those who love their fellow men will lament that a great philanthropist has been taken from our midst. Those who share his deep concern for religion and the Church will sorrow that a leader, who was in the van of progress, will no longer be with us to stimulate and encourage us.

I have known him for more than thirty years—years of co-operation in tasks dear to both of us. And during recent years I have had the privilege of much intimate fellowship with him. It has been possible to form some idea of the width of his interests and the range of his activities. The business side of his life, which, of course, absorbed much of his energy, was a side that was largely unknown to me. But it goes without saying that the qualities which enabled him to erect from the ground upwards so solid and so imposing a structure were very remarkable indeed. That beyond all this he was able to devote such precious time and unshrinking labour to unselfish assistance of good causes is in itself a remarkable tribute to his executive gifts.

It is natural that Primitive Methodists should think first of his wonderful services to our Church. There was, I believe, not one of the chief departments of our Church life that he did not care for and help. But there were certain things which specially appealed to him. Our Church property was terribly encumbered with debt, and with great faith and courage he did much to found the Chapel Aid Association. His advocacy of it gave confidence to investors, but he invested largely in it himself, though it was not the most profitable form of investment open to him. The scheme was wisely conceived; its value in reducing the burden of debt has been very great. Missions were his constant care. He won his Connexional reputation in the first instance by his challenge offer of a thousand pounds to the missionary debt could be extinguished. He was for many years missionary treasurer, and took a close and active interest in the work of the Society.

Probably, however, the greatest service that he rendered to our Church, more far-reaching in its ultimate results than anything else, was his care for ministerial education. He realised its vast importance. Twice at great cost he enlarged the college which happily perpetuates his name. He did much to secure that it should be efficiently staffed; he has provided for the education of a number of students at the University; again and again he has liberally aided ministers in the purchase of books, while local preachers and Sunday-school teachers have not been forgotten. Our publishing house owes much to him in many ways; I think specially in this connection of his purchase of Holborn Hall. Our great

funds—the Jubilee Fund, the Centenary Fund, the fund raised in connection with the jubilee of African missions, the efforts for supernumerary ministers, owed much to his generosity. The first of these in particular gained greatly from his unsparing personal service devoted to advocacy of the fund in meetings held all over the country.

But he gave far more than money to his Church. His time, his counsel, his state-manship were freely placed at her disposal. He took long views and broad views. But he had great mastery of detail, and was not content to rest his conclusions on generalities. This quality, which went into all his work, often involved immense expenditure of time and thought. He was scrupulous given, and he could not be satisfied to administer "the Lord's money" without the most scrupulous care in seeing that the utmost possible usefulness was extracted from it. He sought the best advice, but took the responsibility of his final decision. Many of the claims that came to him were local claims, not involving much, perhaps, in comparison with the most scrupulous care in seeing that the utmost possible usefulness was extracted from it. He sought the best advice, but took the responsibility of his final decision. Many of the claims that came to him were local claims, not involving much, perhaps, in comparison with the most scrupulous care in seeing that the utmost possible usefulness was extracted from it.

He gave largely in aid of other enterprises than those connected with his own Church. He was a warm supporter of great inter-denominational organisations. The circulation of the Bible, the promotion of temperance, had in him a steadfast friend. But he was specially touched by the spectacle of human misery and suffering. His provision for philanthropic objects was bountiful. On the large scale it included hospitals, almshouses and gifts to charitable organisations. He was keenly interested in medical research for the extirpation of disease and alleviation of pain. He did very much in cases of individual distress; these benefactions were, for the most part, known simply to the recipients. He took a keen interest in education, and was a benefactor of several schools, colleges and Universities. I might mention in particular his munificent gift of a botanical laboratory to the University of Liverpool.

Loyalty was one of his outstanding characteristics. He was loyal to the cause of humanity, to his country, to the towns and cities with which he was specially associated, and in particular to his birthplace. He was loyal to his Church, and to his Connexion, and in a pre-eminent degree he was loyal to his family. He had great intellectual qualifications—broadness of insight, sagacity, resourcefulness and soundness of decision. His executive and administrative ability was great, and all his qualities were combined in the most efficient way his amazing energy, his capacity for handling large and complex problems, and his readiness to take the lead in the field.

He realised his duty, to those who worked for him, far beyond the

standards of duty recognised by employers in general. He studied their comfort, he created a scheme of pensions and was one of the first to adopt the system of profit-sharing. He rose to the possession of great wealth, but his personal habits continued to be simple and frugal. He shunned ostentation, remained hearty and cordial to his friends, did not yield to temptation to luxury or extravagance, laboured to the end to the full limit of his strength, regarded money, life and health as trust for which he must give account. For him ampler resources were always taken as larger opportunities.

His character was of the highest. Sterling integrity, strict fidelity to duty,

constant regard for the welfare of others, the passion to do good, deep pity and practical sympathy with the distressed, indignation at outrage and wrong, a keen and balanced sense of justice—such were some of his outstanding characteristics. He was strong in his affections. He loved and cared for his friends, and he was happiest in the fellowship of his own family. The most potent, the all-pervading element in his life was his religion. What he was and what he did he became and achieved through the strength and inspiration it afforded him. It was not for him a superficial thing, it struck its roots into his very being, and its rich and splendid fruits are there for all men to see.

## A TRIBUTE.

### By THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.

A great darkness fell on the General Missionary Committee at Nottingham with the breaking of the news of the death of the Missionary Treasurer, although it was the hour of noon. I have never seen a congregation of men and women so visibly impressed. The light went from all faces, and strong men bowed themselves. To Sir William we have looked in every great emergency. No outstanding affairs were made on any Connexional problem without his initiative, consent or invaluable advice. For half the years of his denominational life he stood out among our leaders, and until Wednesday of last week he was central in the Church councils and efforts. He never sought this distinction, he simply found himself there by sheer force of statesmanship.

Sir William stood front rank among Liverpool's merchant princes. He amassed wealth. He had exceptional business gifts. Vision, with care of detail, swift perception with caution, sleepless vigilance with power of immediate decision. For man in his time never worked harder or more hours than his employer. But with this, what elevation of view and idealism he possessed. He cared for his workpeople as for himself. He gave them a regular share of the profits, established pensions, paid sick pay, and wages during holidays. He built workmen's houses, dining halls, recreation rooms, and, with it all, studiously avoided patronage or a hint of charity. Beneficence flowed out of him. Liverpool University, hospital wards, convalescent homes are only a few of his charities covering half a century. He has made the widow's heart dance for joy, and the writer has never privileged to dispense his gratuitous help to the lonely, broken and unfortunate again and again.

He gave nothing thoughtlessly. There was business care in his beneficence. By a splendid decision at the beginning of his business career, he wrote Mr. Hartley resolved to give systematically and proportionately. They kept and increased their vow, and through the years spent infinite time in the careful bestowal of it all. Denied the right of early education, he cared for the intellectual welfare of others. He helped lads with school fees, distributed thousands of standard books, endowed scholarships, and, almost unique in British annals, he took deliberate steps to enlarge and equip our theological training colleges. He made it his boast in the British Isles. He secured the transfer of Prof. Peake from Oxford to Manchester—his most fruitful deed; endowed professors' chairs for the first time in the history of the Church, and made it financially easy for any student to graduate in Arts or Divinity. For one of the busiest business men in England to give time and money for all this is truly great.

Sir William's liberality to our Church, to every Protestant Church, to every kind of reform and humanitarian work is incalculable. Missions simply commanded him. He wrote his purse strings were loose at home and abroad. But greater than all this was his ecclesiastical statesmanship. He

gave that. The Chapel Aid Association is only one instance. He projected most of the local Connexional enterprises. He was keen in business, he was keener for the welfare of the Church, the nation and the world. Business was his best end. He spent less on personal luxury and pleasure for fifty years than the ordinary workman of his own knowledge. But he kept an open ear for want and a big space in his time ambitious. The richly decorated problems of Church and State.

Better than all else he lived in simplicity, and with the trust of a child in the reality and goodness of God in Christ. He proved that a foremost business man can grow a soul. He grew in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. He felt the responsibility of wealth. His religion was as severely practical as his business. He knew our Church's contribution to the world's salvation will be stronger and richer for ever because of his greatest business men loved it and gave himself for it. We can only renew our vows.

H. J. TAYLOR.

### The Vice-President's Tribute.

Among the things which I cherish are some notes of an interview which I had with Mr. Hartley (as he was called) some thirty years ago. My father had taken me into business partnership. I was ambitious. The invitation to spend an evening with Mr. Hartley at his house, to talk business with such a captain of industry, was a great thing for me. He told me what his business ideals were, to make as good a man as any other man, and better if he could; to pay promptly and all his purchases and to treat his work people well and share his profits with them; to give a fixed proportion of his income to religious and charitable work; to be objective, and in all things to live and act in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of his discourses and triumphs fascinated me. He instilled sympathetically to the story of my own problems, and warned me against going into business with a partner who knew what it was to have a full night's rest.

A few weeks ago, when Sir William was ailing, a friend called at his hotel to see how he was getting on. He received me cheerfully. We chatted quietly about the Church and business and finally, he said, "Hardly came under the spell of his personality as I had done thirty years before, and many similar in his personal life. He certainly had been in my power to be of service to him. This had always been a joy to me. The words he spoke to me at that time set me at Buxton I shall never forget. They are a precious memory."

T. L. GERBARD.

The Manchester ministers' fraternal met on Friday at the home of Rev. A. T. Wilcox. The speaker was read by Rev. J. Alexander Findlay, M.A., of Didsbury College, on "Is the time come for a new edition of the New Testament?" A splendid discussion followed.

## Sir W. P. Hartley. A CONNEXIONAL PHILANTHROPIST.

By Rev. JOHN MAYLES.

In the realm of finance Sir William Hartley was undoubtedly the most distinguished man that ever bore the designation "a Primitive Methodist." His gifts were of the most lavish and munificent character, but I question whether even those equalled in value the service he rendered as a statesman. His philanthropy was so wisely directed that others were inspired to give, and during the forty years of his prominence in our Church he initiated and sustained movements of unique potentiality. In a brief appreciation one can only refer to a few of the outstanding features of his beneficence, and only those as they pertain to our own denomination.

It was a challenge offered to the Missionary Society in 1884 that first gave Sir William a place in the larger life of the denomination. First, then his fame was local. There was a crippling debt of £5,000, and in the October of that year our society offered to discharge the whole of this liability on condition that the whole of the £5,000 was paid. As was fitting, he presided at the Metropolitan May Meeting in 1885, and great was the enthusiasm when it was announced that more than the stipulated amount had been subscribed. Five years later he became Treasurer of the General Missionary Fund, and in that capacity for thirty-two years rendered invaluable service. Advances of thousands of pounds to meet current claims have been of frequent occurrence. In 1882 it then decided to raise £50,000 in celebration of the jubilee of the Missionary Society. During his year of office he rendered yeoman service in the raising of this sum, which contributed £5,000. Since then he has often stimulated the generosity of others by offering a handsome percentage on any increase of revenue that could be realised. Apart from this, his ordinary gifts have year by year placed him a long way ahead of all other benefactors, and to the African Jubilee Fund two years ago he gave £5,000. When Sir William first became Treasurer the ordinary circuit raisings amounted to about £16,000. Last year the amount was not far short of three times that sum, and an important factor in this great advance has been his challenging and inspiring initiative.

One of the most striking features of our progress during the last five and thirty years has been the improved position of our trust estates. In 1884 it was reported that our trust estates had cost £2,874,508, and that the debts amounted to £3,102,862. What a change the last thirty years have brought! The cost was £5,443,360, and the debt £261,166. The liabilities of the earlier period were reduced to a very small percentage. Many cases of very high rate of interest were being paid. It was then that with rare prescience Sir William took a leading part in the formation of the Chapel Aid Association. He became its first chairman, and continued in that capacity until the day of his death. The C.A.A. furnishes an opportunity for safe and profitable investments, and ensures to trustees the possibility of loans at a very reasonable rate of interest, with facilities for repayment by easy instalments. The value of this institution can hardly be overestimated. Some years ago at Sir William's instigation the Acute Cases Fund was established. He was the donor of many thousands of pounds. His gifts to trustees all over the country have been proverbial. It would be sufficient to name a number of any other Church to equal him in the liberality of his response to appeals of investment, and he was a character of the finest type of a donor.

In nothing did Sir William manifest greater interest than ministerial education, and the noble play of buildings in

Albany, New York, and the highly called "Hartley College." He was not its founder, but it was a comparatively recent addition to the list of institutions made in 1897, and again in 1906. The cost was in each case entirely defrayed by him. But all large schemes were not his alone. His Church College in the country. It has accommodation for upwards of one hundred students, and with his chapel and clock tower constitutes an edifice of which we are justly proud. On this institution his generous patron probably spent not less than £60,000. It was at his instigation that Dr. Peake was induced to leave Oxford in 1892, and his thirty years of service, together with that of his colleagues, have given the College high academic standing. Scholarships have been founded, and the benefactions of him whose name the College bears will thus continue now that he has gone.

It was not all then his fame was deep and abiding. His solicitude for those who were already in his ranks was equal to his interest in the ministry for students. No man more highly appreciated the value of culture than he. He was a collector of books, and he was in order that those whose early advantages had been slender might have access to the best literature. Thus hundreds of libraries were enriched by his generous gifts, and some men of eminence largely owe their position to his equipment. For many years the holiday conferences evoked his generous support, and a large number of brethren and sisters, who have since spent at Oxford and other centres of learning, made possible through his munificence.

One of the most beautiful traits of Sir William's character was a gracious humanitarianism. Need always stirred his compassion, and his generous sympathies made ministerial stipends quite inadequate for he gave thousands of pounds to augment them. Towards aged ministers and their widows he was specially tender, as those who addressed him might testify. He was the anonymous donor of £10,000 to the Million Shillings Thanksgiving Fund. Many a manse hardened by sorrow and affliction was brightened by his spontaneous gifts. His care for fatherless children was expressed in many ways, but especially in the erection of Orphan Homes at Harrogate. Sir William's modesty was one of his shining virtues, but without and without boasting.

"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, because I delivered the poor from grief and sorrow, and him that had no help. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, because I did not despise the widow's heart to sing for joy."

I have referred only to gifts within the denomination, and only to some of them. Many more were given to the Holborn Hall has not been mentioned. But added to all his gifts of money was that of time. Nothing was so dear to him as those who knew his methods than his infinite capacity for taking time. Two of his visits for instance, to the Holborn Hall on the 10 o'clock train, revising his scheme for assisting London churches, when he playfully remarked, "I can hardly find time to do this, but I have made a Primitive Methodist," but one could see that though weary almost to the point of collapse, he was full of delight in the work he was doing. He has left his impress on every phase of our denominational life, and thousands probably thank him for the fact that to our Church of such a genius and such a saint.

Alderman E. H. Brown, of Sunderland, has declined the unassuming invitation to stand as a candidate for the Liberal to become their candidate for the forthcoming election.

# Sir W. P. Hartley as a Christian.

By HENRY J. PICKETT.

It has been my great privilege during recent years, as the minister of the circuit of which Sir William was the senior steward, to know him close at hand, and in this way to understand and appreciate the secret of his outstanding greatness. For the essential point in any biography lies behind and beneath a man's sayings and doings and sufferings, and upon this point we discover the central and controlling idea of the man himself. Where is the home of his thought, the nest to which he returns, saying, "Here will I dwell, for I have desired it?" To what love has he wedded his affection, as in the sacredness of a marriage bond? These questions admit of only one answer in the case of Sir William Hartley.

When I ask the reason for his unique place in the affection and gratitude of the Church and the nation I think not chiefly of his ceaseless benefactions pouring forth in living streams of healing and blessing. But there were in effect. The cause is found in his early acceptance of the Divine estimate of life and character, and in the fact that he made God's standard of life his own. The secret is discovered in his religion, in his unaffected, unostentatious goodness. He knew himself to be definitely and for ever, God's man. The phrases, "serving the Lord," "fighting the devil every day," and the words, "steward," "stewardship," were continually upon his lips, and set forth the serious business of his life. He regarded himself as God's property, and the wealth that his tireless industry and extraordinary genius secured was for him simply an instrument by which he illustrated and expressed his stewardship.

Here is a man who became one of our commercial princes, building up from the smallest beginnings the greatest industry of his kind in England, yet in all the early struggles of youth and the rapid developments—with its inevitable demand upon time and strength—he never allowed religion to occupy a subordinate place, nor did he ever neglect the sanctuary as a means of religious culture, nor was material prosperity ever permitted to blunt the edge of his keen desire to be the Christian in whom God would be well pleased.

That is the key fact which in his supremely impressed me as in the intimacy of the pastoral relation I have come to know him. The use of that key admits us to an explanation of all that he became and of everything that he achieved. It is an objection of invaluable significance to the younger generation. Had this man not been a Christian, an intense and ardent Christian, serving the Lord seven days a week, and all the time, we should doubtless have seen a wealthy man—for with his unquestioned genius he could have succeeded in anything he undertook—but most certainly we should not have seen, what we saw last week, a man full of years and good works going down to the grave amid the benedictions of the poor and creating in the entire community a sense of loss from which we shall not soon recover.

Sir William Hartley was undoubtedly greatly gifted by nature. He was built on great lines. Nothing mean or paltry entered into him, and he was like a man. Beyond anyone I have known, he possessed an extraordinary power of intuition. His range of outlook and of interests was astonishing in its comprehensiveness, yet with it all he eagerly pursued the attainment of details which again and again amazed me. All of which means that had he accepted the ordinary standards of the world, and been less unselfish, he might

easily have taken high and prominent national position in other spheres, and moved as one of the outwardly great of the earth. Yet the fact is, that to the end, and with increasing charm, he retained a delightful simplicity of life. His personal tastes and preferences were simple. His personal requirements were few. His home life was modelled on comfort and true enjoyment, not on ostentation and display. And all because, controlling all, he put his religion into everything he did, resolutely refusing to know or do anything inconsistent with his responsibility as the steward of God.

Of his place in the denomination he loved, and which he so conspicuously

October 15th, now so indelibly fixed in my memory that to the end, as often as I think of our aged friend, it will return to me. It is not irrelevant to give it this wider publicity. It is indicative of the intensity, the reality, and the fervour of his hold upon the central verities of our faith. It was the occasion of our morning Communion service. The whole worship had been suffused with an unusual sense of the Master's presence. Moving, with his daughter (the Mayor of Southampton), to the front as the service of Holy Communion proceeded, and while he mused upon the preciousness and power of the Redeemer, his usually well-controlled emotions found vent, and his tears of gratitude and love fell at the feet of the Crucified. It was an insight into the tenderness and gentleness which made him truly great. Within two weeks of that last earthly Communion act he had gone to be "at home" with God. It served to

# SIR W. P. HARTLEY.

## His Progressive Career.

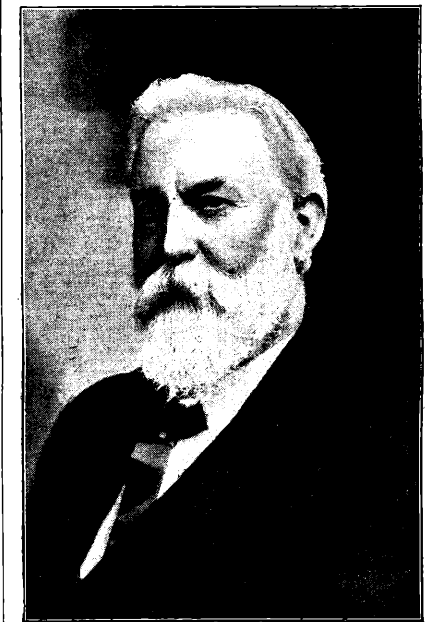
By Rev. G. ARMITAGE.

It has been my privilege to have known Sir William since the days of my youth and from the days when he offered his services as an organist at his ancestral manor in Sheridan-place, Bootle. He and his daughters occupied seats in the choir stall. He was then at the commencement of his wonderful business career; he was his own book-keeper, and was facing the usual struggle of the new man. But he was one Sunday morning after the service: "Last night I was at my books until it struck twelve, but I then at once closed the books and turned off the gas to go home." With common consent it would be agreed that Sir William was the greatest layman produced in the history of the denomination, devoted and distinguished as many others have been. From earliest days to his last he was a convinced, whole-hearted and loyal Primitive Methodist.

One of the earliest resolves in his married life was to give a tenth of his means to God. As his resources were increased the proportion was also, until he gave away consistently one-third of his gross income. This religious principle was within his heart as a fountain, kept alive and green by the arid wastes of business life and money making. By Divine ordination he became a steward of the Lord's money. His earliest gift recorded in our Conference Minutes was, in 1861, of £150 towards a new chapel at Colne. From then to now his gifts have increased in number and amounts until they became princely in their generosity, sagacious in their purpose of stimulating other gifts, and wonderfully far-reaching in their character. He loved and helped his own Church first and foremost, but by no means exclusively. His munificence reached out to other communities, and hospitals, infirmaries, sanatoriums, universities to the extent of hundreds of thousands of pounds shared in its cheerful and unsolicited benefactions. His private charities spread to all parts of the land. He was anxious to see the rights of his own workpeople and the claims they had upon his property. He was a pioneer in the adoption of a profit-sharing method, and at every annual distribution Sir William's face was full of sunshine, and he appeared the happiest man in the crowd of recipients.

The obligation under which he has laid his Church is beyond calculation and expression. His gifts, with personal service, made to the Missionary Society, of which he was the Treasurer, were large and frequent. The College in Manchester justly bears his name. It was practically his gift to the Church, and though never made known, it has represented some £50,000. Holborn Hall belongs to the denomination owing to his initiative and his two gifts of £17,500. His last large gift of £10,000, which was to the Preachers' Friendly Society, helped to carry the effort on its behalf to its successful issue. Chapels and schools, circuits and bazaars and thousands of efforts have had his help, and the worth of it, both financially and morally, can never be known.

Much as Sir William died by his widespread and judicious generosity, it was rivalled by the broad and far-seeing statesmanship with which he governed his Church. Through his mediation in 1892 Dr. Paine was secured as theological tutor for our students, and for several years was maintained there at an expense of £1,000. That memorable act, together with his payment of university fees and gift of scholarships for students, has revolutionized the theological education, transformed the educational standing of our ministry, and placed Hartley College abreast of the great universities in the land. The Chapel Aid Association is another monument to his



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adorned, others will write. His memorial is found wherever Church extends, both at home and across the seas. Here in Southampton we have lost our chief of the loss of his stirring presence so regularly in our worship, and of his valuable counsel and generosity, gives special poignancy to our grief. Yet here again his greatness of build and vision is for us all a pattern. Long before questions of Church reunion were recognised to be the important things they are, he saw its need, advocated it, and yearned to see the visible body of Christ, organic whole, and desire he repeatedly expressed to me was a hope that he would live to see the union of the three Methodist Churches of our land.

Writing of him here as a Christian, I recall a scene in our working at Church-street on the morning of

strengthened the conviction that while on the material side of our Church and in his gifts to the nation we owe more than can ever be told to this merchant prince, we owe it all because, beyond all, he was a Christian. It all rests upon his loyalty to Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, his supreme determination like his Master, to be always on the Father's business, striving to get God's will done here and now as in heaven. Assuredly there is the abiding explanation alike of his aims and his achievements.

Three scholars of Beverley Church have had successes at school. Ernest Glisterson of Mr. George Glisterson, has matriculated and taken the school certificate at the age of sixteen. George Hunt and Jack Bulman have won County Minor Scholarships at Beverley Grammar School.

sound finance and commercial genius. Our chapel debts, which were once a millstone about the neck of the Connection, by the aid of this Association are reduced in total to an almost negligible amount.

In 1892 Sir William was elected Vice-President of the Conference, and in 1909 a grateful people, departing from the usual procedure, deputed him to be President. In 1908 he was most worthily knighted by King Edward. All through these years of his life he met the sorrows and needs of his fellows.

It is impossible within the compass of the space allotted fully to portray the character and religion of Sir William. He abhorred slackness and waste; he allowed for himself no personal self-indulgences; his habits of life were simple. Honesty and integrity were his watchwords. His religion was of a practical and ethical order, yet to the end of his life he found inspiration and delight in the Sanctuary. He seemed to live and think and plan for his Church and his people, responding to appeals, to discuss methods and policies for the Church, were sacramental and liturgical, and of spiritual devotion. It is difficult to realise that his presence and counsel have gone for ever from us. For forty years his strong intellect and his heart meted the life of our Church. His works follow him, but his beneficence and the fruits of his labours remain with the Church and the nation for their enrichment.

### The Funeral Service.

The beautiful church at Southport was filled to its utmost capacity on Saturday morning for the funeral service, the company being representative of the various religious and philanthropic interests with which Sir William had been prominently associated. The service was conducted by Rev. H. J. Pickett, who read the opening sentences of the service. Included the following members of the family—Miss Hartley, Rev. J. T. and Mrs. Barkby, Mrs. Higginbottom, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Higham, Mr. and Mrs. and Prof. and Mrs. G. H. Adams, Mrs. Gibbins, and a number of grandchildren. Mr. J. W. Hartley (the only son of Sir William) was unable to attend owing to illness. Amongst the many who attended were Councillor W. H. Poole (Deputy Mayor of Southport), Alderman Willett (Mayor-elect), Mr. Ernest Jarratt (Town Clerk), and many members of the Corporation. Mr. W. J. Boothroyd (freeman of the borough), Mr. Fred Reynolds (freeman of the Liberty Party), Lieut.-Col. Dalrymple White, M.P., and Sir John Brunner (Liberal candidate). Representatives of our Church included Rev. G. Arncliffe (General Committee), Mr. A. Baldwin, Mr. T. L. Gerrard, C.C., and Rev. Jas. Dickinson (Missionary Committee), Rev. E. E. Pritchard (representing foreign mission societies), Principal Lockhart, Mr. H. Humble, Wardle and Lee, and Rev. Wilson Eccles (Hartley College), Sir Dyan Hallison (Elmhurst College), Mr. A. Barber, Alderman Shepherd and Mr. A. Chippindale (the Orphanages), Mrs. W. R. Wilkinson and E. McLean (Book Committee), Rev. C. Bennett (*Primitive Methodist Leader*), John Johnson (Holborn Hall Trust), J. W. Cotton (Conference Secretaries), W. Barker (Friendly Society), John Hall (Liverpool District), F. N. Shimmie, C. Humble, J. W. W. Johnson, D. S. Lees, W. R. Reed, W. Kitson, E. Hughes and B. Oliver, Messrs. Jas. Stinner, J. F. (Hollow Hall), E. Adams, J. P. (C.A.), H. Jeff, J. Adams, J. P. (London Works), R. Quinney (Church-street Church), several Hartley students, Ald. W. J. Bellis (Hartley F.O.C.), and many others. Other Churches were represented by Revs. E. R. Dunn, Dr. Brock, and Principal Brown. A neatly printed order of ser-

vise was used, and Mr. R. D. K. Bannister, who presided at the organ, gave appropriate words of the "O Rest in the Lord."

The Rev. J. H. having been borne into the church bearing one lovely wreath of roses and laurel leaves, Rev. F. W. Dwyer, Vicar of St. James, gave the benediction. Then the Rev. G. Arncliffe announced: "There is a land of pure delight," which was feelingly sung. Then the Rev. G. Arncliffe then read appropriate Scripture passages. Prof. A. S. Pease, in choice words, gave a beautiful and beautiful appreciation of the life and character of Sir William Hartley. He said he had been privileged for over thirty years to have his intimate friendship, and throughout the years his reverence had been deepening, as he had come to know him better. Nature had endowed Sir William with great gifts, intellectual and moral, and a fundamental religion which flowered later under the gracious influence of religion. He had the power of vision and was able to see the long vista of the future opportunity and duty. His sense of duty had always led him to the service of humanity. His great qualities might be summed up in the words "loyalty." How splendidly loyalty was to his family, his town, his country, and his humanity, but supremely to the Kingdom of God. Dr. Pease then outlined Sir William's many services to our Church, and said that he would be glad to see him at the service for his material education would be his most abiding service.

After the singing of "I know that my Redeemer liveth," announced by Rev. Jas. Watkins, the President of Conference closed a memorable service with thanks for his noble life and a tender petition for help.

The cortege on its arrival at Colne was met at the entrance of the church by the Mayor, Alderman H. H. and members of the Corporation. An imposing procession was marshalled, including the Mayor and members of the Council, Borough and County Justices, Governors of the "Hartley" Homes and the Corporation of Colne, and a staff of the Cottage Hospital (gifts of Sir William and Lady Hartley), Poor Law Guardians and officials, officials of the Corporation, and a number of very many organisations and societies, including the teaching profession and the Corporation of Colne. Representatives from all the churches in Colne and neighbourhood, amongst whom were Rev. S. P. G. (vicar of St. Peter's, Colne), Rev. M. Matthews (vicar of Holy Trinity), Revs. W. B. Charles and A. S. Renton (Wesleyan), Rev. J. Begg (Unitarian), Rev. J. Dalton, D.D., J. W. Bowness, J. W. Naisbitt, C. C. Chimes, J. K. Elliott, W. Dean, J. P. (Hartley), Alderman A. L. Whitaker, J. P. (Deputy Mayor of Halifax), Alderman R. Fletcher, J. P. (Sliden), Alderman J. Rickard, Mayor of Nelson. As the procession proceeded to Heisterlane the streets were lined with music under the direction of Mr. Chairman, Councillor S. Howard and members of the Urban Council, members of the Ambulance Association, and the Primitive Methodist Church and Trustees of the Trawden Cemetery formed in procession. At the cemetery Rev. H. J. Pickett officiated. Dr. Duval offered prayer, and Dr. Dalton pronounced the benediction. The vault was beautifully lined with flowers and white heather. There was a large concourse of people, amongst whom were Rev. A. Barber, Alderman Shepherd, and Mr. A. Chippindale (of Harrogate), and Rev. H. P. Dempsey, M.A. (vicar of Trawden).

The Liverpool District is actively seeking to extend the League of Nations Union, Rev. J. H. Johnson, has issued a stirring circular to all the ministers and churches of the district, and has urged upon them the claims of the League and soliciting them to join the Union.

Miss Joyce Foster Cowan (aged seventeen), of Colne, who was the daughter of Foster, Great Crosby, has gained an art scholarship, out of three presented, in Liverpool.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

Rev. John Swinden presided last Friday at the death of Sir W. P. Hartley, J.P., was reported with sorrow, and the Secretary submitted a comprehensive report of the appreciation and sympathy which appears in another column. Tender and gracious tributes to his many-sided life were given by the Secretary (Rev. G. Arncliffe), Revs. W. M. Kelley, J. Marcus Brown, J. Holland, W. A. Hamman, J. Johnson, J. G. Graham, J. Mayles, S. L. George, C. E. Buck, J. K. Woodwood, and Messrs. T. Proud and J. Maynard, all of whom testified to the noble life and unique service of Sir William Hartley. The President of the Conference, the Secretary of the General Committee were appointed to represent the Connection at the funeral at Southport. The Committee also, with a deep sense of loss, recorded the death of Mr. Chas. Lewis, J.P., of Northampton, an ex-Vice-President of Conference. Mr. Lewis has left behind a noble record of high character and loyal and generous service to his community.

An application was received from Mr. H. H. Haswell, third year's student at Exeter University, who permitted the word "laure" College last year and was appointed to a London circuit with a view to continuing and completing his studies in the Law. The application was forwarded to Conference with the commendation of the Conference. Congratulations and thanks were offered to Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Jackson of the "Belvoir House," value £1,460, Southend-on-Sea, to the Connection; and to Mr. W. E. Morse, J.P., Swinden, and the friends of the Brinkworth and Swinden District, for the successful completion of the Banbury Church effort of £1,000. The Rev. J. P. Hartley had contributed £500. Rev. T. Dickinson, supernumerary, was authorised to give his services to the connection in the Ramsey Circuit, Isle of Man, during the temporary absence of Rev. W. G. Rutherford from illness. A resolution of thanks was passed to J. T. and Mrs. Barkby in their great bereavement. Sanction was given to the sale of a strip of land, also to the sale of a strip of land at the No. 2 Home (Rev. T. Jackson's), Southend-on-Sea, to the connection. Mr. Hartley referred back to the Manchester District Building Committee for further consideration. The last fifteen minutes were given up to praise and prayer.

### Progress at Derby.

The Central Church (Derby Third) anniversary services were conducted by our own minister, Rev. T. Buttrick. There were large congregations present. Many services in the afternoon were provided on the Derby Circuit, Mr. H. Horobin and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Smith. On Monday a great service was held by Mr. Buttrick and Misses Walden, after which Rev. T. Buttrick gave a splendid lecture on "The Last Judgment," Chairman, Mr. A. B. Osborn. It has been a record anniversary. The total income was £26 10s. Two years ago the General Conference was approached for sanction to close and sell the property which is one of the finest sites in the centre of the town, but tenders are now accepted for renovation and electric lighting after considerable repairs. We expect to reopen at Christmas with a straight balance-sheet.

### Bradford Church Council.

The anniversary of the Bradford and Shipley Church Council was celebrated at the Shipley Church, the special preacher being Rev. E. Barrett, B.A., of Armley. His discourse in the afternoon was a most inspiring and encouraging company, and was highly appreciated. Tea was served by the ladies of the Church. An open-air meeting followed, at which Mr. H. H. Johnson gave a very stirring address. At the public meeting the President of the Council, Rev. F. Hobson, presided. Rev. E.

Barrett, B.A., and Mr. Foster Sunderland, B.A., of the "First Church" were the speakers. Each rendered conspicuous service in the mastery of their subjects, and gave a true tribute to the Church, under the direction of Mr. S. Naylor, gave musical items. All felt that the work of the Council was a blessing to the effect upon the life of the church.

### A Great Day at Tunstall.

By a Correspondent.  
The expected visit of Sir Joseph Cook drew a large assembly to Jubilee Church, Tunstall, on Thursday. The day's programme commenced with a fine sermon by Rev. H. H. Fickett on "Man's Path to Light and Rest," from the text: "Canst thou by searching find out God?" and "At the door of the Tabernacle I will meet thee." Quoting Huxley, this was kept in mind, "to keep us from keeping in our hearts a range of our ability is power, but to try to get beyond it is weakness." He built up a discourse remarkable for its grasp and power, and lit up by sudden flashes of humour. In our quest for God, our need was a bigger desire of God.

At the tea, served by the ladies, the ditty of the borough, led by the Mayor and the process, was given by the Mayor, who led to the honour of Sir Joseph, who left pit-lane in the locality forty years ago and rose to power and fame in the world of politics. He recently returned to London as Australian High Commissioner and representative to the League of Nations. His high position and disinterestedness kept him at home, but the Mayor (Ald. Sproton) noted the indications of the occasion. Rev. W. Wilkes offered, in the name of the distinguished company, a cordial welcome to the President-Designate, referring to the disappointment of Sir Joseph's absence, and fled across to the church again for what proved to be a memorable meeting.

The Mayor presided, and declared that the responsibility for preventing any repetition of the tragedy of 1914 rests with the Church. The Mayor delivered a masterly address on "The Present Situation viewed from Church Stairs." He said: "The world is in a mess. Tyrants are trembling. We are confronting a new era—the speaker removed to even loftier planes, and we saw the nations consuming at Geneva, cheering at the call to Germany to come in, and leader still at the call to cashier generals who stamp the country preaching the pernicious doctrine of the 'independence' of the nation. The world is with Thordom and Kaiserism have gone, and what feudalism is left in the new era we are confronting. After this shattering of the old autocracies the only Autocrat left will be Jesus, whose programme we must carry forward. We need the old glow in the warmth and wonder of which the enriching beauty of Jesus would be a great blessing to His church." On that high note ended, amid ringing cheers, a speech of tremendous force, and a most inspiring and inspiring form of the disappointment of the day.

### Mission at Bradford.

A nine days' mission has been concluded at Malby-street Church, Lancaster. Ministers and laymen were at each service throughout the mission. Open-air meetings and indoor services were held. A very fine spirit was manifested in the work, and the mission was one of a very high standard, and the inevitable result of the "mission" was a large number of people, and the spiritual life of all who were associated with it, particularly those of the "home" Church. Rev. F. J. Hadfield and his band of workers have been a source of inestimable value. Mr. Hadfield visited every house in the neighbourhood of the church prior to the mission.

# The Social Aspect of Christianity.

The promise and hope of an ethical revival in the Christian Church was the theme of many speeches at a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Thursday afternoon last. There was no great oratory; the purpose was pre-eminently practical, but the address was in accord with the object of the meeting. The object was to bring before the public the meaning of the Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Industry which is to be held at Birmingham in April, 1924. This will follow the lines of the Edinburgh Missionary Conference. Questionnaires have been issued and study circles and individual experts in social science are busy working at the different sections that are to be explored. All branches of the Church are united in this task, and it is hoped that in the place of vague generalities some definite system of Christian approach to social questions will be attained.

The Bishop of Manchester presided. In a few strong sentences he outlined the objects of the meeting. He insisted on the catholicity of the movement, its need, and the conviction that the Christian solution would be reached in an atmosphere of prayer. He read a letter from the President of our Church pledging Primitive Methodists to whole-hearted support. This evoked applause. Prof. W. Adams Brown brought the greetings of a similar Conference organised in America, and he is chairman. Two resolutions were submitted and carried unanimously. One expressed the conviction that the Kingdom of Christ has a social function to perform, and that the problems of society could not be solved apart from a deeper understanding and a more far-reaching and energetic application of the principles of the Christian religion. The other pledged the meeting to further the objects of the Conference. Among the speakers were Miss Margaret Bondfield, who spoke for Labour, Mr. S. M. E. Morris in making the day a great success. The services were attended by large numbers of young people. Many of these young people made themselves over-dedicated themselves to the service of their Lord.

# Young Life Campaign.

## THE REVIVAL HAS COME.

### REJOICINGS AT SCUNTHORPE.

Young People's Day at Centenary Church, Scunthorpe, was one of great joy. At the morning service the minister, Rev. George Jackson, made an appeal to the scholars to become Knights of Jesus. This was met with the great decision by coming forward to the Communion table and writing their names in the White Book of the Knights of Jesus that is to be bound in white silk and lie upon the Communion table. After each boy had signed his name in the White Book as a Knight of Jesus, Mr. Jackson shook hands with him, and received him as a Knight of Jesus. Subsequently Mr. Jackson called out each boy's name, and in two companies they came forward again and reverently knelt at the Communion rail in prayer and life dedication. At the afternoon service, after another appeal by Mr. Jackson, seventy-eight girls, nine boys, and a number of young lady teachers made the great decision, and at the evening service two more decided for Christ. Others have subsequently made the decision. In all 135 scholars and four teachers have openly confessed Christ. On the Tuesday night following, and which was held at the same time, young knights who took the vows of knightship. The second week-night meeting of the young knights was as crowded as the first, when each one of them received a handsome card of knighthood.

### Manchester—A Great Response.

Full advantage was taken of Young People's Day on Manchester Ninth (Higher) Street, on Saturday. The teachers and officials of the schools earnestly co-operated with the ministers (Higher) Street, on Saturday. The teachers and officials of the schools earnestly co-operated with the ministers (Higher) Street, on Saturday. The teachers and officials of the schools earnestly co-operated with the ministers (Higher) Street, on Saturday.

### New Life at Northwood.

The Spiritual Advance Campaign at Northwood began with Young People's Day on Saturday. The service was held on the Friday previous, where teachers and friends met in faith and prayer, and behind that were many months of faithful service. Young People's Day was made the occasion of a special appeal to young men and women to consecrate themselves to Christ. In the morning school the appeal was answered by twelve yielding themselves to Christ. The close of the wonderful morning service in the church the minister invited any young people who wished to seek Christ. In the evening service the young people, one a young man of about twenty-one responded. In the afternoon service the young people made definite decisions to give their lives to Jesus. The evening service will long be remembered. After a service of three hours, and before the service closed three young men and four young women boldly walked up to the front of the church. The presider then invited all who were present who had that day given themselves to Christ, or who wished to consecrate themselves, to gather in the front seats, while the last hymn was being sung, ready for the prayer meeting. It was an impressive sight to see most of the members of the church coming down into the body of the church. A large number stayed, and before the day's service closed many more consecrated themselves to the service of God. Since then a number of young people have sought out the minister for advice and help, and further conversions have been witnessed. The work is still going on. Record attendances are reported at all the meetings.

A Great Day at Gainsborough. At Trinity Church, Gainsborough, Sunday, October 15th, was the

### Extension at Sheffield.

On Monday, October 23rd, a fine rendering of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was given at the John-street Church by the united choir which won such fame at Colchester. The Rev. Mr. Stanbury conducted, Mr. Arthur Stevenson presiding at the organ. The principals were Miss Nellie Talbot, Miss Doris Leadbitter, and Mr. Stanley Jepson. The effort was made in the interests of the building fund of a new church at Woodhouse. A vigorous work has been conducted for some years in a temporary structure, and there is a permanent building is contemplated. Over £200 has been secured, besides defraying the cost of the existing building and the new site. The Lord Mayor, presiding, expressed the admiration he had long felt for the John-street Church and School, and said this effort to assist such church was an example of practical sympathy worthy of high commendation. Councillor James Sivill was our chairman, and Rev. John Watts took part in the proceedings.

### Waterhouses Jubilee.

Waterhouses Church commenced its jubilee celebrations on Saturday, October 21st, with a reunion tea and meeting, when a large gathering assembled in the church. The Rev. Mr. Stanbury, from far and near, met to pay tribute to the holy men and women who commenced the church some fifty years ago, and to a succession of noble men and women who carried on the work so well begun. Appropriate messages were received from the following ministers who had travelled on the circuit:—Revs. W. Robson, R. Clementin, J. Rutter, R. Huddleston and T. Dalrymple. J. P. Barton, Eymouth, also sent an inspiring message. Rev. T. Stephenson, who went into the ministry from this church, also forwarded a message reminiscent and hopeful. The message from Mr. C. Hammond, of Crook, a very aged minister, was a real benediction. The public meeting was presided over by Rev. W. Pelley, who gave a specially appropriate address. Mr. R. Haydon, who has been the guest-gave an address in which he incorporated scenes and doings of early days. Rev. Peter McNeill, who spent a successful ministry in the circuit, gave an inspiring address. On Sunday Mr. McNeill preached a powerful sermon. His address to the young people in the afternoon was also a direct appeal to the heart and intellect. At the Sunday services all were delighted by the inspiring singing of Miss Maggie Johnston. The celebrations continue to the end of the year, during which period the church is hoping to witness a great revival.

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By HERMON F. JOHNSON.

A swift turn of events has occasioned the fall of the Government. Parliament has been dissolved, and through a General Election we are to decide what form the next Government is to take. There is no mistaking the mind of the people as to the policy they demand in the new Government. They want statesmen who will take the lead in bringing peace to the world. Ever since the peace was signed there has been much to compel their thought in that direction. The restlessness of the nations, the economic situation, the widespread unemployment, and the comparative failure of the many Conferences, have all driven men to the conclusion that nothing is so urgently needed as the peace of the world.

It is well to remind ourselves that the peace of the world can only be secured by treaty obligations and good will. His Majesty the King in a great utterance, has said that after the war, with its infinite sacrifices and terrible sufferings, there would be a return to the old evil ways of distrust and conflict among the nations unless we could establish a League of Nations to guarantee the peace of the world. The League of Nations came into existence when the Peace Treaty was signed on January 10th, 1920. The first words of the Treaty that ended the terrible tribulation through which the nation had passed formed the noblest utterance the world has heard since the declaration of American Independence was spoken. Let us recall them: "The high contracting parties, in order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just and honourable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among Governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organised peoples with one another enter into this covenant of the League of Nations." Everyone must count that a glorious ideal, for nothing so surely points the way to international peace and security.

It is not without significance that political parties at this time are giving the claims of the League a place in their programmes. Liberalism has declared that it stands for peace and disarmament through the League of Nations. Mr. Lloyd George has reminded us that when he went to Versailles he was the first to propose a resolution in the Council of Ten in favour of the establishment of the League of Nations, and that he is still for the League. The Labour Party in its manifesto states that it desires an all-inclusive League of Nations, with power to deal with international disputes by means of judicial arbitration and reconciliation. Through the League of Nations it affirms, an agreement can be reached for a limitation of armaments, with general disarmament as the goal. Mr. Bonar Law, in a statement of his policy, has informed us that the Government would do everything in their power to make the League of Nations more useful and effective.

These statements are more or less general, and some further exposition of the views of each party should be secured by all who are desirous of seeing the League playing its full part in the promotion of world peace. We could with advantage ask the candidates put forward by the various parties two or three questions. To begin with, we ought to know whether candidates are willing to pledge themselves to do all that lies in their power to make the League the keystone of our foreign policy. Further, we must ask if they will do all that is possible to make it an avowed part of British policy to extend the membership of the League so as to include as soon as possible the United States, Germany and Russia. Also, we must know if they will take all possible measures to increase the

authority of the meetings of the Council and Assembly. The nature of the answer given to these questions will be a real test as to the value of the position the parties are ready to take up in respect to the League of Nations, and ought to guide us in giving our votes. These party pronouncements, however, will no doubt be candidates who are not at all enthusiastic for the League. There will be men seeking the suffrages of the people who still talk in a way that is suggestive of the rank fatalism that regards war as part of the plan of the world. We still have politicians who speak of war as something that has been and always must be until the millennium comes. With them the League of Nations is merely some Utopian dream that cannot be seriously considered. Most of such opinion cannot possibly represent us at Westminster in these days, when we require a Government of peace-makers and not of war-mongers. Other candidates, probably less honest, will make an astute attempt to put us off with brilliant rhetoric. A deftful use of words must not be accepted in lieu of a real declaration of opinion. Clear and definite views must be demanded from each candidate, and any indefiniteness of expression must be interpreted as indifference.

For the moment every question sinks into insignificance beside that of securing the peace of the world. We have it in our hands to send to Parliament men who will work for the preservation of peace. If we will resolve to send to the House Commons only those politicians who are prepared to give full backing to the League of Nations, we can destroy the scourge of war. Should we fail to do this, there is nothing else for us but the secret conclave, national jealousies and return to war.

### Leeds Students.

The annual gathering given by the Leeds Church Council to University and Training Students was held on Saturday evening last, when about sixty students and a large number of friends from the Leeds churches met for the event. Belle Vue School, Mr. and Mrs. B. Warhurst were host and hostess, and Mr. Warhurst gave a very hearty welcome to the students on behalf of the Council. Revs. R. Cowie and W. R. Chapman also gave a welcome on behalf of Cardigan-road and Beetham Churches respectively. A very happy evening was spent. Refreshments were served by the Belle Vue Ladies. The party ended in singing Auld Lang Syne before breaking up.

### Sustentation Fund Sunday.

Sir,—I desire to draw the attention of our officials throughout the Church to Sustentation Fund Sunday. I would urge that all should combine to make it successful, so that the amount of assessment may be at once raised and the claims of the Fund met. At present we have a deficit balance of nearly £2,500, and at the end of the month the next payments are due. A considerable sum in interest could be saved if all circuits would forward their moneys as soon as possible after Sunday to the District Ministry (treasurers) and in such cases they are sent to me without delay. An enthusiastic and united effort this coming week would ensure the funds needed.—Yours, etc.

ARTHUR BALDWIN,  
Financial Secretary.

The Methodist ministers of Portsmouth were assembled for a fraternal on the invitation of the Wesleyan ministers to consider the question of Methodist Union. During the conversation opposition to the Scheme was voiced by a representative of the Methodist Church. Two reasons for opposition were frankly stated. The Scheme would ruin Methodist doctrine and would destroy ministerial authority.



## Quarterly Missionary Committee SORROW AND PROGRESS.

By Rev. J. G. SOULSBY.

The General Missionary Committee met in Canaan Church, Nottingham, on Wednesday, October 25th, with the President and Ex-Vice-President in the chair and vice-chair respectively. An arrangement of the previous meeting of the Committee to spend a special session in discussing home missionary advance in relation to the Spiritual Advance Campaign was responsible for the spirit of expectancy in which we gathered. The discussion which took place on the Wednesday morning on the proposed new missionary magazine revealed the eagerness with which men will consider the vital principles of missionary progress whenever they emerge above the maze of details into the arena of debate. This spirit of expectancy gave place to silence and grief and tears when it was whispered from one to another during the lunch hour that Sir William Hartley had passed beyond the shadows into the Land

"Where beauty has no ebbs, decay no flood,  
But joy is wisdom, Time an endless

The news was confirmed at the opening of the afternoon session by the absence of Rev. J. T. Barkley, and the reading of a telegram which had been received by Rev. G. Bennett. It was immediately realised that not only had the Committee lost a wise and sagacious counsellor, and the Missionary Society a great and generous treasurer, but that some members of the Committee had lost the co-worker and friend of many years. Sorrow was supreme and in its presence tears and prayers and sympathy with those whose sorrow is most acute are the only human things. Reverently we were led to the throne of grace by Revs. S. Horton, P. Holmes, S. Palmer and Mr. J. Longstaff. Silently we asked our Great-hearts to send in our name messages of comfort to all the bereaved ones, and to draft resolutions expressive of our sense of gratitude for the great life and wonderful work of the departed. We transacted such business as was strictly necessary, and departed to our homes praying that in the hour of her loss the Church might be graciously guided by her Supreme Head and Lord.

The new missionary magazine "Advance" will be ready for publication in January. It will be sold at twopenny and issued from the Book Room monthly. Careful attention will be given in its pages to our own work and to the education of our own people young and old, in the clearest duty of missionary service. Welcome was extended to four missionaries—Rev. W. T. Groves and Nurse Shookland, from Nigeria, and Rev. J. R. Fell and Nurse Jeffries, from Northern Rhodesia. There is tragedy in the fact that Mr. Groves has returned alone. Mrs. Groves was a gracious lady, gentle and heroic, devoted to the children of Ikot Ekpena. A message of good will was sent to Rev. J. Nicholls, who sails for Fernando Po on November 8th. All were delighted to have at the Committee Rev. G. Ayre.

Nigerian reports are a continual source of thanksgiving. There are increases at Orybia, Ikot Ekpena, Bonde and Ovim, the smallest being thirty and the largest one hundred and seventy-five. Two hundred and sixty-one persons have been baptised as members on trial at Ikot Ekpena, and on the same station nine hundred and thirty publicly confessed a desire to serve Christ. Thirty-seven boys are in residence at the Oron Institution, and thirty girls at Jamestown. A vacation course for teachers has been conducted by Rev. C. P. Groves, with fourteen students in attendance. Thus do evangelism and education go hand in hand. Two reports revealed the valuable service rendered by lady missionaries in this field. The first was from Ikot Ekpena, and gave us a pathetic

picture of the hundreds of people, chiefly women, who gathered when they heard of the death of Mrs. Groves, and wept, because "Mother" had died. The second was the report of the work of Miss Leggett on the Bonde Station. There are seven hundred women on her books. Two hundred of them meet every Saturday morning for sewing classes and singing, and three groups of beginners, the menders, and the makers. The romance of our work amongst the women of Africa will some day be told with pride and thanksgiving.

In South Africa Rev. C. Crabtree has met with serious difficulties through industrial depression and removals, but such a brave worker will not easily be daunted. From Northern Rhodesia we gain to receive statistics of church membership and catechisms which are full of cheer, but the emphatic things in these reports reveal the presence of missionary spirit, know that the so-called time must precede the harvest-time, and that the educationalist who knows the complete range of his work may prove to be the greatest evangelist. At Raseng, two new schools have been opened, and provision is being made for three more. At students have been successful in the institute examinations, and the medical service is carried on with great efficiency. At Kaituma the institute has become a famous place, four boys recently walking two hundred and fifty miles to gain admission. The Government Educational Inspector has offered to take it over as a Government and mission school, with Mr. Fell as principal. At Kaituma with which one of them taking the special teachers' course.

Rev. Thomas Jackson, after forty-six years of wholehearted, self-sacrificing ministry in East London, has given a legacy of £1,200, left him by an admirer, some £250 from his own savings, to defray the cost of Belper House, Southend-on-Sea, the income from the house to be used for the support of the Whitehead Mission. The Executive is asked to suggest some permanent and public recognition of this heroic home missionary and of Mrs. Jackson. So at home and in Africa there are tears and sacrifices and wonderful romance, and the Kingdom of God is set forward.

### Manchester Church Council.

The Council was favoured with a fine address on music and the church service by Mr. Clement Gerrard, the son of the esteemed Vice-President of Conference. In an address marked as much by charming modesty as by musical knowledge and practical experience, Mr. Gerrard urged that the function of musical services is to help to create the right atmosphere of worship. That will necessitate that it shall be of the severe rather than the sentimental and egotistic type. Examples were given from the hymnal, and some amusement occasioned when he expounded with the ringing capacity of the Council. The place and type of anthems and voluntaries and the need for continuity in the order of service followed, in which information was given concerning what our Manchester churches are at the moment. The speakers were the Vice-Presidents, W. F. Goodrich, H. Carter and Mrs. B. Clarkson. The meetings were exceedingly well attended. During the meetings much Temperance literature was circulated.

During October a series of weekly addresses was given in the Silverstee Home Institute, Church, Stratton, under the auspices of the Social Welfare Committee, composed of the Anglican and Free Churches. The speakers were the Vice-Presidents, W. F. Goodrich, H. Carter and Mrs. B. Clarkson. The meetings were exceedingly well attended. During the meetings much Temperance literature was circulated.

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**International Lesson.****Temperance Sunday.**

**Luke xi. 21-26. November 12.**  
**By HENRY C. MRECHAM, M.A. D.D.**

We suggest the following line of treatment for this week's lesson: first, to set forth the principles underlying Luke xi. 21-26, then to show their application to the great temperance cause, and finally to illustrate them by a brief account of Chalmers' work on the Island of Barotonga.

(1) The teaching of Luke xi. 21-26 may best be brought home by showing the two vivid pictures there presented. They are (a) Christ overcoming Satan (21-22). Satan is pictured as a strong man keeping armed watch over his homestead, that is, the human soul. Christ, however, is stronger than Satan. He is able to wrest from Satan his weapons and to rescue man's soul from his power. Then there follows in ver. 23 what is really a connecting link between the two word-pictures. In this struggle between Satan and Christ for the possession of the human soul man has to play his part. He cannot be neutral. It is to illustrate this fact that Jesus paints the second picture—(b) an empty house re-tenanted. The unclean spirit (i.e., the power of Satan) goes out of man's soul (we may infer from the preceding picture that it is driven out by Christ) and wanders forth into desert places. Demons were reputed to haunt the deserts. Then it returns and finds its former dwelling-place (man's soul) clean but empty. At once the evil spirit is reinforced sevenfold (cf. Luke viii. 2). It enters afresh and makes its permanent abode in the vacant house (the soul). The final condition is therefore worse than the first. The moral of it all is that there is danger

in leaving the soul unoccupied. It must be inhabited with wise, good and beautiful things.

(2) The two word-pictures may be taken as a parable of the fight for sobriety. Strong drink is the power of Satan which so often takes possession of a man. And there is only one Power strong enough to turn it out again. Christ can and does cast out of men the demon of drink. In the struggle man must throw his weight on the side of Christ. This means that he must put something better in the place of that which has been cast out. He must find what has been called "the explosive power of a new affection." True temperance is not negative but positive. It involves not merely the abstaining from alcoholic liquors; it is the furnishing of the soul with pure and lofty desires which, when they take possession, leave no room for lower appetites. The untainted mind and heart, though sweet and kept clean, are full of peril. Safety is found only in their occupation by the good, "Christ in you."

(3) Chalmers' temperance work at Barotonga offers a fine commentary on the lesson. The missionary found strong drink prevalent on that lonely Pacific island. In a letter home he writes of it as "the curse of all curses." His autobiography records that large drinking meetings of men and women were commonly held and wrought terrible moral havoc. Chalmers and his wife devised a scheme of visitation. Every house in each settlement was systematically visited. On each occasion the Bible was read and prayer made. In course of time astonishing results appeared. The natives began to take a new pride in their homes and dress. Traders received large orders for doors, windows and paint, etc. Spending their money on renovations, the people had little left for the purchase of drink. Gradually but surely the lure of liquor was lessened. The secret lay in giving the people higher interests. We may often find it easier to crowd out than to crush the desire for drink.

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layan, presided. Miss Abbott and Miss Penklow were the special soloists. Good collections and excellent services.

**Reckahale.**—The Women's Oramenivary, held at Smith-street, proved most successful. Miss Bicheno, of Kettering, paid a return visit, and on Sunday afternoon contributed the recital "Just David—The Sunshine Boy." Soloist, Mr. W. Slater. Special anthem by the choir. Mrs. Button presided. In the evening Mr. R. H. Stead, of Baginbale, occupied the pulpit. Miss Bicheno's recital was a great treat. Mr. Slater, Miss Tennant, Madam Alice Taylor and the choir also rendered splendid service. Proceeds, £20.

**Southsea.**—A successful bazaar was held at Somers-road on Wednesday, opened by Mrs. Corner of Southampton, supported by Revs. J. A. Taylor, W. Lawrence, J. J. Watson and Mr. G. B. Standing. J.P. Good business was done at the respective stalls, and £65 realised. Thanks were expressed by Rev. J. Jeffrey Watson and Mr. G. B. Standing, J.P.

**Sisters Margaret and Lily of St. George's Hall, South-East London Mission, conducted successful services at Turbrook on Sunday. On Wednesday tea and meeting were held, the Vicar, Rev. W. L. Walker, M.A., R.N. presided, supported by the circuit ministers, Revs. J. A. Taylor, J. J. Watson and W. Lawrence. The Vicar gave an excellent address. The two Sisters also had a good time with their solos and addresses. Proceeds for S.E. London Mission Fund.**

**Thirk.**—Through the kindness of Councillor J. W. Gargett, of Stockton, we have had another visit from the celebrated quartet party from Parisienne Church, Madame F. Trotter, Madame E. Moreton, Messrs W. J. Jones and H. J. Gargett, K. Shields (pianist) and Mr. W. Dixon (locutionist). The Thirk Wesleyan schoolroom was crowded, and it was a great musical treat. The proceeds realised 215 10s. 6d., which extinguished our circuit debt. Rev. J. T. Norton heartily thanked Mr. Gargett and the Party.

**On Young People's Day Conn. J. H. Wright (superintendent) conducted a united service of Thirk and Junction Schools. Addresses were given by Mr. T. H. Pullin and Rev. J. T. Norton. Several of the elder scholars made the great decision. There have also been several cases of conversion in the ordinary services.**

**Wantage.**—Successful circuit rally, held at Halesworth on Thursday. Rev. H. Horton preaching and lecturing to the delight of large congregations. Mr. I. Goodwin, J.P., presided in the evening, and Rev. J. Norton voiced thanks to all helpers.

**Watford.**—The churches on the circuit have been very active. A united meeting of teachers and Endeavour workers was held at Whippendell-road Church on Saturday, October 14th. Rev. George Denman spoke on "The Child and the Bible," and closed by a service of intercession. Special services were held on the following day, the preachers being, at Whippendell-road, Rev. Geo. Denman; St. Alban's-road, Rev. G. Denman; Croxley Green, Mr. A. Taylor. A young people's rally was held on Monday evening at St. Alban's-road and at Croxley Green. The Endeavour anniversary at Whippendell-road, conducted by Rev. E. H. Rushton, proved a great success.

**Wickhambrook and Newmarket.**—The circuit rally, held at Newmarket, was a great success. Rev. S. Horton preached in the afternoon, and delighted a splendid company at night with his lecture on "The Wentworth Brothers." They were two siblings to the kin, kindly provided by the ladies of the Hargrave, Usden and Wickhambrook Societies. Mr. Bert Newton presided at the lecture, and gave a generous donation. Proceeds, £20 10s. for Circuit Fund.

**Willenhall.**—The Women's Own Anniversary at Russell-street was conducted by Mrs. F. F. Shepherd of Sheffield, a young preacher of much promise. In the afternoon Mrs. H. Shepherd, Mrs. S. and Sister Maggie, Lichfield Circuit, gave a helpful address. Misses Nellie Perrins and Edna Davies effectively sang the solos. On the Monday afternoon an impressive address was given by Mrs. J. Jeffs, Mrs. G. G. Evans presiding. A very successful tea and meeting followed. Mrs. W. Savage, of Blorwich, presided, inspiring addresses by Mrs. Commandeur and Nelson (Salvation Army) and Mrs. W. F. Shepherd. The girls' choir, led by Mrs. E. Rowing, served well. Mr. J. T. Norton presided at the organ. Altogether it was an admirable effort. Proceeds about £40.

**Wrexham.**—Children's Sunday at Pover-street was a day of much blessing. Mr. J. F. Mayhead preached in the morning and Mr. J. J. Caswell afternoon and evening. In response to a stirring appeal, fifty-two stood up for Christ in the afternoon and three in the evening, the scholars of the senior classes leading the way. At a scoutgroup service held for the converts the church was filled. Five more decisions were made, making a total of sixty. Mr. Caswell gave an address. Rev. J. Granger presented membership cards. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper closed a memorable day.

## Harvest Services.

**Aldershot.**—In continuation with the harvest festival, Victoria-road Church held a Charter Year Banquet on Wednesday. The Mayor-elect (Mr. E. H. Smith) presided. Toasts were proposed and responded to by the Mayor-elect, Deputy Mayor-elect (Mr. H. Angier), Rev. Wm. Paraby, G. Standing, D.S.O., Messrs W. Buxton, Councillor J. Edwards, G. H. Winstell, A. Archer and J. M. Stevens. To the guest of the evening, Mr. H. Angier, a presentation on behalf of the church was made by Mr. Paraby, who spoke highly of Mr. Angier's loyalty to church and school. The Brotherhood Orchestra, discoursed music, and solos were rendered by Mrs. T. Mandle, Messrs W. Watson and W. Newman. The banquet was a great success. Thanks were expressed to Mr. C. H. Winstell and family, who arranged it. Proceeds, £55s.

**Blackburn First.**—Rev. J. Hall conducted the thanksgiving services on Sunday. The choir, led by Mr. Harry Gage, gave a eulogistic in the afternoon. Mr. J. Hall presided at the concert and fruit banquet on Monday, supported by Mr. M. Wray, the Steward.

**Bridlington.**—The harvest services have been well maintained. Messrs J. Nuttall, A. E. Gray, J. O. Wentworth, G. Sampson, J. Coughlin, J. T. Jackson, G. Hardwick, J. Hardwick, J. A. Bannister, T. Wood, B. Tindale and Miss Marjelle Hardwick acted as chairman. At Bampton the Vicar was one of the preachers. Results: St. John's, street, 12s. 3d.; Gray, 268 10s.; Thane, 225 2s.; North Barton, 59 13s.; Thwing, 28 14s. 6d.; Radcliffe, 10s. 15s.; Therncliffe, 21s. 8d.; Brompton, 21s. 14s.; Bampton, 21s. 8d.; Sowerby, 29 5s.

**Brinkworth.**—Harvest services at the Abur Church, Farnley, were conducted by Rev. A. Tingle. Mrs. Giles and Miss Haskins were the soloists. In the afternoon the young people gave a song service, "The Uplifting Year." A great success. The Sunday collection was a record, amounting to £5 5s. 6d. The Tuesday service was conducted by Rev. W. I. Spencer, who gave several recitals. Mr. C. G. Bunce presided. All the services were of a high character.

**Canterbury.**—Successful thanksgiving services were conducted by Rev. Harold (the minister). In the afternoon the choir, led by Mr. G. given by the scholars, ably trained by Mrs. Greenhalgh. Anthems were rendered by the choir. Mr. F. Noble (choir steward) was the soloist. Mr. E. W. Evans presided at the organ. Tea and music were given by Mrs. F. Noble. Rev. W. H. Court. Speaker, Rev. A. Taylor, M.A. (Presbyterians). Sale conducted by Mrs. F. Noble. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. S. F. Noble did excellent work as collectors. Proceeds, 227.

**Canterbury.**—The Harvest services at Acton were conducted by Rev. E. Clements, of Swindon. On the Monday a tea and meeting were held. Mr. C. G. Bunce (Evangelist) presided, and the speakers were Rev. E. Clements, J. Dobson and W. Harris.

**Falmouth.**—The services at Penryn have maintained their usual interest. Mr. Arnold Bradley was the preacher on the Sunday. The choir, led by Mrs. F. Noble, sang at the meeting on the Monday, when the speakers were Rev. F. Noble, Messrs. Shearman and Threlkenny. The proceeds, £20. At Falmouth, Rev. F. Noble presided at the organ. The choir, led by Mrs. F. Noble, sang at the meeting on the Monday. The speakers were Mr. Arnold Bradley, the speakers being Mr. S. H. Hindley (Wesleyan), T. H. Roberts (Baptist), Misses J. and F. Bell, station minister. The proceeds were £31. At Falmouth, Rev. W. Neil was the special preacher. The Falmouth Church choir sustained the service of praise in the afternoon. All the services were well attended.

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