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### THE NEW YEAR

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: THE STARRY :

: WINTER SKY :

: If the stars :

: should appear :

: one night in :

: a thousand :

: years how men :

: would believe :

: and adore! :

: Emerson. :

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"Forward be our Watchword" has become such a familiar slogan that it has largely lost its appeal. It has so often been trumpeted out, and then in personal and corporate life we have slipped back instead of going forward. Yet any desire to make progress is to be welcomed as a sign of life and purpose.

John Masefield must have had the call of the New Year in mind when he wrote:-

My road, calls me, lures me,  
West, East, South, and North,  
Most roads lead me homeward,  
My road leads me forth.

And it was Martin Luther who once said, "A voice calls within me, and calls imperiously, "Come higher, and still higher." And centuries later it was two young men who said, "We are going strong for the top!" (Mallory and Irvine as they went to their deaths on Mount Everest.) And instead of the world calling this senseless effort, people said "Magnificent!"

To be satisfied with our present position is in effect to arrive at the end of our struggle. But this is certainly not the Christian conception of life.

"Then said Evangelist, pointing with his finger over a very wide field, 'Do you see yonder gate?'

The man said, 'No.'

Then said the other, 'Do you see yonder shining light?'

He said, 'I think I do.'

Then said Evangelist, 'Keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto.' (John Bunyan in the Pilgrim's Progress.)

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Here is one good resolution for the New Year, that we will, by the grace of God, find opportunity to speak about Jesus Christ to someone else who needs Him. "The tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

More often than not it is the stumbling and homely word that has the greatest effect, and none of us need keep silent because we know that we are not silver-tongued, but let us instead take with us into the New Year God's word to the young Jeremiah, whom He had just called to be a prophet. Jeremiah said, "Ah, Lord God, behold I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto him, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched his mouth. And the Lord said unto him, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."

May God be with you throughout the coming year. H. M. SPRINGBETT.

CHURCH NOTESNEW CHURCH MEMBERS:

The following were received into Church Membership on Sunday, 2nd November. Miss M. Hawke, 46 Mersham Gardens, Goring, by transfer from Purley Congregational Church. Mrs A. C. Johnson, 58 Pembroke Avenue, by transfer from Russell Park Baptist Church, Bedford. Mr and Mrs E. J. Mallet, "Prestbury", 16 Pembroke Avenue, by transfer from Westbourne Methodist Church, Bournemouth. Mr W. S. Smith, 41 George Vth Avenue, by transfer from Wallington Congregational Church, Surrey.

Mr E. J. Mallet was at one time a member of the diaconate at a Congregational Church in South East London. And as mentioned in a previous "Chronicle" Mr W. S. Smith built, and twice enlarged, Purley Congregational Church.

BAPTISMS: Sunday, 12th October - Michael John, infant son of Mr and Mrs H. Keeley, and Teresa Lily, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Keeley, all of 39 Cobden Road, Worthing.

Also on Sunday, 16th November, Nigel Kenneth, infant son of Mr and Mrs Dobson, 12 Wavertree Road, Goring.

OBITUARY: On 6th October, 1952, Emma Jane Tyrrell, of Rufus Stone, George Vth Avenue, after a prolonged illness in a local Nursing Home. Mr and Mrs Tyrrell joined our Church when it was formed in June, 1946.

CASES OF ILLNESS: Throughout 1952, members and friends who were ill were regularly remembered at our monthly Church Meetings, and it is a matter of real thankfulness that in so many cases progress has been made after serious ill-health, accidents and operations, etc. The list has been rather a long one, but each of these homes have our special good wishes for better health during 1953.

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BIBLE READING MEMBERSHIP: Three new members have been enrolled, and nineteen have changed over to the International Bible Reading Association. Miss M. Stevenson is our Secretary and will gladly give particulars of notes supplied by this Association or the Bible Reading Fellowship.

CHURCH BAZAAR: At our October Church Meeting it was announced that plans are being made to hold a Church Sale in November, 1953. This effort will not be limited to the Ladies' Working Party, but will include all sections of our Church life. Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Mable Hite, Junior, Miss Handford and Mr Grew were appointed to select a Committee of twelve, with power to add to this number. Proceeds to be ear-marked for Building and Organ Funds.

PULPIT EXCHANGE: The annual interchange of Free Church pulpits takes place on January 11th, 1953, when the Rev. A. L. Hilliard will take the Morning Service at our Church, Mr Springbett going to the Baptist Church, East Worthing.

### A U T U M N T I N T S

The third and last of our 1952 coach tours through beautiful Sussex and the adjoining Counties was arranged by our indefatigable organiser and guide, Mr Stanley Grew, for Wednesday, October 15th. And on our arrival at Elm Grove we were welcomed by our Minister who came to wish us Bon Voyage.

Our guide must be on particularly good terms with the Clerk of the Weather as despite an unfavourable B.B.C forecast, the weather was everything that could be desired. The route taken was through Arundel, Bury Hill, Petworth, Midhurst, Cowdray Park, Bignor Park, Wisborough Green, Billingshurst, Cowfold, Henfield, Poynings and Lancing.

Stopping at Midhurst for tea, Mr Horsefall took the opportunity to express the hearty thanks of the party to Mr Grew for the excellency of all the arrangements he made. Finally a happy and appreciative company arrived back in Worthing about 6.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable afternoon. A. E. H.

### COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1952

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Oct. 5th:	8	7	6	6	9	10	:	Nov. 2nd:	5	9	1	6	3	0
12th:	5	17	9	7	3	3	:	9th:	7	18	8	7	6	6
19th:	6	11	3	5	0	6	:	16th:	6	15	8	6	14	6
26th:	8	14	0	7	16	11	:	23rd:	6	2	1	6	5	7
								30th:	5	14	2	5	13	5
	<u>£29 10 6</u>			<u>£26 10 6</u>					<u>£31 19 8</u>			<u>£32 3 0</u>		

Total for two Months - £120. 3. 8. Congregational Union Home Missions total for 1952, £28. 3. 6. Increased to £30 by grant from Communion Fund. Concert for external Church re-decoration - £31. 10. 0.

### NEW CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

It is pleasant to record that there has recently been started in our Church life, two new efforts to attract and interest young folk. The first of these is the formation of the Goring Congregational Boys' Club, and the object is to maintain close contact with young lads through physical training, games and hobbies, and to lead them to an appreciation of the finer things of life, and eventually to Christ and Church Membership.

With the Minister as President, the Church is fortunate to have as leaders of this Club, Messrs Blackman, Gander, Hughes and Newman. So far, 22 boys have been enrolled, and this in view of the size of the Hall is considered enough to start with.

This will not be easy work, and those helping must be sacrificing valuable time and interest in other things in order to help these lads. In providing the information asked for concerning the Club, Mr D. Hughes added - "Regarding wants, we certainly do need a few pounds to purchase Physical Training Equipment, etc., but our biggest need is endless energy and patience on the leaders' part, and prayerful consideration from all Church members, and by God's grace some good will come of these efforts.

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### GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

On Tuesday evenings, the girls have their turn, the Cadets (ages 5½ to 9) meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Juniors (ages 9 upwards) meeting from 7 to 8.15 p.m.

AIM. The aim of the Girls' Life Brigade is to help and encourage girls to become responsible, self-reliant and useful Christian women. A "Promise" is made to keep the G.L.B. Law in letter and in spirit. This Law, grouped under six headings, starts with the injunction "Be loyal to your Sunday School and Church" and finishes with the words "Remember the G.L.B. Motto - 'TO SAVE LIFE'".

So far, 11 Cadets and 12 Juniors have been enrolled, Mrs H. E. Blackman being Captain, and her present helpers include Mrs Green, Mrs Packham, Miss Pat Green and Miss L. C. Thomson.

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### A VERY SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

This heading briefly describes the programme so ably arranged by Mr Stanley Grew, and given in our Church Hall on Wednesday, 12th November last. And the Church is indebted to him and all those who sold the tickets so freely to help defray the cost of recent exterior decoration of our Church Hall. Aided by a private contribution, the total amount was over £31.

The various items, whether vocal or instrumental, reached a very high standard, and those present duly appreciated this. 224 tickets were sold, and although there were absentees, the Hall was filled to capacity, and the artistes were one and all warmly encored.

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FAMILY EVENINGS

Attendances at these have varied and not always according to weather conditions. Curiously enough some of the most interesting evenings failed to attract a good audience. "The Christian and his Church" comes under this heading.

October 9th. The Rev. F. R. Skeet, Minister of Broadwater Baptist Church, told us why being a Christian he was also a Baptist. It was fitting that such a visitor should be the reverse of "dry!" Clear, convincing, humorous, with a pleasant smile, Mr Skeet set a very high standard indeed for those who will follow.

October 16th. Microscopic photographic lantern slides revealed marvels that the eye fails to detect. Mr W. H. Young of Lancing, had a good audience for his lecture entitled "In My Garden", and the colouring and exquisite detail of leaves, flowers and insect life must have been a revelation to many present.

October 23rd. "Olde Tyme Concert". This must have entailed not a little research work amongst the "Old Masters", so to speak, but Mr Stanley Grew with the assistance of capable and willing artistes made it a very successful evening.

November 13th. The Rev. R. S. Williams, Minister of St James' Evangelical Free Church, Worthing, spoke with clearness and much sincerity when telling us of his religious upbringing, and experiences which brought him into touch with various denominations in earlier life. This, the second of a series, proved most interesting, and so far from being dull there was more than once considerable laughter at points raised. But underlying also an intense seriousness. Here are life stories well worth listening to.

November 20th. On this evening we had a visit from Mr White, Sanitary Inspector to the Worthing Corporation. How few of us realise how our health and general welfare is protected in this way, and how disease and adulteration of food is fought against, and watched over.

THE ACT OF EXPERIENCE

Prayer is for the	:	Prayer is not a privi-	:	It is a mistake to
mind, heart, and	:	lege enjoyed only by	:	imagine that the pro-
soul, what breath-	:	great intellects. It	:	cess of keeping the
ing is for the blood,	:	is free to all relig-	:	soul alive by prayer
nerves, and frame-	:	ious systems and to	:	is a dull and dreary
work of the body. It	:	all modes of thought	:	renunciation of the
is the act of exper-	:	outside the narrow	:	great joys of life.
ience which keeps	:	field of doctrines	:	It makes life worth
our higher self alive	:	and theologies ... It	:	living, for it height-
by contact with the	:	transcends every other	:	ens and enobles the
reality whose name	:	form of experience.	:	whole content of life.
is God.	:		:	
	:		:	James Douglas.



ALL THESE CHURCHES WERE FULL!

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: SUNDAY		: FROM OUR
: OBSERVANCE :	Our own Church News Sheet does not	: MISSIONARY :
: IN SAMOA. :	often contain Missionary news. And	: CHRONICLE :
.....	our number of subscribers to the	.....
	L.M.S. Chronicle only totals 20.	

Space is therefore given to brief references from a letter recently printed in the latter publication. Signed "S. H. Phillips" it first contains a personal note, telling of the writer's link with Congregationalism for over 60 years, first in England, then in Australia and New Zealand. Keenly interested in the far-flung activities of the L.M.S., and having learnt much of the progress of Christianity in Samoa since the arrival of the John Williams in 1830, Mr Phillips recently visited several of the islands of the South-West Pacific.

WHY THEY HAD TO STAY THE WEEK-END!

"Arriving in Apia (Capital of Western Samoa) I asked the chief officer of our ship how long our stay was scheduled for. His reply was not without significance. Being a Friday he said there was no chance of leaving until the following Monday, as it would be impossible to get any loading or unloading done there on Sundays because

EVERYBODY WENT TO CHURCH!

Feeling that his explanation was not unmixed with chagrin, I was naturally on the alert for verification, and I arranged for a car to take me along the main coastal road. L.M.S. Churches are seldom more than a mile apart. To my amazement every village possesses its own L.M.S. Church and the roads were thronged with figures in their white Sunday attire, all with one intent - to attend their Church. Most of the adults were carrying their own Bible."

Altogether, Mr Phillips journeyed 25 miles, and passed about 18 L.M.S. Churches, varying in size, but many of them large. AND ALL THESE CHURCHES WERE FULL. Many being unable to gain entrance were seated around the open doors, each with Bibles in their laps. Another thrill was to see in every instance that the Service was conducted by a Samoan island Pastor.

Yet less than 130 years ago, these Pacific Islands were still in the darkness of heathenism!

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1952 ..... : THE WAKE : ..... 1953  
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I cannot always trace the outward course  
 My ship must take;  
 But, looking backward, I behold its shining wake,  
 Illumined with God's light of love; and so  
 I onward go,  
 In perfect trust that He who holds the helm,  
 The course must know. (Gertrude Curtis)

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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

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 : OUR HUMAN : What wonder ought to possess us as we once again watch  
 : LIMITATIONS : the miracle of another Spring! And what emphasis we place  
 : : on the value of human sight. ("I saw it with my own eyes!")  
 : : And yet, taking life in its widest sense, we are warned to  
 : : remember the elementary truth of science is that what our  
 : : eyes can see is only a tiny fraction of what is there. What  
 marvellous worlds that opens up! What limitless possibilities, and ultimate  
 fulfilment of our longings and highest aspirations!

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A recent visit to our Church of a representative of Dr Barnardo's Homes  
 (reported elsewhere in this issue) stressed one point in particular. Speaking  
 of the various needs of the children, our visitor sug-  
 gested that there is one need common to all children -  
 "The need to be loved." But is not this the common need  
 of all, young or old? In a little book entitled "Basic  
 Christianity" the author writes "For Jesus the 'neighbour'  
 to whom love was due was the man with whom we come into  
 contact, and who is in need of our help. The love demanded is not sentimental  
 or emotional, but moral and practical, love as a motive of action." And the  
 writer adds, "The Kingdom of God as Jesus preached it is that the great per-  
 sonages in the Kingdom are not its rulers, but its servants. With them to  
 serve is to reign."

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And this idea of service in relation to those around us is further em-  
 phasised in the little book entitled "Easter at Epworth" by H.L. Gee. He writes,  
 "Although the world has changed much, although life has  
 become more complex, nevertheless there never has been  
 a time when grace was more needed to sweeten and deepen  
 everyday experience, and never a time when the Church  
 needed more patience, more love, more graciousness, or  
 more courage. These qualities are not to be had for  
 the seeking. They are gifts from God and they flow into the heart only when  
 the heart has felt an earthquake, and when new life has rushed into it. When  
 in a word, our old self dies, and in the miracle of a private resurrection a  
 new self is born."



CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH ACCOUNTS: The Annual Statement which is attached to this issue has been carefully typed for duplication by Mr Nodes, and the Editor most gratefully acknowledges this help. The Auditors also have again earned our gratitude for work well done.

GIFT TO MINISTER: All loose cash given on Sunday, March 8th, at both morning and evening services will be thus set aside.

NEW MEMBERS: Miss A. L. Morton, 56 Robson Road. By transfer from St George's Congregational Church, Middlesborough. Also Miss A. Gay, Manor Lodge, Findon Road, on Profession of Faith.

OBITUARY: On December 9th at Pentlands Nursing Home, Ettie Doudney, of 10 Wellesley Avenue. Our friend, Mr Doudney, devotedly nursed his wife during a long period of ill-health, and he has our very sincere Christian sympathy in his great loss.

CHURCH CHRONICLE: Contributions towards the cost of duplicating amounted to £2. 18. 6. for the November-December issue of 1952. This included a special donation of £2, the latter being part of a generous gift of £6 for our Church Funds, given by Mrs Anderson. Other funds which benefitted were the Ladies Working Party and the Flower Fund.

INVALID CHAIR: A very acceptable and generous gift of a folding chair has been made by the daughters of the late Mrs Legge, formerly of Shelley Road Church. The latter Church being well supplied in this way, the offer was transferred to us, and suitable thanks has been sent to Mrs A. D. Hellstern, of 49 Burnham Road, Durrington Lane. Any friends wishing to make use of this chair should communicate with Mr Askew.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE: At the time of "going to press" the official list is -

Mrs G. Askew	Miss Handford	Mr G. Askew	Mr D. G. Hughes
Mrs H. J. Curtis	Mrs B. Humphrey	Mr H. E. Blackman	Mr A. Truss
Mrs T. W. Gowen	Mrs G. L. Nodes	Mr Gander	Mr C. S. C. Wood
Mrs E. H. Doyle	Miss E. Sayer	Mr F. S. Grew	
Mrs W. G. Hite	Miss L. Thomson	Mr A. E. Harrison	

With the Minister as President, Mr Harrison as Chairman of Committee and Joint Secretaries Miss Handford and Mr Grew. Treasurer, Mrs G. L. Nodes.

JUMBLE SALE: The Ladies Working Party are arranging to hold this in the Children's Hall on Friday, April 10th at 2.45 p.m. Proceeds will be wanted for purchase of wools and materials. Please communicate with Mrs W. G. Hite, 44 Phrosso Road if you wish contributions to be collected.

OUR FORMER CHURCH SECRETARY: Those who remember our early days at Elm Grove will be interested to know that Mr E. T. Wiseman and family are returning to Worthing, their new address being 5 Rosebery Avenue. It was in the autumn of 1944 that they left for Bexhill. Welcome back! Our Church owed much to Mr Wiseman in those early years.

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS: This to Mrs Handford, who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on February 7th. A very happy illustration of the heart keeping young while the years roll on.

CHURCH NOTES CONTINUED:

..... The Statement of Accounts shows that the Garden Fund has only  
 . NOT : 2/10 on hand. Even a ball of twine costs about three shillings  
 : MUCH : today, so even little contributions will be gratefully received.  
 : LEFT! : Either Mr Nodes or Mr Grew will be glad to accept any such  
 . : gifts.  
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CASES OF ILLNESS: These have been so numerous amongst members and friends that reference cannot be made to all. But our very real sympathy has endeavoured to express itself to Mr and Mrs Gowen, Mr and Mrs Grew and the Misses White in their time of trouble. Mr Gowen's unfortunate accident just prior to Christmas was a heavy blow following on operations during 1952, and his many weeks at Southlands Hospital has called for endless patience and fortitude. Mrs Grew has also been at Southlands, although now home again and Miss White is being nursed at Worthing Hospital.

CUCKFIELD CHURCH: This little Sussex Church set in beautiful surroundings has very special interest for Mr and Mrs Gowen, owing to family relationships. And it is now announced that high hopes are entertained that the coming of a resident Minister may mean real progress. The Induction Service of the Rev. G. B. Shepherd, M.A., B.D., will take place at Cuckfield on Thursday, 26th February, when the Presiding Minister will be the Moderator, the Rev. Andrew James, M.A.

M E D I C A L M I S S I O N S W E E K

The annual appeal which is made for Medical Missions seldom fails to secure a good response, and doubtless our 1953 "Week" will show that the work of healing has an appeal all its own. The London Missionary Society leaflet reminded us that whilst in this country there is estimated to be one doctor for every 900 people, and a nurse for every 400, in Africa, India, Asia and the Pacific there is only one doctor for every 10,000 of the population, and one nurse for ever 56,000 people. And in Bengal only 181 hospitals beds for every million patients.

Ministering to the sick in the name and spirit of Christ is Christian work at its highest and best and is one of the most effective ways of preaching the Gospel.

..... Dr Howard Somervell, of Everest fame, is one of our  
 . FROM "KNIFE : best known missionary doctors. Writing concerning his own  
 : AND LIFE IN : experiences, he says -  
 : INDIA," H.S. . "A little while ago I visited a house where the family  
 : : had nothing to eat that day except a rat, and were apparently  
 ..... going to have nothing at all the following day unless they  
 were lucky enough to catch still another rat!" Continuing,

Dr Somervell adds, "Some members of the Hospital staff prefer to refuse all gifts at the end of a patient's time. In this country (India) where it is so hard to get any services rendered without paying for them, the refusing of a present impresses the donor tremendously .... A witness like this is far more solid worth for the cause of Christ than a 1000 sermons or a score of open-air meetings."

OUR MORNING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday morning, December 14th, 1952 (a bright and frosty morning too) was for part time at least, a Children's Service, and might well be called a service of giving and getting. Entering the Church during the singing of "The first Nowell" each of the young folk carried their gift or gifts of toys and games, etc. for distribution later on to less fortunate children.

Afterwards, 18 of those present received book prizes for attendances of 40 or more out of a possible 46. A wide range of reading included books like Robinson Crusoe, Winnie the Pooh, and Alice in Wonderland, etc.

PRIZE WINNERS

Christopher Beckenham	:	Derek Hearsay	:	Susan Lindfield
Olive Bentley	:	Edward Hite	:	Raymonde Miller
Leslie Collins	:	Brian Hughes	:	Patricia Newman
Caryl Grey	:	Delia Hughes	:	Wendy Newman
Patrick Heydon	:	Wendy Hughes	:	Robert Topham
Sally Heydon	:	John Lindfield	:	Raymonde Waite

And as a postscript to the above here is another Beatitude both for children and the grown-ups!

"Blessed are they who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting."

NEW YEAR PARTIES

This year the Children's Parties were held on two successive Saturdays, and although very cold outside on January 3rd, it was warm and gaily decorated in the Children's Hall when the Beginners held their party. About 30 children together with many adults, played musical and singing games, and by 4.30 p.m. when tea was announced most teachers were hoarse! Prepared by the Ladies' Tea Committee, this meal was much enjoyed and justice was done by all. After tea, Father Christmas being unable to come owing to illness, sent "Mother" Christmas. Here was something new, and sweets and balloons were given to each child. Tired, but happy, all went home at 5.30 p.m.

JANUARY 10th: This second gathering was for the older children, who numbered about 50, many teachers again being present, and joining in numerous games. Tea was again prepared by the capable Tea Committee, and then followed films shown by Mr Hughes and Mr Gander. More sweets were distributed, and grateful thanks are due to all who made both parties such a success. B.J.F.

FUTURE CHURCH BOOKINGS

March 26th: (Thursday). Annual Meeting of Church Members and Congregation.  
 May 17th: Sunday School Anniversary Services.  
 Rev. Roy Morgan, of Seaford College.  
 June 14th: Church Anniversary Services.  
 Rev. Andrew James, M.A., Moderator of Southern Province,  
 June 20th: (Saturday) Sunday School Outing to Bognor.

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BOWING TO THE INEVITABLE

This being Coronation Year it may be that there will be more bowing and curtsying than is usual. But in ordinary daily life, ceremonial salutations are out of date. In meeting, or in parting, we are far more likely to say, "Hullo" or "Cheerio" than to give a sweeping cavalier bow. Even the Bank Manager, when we leave his office may say "Bye-bye."

In other ways also, bowing is out of fashion. We no longer think it inevitable that there should be injustices, inequalities and such evils as slums or bad sanitation. True, pain and suffering are still with us, but even towards these things we now refuse to accept the word "inevitable". And it is hardly an exaggeration to add that any homage of today is often reserved for film stars, speedway kings, golf and football wizards and others in popular favour.

But in all seriousness, life continues to present us with inevitable things which we have to learn to face with courage, and against which we only hurt ourselves if we refuse to "bow". Even the philosopher starts off with the inevitability of change - "Everything changes but change". And this remains true despite the epigrammatic saying that we do not change as we grow older, but grow more like ourselves! But even that sort of growth is change.

And the stubborn fact that things "come to pass" is doubly impressed upon us the longer we live, and this change includes the continual and persistent passing from our lives of loved ones and friends. This too is inevitable. It may mean broken hearts, empty chairs, and lonely lives, but time marches relentlessly on, and we are expected to present a brave front and carry on.

And when we have lived long enough, old age starts knocking at the door. It comes upon us silently, but none the less surely, and in the later stages of life we have to be still more aware of self. The late Archbishop Temple once said in his quaint yet striking way that if he found life dull it was because that grossly uninteresting person, William Temple, had got between himself and this wonderful world.

We can none of us escape change, trouble, loss of friends, advancing years and the last things of life, but it is the manner in which we stand up to these things that really matters.

Bowing to the inevitable may have an ugly sound. It may suggest despair and defeat, a crushing blow from which we cannot escape, or a servile submission to a superior force. But it can mean something vastly different if Christian faith is equal to it.

"No coward soul is mine,  
No trembler in this world's storm-troubled sea,  
I see heaven's glories shine,  
And faith shines equal, driving me from fear."

There must have been a fervency of spirit and adoration in the heart of Isaac Watts also when he wrote the words "Jesus shall reign." One suspects that he wished to emphasise the word "shall", and in so doing paid royal homage to the Lord of All. Shall we say he was "Bowing to the Inevitable", with a happy and complete assurance?

C.H.C.



FAMILY EVENINGS

On Thursday, 8th January, Mr Frank Widdicombe, Free Church Deputation Secretary for Dr Barnardo's Homes, interested a small but very appreciative audience when showing his films, coloured and otherwise. We learnt that apart from the Central Homes in London, there are now 109 Homes scattered throughout the country, providing happy home-life for 7000 children. Every day, 3 or 4 more children are being admitted, and over 21,000 meals daily are provided for. At times the audience were greatly amused, especially when the film showed the tiny tots taking advantage of the temporary absence of the nurse, and discarding spoon feeding made use of tiny fingers instead.

A PRINCESS MARGARET STORY: Our visitor also made reference to a visit paid by Princess Margaret (at her own request as President) to see the Kelvingside Home. With the children carefully groomed, correctly drilled and nicely dressed, all appeared set for procedure necessary for royalty. But a delayed arrival somewhat upset the arrangements, and "the bubble burst" when one small child called out, "Auntie, you're late!"

About 45 were present for this film show, half of which were young folk. But even so, the collection amounted to £2. 10. 0.

RELIGIOUS BRAINS TRUST

Rev. Stanley Blomfield, Secretary of Sussex Congregational Union	:	Rev. G. Diamond, A.L.C.D., Vicar of St George's, East Worthing.
	:	
Rev. Barnard Spaul, M.A., Minister of Shelley Road Congregational Church.	:	<u>QUESTION MASTER:</u> Rev. H.M. Springbett, M.A.,
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The above team gave us another interesting and profitable evening, although the attendance was only moderate. In about 80 minutes, 20 questions were put to our visitors. In the main, replies were shorter than the similar evening of 1952, and for the most part the team were in agreement. Papers handed in dealt with varied subjects such as Scriptural Difficulties, Church Union, Sunday Games, Pacifism, the Virgin Birth and the "Gloominess of Christian People".

Regarding the Church Union, the Rev. G. Diamond thought that unity of the spirit was of more importance than visible union, but Mr Spaul stressed the point of the great and outstanding success of Church Union in India.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER, 1952 and JANUARY, 1953

	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Dec. 7	7	6	5	5	13	6	:	Jan. 4	10	13	3	6	4	1
Dec. 14	13	4	2	6	0	7	:	Jan. 11	9	11	7	5	6	6
Dec. 21	8	2	4	6	7	1	:	Jan. 18	7	11	2	6	8	6
Dec. 25				3	7	9	:	Jan. 25	7	7	2	4	4	0
Dec. 28	10	0	2	4	6	3	:							
	£38	13	1	£25	15	2	:		£35	3	2	£22	3	1

Total for Two Months - £121. 14. 6. British & Foreign Bible Society, £10. 12. 0. L.M.S. Widows & Orphans, Communion Collections, £10. 0. 0.



STATEMENT OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS CONTINUED:

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	s.	d.
<u>GARDEN FUND:</u>			
Balance 1/1/52	15	9	11
Sale of Old Lawn Mower	1	15	0
	<u>£17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>NEW CONGREGATIONAL HYMNARY:</u>			
Donation - Mrs Handford	100	0	0
	<u>£100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</u>			
Morning School - Balance 1/1/52	10	10	2
Total Receipts 1952	70	14	5
Afternoon School - Balance 1/1/52	2	5	0
Total Receipts 1952	4	16	0
	<u>£88</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>LADIES WORKING PARTY:</u>			
Cash in hand 1/1/52	45	8	7
Tea Money	11	12	8
Subscriptions and Donations	10	4	4
Jumble Sale	37	8	6
Sale of Goods, Cakes, etc.	41	0	9
	<u>£145</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Turves, etc.	6	3	9
Purchase of new Lawn Mower	10	18	4
Balance in hand 31/12/52		2	10
	<u>£17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
Independent Press, Limited	93	17	9
Balance in hand 31/12/52	6	2	3
	<u>£100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Morning School - Total Expenses 1952	63	8	6
Balance 31/12/52	17	16	1
Afternoon School - Total Expenses 1952	2	8	11
Balance 31/12/52	4	12	1
	<u>£88</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
(Details supplied by Mr H.E.Blackman)			
Cost of materials	49	15	5
Cost of Wool	7	12	7
Postage and Sundries	3	6	4
Wool to knit for British Sailors	7	15	3
Balance in hand 31/12/52	77	5	3
	<u>£145</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
(Details supplied by Miss M.H.Stevenson)			

SUMMARY OF BUILDING FUNDS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	s.	d.
<u>CHURCH BUILDING FUND</u>			
Balance of C.R. Barrett's legacy 1/1/52 (Capital plus Interest)	725	5	2
Interest, year ended 31/12/52	25	7	6
	<u>£750</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>BUILDING AND ORGAN FUND</u>			
Boxes and Donation	1	15	3
Legacy - late Miss L. Jordan (Organ)	50	0	0
Sundry contributions (Organ)	6	14	0
	<u>£58</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>CAR PARK AND ROADWAY:</u>			
+Rent - Worthing Corporation	£59	7	9
<u>CHILDREN'S HALL EQUIPMENT:</u>			
Balance, 1/1/52	£7	14	7
+N.B. Total Rent paid by Worthing Corporation year 1952 -	£77.	19.	2.
G. L. NODES - December 31st, 1952.			

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£	s.	d.
Balance in hands of Sussex Congregational Union (Incorporated)	750	12	8
	<u>£750</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Balance in hand, 31/12/52	58	9	3
	<u>£58</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
Balance Owing - 1/1/52	£59	7	9
Handed to Sunday School Treasurer - 10/2/52	£7	14	7

We have examined the vouchers and accounts and compared them with the summaries submitted and found them to be correct.  
A. E. HARRISON: W. G. HITE. - January 24th, 1953.

ORING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1952

1951

R E C E I P T S

P A Y M E N T S

£ s. d.

1951

CHURCH FUNDS:  
 £289 Offeratories - Loose Cash  
 354 Envelopes

Ministerial Salary and Insurances 370 10 0  
 Ministerial Expenses 20 0 0  
 Special Easter Ministerial Gifts 95 5 10  
 Manse - Rates and Expenses 40 3 3  
 Manse - Mortgage Interest 70 0 0  
 Ministerial Supplies 23 16 6  
 Organist and Choral Expenses 54 4 0  
 Caretaker 78 10 0

£ 370 10 0  
 20 0 0  
 95 5 10  
 40 3 3  
 70 0 0  
 23 16 6  
 54 4 0  
 78 10 0

- 75 Easter Offerings and Contributions  
 18 Special Contributions  
 4 Interest  
 - Income Tax on Deeds of Covenant  
 Sundry Lettings

Electricity, Gas and Water 85 2 4  
 Less - Refunded by Worthing Corp. 21 7 11  
 Sundry Insurances 61 14 5  
 Maintenance of Property 51 16 5  
 Rates on Children's Hall 9 15 2  
 Rates on Children's Hall 4 16 0  
 Chronicle - Cost of Duplication 5 15 5  
 14 17 6  
 23 8 11

£ 61 14 5  
 51 16 5  
 9 15 2  
 4 16 0  
 5 15 5  
 14 17 6  
 23 8 11

11 Donation - Chronicle Fund

880 3 11  
 16 15 3  
 896 19 2

Balance - Cash in hand and Investments 924 13 5  
 at 1/1/52 740 11 6  
 £1635 4 11

127 41  
 41 2  
 4 4  
 5 5  
 20 20  
 23 23

837 Balance - Cash in hand and Investments  
 at 1/1/52

738 5 9  
 £1635 4 11

Balance - Cash and Investments 31/12/52

738

Balance brought down  
 Proceeds of Concert  
 + Rent - Worthing Corporation  
 + Rent - Worthing Corporation

710 11 6  
 31 10 0  
 1 17 0  
 743 18 6  
 16 14 5  
 £760 12 11

Exterior Decoration of Church 33 7 0  
 Construction of Cycle Shelter 33 0 10  
 Nett Balance in hand 31/12/52 694 5 11  
 £760 12 11

COMMUNION FUND:

30 Offeratories  
 47 Balance 1/1/52

34 11 2  
 47 19 0

Queen Alexandra Hospital Home 4 4 0  
 British Sailors' Society 1 1 0  
 Worthing Council of Social Service 1 1 0  
 Sundries 13 3 6  
 Sundry Sick and Needy Gifts 35 0 0  
 Balance in Hand, 31/12/52 28 0 8

4 4 0  
 1 1 0  
 1 1 0  
 13 3 6  
 35 0 0  
 28 0 8

SPECIAL PURPOSES:

78 London Missionary Society  
 25 Sussex Congregational Union - Home Missions  
 10 Congregational Union - Pastors' Widows  
 7 British & Foreign Bible Society  
 55 National Children's Home and Orphanage  
 - Lynmouth Relief Fund

86 6 11  
 30 0 0  
 15 5 0  
 10 12 0  
 22 0 2  
 13 7 1

London Missionary Society 86 6 11  
 Sussex Congregational Union 30 0 0  
 Congl Union - Pastors' Widows Fund 15 5 0  
 British & Foreign Bible Society 10 12 0  
 National Children's Home and Orphanage 22 0 2  
 Mayor's Lynmouth Relief Fund 13 7 1

£82 10 2

392

£177 11 2

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West Worthing.	:	(Tel: Worthing 3453)	:	West Worthing.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food plays a very important part in daily life because it is a necessity. Yet nourishment and sustenance for the mind and spirit is often severely rationed so to speak, we ourselves doing the "rationing".

But during April on two occasions one felt compelled to think a little harder than usual. The first bit of "food for thought" was merely a foot-note to the Bible Reading Fellowship portion for April 6th. It read as follows: "In the accounts of our Lord's appearance after His Resurrection we find that He seems to have appeared only to His friends, never to His enemies."

Here was something to think over; Enough for a whole sermon! It is our attitude that determines the law of the Presence. Our awareness of the latter may depend upon our responsive love and sympathy.

The second occasion which struck home was one very definitely connected with food. A Trade Food List was handed to the Editor, a catalogue for trade distribution, starting with Arrowroot, Bacon, and Biscuits, and only stopping when the "T's" were reached. But the compiler of these lists had something else in mind besides grocery and household supplies. Believe it or not here in this booklet were little insets such as "Courage is fear that has said its prayers."

And finally on the back page were these verses -

#### A N E A S T E R R E V E R I E

Out of the dark and grimy soil	Out of the crawling, earthbound worm
The pure white lilies grow;	A butterfly is born;
Out of the black and murky clouds	Out of the sombre, shrouded night,
Descends the stainless snow.	Behold! a golden morn!'

Out of the pain and stress of life  
The peace of God pours down;  
Out of the nails, the spear, the Cross,  
Redemption - and a Crown.

The world owes much to men who refuse to put their religion and their business into water-tight compartments. C.H.C.

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CHURCH NOTES AND NEWS

NEW MEMBERS: At the Easter Morning Communion, Mr & Mrs A. E. Pearn of 31 The Poplars, Ferring, were received into Church membership, by transfer from the Sutton Congregational Church, where during later years, Mr Pearn was Church Secretary.

And on the editorial table lies a well-written and well-reasoned booklet entitled "Why be a Total Abstainer?" Additional lettering reads "by A. E. Pearn - The Views of a Business Man." This pamphlet was published by the United Kingdom Alliance in October last.

Other Church members who will soon, we hope, be on our Church Roll are Mr & Mrs E. T. Wiseman, and the Misses Monica and Barbara Wiseman, by transfer from the Bexhill Congregational Church, and Miss Daphne Wiseman on profession of faith.

REV. B. R. H. SPAULL, M.A.: On Sunday, February 22nd, we once again had the pleasure of a visit from Mr Spaul, who if memory can be trusted, has now been at the Shelley Road Church for 13 years. Our visitor based his subject on the idea of our being set apart for God's use. "Redeemed, but for what?" Even the use of our 'spare' money might be a test of the genuineness of our religion, and Mr Spaul ventured to add that while we counted drunkenness say, as a gross sin because of its resulting effects, it might be equally a great perversion intellectually, if our minds were prevented from tuning in to God's purpose for us.

OUR GARDEN FUND: As a result of one tiny paragraph in our last issue, the Garden Committee most gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts amounting to £3. 11. 6. For this, very many thanks.

SOMETHING TO NOTE: Apparently even some of our regular worshippers do not realise that when the General Thanksgiving and General Confession prayers are used in our service the words may be found inside the back cover of our hymn book.

APOLOGIES! In our last issue, and in the list of prize-winners for Sunday School attendance, "Wendy Newman" should have been included as Wendy Richardson.

And under the heading "Cases of Illness", Mrs Twigg's name was unfortunately omitted from the list of hospital patients. A sharp and serious illness in the early part of the year meant that Mrs Twigg also was for nearly 3 weeks an inmate of the great Southlands establishment. But we have long since been glad to have her back with us, and wish her better health for the coming months.

Finally, and in the supplementary "Statement of Accounts", the word "Donation" had a little "s" missing, this with reference to the Chronicle Fund contributions. The record total of £16. 5. 3. for 1952 was, of course, made up of numberless gifts, and in effect greatly reduced the cost of duplicating.

LADIES' WORKING PARTY: The Secretary (Mrs W. G. Hite) asks whether any lady would care to give a length of material for making up by members, and in this way to help towards the Sewing Stall for the November



Bazaar. Also this organisation will warmly welcome any newcomers to the fortnightly meetings on alternate Tuesday afternoons. The average attendance for last year (33) was suggestive of happy and useful gatherings.

MR T. W. GOWEN: At Southlands Hospital progress has been slow, but it is hoped that the long weary weeks are drawing to a close, and that better times are ahead.

Unfortunately, this hospital again numbers amongst its patients our friend Miss White, and their many friends sympathetically share in this family trouble.

Also we are all glad that Miss Green is once again in her own home after her recent operation.

### C H U R C H   B A Z A A R

To be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 1953

(Primary object to pay off the Manse Debt)

This Bazaar will be an all-day occasion, opened (it is hoped) by the present Mayor of Worthing, Mrs Rita Summers, at 10 a.m. Below is given the names of the various stalls, and officials for same:-

<u>WORKING PARTY:</u> Sewing Stall	:	<u>FLOWER STALL:</u>
Head, Mrs Humphrey.	•	Head, Mrs Horsefall.
Secretary, Mrs W. G. Hite.	:	
Treasurer, Mrs Gowen.	•	<u>CAKE STALL :</u>
	:	Head, Miss Thomas.
<u>WORKING PARTY:</u> Knitting Stall	:	Secretary, Mrs Doyle.
Head, Miss G. Stevenson.	:	
Secretary, Mrs Fowler.	:	<u>SWEET STALL:</u>
Treasurer, Miss Stevenson.	•	Miss F. M. Green.
	:	
<u>YOUNG PEOPLE'S STALL:</u>	•	<u>GENTLEMEN'S STALL:</u>
Head, Mrs Blackman.	:	Head, Mr A. E. Harrison.
Secretary, Miss Pat Green.	:	Secretary, Mr H. J. Curtis.
	:	Treasurer, Mr C. S. C. Wood.
<u>TOILET PREPARATION STALL:</u>	:	
Head, Miss Sayer.	•	<u>SIDE SHOWS:</u> Mr D. G. Hughes.

This is the biggest united effort our Church has yet made, and it is hoped to secure the interest and support of all.

BEACH HUTS: (All proceeds will be given to the Bazaar Fund.)

During the coming summer, several friends are willing to let their Beach Huts for occasional use to members of the Church and Congregation. Five shillings per day is being asked for. Apply to Mr H. J. Curtis, Darien, Seafield Avenue. Tel: Goring 42984. Or enquiries may also be made through 'phoning Goring 41034 or Worthing 3453.







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**FAMILY EVENINGS:** The excellent programme provided was worthy of better attendances. The series "A Christian and His Church" meant that we were addressed by several local Ministers and the Vicar of St George's, East Worthing. In presenting this report, the Secretary (Mr D.G.Hughes) made reference to the newly formed Boys' Club as difficult, but well worth while work. Attendances varied between 12 to 16, and the help given by the leaders was greatly appreciated.

**CHURCH CHOIR:** Our Choirmaster (Mr R.W.May) asked for more help in this important part of our worship, especially for the evening service. Owing to poor attendance the Children's Choir has been abandoned for the time being.

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP:** Membership slightly down, yet even so totalling 111. Some of our members (24) now prefer the Notes prepared by the International Bible Reading Association.

**HOME CHURCHES FUND:** The original target set for our Church was £25, but an appeal for increased help resulted in £30 being sent for the year 1952.

**WORTHING COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE:** As delegate to this most excellent organisation, Mrs Horsefall emphasised the good work being done. During the year 7 children had been adopted, but more people were ready to adopt than there were children! This care for little folk and the sick and aged is truly Christian work.

In summing up, Mr Springbett paid tribute to the help and support he had received from his two Church Secretaries. First, Miss Handford, and in later months, Mr G. Askew.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1953.

	ENVELOPES			LOOSE CASH				ENVELOPES			LOOSE CASH		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 1st:	7	6	3	3	4	1	Mar. 1st:	8	15	5	7	16	1
Feb. 8th:	6	5	5	3	16	8	Mar. 8th:	6	14	2	-	-	- +
Feb. 15th:	7	3	1	4	6	0	Mar. 15th:	6	19	0	6	6	1
Feb. 22nd:	9	3	3	6	7	10	Mar. 22nd:	13	11	2	7	0	2
							Mar. 29th:	7	10	2	7	15	8
	£29	18	0	£17	14	7		£43	9	11	£28	18	0

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £120. 0. 6.

L.M.S. Medical Missions, £23.4.6. +: Special Ministerial Offering, £45.15.10.  
East Coast Flood Relief, £30 to the Mayor's Fund and £8. 12. 4. to the London Congregational Union Fund. Full total, £38. 12. 4.

**SCENE:** Minister's Study in a Washington Church, U.S.A., usually attended by the President. **TIME:** Saturday morning. The telephone bell rings, and a pompous voice asks, "Will the President be at Church tomorrow morning?" The reply is made, "I don't know if the President is coming, but God will be there, and He will be glad to see you!"

Yes, this story too, came from that same Food Catalogue!





## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

**MISSIONARY SUNDAY:** At our Morning Service on April 19th, we had as our delegate Mr H. E. A. Condon, who is a member of the Shelley Road Church, and like Mr Spaul is a director of the L.M.S. Board.

Our visitor suggested that in Missionary work, it is of vital importance to ask ourselves what is going on in the minds of others. As illustrating this, he spoke of fear as being dominant in life when the conception of God is wrong or absent. Under such conditions even an operation for appendicitis may be looked upon as a "letting out of the evil spirit."

It is interesting to learn that the Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, M.A., will very shortly complete 25 years as a director of the London Missionary Society Board.

**OBITUARY:** During April three old friends formerly associated with our early years at Elm Grove passed on. They would be unknown to the great majority of our present Church, but in their different ways, each one helped to build up organised Church life in this district. Their names are as follows:-

April 22nd: Miss Kate Smith, of 42 Mill Road, who regularly attended our Sunday Services in those days.

April 9th: at Storrington. Miss Marjorie Louise Carrott. This lady showed much interest in our cause during the first ministry under the Rev. Morris Bold, M.C., and joining the Working Party did good work for the Forces. Miss Carrott also provided the necessary furniture and tasteful furnishings for the beautiful little chapel, or "Upper Room" planned by Mr Bold at No.3 Goring Road. The little brass cross on our Communion Table was one of her gifts.

April 22nd: On this day our old friend George R. Curtis, of Sea Breeze, Sea Place, passed quietly and peacefully away at Hopedene Nursing Home at the good age of 88. A generous man, his many gifts to our Church Funds were usually made in a very quiet way, and happy in his home life and his work, he remained active almost to the end. His two daughters will sadly miss their father, but Miss E. M. Curtis still renders valued assistance in our Morning Sunday School.

**OUR CHURCH GARDEN:** The spring flowers once again made a brave show and were much admired, and for the well-kept lawns we have to thank Mr G. L. Nodes. But much needed and somewhat heavy work has also been done by Mr D. G. Hughes, and our best thanks are due to him also. Mr C. S. C. Wood has very wisely obeyed orders to refrain from this extra work, but it is largely due to his former efforts that it is now easier to manage with a reduced staff.

**A LETTER BOX:** Postmen have been uncertain how to deliver letters when addressed to the Church, and so it is now proposed to have a letter box placed on the South door of the main Hall.

**HIRE OF CHILDREN'S HALL:** The Education Committee terminate their hire of our Children's Hall after September next, and this useful source of Church Income will then end.





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R A I N B O W   B A Z A A R

To be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 1953.

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With the worthy object of clearing off the debt on the Manse, it is earnestly hoped that the arrangements being made to hold the above Sale will, in some way or other, secure the co-operation and goodwill of all.

No financial target is being set, but it is interesting to recall that in November, 1949, the Ladies' Working Party organised a highly successful Sale of Work which resulted in over £530 being realised, generous donations of £130 being included in this total. The money thus raised was for the building of the much needed Children's Hall.

Only a year later, our "Chronicle" recorded "Another Wonderful Day!" The cost of erecting the Hall had exceeded £1500, so once again in the following November, the Working Party with another similar effort raised the sum of £457, further generous contributions being included, the combined totals of 1949 and 1950 almost reaching £1000!

This coming autumn will, however, be the united effort of the whole Church, and coming in the proverbially gloomy month of November, it should provide a colourful scheme. Quite a number of gifts have already been received, and definite offers of help will be doubly valuable. Also selling in advance has greatly encouraged some of the stall holders.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD: Attention is drawn to this board in our Church Lobby, and special events arranged to give support are recorded on the calendar shown. The Deputy Mayor of Worthing (Mrs Rita Summers) will open the Bazaar, and Mr W. H. Young of Lancing will be the Chairman.

STALLS AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS

A large and representative Committee have already made their plans, and the stall-holders briefly suggest how assistance can be given. In each case, the Stall Secretary should be contacted with concerning offers of help.

LADIES' WORKING PARTY SEWING STALL: Grateful acknowledgement is made of a gift received as a result of an appeal in our last "Chronicle". And further lengths of materials for making up, or any useful "make-up" article will be gladly accepted by the Secretary, Mrs W. G. Hite, 44 Phrosso Road.

LADIES' WORKING PARTY KNITTING STALL: Any articles knitted, or made with wool, will be welcomed. No mention is made of suggested goods, but one visualises pull-overs, socks, gloves, bootees, etc. Also gifts of wool will be very acceptable. Please contact with Mrs Fowler as Secretary, 20 Brook Barn Way.

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R A I N B O W   B A Z A A R

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S STALL: It has been suggested that toys would make a distinctive contribution, but any useful goods will be gratefully received by Miss Pat Green, 57 Mill Road.

TOILET PREPARATION STALL: Miss Sayer, 2 Moat Way, Sea Place is arranging for this, and is ready to trade in advance, and has already accepted orders.

FLOWERS AND FRUIT STALL: It is hoped to have a good display on this stall, and Mrs H. Horsefall, 107 George Vth Avenue asks for generous support and liberal contributions.

SWEET STALL: This should prove a happy rallying point, and gifts of confectionery will be welcomed by Miss F. M. Green, 21 Robson Road.

YOUNG WIVES' STALL: This is being organised by Mrs May, 16 Brookdean Road, E. Worthing, and will come under the heading of "Mother and Child". Contributions suitable for this are asked for.

MEN'S STALL: One imagines this stall might be called "General Stores" for mention is made of groceries, preserves, bottled fruits and vegetables, glass, china, hardware, cutlery, stationery, wood or other articles including sports equipment! As arrangements stand, Mr H. J. Curtis, Darlen, Seafield Avenue is Secretary, and we all hope that a complete recovery from his illness will enable him to help thus.

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REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: As the time approaches, gifts will be asked for, and it is hoped to have a Cake Stall under the management of Miss Thomas and Mrs Doyle, and a Cake-Making competition will be arranged for. Refreshments will be served throughout the day, Mrs Curtis, Miss Mumford and Miss Pooler being responsible. Cash gifts for the purchase of milk, bread, etc. will be welcomed.

T H R I F T   T I C K E T S

Mr H. Horsefall brings expert knowledge from Yorkshire concerning this idea. Purchased in advance, tickets may be given in lieu of cash at the Sale. Denominations are for 3d, 6d, 1/- and 2/6, and can be obtained from any member of the Bazaar Committee, or from Mr Horsefall.

OCTOBER CONCERT: In support of the Bazaar Fund, Mr A. Truss is arranging a first class concert for Tuesday, October 20th, and has already secured the promise to take part from some very talented artistes.

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P L E A S E   N O T E

The next issue of this Chronicle is due to be given away on Sunday, 30th August. Any contributions should be in the Editor's hands not later than Wednesday, August 5th, please. Gifts to the Chronicle Fund for the May-June number amounted to £1. 12. 4, for which many thanks.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS!

People who imagine that Sunday Schools are right out of date and almost obsolete may have been just a little surprised at the Procession of Witness which travelled down the Worthing Front on the most beautiful afternoon of Saturday, April 18th.

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School Union, there were 18 mounted tableaux, each one of which must have entailed not a little forethought and preparation. Three bands took part, the procession being led by the West Worthing Baptist Boys' Brigade, followed by the Salvation Army, and the St John Ambulance Brigade. Our own Church contribution was a scene representing a visit to a Sunday School by Raikes and Wilberforce in 1780, and two of our teachers were hardly recognisable as they passed by!

The Festival Gathering on Monday, April 20th, in the Assembly Hall was notable for some excellent singing by the Children's Choir and for the addresses given by the Mayor of Worthing, Mrs Rita Summers, J.P., and the President Elect of the National Sunday School Union, the Right Hon. Sir Donald Finmore. Emphasis was laid on the need to begin with the children, and so capture them in the early years.

With the above Festival in mind, it is interesting to note that in the Daily Mail Year Book for the current year, mention is made of a rise in the figures for Sunday Schools being continued, 1952 showing an increase of 1621 in teachers and officers, and a net gain of 19,372 scholars. But as against this, the Year Book makes reference to the disappointing drop in Church membership, a net loss of 13,854 for the year.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY, 1953

		<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
G. Friday		-	-	-	2	17	9	:	May 3rd:	9	5	3	6	16	4
Apr. 5th		8	11	3	9	17	0	:	10th:	7	17	3	6	1	7
12th		6	7	2	6	18	0	:	17th:	5	10	11	-	-	-
19th		8	17	11	-	-	-	:	24th:	7	16	11	7	3	1
26th		8	17	0	5	16	8	:	31st:	6	10	11	6	8	0
		<u>£32</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>£25</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	:		<u>£37</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£26</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £121. 13. 0.

April 19th: LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, £14. 14. 4.

May 17th: SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDS, £10. 10. 0.

SOMETHING TO THINK OVER!

Our next Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2nd. The attendance at the last two has been 25 to 30. Our Church Membership is now over 130!



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<u>CHURCH SECRETARY</u>	:	<u>CHURCH TREASURER</u>	:	<u>EDITOR OF CHRONICLE</u>
Mr G. Askew, Sunny Corner, Eirene Avenue, West Worthing.	:	Mr G. L. Nodes, 27 West Avenue, West Worthing. (Tel: Worthing 3453)	:	Mr C. H. Cornwall, Bradda, 54 The Rose Walk, West Worthing.

DIACONATE: TO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

Mr G. Askew, Miss B. J. Ford, Mr F. S. Grew, Miss M. E. Handford, Mr A. E. Harrison, Mr W. G. Hite, Mr D. G. Hughes, Mr B. V. Newman, Mr G. L. Nodes, Miss A. M. Thomas, Miss L. C. Thomson, Mr C. S. C. Wood,	:	By the time this note appears in our Chronicle Mr Springbett will have begun his pastorate of a Presbyterian Church at Sounthorpe, and we shall be without a Minister. It is at such a time that a church can be greatly strengthened or immeasurably weakened, according to the loyalty of its members and adherents. Ours is a young church with great potentialities for the service of our Lord and Master.
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.....: For a time we shall be inviting Ministers of various churches to occupy our pulpit on Sundays, and some of them may be preaching with a view to becoming our pastor. All members of the Church and Congregation are therefore urged to give their utmost support to the Sunday Services and all other Church activities, and above all to pray for God's blessing and guidance in the calling of a new Minister.

. It has been suggested that the re-introduction of a mid-week service with Prayers, Hymns, Scripture Readings and a brief address by a member of the Church would be helpful in maintaining the devotional side of the Church work, and this matter will be submitted to members for their consideration.

Membership of the Church has its privileges and responsibilities, and all members and adherents are earnestly asked to co-operate in a united effort to expand the work of the Master in this area. A. E. Harrison.

PREACHERS FOR : September 6th: Rev. R. G. W. Talmey, Ware.  
 SEPTEMBER : September 13th: Rev. A. A. Taylor, Bournemouth West.  
 .....: September 20th: Rev. A. B. C. Headlam, Worthing.  
 September 27th: Harvest Festival. Preacher not yet arranged.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS:  
 Church Meetings on October 1st and 29th.  
 First "Family Evening" (fortnightly), October 8th.  
 Devotional Service, Thursday, October 15th.  
 A Retiring Collection for the National Children's Homes on Sunday, Sep.13th.



### THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS

Yet another chapter in our brief Church history has now closed, and with the departure of the Rev. H. M. Springbett, M.A., and family to Scunthorpe, we now enter on a new phase of our Church life. Very briefly summarised, our Ministries have been as follows:-

March, 1941 to July, 1942 - the Rev. Morris Bold, M.C.  
 Oct., 1942 to Sep., 1947 - the Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey, D.S.O.  
 Dec., 1947 to Jan., 1950 - the Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D.  
 Feb., 1950 to July, 1953 - the Rev. H. M. Springbett, M.A.

Following the first three "temporary" ministries, Mr Springbett (then Assistant Minister at Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church) accepted our invitation to become our first Congregational Minister. And now he himself joins the Presbyterian Denomination.

He spent  $3\frac{1}{2}$  somewhat difficult years with us at Barrington Road, and will perhaps best be remembered for his doctrinal teaching and preaching, the special emphasis he laid on the value of two Scripture Readings at each of the Sunday Services, the sincerity and sympathetic inclusiveness of all in his prayers, and the abnormal amount of visitation necessitated by the illness of members.

During Mr Springbett's ministry, our Children's Hall was built, the new hymn book was introduced, and our Church was licensed for marriages. Family Evenings were also started, and Bible Study evenings took the place of a mid-week devotional service. Other alterations included the disuse of the "Order of Service" booklets, the sung Lord's Prayer, and a Vesper verse.

The hopes of a long and settled ministry have, therefore, not matured as hoped for, but Mr & Mrs Springbett and their little family of two girls and a boy, all have our best wishes for future days. May God's blessing rest upon each one, and also on the Church at Scunthorpe. And may we from time to time have good reports of what is happening there.

At the close of the Sunday Evening Service on July 19th, and after the last Communion Service, Mr Askew in a few well-chosen words in the Vestry, presented on behalf of the Church a cheque to Mr Springbett for £60. This total was made up by 66 contributions.

50 YEARS AGO: Our warmest congratulations and best wishes for Mr & Mrs C. Firth of 16 Elgin Road who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married at the High Road Congregational Church, Tottenham, on July 25th, 1903, and we have valued their interest and support since our early years at Elm Grove.

THE RAINBOW BAZAAR: Two summer efforts to provide necessary working funds for the forthcoming November Bazaar have been very successful. On June 10th, the Refreshment Committee were indebted to Mr & Mrs Nodes for allowing a Garden Sale at 27 West Avenue, £26 resulting.

And on July 29th, a Bring and Buy Sale was held at 107 George Vth Avenue, Mr & Mrs Horsfall on this occasion making use of their house and garden. The ladies of the Fruit and Flower Stall are very grateful for the support given. The sum realised was £44. 15. 0.

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THE PASSING OF MISS MARJORIE COX

For times of bereavement, there are verses in our new hymn book (No.762) some quaintly phrased, but always beautiful in thought, for those still left to mourn. One of these runs thus -

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;  
They see God face to face;  
They triumph still, they still rejoice:  
Most happy is their case.

One feels that here are words of comfort for our old friends, Mr & Mrs S. J. Cox, of Wallace Avenue, in their great loss. After prolonged periods of ill-health, serious illness and much suffering, their daughter passed away at the Hopedene Nursing Home on July 7th. In the local press, reference was made to the educational posts held by Miss Cox in Surrey and Dorset, and after retirement, to work in connection with the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls. But probably those who knew her best will retain valued memories of spiritual qualities outwardly expressed by a life of Christian beauty and sincerity. Need it be added that her parents have our loving sympathy?

OUR CHURCH CHRONICLE

At our April Church Meeting, a letter was read from the Editor of our Church News Sheet asking to be relieved of his duties with the closing number of this year. This resignation follows 9½ years of bi-monthly issues, the Chronicle having been suggested by the late Rev. F. J. H. Humphrey, D.S.O., as an effort to "arouse interest". If, therefore, the present arrangements continue to function the first of the new series will be the January-February Chronicle for 1954.

And it is with much pleasure that it can be announced that Mr E. A. Pearn of Furzedown, Somerset Road, Ferring, has accepted the invitation to become the new Editor. Although Mr & Mrs Pearn have not long been with us, they have quickly shown their interest in our Church life, and were received into Church Membership on Easter Sunday last.

Mr Pearn's Christian activities have been many and varied, including terms of office as Church Secretary, Treasurer and Temperance Worker at Sutton Congregational Church, Surrey. In addition, he has for some years been connected with the Dr Schweitzer's Hospital Fund, of which he is Joint Treasurer. Also before leaving Banstead for Worthing, our new friend was on the Management and Finance Committee of the London Field Lane Institution, and Chairman of the local Committee at their Holly Hill Home at Banstead. Still working with this organisation, both Mr & Mrs Pearn now serve on the local committee at "The Priory" Home, South Street, Tarring.

Other useful work Mr Pearn had to reluctantly give up on his retirement was that connected with the Seaman's Christian Friend Society, which has a number of missions in various parts of the British Isles.

As 1954 looms ahead, may our new Editor find much pleasure in this additional work he has consented to do for our Church.

L O N D O N , B O G N O R , A N D T H E I S L E O F W I G H T

"The little Road says, Go; The little House says, Stay;  
And oh, it's bonny here at home, But I must go away."

CORONATION TOUR: On Monday, 15th June, over 40 members and friends went by coach to see London's Coronation decorations. Leaving Elm Grove at 10 a.m., with a halt for coffee at Horsham, we arrived at Hyde Park to enjoy our picnic lunch beside the Serpentine. The tour then began from Kensington to St Paul's Cathedral, and included the whole processional route. Despite ominous press reports of traffic chaos, we suffered no hold-ups, and were allowed to traverse the Mall to Buckingham Palace.

The return journey was made along the Thames Embankment from Blackfriars to Chelsea, and so through South West London to Horley for tea. A very enjoyable day ended at 7.30 p.m., when Worthing was reached, and one word describes the tour - "Grand!". Our best thanks to Mr S. F. Grew for yet another happy Church outing, the coach driver for his skill and our gratitude for all the enjoyment of a lovely June day.

W.G.H.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING TO BOGNOR, 20th JUNE: In a summer which has given us many disappointments, we were fortunate to have a really fine day for this excursion, and we spent a very happy time together. Much of the time was, of course, spent on the sands, the tide keeping well away. But rounders and cricket were organised by Mr Blackman and Mr Lance, and when these began to lose their attraction, there was the trip across the sands to the sea for paddling and other adventures. The day was none too long, but we were all ready for tea. Leaving the tea-rooms, it was a pleasant surprise to see Mr and Mrs Nodes, who had driven over to see how we were enjoying ourselves. Missing us on the beach they tracked us down at tea time, and we were very appreciative of their kindly interest. That appreciation also applies to Mr and Mrs Wood who accompanied us, and spent the whole day in our company. It was a very happy party that occupied the two coaches that brought us back via Ford and Arundel.

H.G.

"SHAPED LIKE A DIAMOND" ENGLAND'S GARDEN ISLE: July 22nd was the day towards which many of us had been looking forward, and at 9 a.m. about 50 of our friends from the Church met at Elm Grove to join the coach which was to take us to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. The morning was dull, but the rain did not commence until we were safely under cover, and at Havant, our first break, we found the roads dry, and the shining sun cheered us greatly.

Continuing our journey to Portsmouth Harbour we found the boat waiting to take us across. Although a strong wind was blowing, we enjoyed the sea breeze and at Ryde our party dispersed, some travelling on to other parts of the Island.

Within its 60 miles of coastline can be found pleasures for all, of which not the least are cliff and country walks of real loveliness. And so a beautiful afternoon passed rapidly away, and by 4.35 p.m. we again assembled on the boat for the return trip via Southsea, where we spent half an hour looking round. By 8.30 p.m., a very enjoyable day came to an end, and our best thanks were expressed to Mr Grew for so ably organising this excursion. We shall look forward to others in the future.

E.J.M.

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AN ENLARGED HEART

A gracious humility is surely one of the fruits of the Spirit. Not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. But on the other hand there is an inferiority complex that almost repels, as all readers of Dickens will remember. ("I am well aware that I am the 'umblest person going, Mr Copperfield.") Where then shall we strike the happy medium?

In a book entitled "The Mountain Top", Frank Smythe, mountaineer and author, has some very pointed things to say concerning the relative values of life. He writes, "It is impossible for any thinking man to look down from a hill on a crowded plain and not ponder over the relative importance of things ... Escape from the shell of your own small affairs and tread for awhile those mysterious paths of the spirit that lead nowhere and everywhere. Physically you may feel but a cosmic speck of chemicalised dust, but spiritually you will feel great." And there we have the humility which ennobles and enriches life, and brings us out into the larger spaces of time and sense.

And this kind of humility need leave no sting. The heights of fame are for most of us as unclimable as Mount Everest, and we have to be content to be just ordinary people. Here in this year of earthly pageantry broadcast and televised far and wide, with the lime-light of publicity on very important people, we are compelled to realise how unimportant we are. And the ordinary man or woman has to be content with being faithful in business, or housework, patient in tribulation, quietly helpful in little ways, and just plodding along day by day, without banners flying and martial music to cheer us on.

But strangely enough in life it is the commonplace flowers that colour and enrich the broad expanse of the countryside. And the general welfare of the community depends not merely upon the few, but on the humble and untiring efforts of dustmen, postmen, bus drivers, daily helps, signalbox men, farm labourers, good business men, self-sacrificing mothers, and a host of others. The ordinary man or woman is God's indispensable gift to a needy world.

And the real message of the Christian gospel comes to tell us this. Humble and ordinary though we may be, the heart and outlook may be so enlarged that our human littleness shall be swallowed up in something much greater.. William Faber put it this way -

"O little heart of mine, shall pain  
Or sorrow make me mourn,  
When this great God, is all thy God,  
A Father all thine own."

And it was Bishop Welldon (former Headmaster of Harrow School) who once said it was his ambition to die of an enlarged heart. And no life is really insignificant or useless that is possessed by the spirit of Christ. We are in very truth "saved" when we are let out of the narrow cramping world of self, and breathe in the larger fuller life that enables the heart to be in tune with the Infinite.

C.H.C.



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In our last "Chronicle" reference was made to the happy and encouraging occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary Services held on May 17th. What may be called the official report was unfortunately not received in time for insertion, so points stressed by Mr H. Gilmour as the Children's Church Secretary need mentioning even thus late.

It was interesting to learn that for the first time a Tea was arranged for the scholars, in order to make it easier for them to attend the evening Service, and to thus provide a Children's Choir to sing more of their special hymns. This effort to secure attendance of most of the scholars at both Services is one Mr Gilmour hopes will be repeated at future Anniversaries.

But it is also suggested that Church members and friends might also make a very special effort to attend both morning and evening, and so give tangible expression and tribute to the good work being done.

And finally, it is also hoped that a special appeal should be made to the parents to be present. How about heading the invitation "Come and hear your children sing"?

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY, 1953

		<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>			:	<u>ENVELOPES</u>			<u>LOOSE CASH</u>				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
June	7th:	9	14	5	6	7	10	:	July	5th:	11	13	5	6	12	1
	14th:	8	8	6	6	19	9	:		12th:	5	15	0	4	0	0
	21st:	5	18	0	4	10	11	:		19th:	7	12	0	7	9	7
	28th:	7	16	4	5	0	6	:		26th:	8	13	5	6	2	1
		<u>£31</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	:			<u>£33</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>£24</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £112. 13. 10.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS TOWARDS L.M.S. DEFICIT, £10. 10. 9.

The total of Free-Will Offering Envelopes for the first six months of 1953 amounted to £210. 2. 11 as against £200. 6. 1. in 1952.

NEW CHURCH MEMBER: We cordially welcome into our fellowship, Miss H. E. Grey of 42a Mer sham Gardens, Goring. Miss Grey comes to us from the Bromsgrove Congregational Church.

THE CHURCH AS A FAMILY: Situated as we are, a Church without a Minister, a very brief quotation is made from a little booklet written many years ago by the late Dr J. D. Jones of Bournemouth. Concerning our duties to each other as Church Members he wrote - "The Church is Christ's idea of a household, (i.e. a family), a brotherhood, and the love and affection of a home ought to reign ... And the essence of the family feeling is the personal bond, the intimate personal acquaintance. This is not a matter that concerns ministers and deacons only. It concerns all those of us who are members of the Church."

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:	:	Shaftesbury Avenue	:	Dec. 1953
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Temporary Acting Minister from November 1st, 1953  
 Rev. S. O. Morgan, B.A., B.D.  
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#### CHURCH NOTES AND COMMENTS

This "Chronicle" records several changes which are about to take place in our Church life, and in one case in particular the loss we shall have to face is a heavy one. A daily prayer from each one of us asking for God's blessing upon our Church is something we can all do, and if sincere we can then with confidence expect to be guided aright.

REV. S. O. MORGAN: Once again this good friend has consented to help us whilst we are without a settled ministry, and we cordially welcome his readiness to again co-operate with us in our work. Pending the appointment of a new Church Secretary, matters requiring immediate attention can be referred to Mr Morgan.

RESIGNATION OF OUR CHURCH SECRETARY: At the Church Meeting held on October 1st, a letter was read from Mr Askew, asking to be relieved from office at an early date. His all too short secretaryship will thus end on October 31st.

Mr & Mrs Askew were received into Church Membership on October 1st, 1950, and we very soon had good reason to recognise the merits of these friends. And it was less than two years later, in July 1952, that Mr Askew was asked to fill the post of Church Secretary, which had then become vacant by the resignation of Miss Handford.

Since then we have learnt to greatly value the services rendered, and our friend, and former Methodist Circuit Steward, has proved a most efficient and able Secretary, combined with the matured judgment of past experience, and added to that, alert mental faculties, and scriptural knowledge that suggested deep thought.

And Mrs Askew as pianist and teacher in our Morning Sunday School will likewise be very sadly missed. Her training of the children to give their best in singing was one of the striking features of our Sunday School Anniversary Services this year.

But having moved to Thalassa Road, East Worthing, Mr & Mrs Askew have felt obliged to resign their work with us. Doubtless further opportunity will be given to express to them our appreciation of all they have done.

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CHURCH NOTES, CONTINUED. MR R. W. MAY RESIGNS:

Formerly organist at Goring Parish Church, Mr May accepted the post of Accompanist and Choir Master with us in the spring of 1951, and since that time he has rendered consistently faithful service, sometimes when circumstances were not very encouraging. His final Sunday with us was on Harvest Festival day, and at both those services, Mr Askew expressed our thanks for his help, and added our best wishes for him and Mrs May for days to come. Mr May now becomes Organist at North Lancing Parish Church.

NEW APPOINTMENT: At our last Church Meeting, it was decided to ask Mr Goodwin Walker, L.R.A.M., of 7 Bath Chambers, Bath Place to accept a three months trial of office made vacant by Mr May's departure.

1953 YEAR BOOK: By an unfortunate oversight, no reference was made to this most useful little book in our last issue. This is perhaps one of those routine matters that too often we take for granted, and accept without realising the work involved. The checking of the list of members and adherents has in itself to be done very carefully and methodically, and this also applies to the Stewards' Rota. The necessary advertisements also entail tactful soliciting, and when purchasing from these firms it undoubtedly helps if we let it be known that we have noticed their insertions. To Mr Harrison, and all others who have helped him, we express our genuine thanks.

AN UNEXPECTED HONOUR: The October Church Meeting confirmed a previous motion that the Editor of this Chronicle (Mr C.H. Cornwall) should be offered the privilege of becoming a Life Deacon. So many kind and most generous things were said that it proved difficult to adequately acknowledge same, but both the honour and the kindly tributes paid have been greatly appreciated, and the latter alone will remain treasured memories.

It will interest friends to know that Mr A. E. Harrison himself is a Life Deacon at Ealing Congregational Church.

THE PASSING OF AN OLD FRIEND: Early on Thursday morning, October 2nd, last, our old friend, Mrs McClunan breathed her last. This brave little old lady, who would have been 90 in December next, was present on the previous Sunday, and greatly enjoyed the service conducted by Dr Leslie Church. Sadly handicapped physically, Mrs McClunan was happy and bright in spirit right to the end, and very peacefully passed on. She and her husband had been staunch Methodists, but that had not prevented them from supporting our cause from the very start. Mr McClunan who died five years ago was a valued member of our Management Committee when we met in early days at Elm Grove School.

CHURCH CHRONICLE FOR 1954: Our new Editor for the coming months will be Mr A. E. Pearn, of Furzedown, Somerset Road, Ferring. It will greatly help Mr Pearn if friends will keep him informed of matters which can or should be mentioned in our next issue. Any contributions should reach him very early in December.

VISITING PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

November 8th: Rev. L. M. Williams, M.A., B.D. (Wallasey).

November 29th: Rev. C. C. Franks (Abercarn)

OUR NOVEMBER BAZAAR

"Look upon the rainbow, and praise Him that made it." (Ecclesiasticus 43;11)

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The "Rainbow Bazaar" which will take place on Wednesday, November 18th, has been long planned for, and differs from similar efforts of the years 1950 and 1951 in that all sections of the Church have joined in and worked together. Previously astonishing results were obtained by the Ladies' Working Party, when they alone were responsible for the sales.

And as evidence of the interest aroused, the full Bazaar Committee has throughout the past months met in goodly numbers, usually totalling between 20 and 30 in attendance. And in many homes much work has been done in readiness for this big effort.

The main object of this sale is to reduce the debt on the Manse, besides supplying money for the re-decoration of same, and also to augment our Church Organ Fund. Many of us have greatly missed the helpful atmosphere which organ music can create in worship, and it will be a very real step forward when we are able to have a suitable instrument to lead our service of praise.

The Bazaar will be opened at 10.30 a.m. and this in itself is an innovation, the Sale thus being an all-day affair. Mrs Rita Summers has very kindly  
..... kindly consented to open the proceedings, and following  
: OUR VISITORS : her very successful year of office as Mayor of Worthing  
: in 1952, we now welcome her as Deputy Mayor. The  
..... Chairman will be Mr W. H. Young, of Lancing, and both  
he and Mrs Summers have long been connected with the  
Church at Shelley Road. Mr Young, as a member of the diaconate there also served on the Church Extension Committee previous to the war, and as Chairman of same advised the purchase of the land upon which our Church Hall is built, the site costing £1400.

In a few short weeks, therefore, what remains is for all members and friends to gather round, and in every way to generously support and help stock the various stalls which will be attractively adorned and equipped. The idea of the purchase of Thrift Tickets has possibly not been entirely understood, but these can still be bought, and can of course be exchanged for actual goods on the day of sale. And throughout the day on November 18th, refreshments will be obtainable in the Children's Hall.

Our Church has been passing through somewhat difficult times, but if the spirit which characterised former efforts is again prominent then it may be possible for our January Chronicle to make a report with the heading which recorded the 1951 Sale of Work - "Another Wonderful Day!"

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..... The resignation of Mrs Askew means that  
: A VERY SPECIAL APPEAL : our morning Sunday School suffers a double  
: loss. This good friend was not only a very  
..... able pianist, but she also helped in teaching.  
Miss Ford, therefore, asks for volunteers to  
take her place in both capacities. In fact, two more teachers are now needed. Those who saw our little folk stream up the aisle on Harvest Sunday will not need to be told that a great opportunity here awaits us.



THE B.R.F. AND THE I.B.R.A.

Most of us know that these letters stand for the Bible Reading Fellowship and the International Bible Reading Association. During the past 10 years, our membership of these two organisations has been unusually strong for a comparatively small Church, and there is little doubt that those who have regularly

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: "We put "Thy will :  
: be done" on tomb- :  
: stones, when we :  
: should have it :  
: graven over the :  
: entrance to Par- :  
: liament, Council :  
: Chambers, Schools. :  
: It is among the :  
: world of men, not :  
: in the cemetery :  
: that God's will :  
: is done."  
: I.B.R.A. Note. :  
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and consistently read the scripture passages as planned have been greatly helped by the Notes supplied to all members.  
Within the next few weeks, Miss M. Stevenson will be making up her list of subscribers to these associations for 1954, and the New Year is an appropriate time for new members to join. The I.B.R.A. Notes are issued twice yearly at a cost of 2/6 per annum, and several of our friends now prefer these. But the majority of members still retain their original membership of the B.R.F. Notes, which at a cost of 2/- for the year, publish their notes quarterly. And each organisation issues Notes in different grades of suitability for young and old.  
For all particulars, please contact Miss M. Stevenson, 3 Summerville Court, Princess Avenue, West Worthing, and this should be done at an early date please.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
CHURCH ORGAN DECISION

This good news really ought to be in bigger type had it been possible. At our last Church Meeting it was unanimously agreed that at a cost not exceeding £550 a Church Organ should be purchased from the Independent Press Company, Congregational Headquarters, London.

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: "Who can express :  
: the effect music :  
: has on us? A :  
: kind of inartic- :  
: ulate unfathom- :  
: able speech, :  
: which leads us :  
: to the edge of :  
: the infinite."  
: Carlyle.  
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Specifications of this organ are as follows:-  
Two Manual smoothed and amplified Reed Organ, fitted with Radiating Concave. Pedal Board, and fully Electronic Pedal Unit, Loud Speaker, and Electric Blower. To be matched colour to Church.  
After a visit to London, Mr W. G. Hite and Mr F. S. Grew accompanied by an expert musician reported very favourably on the possibilities of this instrument.

At present our Organ Fund totals about £150. This includes two gifts of £25 each, one being anonymous, and the other coming from Mr C. J. King, Dumbartonshire. Mr King's mother formerly lived at 1 Elgin Road, and attended our services, and before she passed away she asked her son to make us a "small gift" in her name with this result.

It is expected that the October Concert being arranged by Mr Truss on behalf of the Organ Fund will increase the full total by yet another £25, but other contributions will be very gratefully accepted by our Church Treasurer, Mr G. L. Nodes.

THE RASH THING

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· "The truth is there is no satisfaction in selfishness or mean ·  
 · giving. Generous giving opens the heart of the giver himself. If any ·  
 · reader is conscious of ever so small a spirit of meanness towards what ·  
 · is rightly called God's Work, let him now decide to do the rash thing, ·  
 · and give generously to those things which have never moved him before. ·  
 · The reward will be instantaneous -- a feeling of exhilaration and thank- ·  
 · fulness to God for the privilege of being able to help. ·

I.B.R.A. Notes.

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Is it then really true that it is more blessed to give than to receive?  
 Is the generous man or woman rewarded by a thrill denied to the parsimonious?  
 Before another "Chronicle" is distributed, yet another Christmas will have  
 come and gone. And what "Punch" once facetiously called "May Fever" will  
 have subsided. This old friend reminded us that the use of the word "may"  
 plays such an important part in our seasonal greetings.

"May Christmas bring you joys sublime,  
 And may you have a happy time."

is merely one example. Or if the card arrives in the New Year the sentiment  
 expressed is much the same, "May the coming year be a happy one."

But underlying this banter one senses a suggestion of a serious kind. It  
 is so much easier, and cheaper, to convey our good wishes in a few flowery  
 words than to be prepared to carry them beyond what Dr Trevor Davies has called  
 "this wishing stage". And further stressing this point he somewhat daringly  
 added, "I doubt if Jesus would have been born that first Christmas had God  
 merely wished us well. He came down to us in the person of His Son to manifest  
 His good-will towards us."

"My Life, My time, My money" - what common expressions these are. Yet it  
 was Bernard Shaw who once declared, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs  
 to the whole community, and it is my privilege to do for it whatsoever I can."

As Christian people we can do the rash thing and give generously in other  
 things beside money. Our time and thought may be lavishly spent on others who  
 are in need. We can sacrifice some of our own comfort and pleasure on behalf  
 of those not so well placed as ourselves. We can by earnest prayer, unselfish  
 affection, and a liberal faithfulness over the years get beyond the wishing  
 stage, and so make life sparkle long after the glittering Christmas trees have  
 been cast aside.

It has been said that one of the hardest things in the world to give is to  
 "give in". This is certainly true of many a bitter quarrel, but it carries with  
 it a wider implication concerning heart and life. Some of our greatest and  
 finest men and women in their early years deliberately chose to do the rash  
 thing, and consecrate their whole life to God's Service.

Whilst here on earth we have the power to withhold not only our money, but  
 also our gifts of thought, goodwill, our energies, and the very hours of life  
 itself, if we so desire. We can refuse to give in and submit our heart. The  
 choice is ours.

C.H.C.

OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL

As was fully expected, the attractive personality of Dr Leslie F. Church made Sunday, September 27th a real red-letter day. True, that after many years when beautiful weather has so often favoured us for our Harvest Services, on this occasion persistent rain after mid-day undoubtedly had its effect on the number attending for evening worship. Yet even so, the attendance for the latter was extra good, and many visitors came.

For the Morning Service, the Church was crowded to capacity, and in addition, some of those present were almost astonished at the number of children who streamed up the aisle with their gifts as the opening hymn was sung. The large number of children now attending our morning School is most encouraging.

..... The sermonette on a little green apple taken from a table beneath the pulpit, was in itself a gem, a masterly illustration of the fine art of speaking to children. Flashes of humour repeatedly helped to drive home the wonder of life and nature. Taking as his text for the morning sermon, "The sower went forth to sow his seed", Dr Church added - "Momentarily his seed, but where did it come from?" With a wealth of illustration our visitor stressed the point that every one of us is a trustee of this "raw material". Even the great wonders of modern science were all there, "in the year dot", but they had not before been known or made use of.

At the evening service, Dr Church spoke on words from the book of Haggai - God breaking in on man's need, "My spirit standing in your midst." And once again the apt and arresting illustrations of matured thought and experience were much in evidence.

Our Church Hall was most tastefully decorated, and the Choir gave an excellent rendering of Maunder's "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" with Mrs Mabel Hite as soloist.

Thank you very much, Dr Church, for a most happy and helpful day!

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1953

		<u>Envelopes</u>			<u>Loose Cash</u>					<u>Envelopes</u>			<u>Loose Cash</u>			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Aug.	2nd:	8	18	3	9	3	9	:	Sep.	6th:	11	11	8	6	1	0
	9th:	11	5	1	8	16	11	:		13th:	7	13	10	5	11	11
	16th:	5	11	3	7	1	0	:		20th:	6	0	8	6	4	8
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TOTAL FOR TWO MONTHS - £133. 4. 5.

Congregational Union Pastors Widows Fund - £23. 13. 10.

National Children's Homes - £7. 14. 6.

Sussex Congregational Union Home Missions (Sunday, Sep.27th) £17. 7. 0.

The total of Freewill Offering Envelopes for the first nine months of 1953 amounted to £319. 16. 10, as against £302. 9. 10. in 1952.