



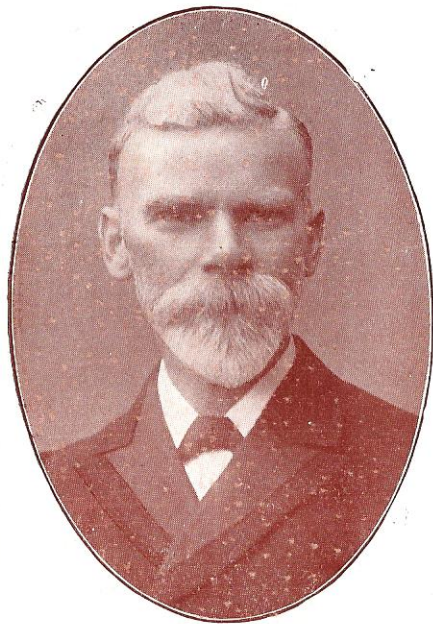
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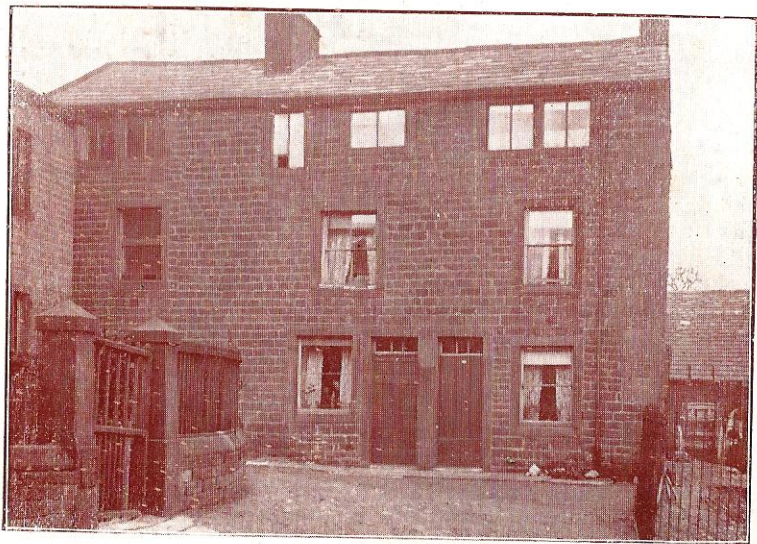




“The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us.”  
—*Psalm cxv. 12.*—







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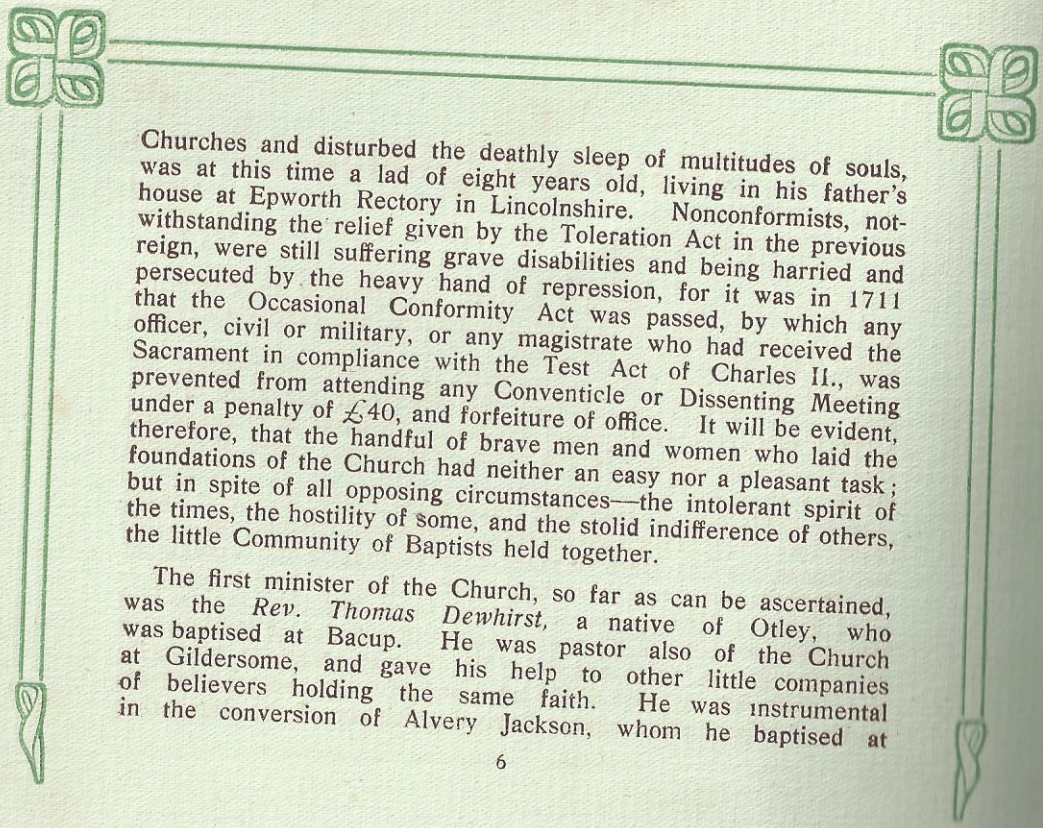
BAPTIST CHURCH, SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN, 1711-1911.

The early history of this Church is shrouded in obscurity. Whence it originated, who were its founders, and exactly when the cause was first begun is not clear.

In the old Church Book, which bears on its parchment covers the date 1780, there is an entry to the effect that members of the Church met for worship in an old barn which had been converted into a Meeting-house "in the tenth year of the reign of Queen Anne, A.D. 1711."

It is interesting to note that three years before this date Isaac Watts had given to the world a little volume of "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," which were destined to revolutionise the worship of the Church; and three years later another Nonconformist Divine—good Matthew Henry—who for twenty years had been quietly and laboriously working at his monumental "Exposition of the Old and New Testaments," was compelled by death to relinquish his facile pen. John Wesley, one of the most powerful instruments in God's hands of effecting that mighty Revival which roused the slumbering

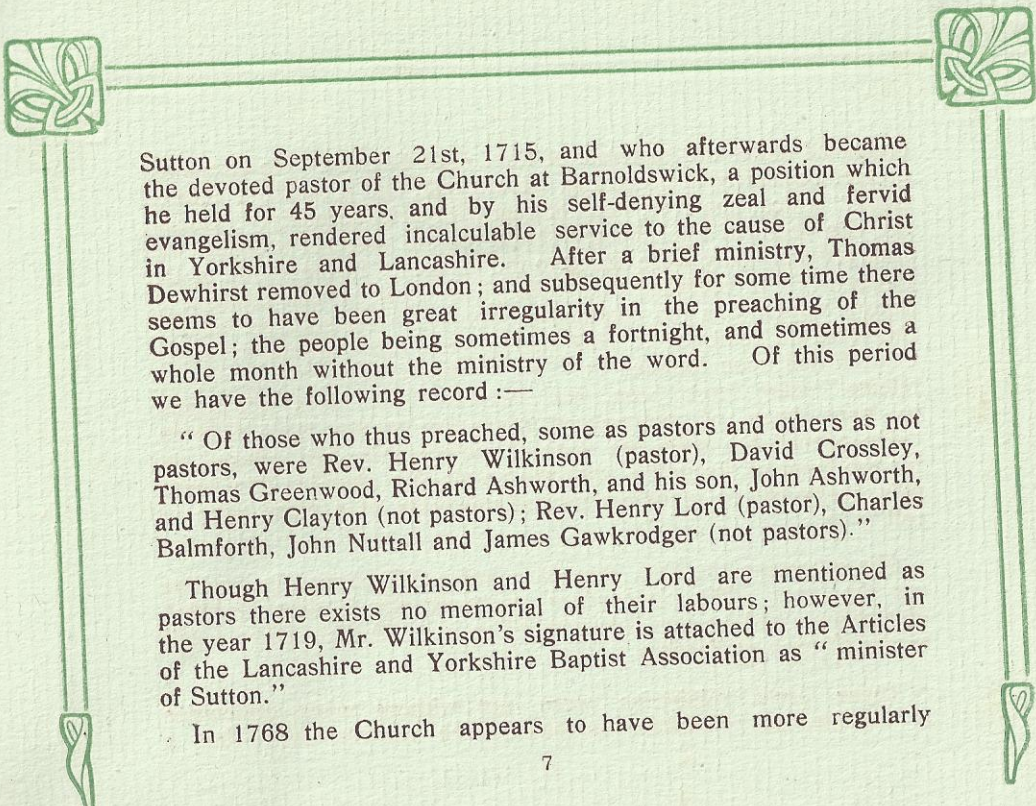




Churches and disturbed the deathly sleep of multitudes of souls, was at this time a lad of eight years old, living in his father's house at Epworth Rectory in Lincolnshire. Nonconformists, notwithstanding the relief given by the Toleration Act in the previous reign, were still suffering grave disabilities and being harried and persecuted by the heavy hand of repression, for it was in 1711 that the Occasional Conformity Act was passed, by which any officer, civil or military, or any magistrate who had received the Sacrament in compliance with the Test Act of Charles II., was prevented from attending any Conventicle or Dissenting Meeting under a penalty of £40, and forfeiture of office. It will be evident, therefore, that the handful of brave men and women who laid the foundations of the Church had neither an easy nor a pleasant task; but in spite of all opposing circumstances—the intolerant spirit of the times, the hostility of some, and the stolid indifference of others, the little Community of Baptists held together.

The first minister of the Church, so far as can be ascertained, was the *Rev. Thomas Dewhirst*, a native of Otley, who was baptised at Bacup. He was pastor also of the Church at Gildersome, and gave his help to other little companies of believers holding the same faith. He was instrumental in the conversion of Alvery Jackson, whom he baptised at





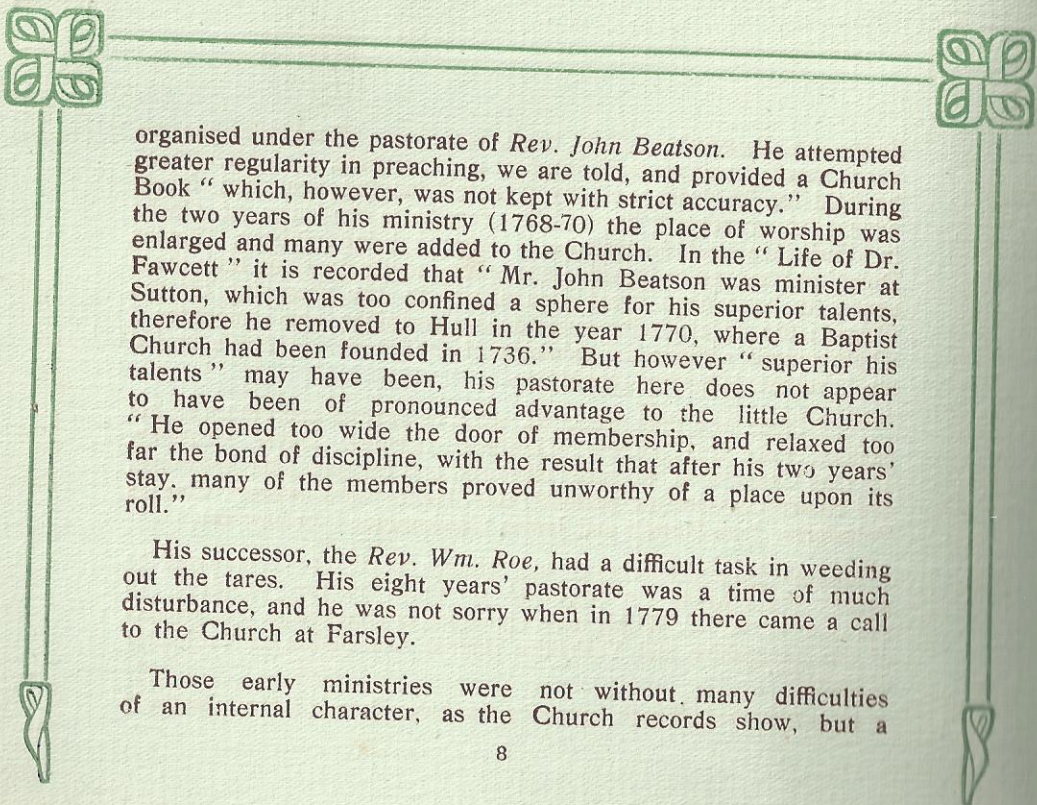
Sutton on September 21st, 1715, and who afterwards became the devoted pastor of the Church at Barnoldswick, a position which he held for 45 years, and by his self-denying zeal and fervid evangelism, rendered incalculable service to the cause of Christ in Yorkshire and Lancashire. After a brief ministry, Thomas Dewhirst removed to London; and subsequently for some time there seems to have been great irregularity in the preaching of the Gospel; the people being sometimes a fortnight, and sometimes a whole month without the ministry of the word. Of this period we have the following record:—

“Of those who thus preached, some as pastors and others as not pastors, were Rev. Henry Wilkinson (pastor), David Crossley, Thomas Greenwood, Richard Ashworth, and his son, John Ashworth, and Henry Clayton (not pastors); Rev. Henry Lord (pastor), Charles Balmforth, John Nuttall and James Gawkrodger (not pastors).”

Though Henry Wilkinson and Henry Lord are mentioned as pastors there exists no memorial of their labours; however, in the year 1719, Mr. Wilkinson's signature is attached to the Articles of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Baptist Association as “minister of Sutton.”

In 1768 the Church appears to have been more regularly







organised under the pastorate of *Rev. John Beatson*. He attempted greater regularity in preaching, we are told, and provided a Church Book "which, however, was not kept with strict accuracy." During the two years of his ministry (1768-70) the place of worship was enlarged and many were added to the Church. In the "Life of Dr. Fawcett" it is recorded that "Mr. John Beatson was minister at Sutton, which was too confined a sphere for his superior talents, therefore he removed to Hull in the year 1770, where a Baptist Church had been founded in 1736." But however "superior his talents" may have been, his pastorate here does not appear to have been of pronounced advantage to the little Church. "He opened too wide the door of membership, and relaxed too far the bond of discipline, with the result that after his two years' stay, many of the members proved unworthy of a place upon its roll."

His successor, the *Rev. Wm. Roe*, had a difficult task in weeding out the tares. His eight years' pastorate was a time of much disturbance, and he was not sorry when in 1779 there came a call to the Church at Farsley.

Those early ministries were not without many difficulties of an internal character, as the Church records show, but a

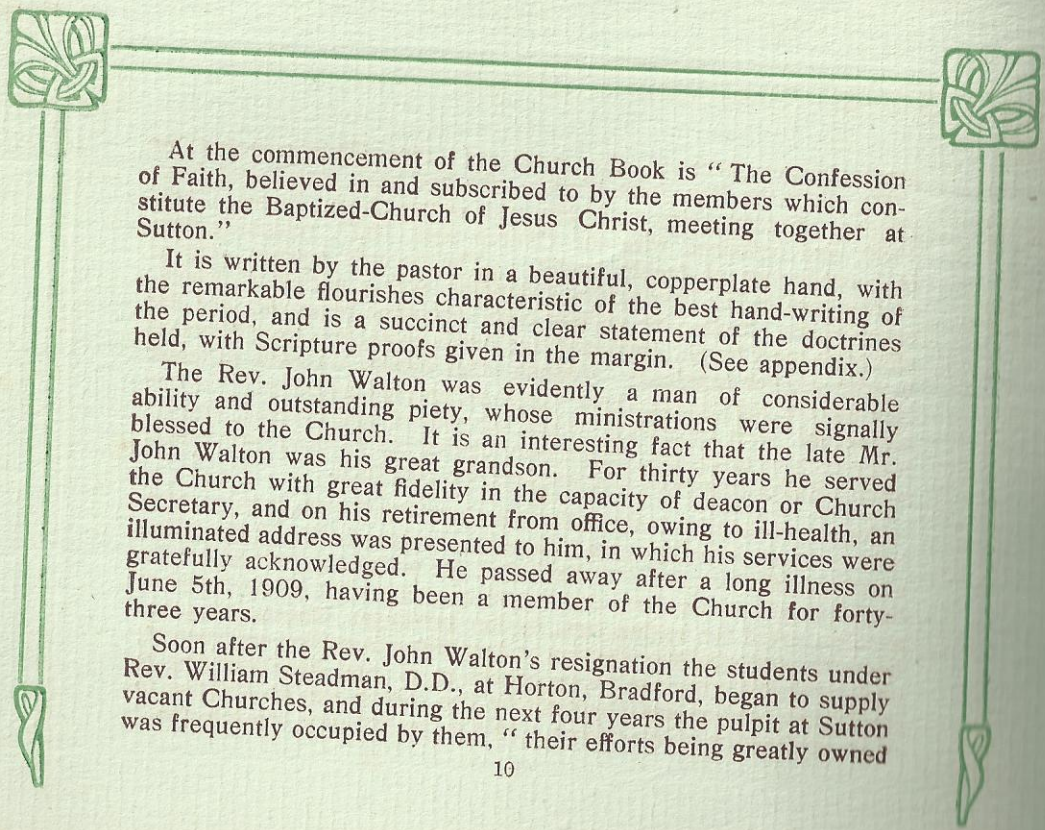




great improvement in the tone of the Church began in 1780, when the *Rev. John Walton*, who had been transferred from Halifax, became pastor. He was ordained on August 24th, 1780, and remained with the Church until 1807, resigning then in consequence of feeble health. The records contain entries of baptisms in his handwriting extending over a period of twenty-seven years. Under his vigilant care, discipline improved, and the affairs of the Church, previously too much neglected, were attended to with greater regularity. Among other things, we have to thank him for the old Church Book which he ordered and kept. To this old record, with its yellow leaves age-stained and blurred, and its many records of names of members, blotted out by their own hands, when withdrawing from Communion, we now turn.

Among the entries is the following, dated April 19th, 1781, which is interesting as giving some idea of the nature of Church discipline a century or more ago :—“ Excluded, for acting the part of a tale-bearer or mischief-maker ; denying at one time what she had said at another. And for setting light by her privileges, disesteeming her Brethren, and wholly neglecting or despising admonition and reproof, professing her crimes to be no crimes at all ; and for attempting to justify her conduct and character by lies, which was an addition to or an aggravation of her crimes. This is the 2nd time of exclusion.”



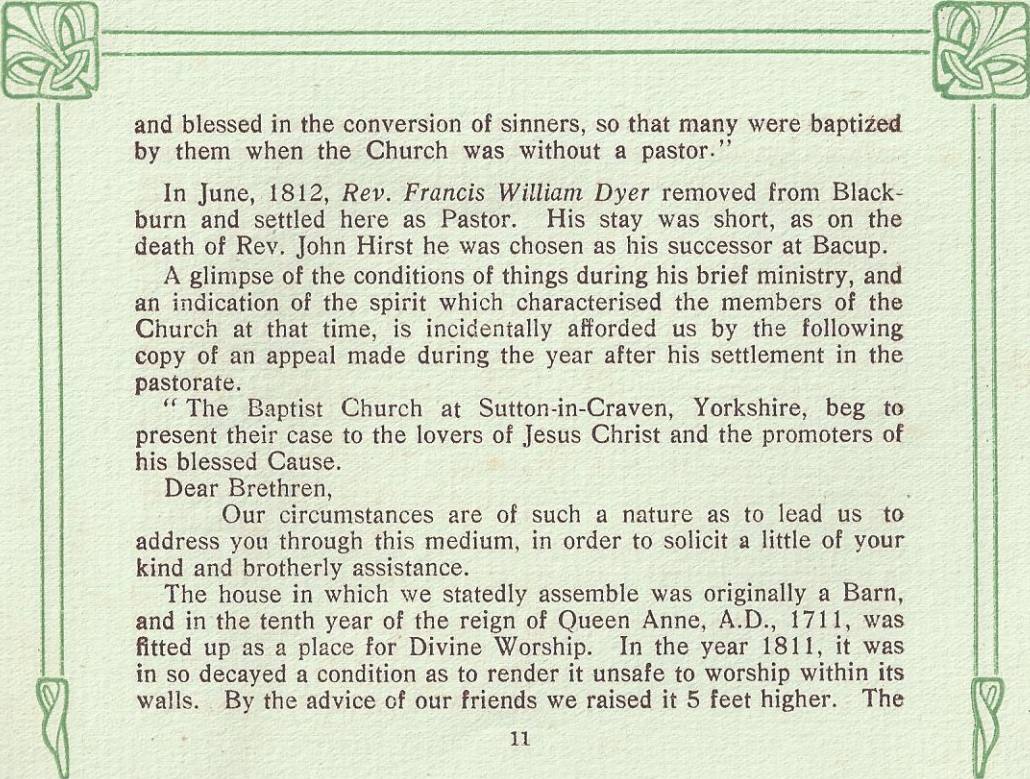


At the commencement of the Church Book is "The Confession of Faith, believed in and subscribed to by the members which constitute the Baptized-Church of Jesus Christ, meeting together at Sutton."

It is written by the pastor in a beautiful, copperplate hand, with the remarkable flourishes characteristic of the best hand-writing of the period, and is a succinct and clear statement of the doctrines held, with Scripture proofs given in the margin. (See appendix.)

The Rev. John Walton was evidently a man of considerable ability and outstanding piety, whose ministrations were signally blessed to the Church. It is an interesting fact that the late Mr. John Walton was his great grandson. For thirty years he served the Church with great fidelity in the capacity of deacon or Church Secretary, and on his retirement from office, owing to ill-health, an illuminated address was presented to him, in which his services were gratefully acknowledged. He passed away after a long illness on June 5th, 1909, having been a member of the Church for forty-three years.

Soon after the Rev. John Walton's resignation the students under Rev. William Steadman, D.D., at Horton, Bradford, began to supply vacant Churches, and during the next four years the pulpit at Sutton was frequently occupied by them, "their efforts being greatly owned



and blessed in the conversion of sinners, so that many were baptized by them when the Church was without a pastor."

In June, 1812, *Rev. Francis William Dyer* removed from Blackburn and settled here as Pastor. His stay was short, as on the death of *Rev. John Hirst* he was chosen as his successor at Bacup.

A glimpse of the conditions of things during his brief ministry, and an indication of the spirit which characterised the members of the Church at that time, is incidentally afforded us by the following copy of an appeal made during the year after his settlement in the pastorate.

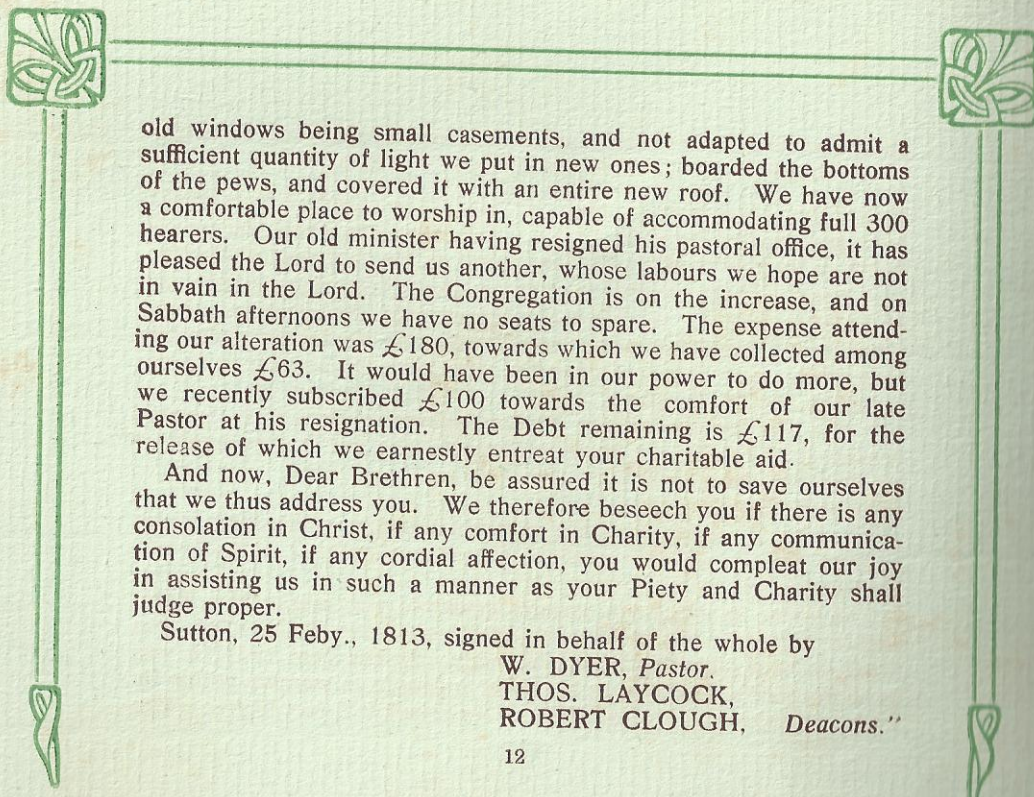
"The Baptist Church at Sutton-in-Craven, Yorkshire, beg to present their case to the lovers of Jesus Christ and the promoters of his blessed Cause.

Dear Brethren,

Our circumstances are of such a nature as to lead us to address you through this medium, in order to solicit a little of your kind and brotherly assistance.

The house in which we stately assemble was originally a Barn, and in the tenth year of the reign of Queen Anne, A.D., 1711, was fitted up as a place for Divine Worship. In the year 1811, it was in so decayed a condition as to render it unsafe to worship within its walls. By the advice of our friends we raised it 5 feet higher. The





old windows being small casements, and not adapted to admit a sufficient quantity of light we put in new ones; boarded the bottoms of the pews, and covered it with an entire new roof. We have now a comfortable place to worship in, capable of accommodating full 300 hearers. Our old minister having resigned his pastoral office, it has pleased the Lord to send us another, whose labours we hope are not in vain in the Lord. The Congregation is on the increase, and on Sabbath afternoons we have no seats to spare. The expense attending our alteration was £180, towards which we have collected among ourselves £63. It would have been in our power to do more, but we recently subscribed £100 towards the comfort of our late Pastor at his resignation. The Debt remaining is £117, for the release of which we earnestly entreat your charitable aid.

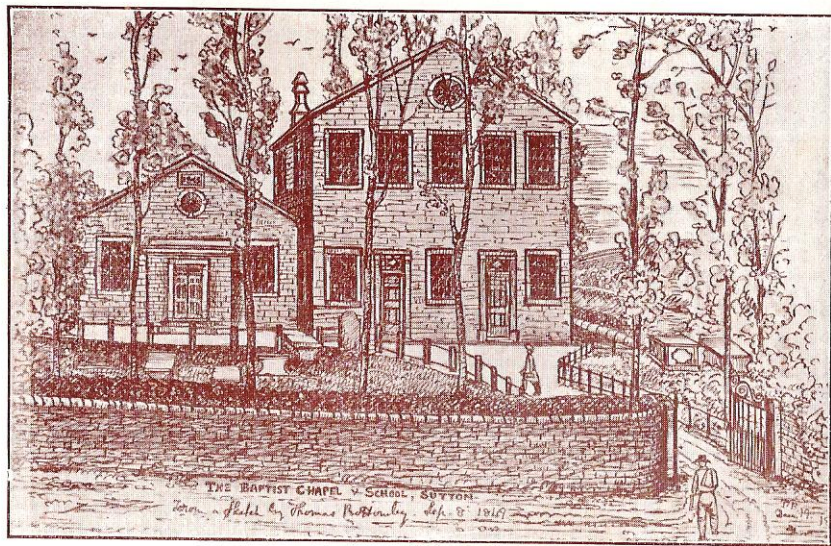
And now, Dear Brethren, be assured it is not to save ourselves that we thus address you. We therefore beseech you if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort in Charity, if any communication of Spirit, if any cordial affection, you would compleat our joy in assisting us in such a manner as your Piety and Charity shall judge proper.

Sutton, 25 Feby., 1813, signed in behalf of the whole by

W. DYER, *Pastor.*

THOS. LAYCOCK,

ROBERT CLOUGH, *Deacons."*



1828





The following recommendation in the handwriting of Dr. Steadman accompanies the appeal, and is signed by himself and Dr. Fawcett.

“ I am fully satisfied that our brethren at Sutton have acted with prudence, and exerted themselves to the utmost of their ability, and do therefore with pleasure warmly recommend their case to the attention of the friends of Christ and his Cause.

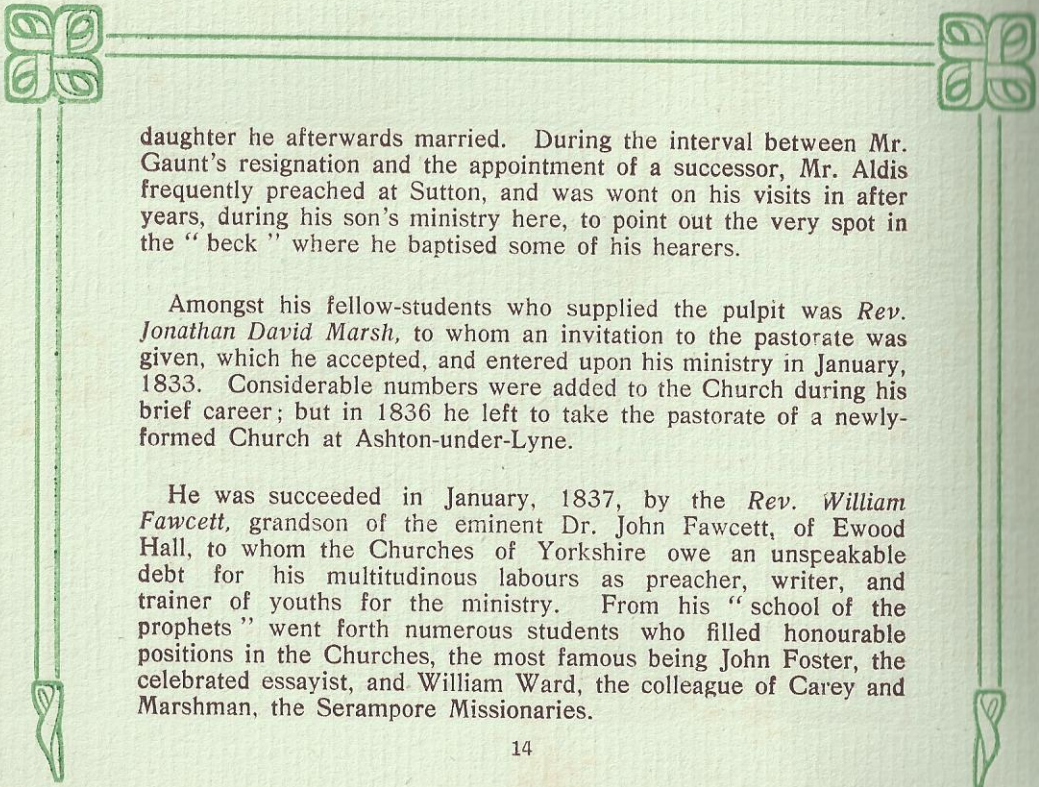
W. STEADMAN, Bradford.

JOHN FAWCETT, Hebden Bridge.”

Nothing further is recorded of Mr. Dyer's ministry, and indeed, a curtain rests over the affairs of the Church until the accession of *Rev. Joseph Gaunt*, who was ordained to the pastorate on June 3rd, 1818. Forty members joined the Church during his ministry, and the congregations increased until the place became too small, and a new and more commodious edifice was erected on the site now occupied by the present splendid group of buildings.

Mr. Gaunt's resignation took place in 1826, and seven years elapsed before a successor was appointed.

The venerable John Aldis, whose superb eloquence and rich mental gifts, combined with great saintliness of character, made him one of the most powerful forces in our denomination, was at this period a student at Horton, Bradford, under Dr. Steadman, whose youngest

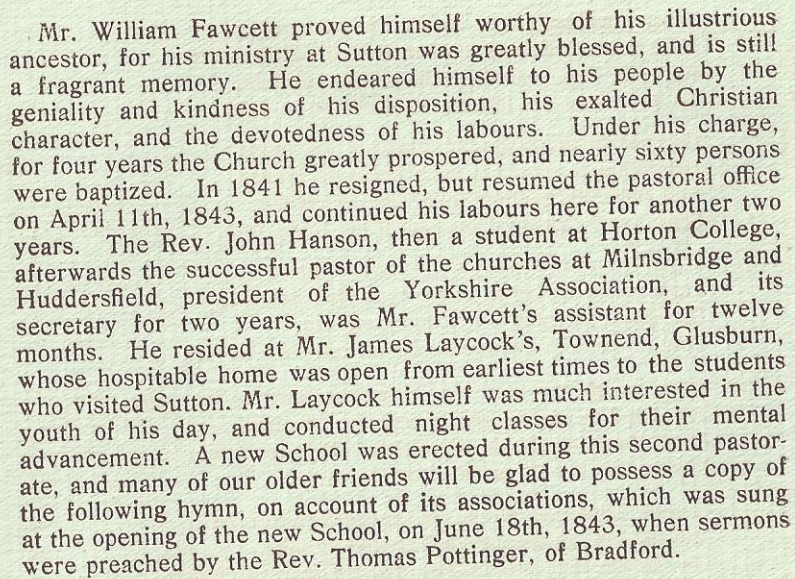


daughter he afterwards married. During the interval between Mr. Gaunt's resignation and the appointment of a successor, Mr. Aldis frequently preached at Sutton, and was wont on his visits in after years, during his son's ministry here, to point out the very spot in the "beck" where he baptised some of his hearers.

Amongst his fellow-students who supplied the pulpit was *Rev. Jonathan David Marsh*, to whom an invitation to the pastorate was given, which he accepted, and entered upon his ministry in January, 1833. Considerable numbers were added to the Church during his brief career; but in 1836 he left to take the pastorate of a newly-formed Church at Ashton-under-Lyne.

He was succeeded in January, 1837, by the *Rev. William Fawcett*, grandson of the eminent Dr. John Fawcett, of Ewood Hall, to whom the Churches of Yorkshire owe an unspeakable debt for his multitudinous labours as preacher, writer, and trainer of youths for the ministry. From his "school of the prophets" went forth numerous students who filled honourable positions in the Churches, the most famous being John Foster, the celebrated essayist, and William Ward, the colleague of Carey and Marshman, the Serampore Missionaries.





Mr. William Fawcett proved himself worthy of his illustrious ancestor, for his ministry at Sutton was greatly blessed, and is still a fragrant memory. He endeared himself to his people by the geniality and kindness of his disposition, his exalted Christian character, and the devotedness of his labours. Under his charge, for four years the Church greatly prospered, and nearly sixty persons were baptized. In 1841 he resigned, but resumed the pastoral office on April 11th, 1843, and continued his labours here for another two years. The Rev. John Hanson, then a student at Horton College, afterwards the successful pastor of the churches at Milnsbridge and Huddersfield, president of the Yorkshire Association, and its secretary for two years, was Mr. Fawcett's assistant for twelve months. He resided at Mr. James Laycock's, Townend, Glusburn, whose hospitable home was open from earliest times to the students who visited Sutton. Mr. Laycock himself was much interested in the youth of his day, and conducted night classes for their mental advancement. A new School was erected during this second pastorate, and many of our older friends will be glad to possess a copy of the following hymn, on account of its associations, which was sung at the opening of the new School, on June 18th, 1843, when sermons were preached by the Rev. Thomas Pottinger, of Bradford.



What promises sweet do the Scriptures afford  
Each Sabbath School teacher of God's Holy Word ;  
And, oh, how consoling, the mind to sustain,  
To know that his labours shall not be in vain.

Engaged in the honoured employ I am found  
Delighting to tread on such heavenly ground,  
And patiently waiting from God to obtain  
Some proof that my labour shall not be in vain.

When low at the footstool of mercy I bend  
Then prayer on behalf of my class shall ascend ;  
Divinely instructed I will not complain  
That my toils in the vineyard have not been in vain .

What though the seed sown may not seem to take root.  
Yet still I'm encouraged to look for the fruit  
As the husbandmen do when they cast in the grain,  
I know that my labour shall not be in vain.

Though Satan may tempt me the work to forsake  
And tell me 'tis useless such trouble to take,  
Though the rich may despise me, the learned disdain,  
My labour of love—it shall not be in vain.







And oh ! should there meet me on Zion's blest shore  
A child from my class who arrived there before,  
Methinks he will cry when he sees me again,  
Dear Teacher, your labour has not been in vain.

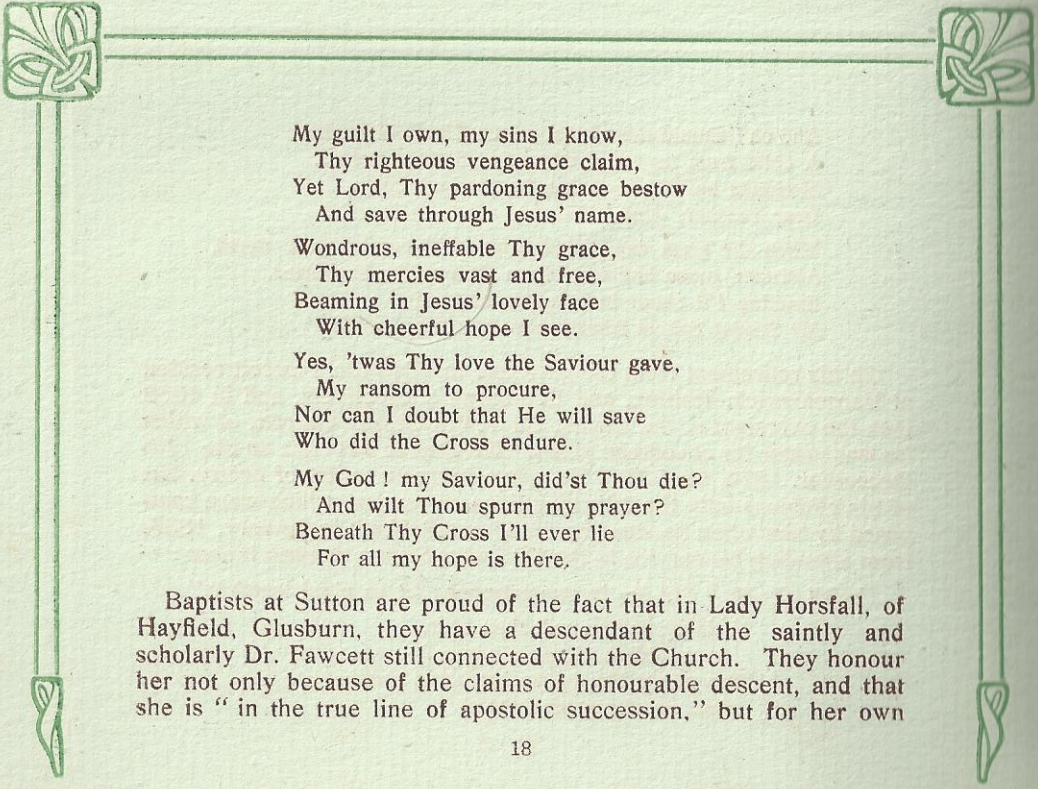
When the great day of judgment shall burst on the world,  
And sun, moon and stars from their orbits be hurled,  
Exulting I'll shout in a rapturous strain,  
My Sunday School labours have not been in vain."

On his retirement from the pastorate in 1845 Mr. Fawcett resided at Barnoldswick, Halifax, and Edinburgh successively, and in 1858 took the oversight of the Baptist Church at Crosby Garrett, of which he was pastor for seventeen years. He died at Florence on the 17th December, 1874, aged 75. He was a frequent writer of poetry, but of his effusions only the following lines are extant, which were composed by him when he was prevented one Sabbath in January, 1838, from attending his service in the Chapel at Sutton through illness :—

Isaiah 43 :26, " Put Me in remembrance ; let us plead togeth.r."

Almighty Father, wilt thou hear,  
A trembling sinner's prayer?  
Who would Thy mercy seat draw near,  
And sue for pardon there.





My guilt I own, my sins I know,  
Thy righteous vengeance claim,  
Yet Lord, Thy pardoning grace bestow  
And save through Jesus' name.

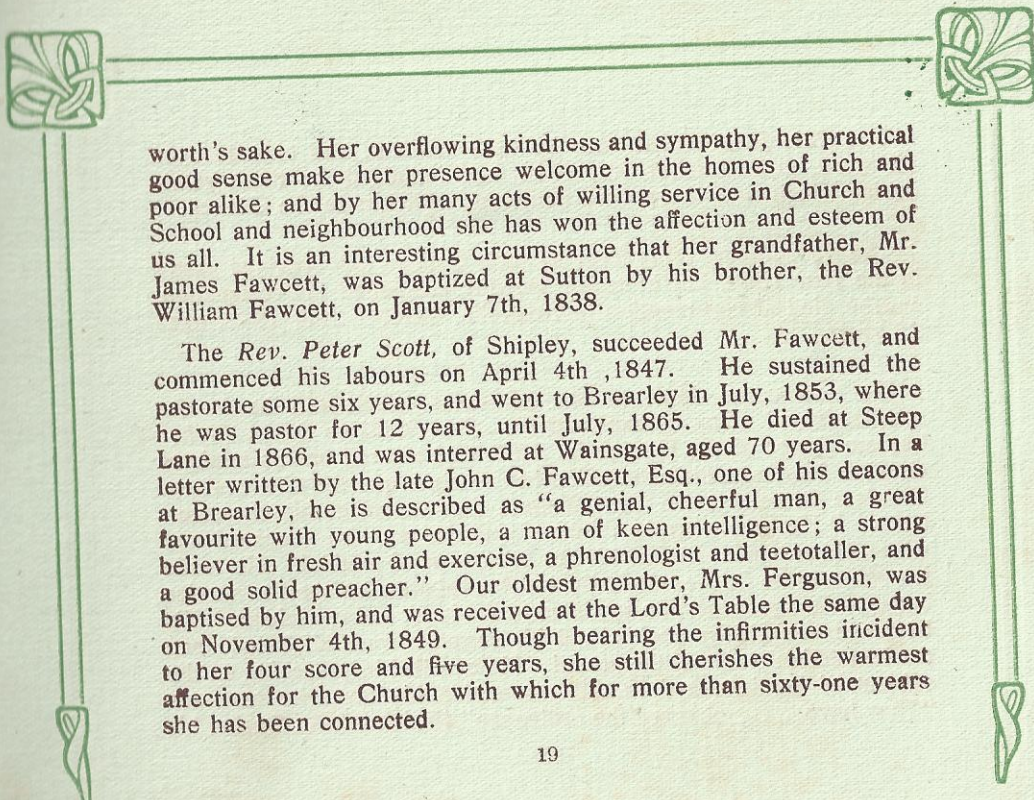
Wondrous, ineffable Thy grace,  
Thy mercies vast and free,  
Beaming in Jesus' lovely face  
With cheerful hope I see.

Yes, 'twas Thy love the Saviour gave,  
My ransom to procure,  
Nor can I doubt that He will save  
Who did the Cross endure.

My God! my Saviour, did'st Thou die?  
And wilt Thou spurn my prayer?  
Beneath Thy Cross I'll ever lie  
For all my hope is there.



Baptists at Sutton are proud of the fact that in Lady Horsfall, of Hayfield, Glusburn, they have a descendant of the saintly and scholarly Dr. Fawcett still connected with the Church. They honour her not only because of the claims of honourable descent, and that she is "in the true line of apostolic succession," but for her own





worth's sake. Her overflowing kindness and sympathy, her practical good sense make her presence welcome in the homes of rich and poor alike; and by her many acts of willing service in Church and School and neighbourhood she has won the affection and esteem of us all. It is an interesting circumstance that her grandfather, Mr. James Fawcett, was baptized at Sutton by his brother, the Rev. William Fawcett, on January 7th, 1838.

The *Rev. Peter Scott*, of Shipley, succeeded Mr. Fawcett, and commenced his labours on April 4th, 1847. He sustained the pastorate some six years, and went to Brearley in July, 1853, where he was pastor for 12 years, until July, 1865. He died at Steep Lane in 1866, and was interred at Wainsgate, aged 70 years. In a letter written by the late John C. Fawcett, Esq., one of his deacons at Brearley, he is described as "a genial, cheerful man, a great favourite with young people, a man of keen intelligence; a strong believer in fresh air and exercise, a phrenologist and teetotaller, and a good solid preacher." Our oldest member, Mrs. Ferguson, was baptized by him, and was received at the Lord's Table the same day on November 4th, 1849. Though bearing the infirmities incident to her four score and five years, she still cherishes the warmest affection for the Church with which for more than sixty-one years she has been connected.

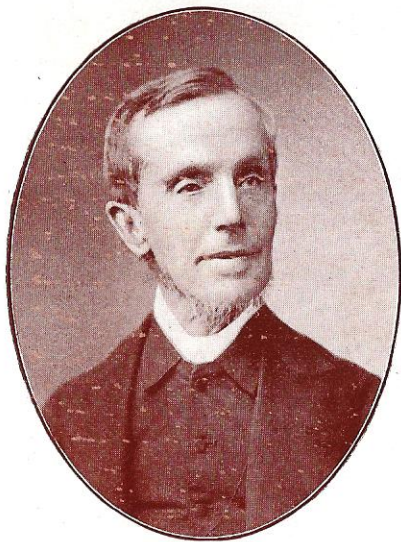


The *Rev. John Walcot* was the next minister, and entered upon his work on September 3rd, 1854, and remained for three years, during which time there were numerous additions to the Church.

The *Rev. Robert Wing* from Rawdon College was ordained pastor in the year 1860, but ill-health speedily compelled his resignation, and he died of consumption in Australia, October 2nd, 1862, aged 27 years.

We now come down to the ministries which will be in the recollection of many of our readers. *Rev. William Elisha Archer* became pastor of the Church in 1861, and entered on his ministry on 12th May, retaining the office for nearly a quarter of a century. Our late Secretary, Mr. John Walton, thus describes his characteristics: "He was a great thinker, and the way he prepared and wrote his sermons showed him to be a man of method. He made it a point to be in the pulpit always five minutes before the service began. As a preacher, he appealed to the heart and conscience. His language was always choice, and his sermons were all based upon the foundation truths of the gospel. He excelled in preaching on the subject of baptism, and in this connection his favourite text was "They have . . . changed the ordinance" (Isaiah 24 :5). During his

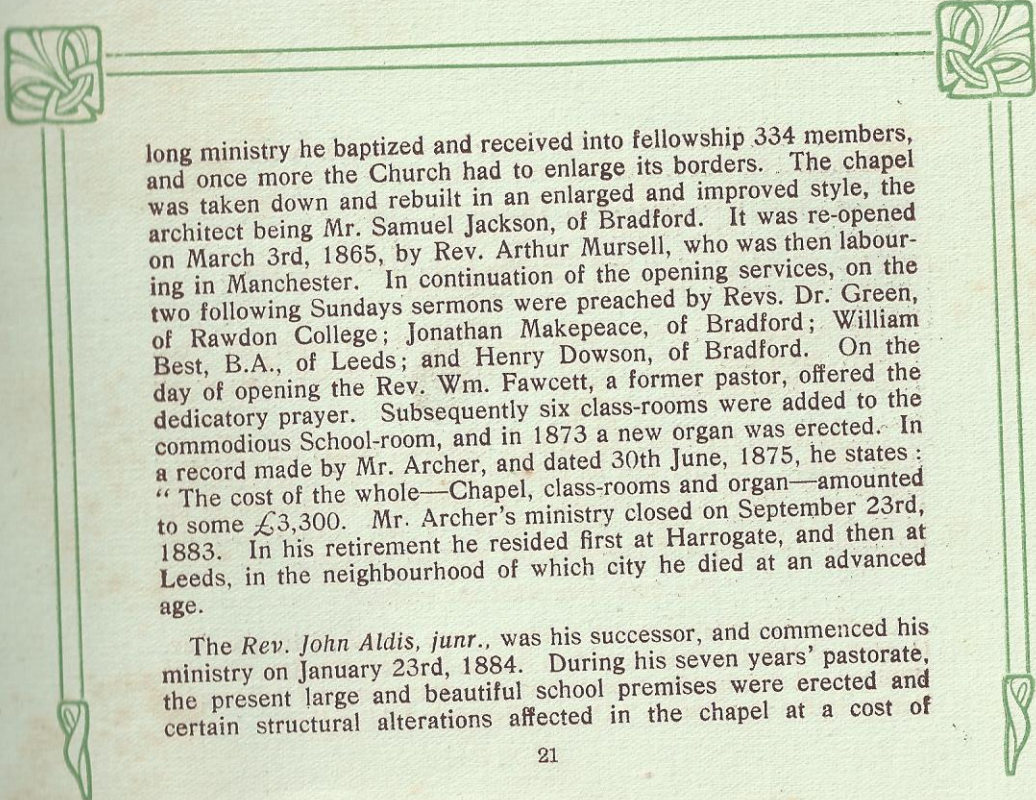




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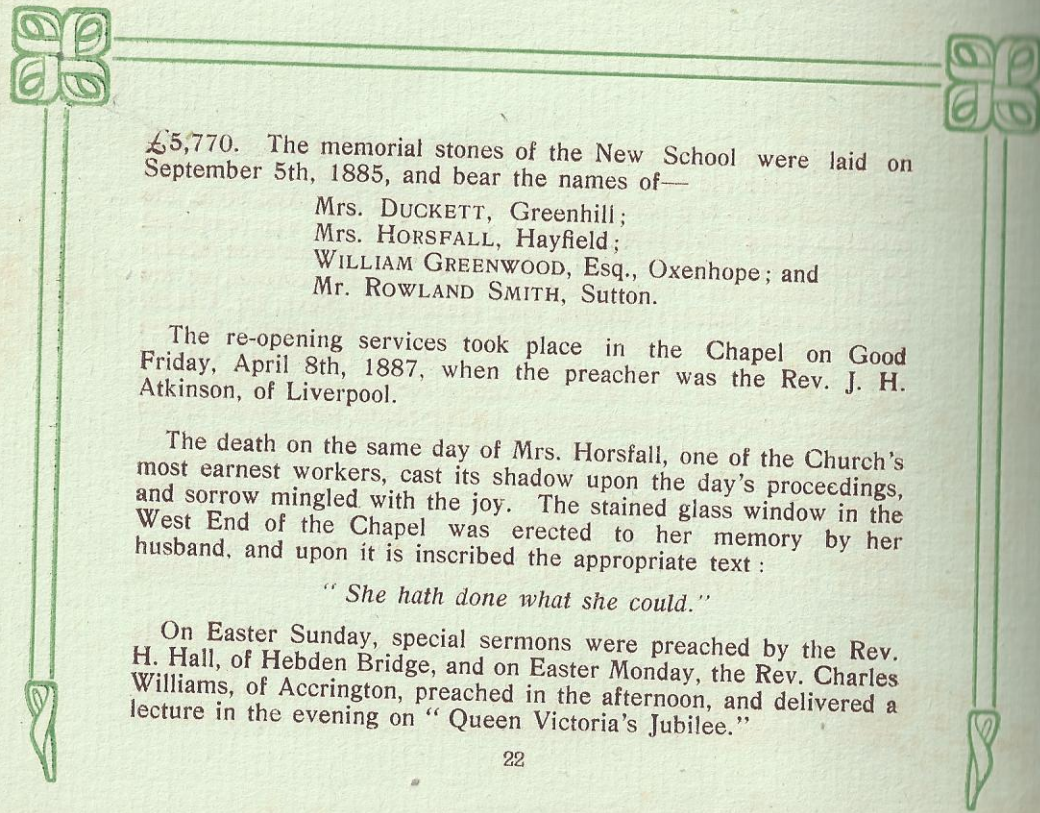
REV. JOHN ALDIS, JUN.



long ministry he baptized and received into fellowship 334 members, and once more the Church had to enlarge its borders. The chapel was taken down and rebuilt in an enlarged and improved style, the architect being Mr. Samuel Jackson, of Bradford. It was re-opened on March 3rd, 1865, by Rev. Arthur Mursell, who was then labouring in Manchester. In continuation of the opening services, on the two following Sundays sermons were preached by Revs. Dr. Green, of Rawdon College; Jonathan Makepeace, of Bradford; William Best, B.A., of Leeds; and Henry Dowson, of Bradford. On the day of opening the Rev. Wm. Fawcett, a former pastor, offered the dedicatory prayer. Subsequently six class-rooms were added to the commodious School-room, and in 1873 a new organ was erected. In a record made by Mr. Archer, and dated 30th June, 1875, he states: "The cost of the whole—Chapel, class-rooms and organ—amounted to some £3,300. Mr. Archer's ministry closed on September 23rd, 1883. In his retirement he resided first at Harrogate, and then at Leeds, in the neighbourhood of which city he died at an advanced age.

The *Rev. John Aldis, junr.*, was his successor, and commenced his ministry on January 23rd, 1884. During his seven years' pastorate, the present large and beautiful school premises were erected and certain structural alterations affected in the chapel at a cost of





£5,770. The memorial stones of the New School were laid on September 5th, 1885, and bear the names of—

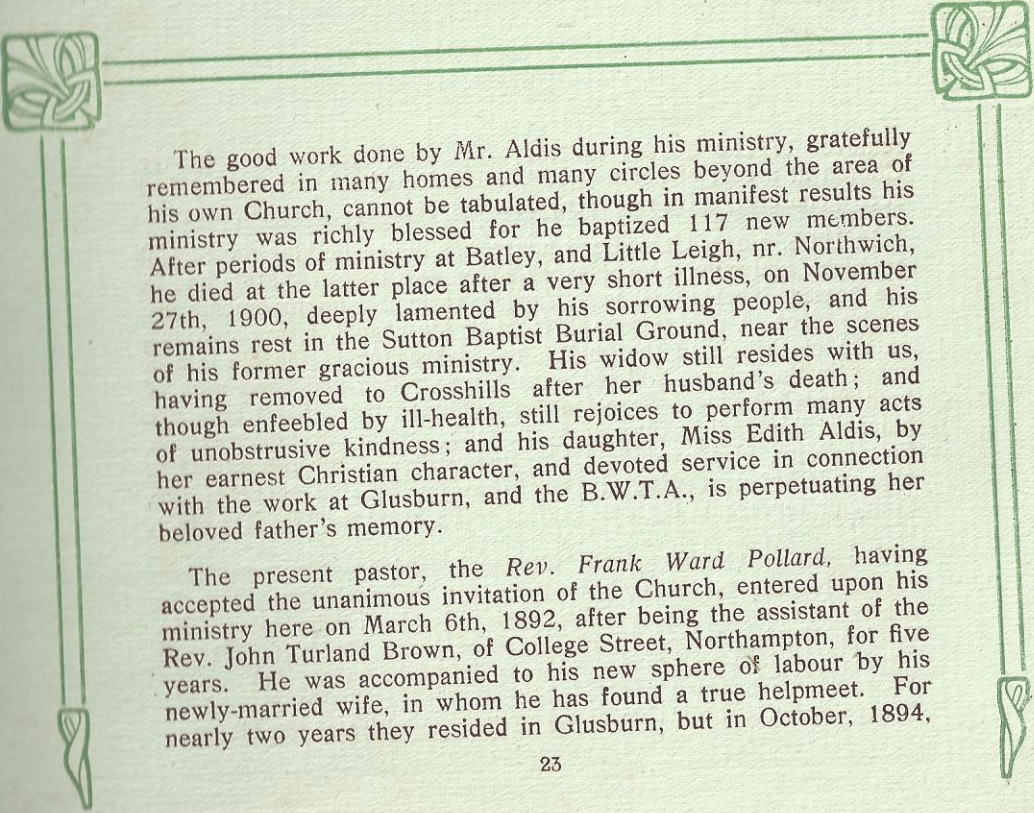
Mrs. DUCKETT, Greenhill;  
Mrs. HORSFALL, Hayfield;  
WILLIAM GREENWOOD, Esq., Oxenhope; and  
Mr. ROWLAND SMITH, Sutton.

The re-opening services took place in the Chapel on Good Friday, April 8th, 1887, when the preacher was the Rev. J. H. Atkinson, of Liverpool.

The death on the same day of Mrs. Horsfall, one of the Church's most earnest workers, cast its shadow upon the day's proceedings, and sorrow mingled with the joy. The stained glass window in the West End of the Chapel was erected to her memory by her husband, and upon it is inscribed the appropriate text :

*" She hath done what she could."*

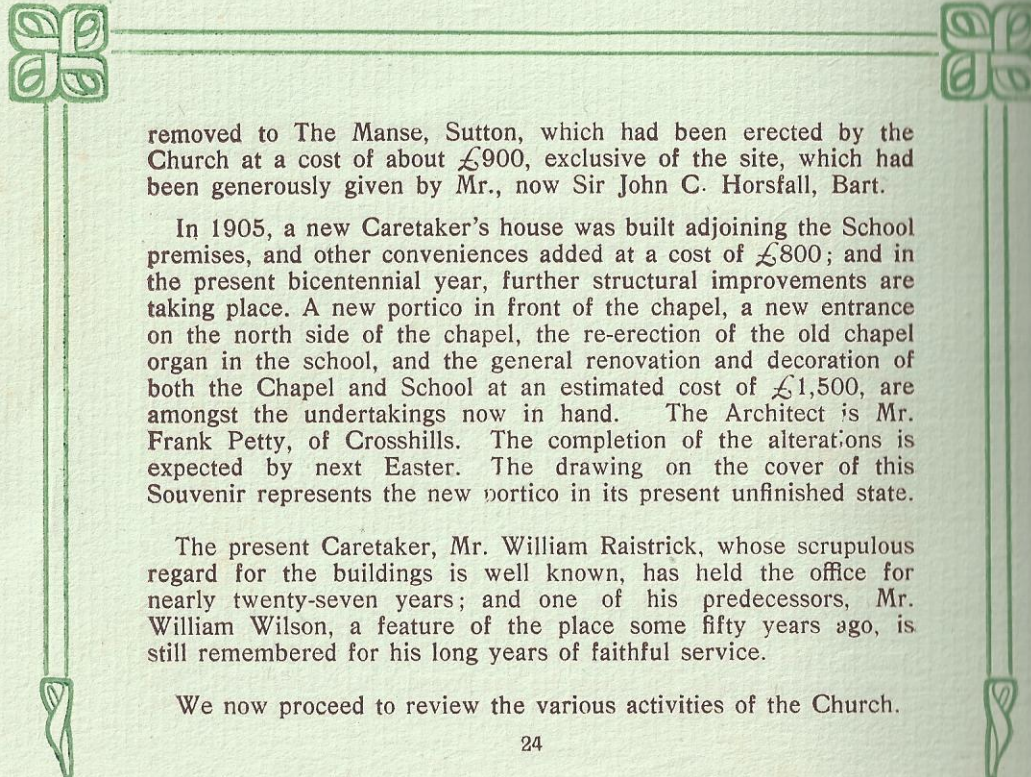
On Easter Sunday, special sermons were preached by the Rev. H. Hall, of Hebden Bridge, and on Easter Monday, the Rev. Charles Williams, of Accrington, preached in the afternoon, and delivered a lecture in the evening on " Queen Victoria's Jubilee."



The good work done by Mr. Aldis during his ministry, gratefully remembered in many homes and many circles beyond the area of his own Church, cannot be tabulated, though in manifest results his ministry was richly blessed for he baptized 117 new members. After periods of ministry at Batley, and Little Leigh, nr. Northwich, he died at the latter place after a very short illness, on November 27th, 1900, deeply lamented by his sorrowing people, and his remains rest in the Sutton Baptist Burial Ground, near the scenes of his former gracious ministry. His widow still resides with us, having removed to Crosshills after her husband's death; and though enfeebled by ill-health, still rejoices to perform many acts of unobtrusive kindness; and his daughter, Miss Edith Aldis, by her earnest Christian character, and devoted service in connection with the work at Glusburn, and the B.W.T.A., is perpetuating her beloved father's memory.

The present pastor, the *Rev. Frank Ward Pollard*, having accepted the unanimous invitation of the Church, entered upon his ministry here on March 6th, 1892, after being the assistant of the *Rev. John Turland Brown*, of College Street, Northampton, for five years. He was accompanied to his new sphere of labour by his newly-married wife, in whom he has found a true helpmeet. For nearly two years they resided in Glusburn, but in October, 1894,



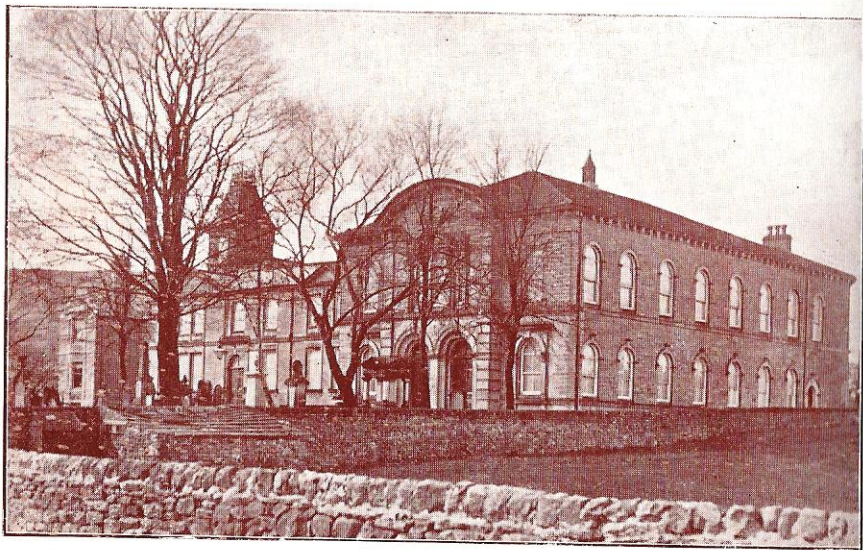


removed to The Manse, Sutton, which had been erected by the Church at a cost of about £900, exclusive of the site, which had been generously given by Mr., now Sir John C. Horsfall, Bart.

In 1905, a new Caretaker's house was built adjoining the School premises, and other conveniences added at a cost of £800; and in the present bicentennial year, further structural improvements are taking place. A new portico in front of the chapel, a new entrance on the north side of the chapel, the re-erection of the old chapel organ in the school, and the general renovation and decoration of both the Chapel and School at an estimated cost of £1,500, are amongst the undertakings now in hand. The Architect is Mr. Frank Petty, of Crosshills. The completion of the alterations is expected by next Easter. The drawing on the cover of this Souvenir represents the new portico in its present unfinished state.

The present Caretaker, Mr. William Raistrick, whose scrupulous regard for the buildings is well known, has held the office for nearly twenty-seven years; and one of his predecessors, Mr. William Wilson, a feature of the place some fifty years ago, is still remembered for his long years of faithful service.

We now proceed to review the various activities of the Church.



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## The Sunday School

It is impossible to state when the Sunday School was first commenced; but far beyond the recollection of our oldest members it has been a flourishing institution with us, and on its muster-roll are the names of many of the Church's most valued and faithful adherents.

The Sunday School Anniversary, or "Charity," as it is more frequently called, is the great event of the year, and since the old days when the Sunday Scholars, dressed in white, sat on a platform erected before the old pulpit, and sang the anniversary hymns, down to the present time, happiest memories have clustered round this welcome occasion. What congregations have gathered! What collections have been realised! What preachers have delivered the message of life—Steadman, Aldis, Ackworth, Dowson, Chown and Pottenger of a former generation, Marshall, Greenhough, Shakespeare, Joseph, and many others of this!

To recall some of the superintendents of the past is to mention men who have won the highest place in the Church's esteem. From our walls their portraits look down upon us as if to stimulate our zeal, and cause us to emulate their loving and honourable ser-



vice, and their names are still household words—John Parkinson, Rowland Smith, Reuben Tempest, Robert Smith, Colley Smith, Elijah Wilson and John Clough.

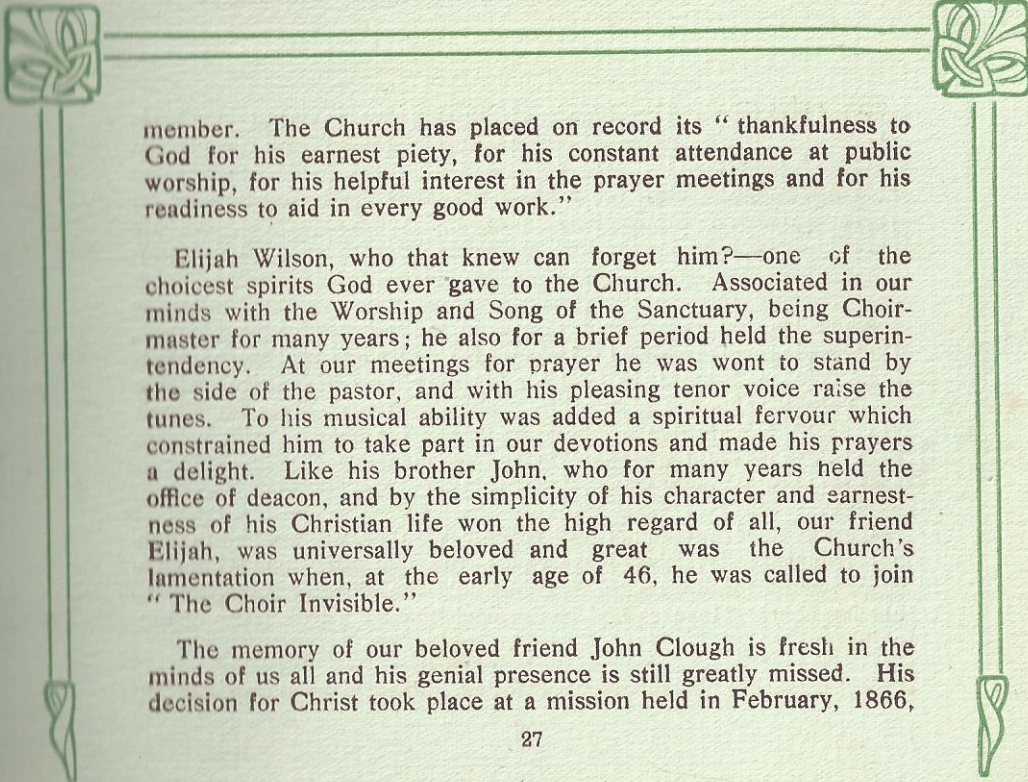
To our older friends John Parkinson, of Mount Pleasant, Glusburn, was a great figure in the life of the Church. On March 29th, 1869, at the annual tea of the Sunday School teachers and friends then held on Easter Monday, a presentation was made to him in acknowledgment of his faithful and valued services in connection with the Church, the Congregation, and the Sunday School for a period extending over forty years.

Rowland Smith and Reuben Tempest are remembered as stalwarts—men of faith and prayer, “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

Robert Smith, like his master, “went about doing good.” No service was too menial for him to undertake; and in homes of affliction he was an ever welcome visitor. The spirit of self-denial characterised him, for in cases of infection he cheerfully risked his life in rendering service from which others would shrink. He was employed for some time as Colporteur by the late Mrs. Duckett.

Colley Smith, son of Rowland Smith, was superintendent for 14 years, a Deacon for nearly six years, and for 28 years a consistent

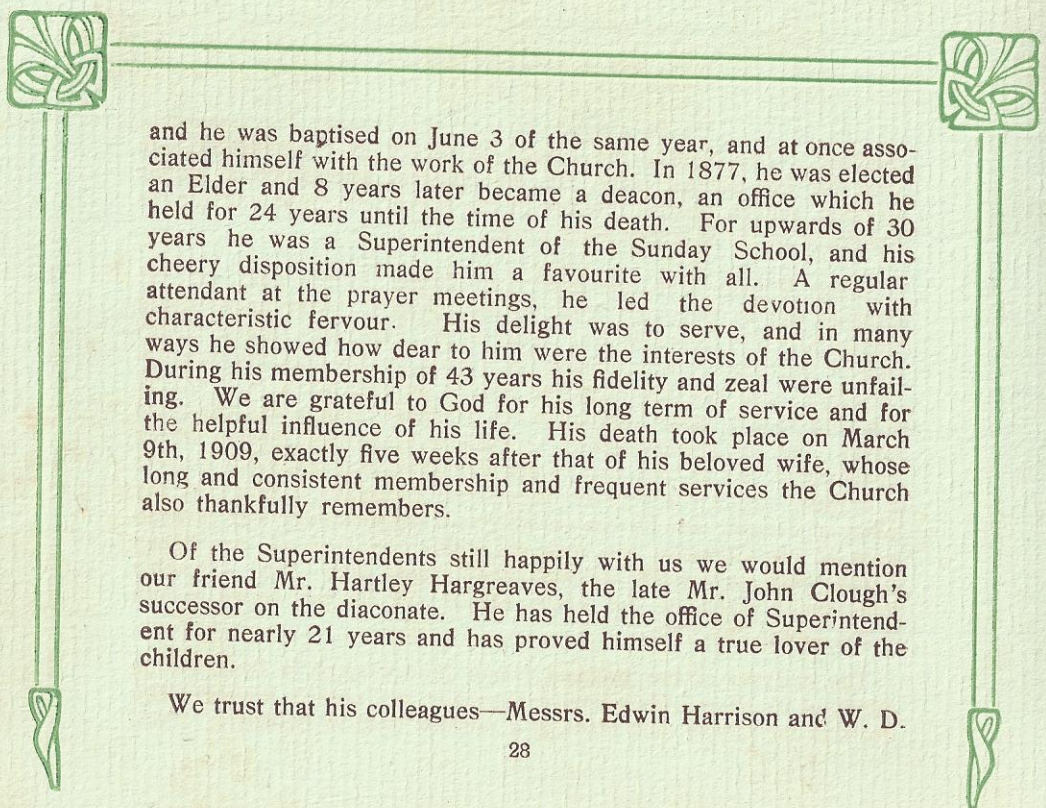




member. The Church has placed on record its "thankfulness to God for his earnest piety, for his constant attendance at public worship, for his helpful interest in the prayer meetings and for his readiness to aid in every good work."

Elijah Wilson, who that knew can forget him?—one of the choicest spirits God ever gave to the Church. Associated in our minds with the Worship and Song of the Sanctuary, being Choir-master for many years; he also for a brief period held the superintendency. At our meetings for prayer he was wont to stand by the side of the pastor, and with his pleasing tenor voice raise the tunes. To his musical ability was added a spiritual fervour which constrained him to take part in our devotions and made his prayers a delight. Like his brother John, who for many years held the office of deacon, and by the simplicity of his character and earnestness of his Christian life won the high regard of all, our friend Elijah, was universally beloved and great was the Church's lamentation when, at the early age of 46, he was called to join "The Choir Invisible."

The memory of our beloved friend John Clough is fresh in the minds of us all and his genial presence is still greatly missed. His decision for Christ took place at a mission held in February, 1866,



and he was baptised on June 3 of the same year, and at once associated himself with the work of the Church. In 1877, he was elected an Elder and 8 years later became a deacon, an office which he held for 24 years until the time of his death. For upwards of 30 years he was a Superintendent of the Sunday School, and his cheery disposition made him a favourite with all. A regular attendant at the prayer meetings, he led the devotion with characteristic fervour. His delight was to serve, and in many ways he showed how dear to him were the interests of the Church. During his membership of 43 years his fidelity and zeal were unflinching. We are grateful to God for his long term of service and for the helpful influence of his life. His death took place on March 9th, 1909, exactly five weeks after that of his beloved wife, whose long and consistent membership and frequent services the Church also thankfully remembers.

Of the Superintendents still happily with us we would mention our friend Mr. Hartley Hargreaves, the late Mr. John Clough's successor on the diaconate. He has held the office of Superintendent for nearly 21 years and has proved himself a true lover of the children.

We trust that his colleagues—Messrs. Edwin Harrison and W. D.





MRS. DUCKETT



Brierley will also be spared to attain their majority in this blessed service.



Mention, too, must be made of our esteemed friend Mr. John William Ferguson, who for nearly 22 years has filled the office of Sunday School Secretary with marked ability. It is an interesting fact that he was born on the day that the Rev. W. E. Archer preached his trial sermon at Sutton, viz., on February 24th, 1861, and is the son of our oldest member. It would be impossible to estimate the value of his services in his capacity of Secretary, for he brings to his work practical business ability, readiness of resource, indefatigable energy and great willingness to serve.

The late Mrs. Duckett, of Crosshills, did a remarkable work in connection with both Church and School and her memory is still affectionately cherished. Her daughter, Mrs. Thomas, writes the following tribute:—

“ From a child Mrs. Duckett was influenced by the workings of the Holy Spirit. She was baptised and joined the Church at Sutton, May 5th, 1839, in her 15th year. Her future life was wholly given up to the Service of her Lord and Master, her one aim being to win souls for Him, and to bring glory to His name.







She "earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints," and was most eager for "all the Counsel of God" to be preached, zealously advocating the old truths being taught.



Her consistent, Christ-like life asserted a powerful influence in the neighbourhood, as well as in the Church. Many have borne testimony, from time to time, of the spiritual help derived from her gracious influence over them in their younger days. A Mother's Prayer Meeting, held in one of the Vestries, once a fortnight, was organised by her, and was greatly appreciated by the more earnest of the women.

Sunday was Mrs. Duckett's fullest day of the week, when her Special Meeting before the evening Service, for the children of all denominations, became very popular. They were always encouraged to commit to memory portions of Scripture and Hymns. She was, too, an able teacher in the Sunday School, equally acceptable to the Young Men's Class, as to the Women's Bible Class.

About the year 1860, Mrs. Duckett held Meetings for the Young in her kitchen, devoting one evening to the girls, and another to the boys.

Her ministrations to the sick and poor greatly endeared her to the hearts of all with whom she came in contact.





The distribution of good religious and wholesome literature occupied much of her time. At one period she engaged the services of Robert Smith, the Deacon—of blessed memory—as a Colporteur. She “fell asleep in Jesus,” 8th April, 1895.

It may truly be said of her ‘She hath done what she could,’—and ‘her works do follow her’”

For some years after the late Mrs. Duckett was compelled, through ill-health, to give up the work, Miss Rebecca Thompson carried on from 5 to 6 each Sunday evening what was still called ‘Mrs. Duckett’s Meeting.’ But she, too, has “gone over to the majority,” leaving behind a record of devoted, faithful service.

Miss Agnes Dickinson was also actively associated with this work, and for many years held the office of Sunday School Teacher, and is still keenly interested in the spiritual welfare of the Church.

Another prominent Sunday School worker was Mrs. Samuel Bairstow, who in the middle of last century wielded great influence through her Class for Women. Her husband was for some time Church Secretary.

During the past two years the Sunday School has been partly re-organised on modern lines, Junior and Primary Departments





having been formed under the able Superintendency of Mr. Smith Clough and Miss Maggie Whitaker, respectively. Both these friends are rendering efficient service and have gathered about them a company of young teachers, whom they are training for the work.

A Men's Bible Class has been formed by the amalgamation of the two Senior Classes and under the leadership of Messrs. Peter Smith, Herbert S. Greenwood and the Pastor is making headway.

The list of past and present Superintendents and Secretaries, furnished in the appendix, will be of interest to many; and the names of the Sunday School Officers will also be found there.





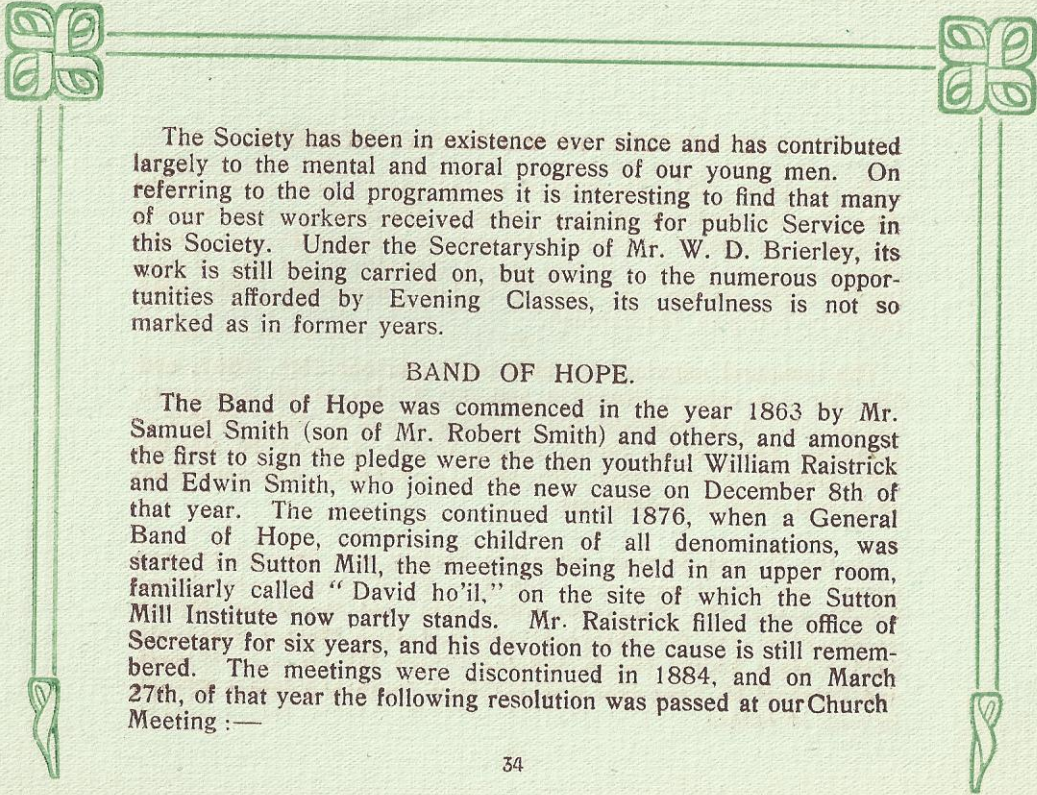
## THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

In the year 1867, the teacher of the Senior Male Bible Class was Mr. John Orr, designer at Messrs. Bairstow's. He was an intelligent Scotsman, keenly interested in the mental and moral development of youth. It was at his instigation that the Mutual Improvement Society was formed, and the necessary funds were raised by a trip to Scarborough.

The inaugural meeting was held on September 25th, 1867, and Mr. Orr was chosen President and Mr. Colley Smith Secretary; and in the list of members the following familiar names appear—Benjamin Stell, Carey Smith, Elijah Wilson, Greenwood Barrett, John Clough, John Walton, Rowland Greenwood, Wilkinson Laycock, and Thomas Hargreaves.

At the Second Session, when the Society was deemed to have passed the experimental stage, the Rev. W. E. Archer was elected President with Mr. Orr as Vice-President, and Mr. Elijah Wilson as Secretary, and the Essayists appointed were Messrs. Benjamin Stell, Colley Smith, Joseph Midgley, Elijah Wilson, John Clough and Rowland H. Greenwood, with Carey Smith and James Clough in case of failure.



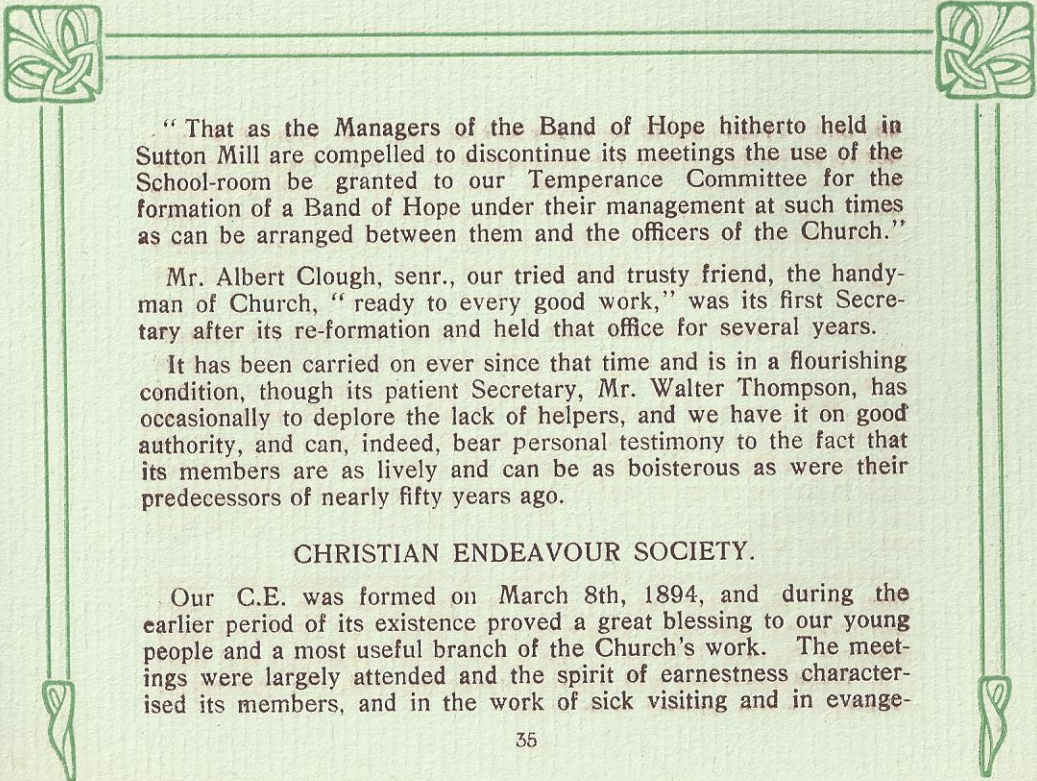


The Society has been in existence ever since and has contributed largely to the mental and moral progress of our young men. On referring to the old programmes it is interesting to find that many of our best workers received their training for public Service in this Society. Under the Secretaryship of Mr. W. D. Brierley, its work is still being carried on, but owing to the numerous opportunities afforded by Evening Classes, its usefulness is not so marked as in former years.

#### BAND OF HOPE.

The Band of Hope was commenced in the year 1863 by Mr. Samuel Smith (son of Mr. Robert Smith) and others, and amongst the first to sign the pledge were the then youthful William Raistrick and Edwin Smith, who joined the new cause on December 8th of that year. The meetings continued until 1876, when a General Band of Hope, comprising children of all denominations, was started in Sutton Mill, the meetings being held in an upper room, familiarly called "David ho'il," on the site of which the Sutton Mill Institute now partly stands. Mr. Raistrick filled the office of Secretary for six years, and his devotion to the cause is still remembered. The meetings were discontinued in 1884, and on March 27th, of that year the following resolution was passed at our Church Meeting :—





“ That as the Managers of the Band of Hope hitherto held in Sutton Mill are compelled to discontinue its meetings the use of the School-room be granted to our Temperance Committee for the formation of a Band of Hope under their management at such times as can be arranged between them and the officers of the Church.”

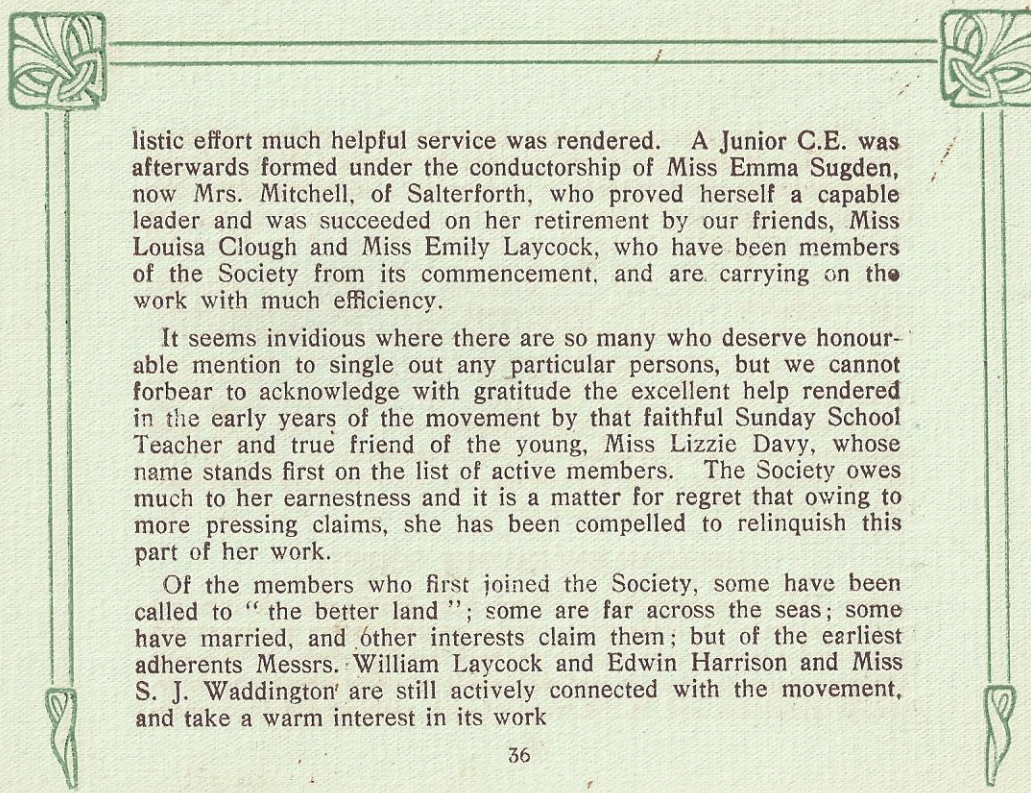
Mr. Albert Clough, senr., our tried and trusty friend, the handyman of Church, “ ready to every good work,” was its first Secretary after its re-formation and held that office for several years.

It has been carried on ever since that time and is in a flourishing condition, though its patient Secretary, Mr. Walter Thompson, has occasionally to deplore the lack of helpers, and we have it on good authority, and can, indeed, bear personal testimony to the fact that its members are as lively and can be as boisterous as were their predecessors of nearly fifty years ago.

#### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

Our C.E. was formed on March 8th, 1894, and during the earlier period of its existence proved a great blessing to our young people and a most useful branch of the Church's work. The meetings were largely attended and the spirit of earnestness characterised its members, and in the work of sick visiting and in evange-







listic effort much helpful service was rendered. A Junior C.E. was afterwards formed under the conductorship of Miss Emma Sugden, now Mrs. Mitchell, of Salterforth, who proved herself a capable leader and was succeeded on her retirement by our friends, Miss Louisa Clough and Miss Emily Laycock, who have been members of the Society from its commencement, and are carrying on the work with much efficiency.

It seems invidious where there are so many who deserve honourable mention to single out any particular persons, but we cannot forbear to acknowledge with gratitude the excellent help rendered in the early years of the movement by that faithful Sunday School Teacher and true friend of the young, Miss Lizzie Davy, whose name stands first on the list of active members. The Society owes much to her earnestness and it is a matter for regret that owing to more pressing claims, she has been compelled to relinquish this part of her work.

Of the members who first joined the Society, some have been called to "the better land"; some are far across the seas; some have married, and other interests claim them; but of the earliest adherents Messrs. William Laycock and Edwin Harrison and Miss S. J. Waddington are still actively connected with the movement, and take a warm interest in its work





Amid the changes the passing years inevitably bring, and notwithstanding the loss of that novelty which the new C.E. movement once possessed, the work still goes on, and the influence of the Society is altogether for good.

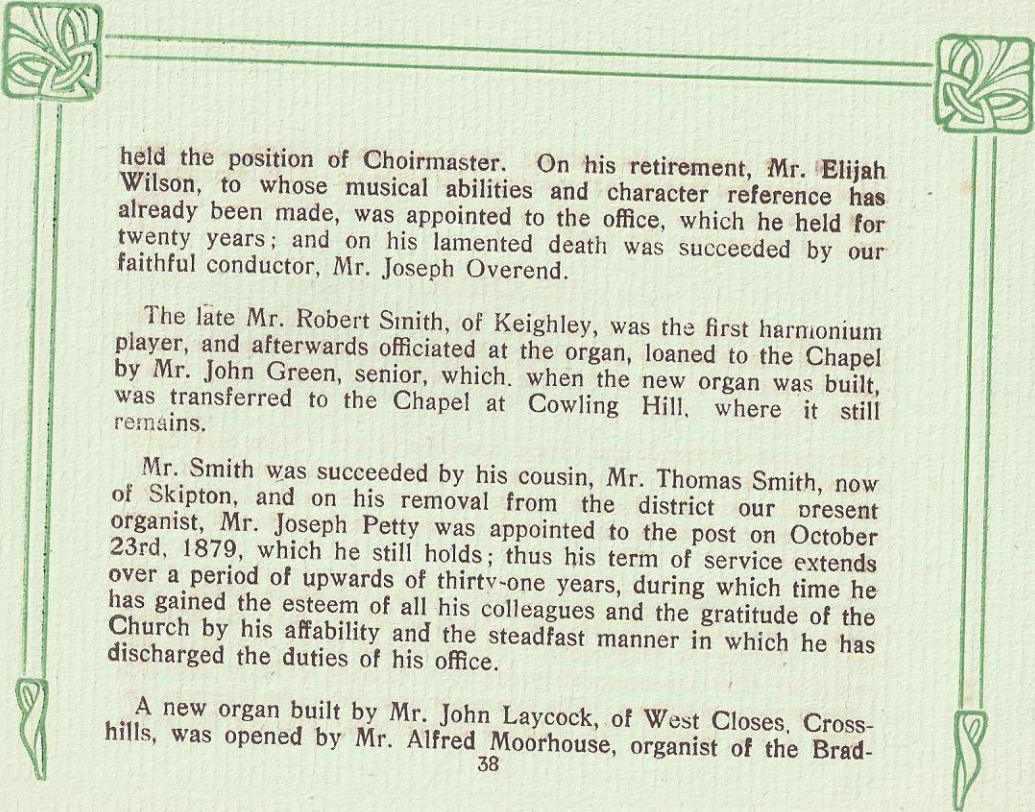
#### THE CHOIR.

For generations the Overends, Smiths, and Dickinsons have been noted for their musical gifts. Members of these families have been associated with the Service of Praise from very early years in our Church's history.

Mr. Jesse Overend, the oldest member of the Choir, has been connected with it for 58 years, having joined when a youth of 14; and his relative Mr. Joseph Overend, is the present Choirmaster and has presided at the instrument in the Sunday School for over thirty years.

Mr. Jesse Overend's father, who bore the same name, was leader of the singing in the Old Chapel in West Lane, his brother Joseph, playing the violoncello. He continued to be conductor for some time after the removal to the New Chapel, built on the site of the present premises. His successor was Mr. John Hargreaves (father of our deacon, Mr. Edward Hargreaves) who for 20 years





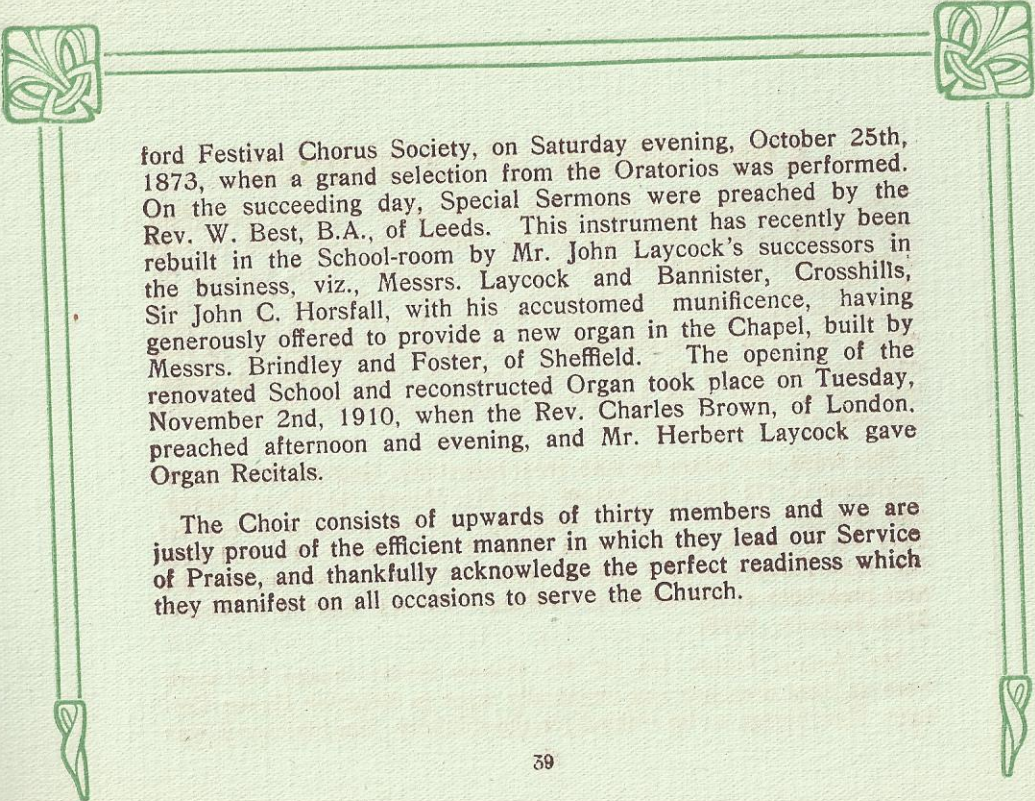
held the position of Choirmaster. On his retirement, Mr. Elijah Wilson, to whose musical abilities and character reference has already been made, was appointed to the office, which he held for twenty years; and on his lamented death was succeeded by our faithful conductor, Mr. Joseph Overend.

The late Mr. Robert Smith, of Keighley, was the first harmonium player, and afterwards officiated at the organ, loaned to the Chapel by Mr. John Green, senior, which, when the new organ was built, was transferred to the Chapel at Cowling Hill, where it still remains.

Mr. Smith was succeeded by his cousin, Mr. Thomas Smith, now of Skipton, and on his removal from the district our present organist, Mr. Joseph Petty was appointed to the post on October 23rd, 1879, which he still holds; thus his term of service extends over a period of upwards of thirty-one years, during which time he has gained the esteem of all his colleagues and the gratitude of the Church by his affability and the steadfast manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

A new organ built by Mr. John Laycock, of West Closes, Cross-hills, was opened by Mr. Alfred Moorhouse, organist of the Brad-







ford Festival Chorus Society, on Saturday evening, October 25th, 1873, when a grand selection from the Oratorios was performed. On the succeeding day, Special Sermons were preached by the Rev. W. Best, B.A., of Leeds. This instrument has recently been rebuilt in the School-room by Mr. John Laycock's successors in the business, viz., Messrs. Laycock and Bannister, Crosshills, Sir John C. Horsfall, with his accustomed munificence, having generously offered to provide a new organ in the Chapel, built by Messrs. Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield. The opening of the renovated School and reconstructed Organ took place on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1910, when the Rev. Charles Brown, of London, preached afternoon and evening, and Mr. Herbert Laycock gave Organ Recitals.

The Choir consists of upwards of thirty members and we are justly proud of the efficient manner in which they lead our Service of Praise, and thankfully acknowledge the perfect readiness which they manifest on all occasions to serve the Church.





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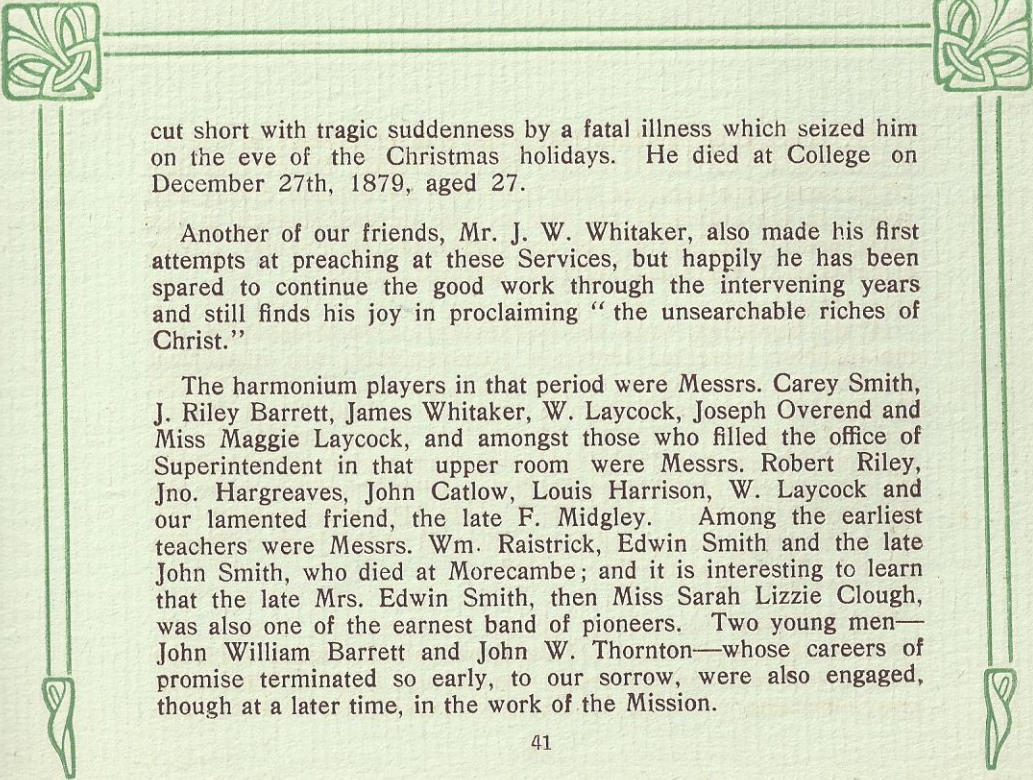
## Our Work at Glusburn

At a Church Meeting held on July 1st, 1875, "It was moved by Mr. Robert Smith, seconded by Mr. John Parkinson, and carried unanimously, that the rooms in Glusburn, about to be vacated by the Primitive Methodists, be taken by us for a Sunday School and preaching station." This resolution was carried into effect in due course, and the rooms in question, being the upper storey of two cottages, belonging to Wm. Cure Laycock, Esq., Townend, Glusburn, which had been converted into one assembly room for the purpose of religious worship.

The work was taken up with great heartiness, and the first Superintendent of the Sunday School was Mr. Robert Smith, of Sutton, and amongst those who were identified with the work in its earliest days were Messrs. Carey Smith, Sam Clough and J. W. Andrews. Mr. John Parkinson, of Eastburn (now of Skipton) was amongst the first preachers at the evening services. He was elected a Deacon 31st, January, 1878.

Mr. Joshua Smith, son of Mr. Robert Smith began his work here as local preacher and eventually went to Brighton Grove College, Manchester, to be trained for the ministry; but his career was



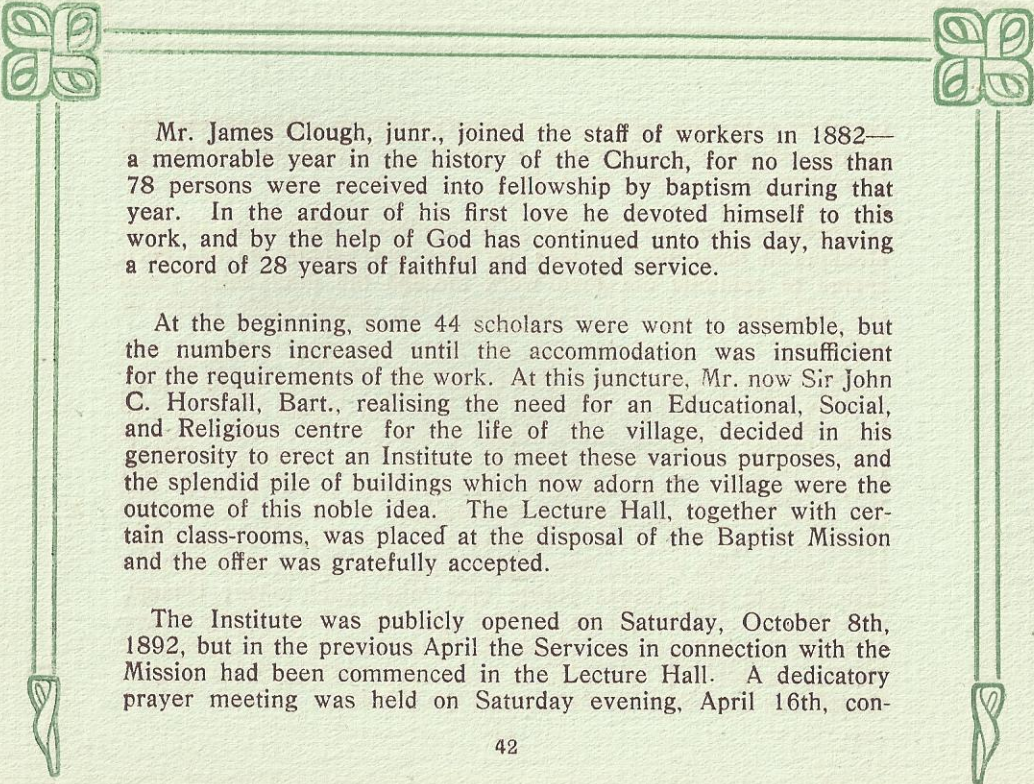


cut short with tragic suddenness by a fatal illness which seized him on the eve of the Christmas holidays. He died at College on December 27th, 1879, aged 27.

Another of our friends, Mr. J. W. Whitaker, also made his first attempts at preaching at these Services, but happily he has been spared to continue the good work through the intervening years and still finds his joy in proclaiming "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

The harmonium players in that period were Messrs. Carey Smith, J. Riley Barrett, James Whitaker, W. Laycock, Joseph Overend and Miss Maggie Laycock, and amongst those who filled the office of Superintendent in that upper room were Messrs. Robert Riley, Jno. Hargreaves, John Catlow, Louis Harrison, W. Laycock and our lamented friend, the late F. Midgley. Among the earliest teachers were Messrs. Wm. Raistrick, Edwin Smith and the late John Smith, who died at Morecambe; and it is interesting to learn that the late Mrs. Edwin Smith, then Miss Sarah Lizzie Clough, was also one of the earnest band of pioneers. Two young men—John William Barrett and John W. Thornton—whose careers of promise terminated so early, to our sorrow, were also engaged, though at a later time, in the work of the Mission.







Mr. James Clough, junr., joined the staff of workers in 1882—a memorable year in the history of the Church, for no less than 78 persons were received into fellowship by baptism during that year. In the ardour of his first love he devoted himself to this work, and by the help of God has continued unto this day, having a record of 28 years of faithful and devoted service.

At the beginning, some 44 scholars were wont to assemble, but the numbers increased until the accommodation was insufficient for the requirements of the work. At this juncture, Mr. now Sir John C. Horsfall, Bart., realising the need for an Educational, Social, and Religious centre for the life of the village, decided in his generosity to erect an Institute to meet these various purposes, and the splendid pile of buildings which now adorn the village were the outcome of this noble idea. The Lecture Hall, together with certain class-rooms, was placed at the disposal of the Baptist Mission and the offer was gratefully accepted.



The Institute was publicly opened on Saturday, October 8th, 1892, but in the previous April the Services in connection with the Mission had been commenced in the Lecture Hall. A dedicatory prayer meeting was held on Saturday evening, April 16th, con-







ducted by the Pastor, Rev. F. W. Pollard, and on the following day he preached in the afternoon from the text, "And the glory of the Lord filled the house;" 2 Chron., 7, 1., and his father, the late Mr. Charles Pollard, of Kettering, preached in the evening from Ps. 89, 15, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." There were crowded congregations and the work in its new surroundings was commenced with great heartiness.

For twelve years the Mission was carried on by a Committee of Management, the Sunday School being held morning and afternoon and a preaching sermon in the evening. It was then thought desirable owing to the growing demands of the work to secure a Co-Pastor who should take the oversight; and the Church eventually extended an invitation to the *Rev. George Armitt*, pastor of the Church at Long Preston and Hellifield, which he accepted and entered upon his new sphere of labour on Easter Sunday, April 3rd, 1904. He continued his work with much acceptance for upwards of three years, winning the esteem and confidence of young and old, who heard with deep regret of his decision to accept an unanimous call from the Church at Ripley Street, Bradford. His farewell sermon was preached on Sunday evening, October 27th, 1907, and in the morning of that day he conducted a baptismal







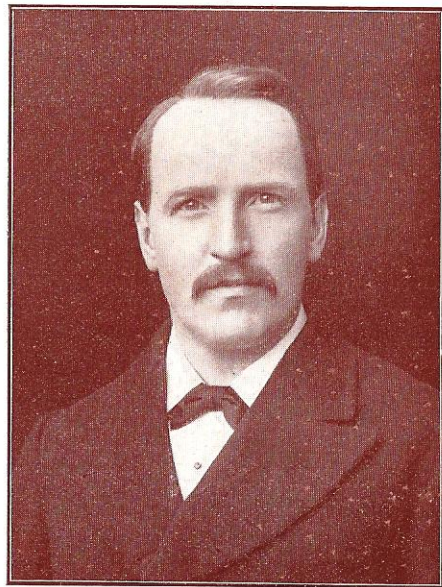
service at Sutton, the candidates being from Glusburn. During his ministry he also visited the Churches at Cowling Hill and Cononley once a month; and was the first Secretary of the Crosshills, Silsden and District Free Church Council.

On December 1st, 1908, the Mission suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Alfred Hopkinson, who for many years filled the office of Secretary with great fidelity.

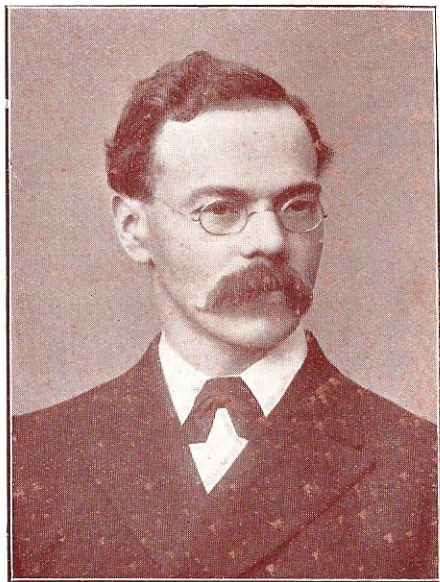
After a brief interregnum, the *Rev. Edwin Smith*, of Malton, was cordially invited to take up the work. The invitation was accepted and he began his ministry on Sunday, September 5th, 1909, leaving a sphere of labour where his thoughtful preaching and sterling character were greatly appreciated. In his wife he possesses an earnest and energetic co-worker. May God's richest blessing attend their efforts in their new sphere.

The Choir, which now renders such efficient service, was organised and trained by Miss Maud Horsfall, now Mrs. Norman Walker, who was succeeded by Mr. Smith Overend.

The Junior C.E. was formed in April, 1902, by Miss Aldis and Miss Cora Harrison, and is in a flourishing condition.

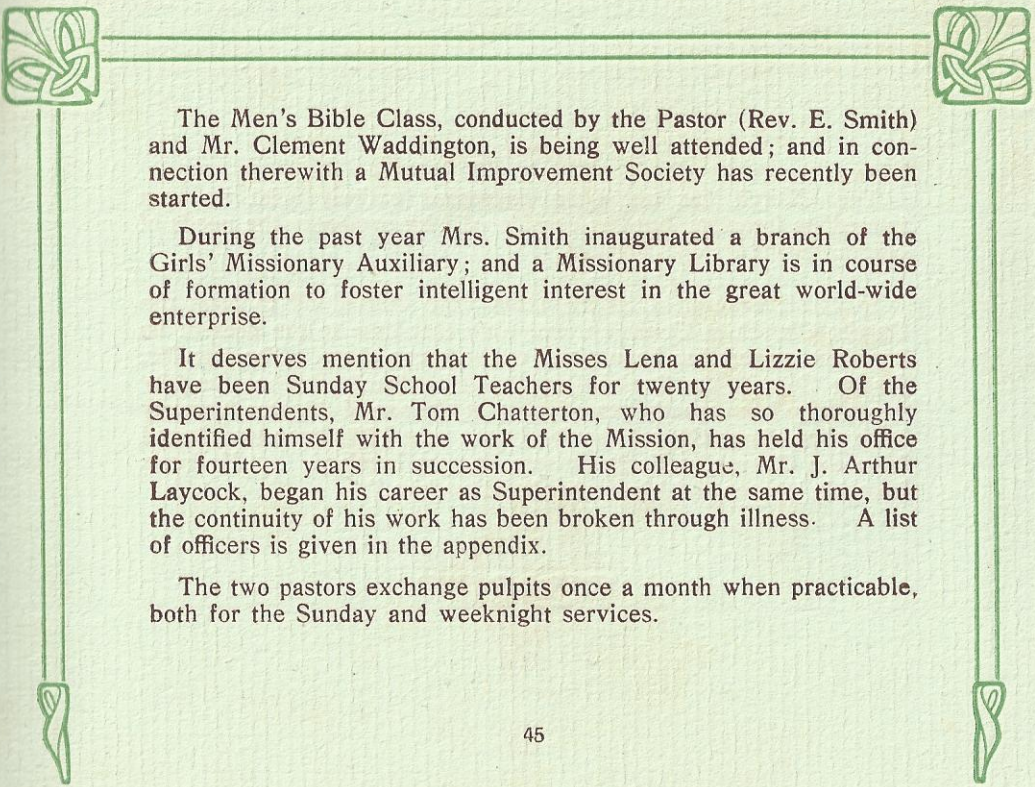


REV. GEORGE ARMITT



REV. EDWIN SMITH





The Men's Bible Class, conducted by the Pastor (Rev. E. Smith) and Mr. Clement Waddington, is being well attended; and in connection therewith a Mutual Improvement Society has recently been started.

During the past year Mrs. Smith inaugurated a branch of the Girls' Missionary Auxiliary; and a Missionary Library is in course of formation to foster intelligent interest in the great world-wide enterprise.

It deserves mention that the Misses Lena and Lizzie Roberts have been Sunday School Teachers for twenty years. Of the Superintendents, Mr. Tom Chatterton, who has so thoroughly identified himself with the work of the Mission, has held his office for fourteen years in succession. His colleague, Mr. J. Arthur Laycock, began his career as Superintendent at the same time, but the continuity of his work has been broken through illness. A list of officers is given in the appendix.

The two pastors exchange pulpits once a month when practicable, both for the Sunday and weeknight services.





### CONONLEY.

The Church has not been engrossed entirely with its own immediate interests, but has considered with sympathy the needs of others beyond its own borders.

In 1861, several of its members were drafted off to form the Baptist Church at Cononley, and from that time to the present its heartiest support has been given to the cause there. The late Mr. Joseph Cowgill, its Senior Deacon and a local preacher for fifty years, who has recently passed away at the age of 86, was formerly a member of our Church, having in the year 1854 been transferred from the Church at Earby, where he was baptised. "He rests from his labours and his works do follow him."









## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Church has taken a deep interest in the great Missionary enterprise, and in times of special crisis and urgent need has been swift to respond to the appeal of distress. Our contributions to the B.M.S. last year (1909-10) amounted to £228 9s. 9d. Some years since, the Rev. Robert Spurgeon greatly moved our people by his appeal for help for the Missionaries labouring in E. Bengai, and the result was the gift of the boat called the "Sutton-in-Craven," which was placed under the care of Rev. Alfred Teichmann.

Miss Horsfall left us on October 18th, 1904, to assist Miss Fletcher in the work at the Industrial Settlement at Salamatpul, near Palwal, Delhi, and remained two and a half years on the field. Last year she had a tour through Ceylon, China and Japan, visiting the Mission Stations, and returning by way of America. She is shortly going to Calcutta to join Miss Isabel Angus in the Secretarial work of the Baptist Zenana Mission. On October 15th, 1910, a service, unique in the history of the Church, was held to welcome Miss Horsfall on her return from her missionary tour and to say farewell to Miss Edith Atkinson, who had been accepted by the B.Z.M. for work at Jessore, India. Miss Atkinson, the first actual missionary to go out from our Church to the Foreign



Field, was brought up in our Sunday School and became one of our most devoted teachers. As a girl, strong desires were formed to become a missionary and some years ago she placed herself under the tuition of Miss Aldis with the idea of improving her education generally. She was enabled through the influence of Lady Horsfall, to enter Doric Lodge, London, where she became engaged in special Christian work. There her studies were continued. After being accepted by the B.Z.M. she continued her studies in dispensary work and in learning the language. She left Tilbury Dock for Calcutta in the "Sicilia," on October 29th, and has reached her destination in safety and entered upon her work under Mrs. Gilbert at Jessore.







Mr. Carey Smith



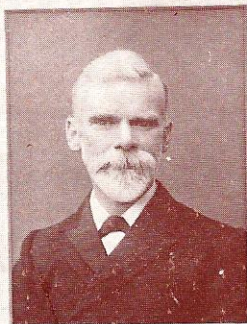
Mr. Henry R. Thomas



Mr. Fred Davy



Mr. Jas. Clough, Sen.  
Secretary



**REV. F. W. POLLARD**



Mr. Ed. Hargreaves,  
Treasurer



Mr. Hartley Hargreaves



Sir John C. Horsfall, Bart.



Mr. R. H. Greenwood

**THE DEACONS**



## THE DIACONATE.



No minister could be on happier terms with his office bearers than those which have existed between the present pastor and his deacons during the past nineteen years.

*Mr. Carey Smith*, who has been longest in office, is one of "the pillars of the Church," and by his solid qualities, his steadfast devotion to the Church's interests, he has won the love and esteem of all. He was the first to be baptised in the Chapel after its restoration in 1865. As local preacher, and Sunday School Teacher he has rendered valuable service for many years. His connection with the work at Glusburn has already been referred to.

*Mr. James, Clough, senr.*, our Church Secretary, has from his earliest years been connected with the Church. He was baptised in 1866, and has filled the offices of Superintendent, Sunday School Secretary, Teacher, and has been a faithful member of the Mutual Improvement Society, which he was amongst the first to join. He has served the Church with great fidelity.

*Sir John C. Horsfall* is pre-eminently "a man of affairs," but, notwithstanding the pressing claims of his public duties as Chairman of the West Riding County Council, Magistrate, etc.,







and the exacting calls of business life he has identified himself with the Church's interests and devotes considerable time in furthering its projects. We have in the course of this history referred again and again to his generous gifts to the Church, and we can truly say "as for his bounty, there is no winter in't, an autumn 'tis that grows the more with reaping." For many years he was teacher of the Men's Bible Class and for two and a half years in earlier days filled the post of Sunday School Secretary. He is treasurer of Rawdon College; a member of the Baptist Union Council; a member of the Baptist Missionary Society's Committee; and in 1899 was President of the Yorkshire Baptist Association; and for some years was treasurer of the Building and Extension Fund; and is now treasurer of the Loan Fund, being successor of the late D. J. Crossley, Esq., in which capacity he has rendered invaluable service.

*Mr. Rowland H. Greenwood* joined the Church in 1866 and has been one of its most earnest adherents. He has filled the office of Superintendent and was for some time a Sunday School Teacher and Member of the Choir. He is Treasurer of the Poor Fund.

*Mr. Edward Hargreaves* fills the important position of Church Treasurer and by his practical ability renders great service





on the Building Committee. He is deeply interested in the cause of Missions and was for some time Missionary Secretary. The spiritual welfare of the Church lies near his heart, and he is a regular attendant at the week-night service. He has filled the office of Sunday School Secretary for periods amounting to ten years and has also been a Teacher.

*Mr. H. R. Thomas* is beloved by all and renders willing service in every department of the Church's work. He is our Missionary Secretary, a Vice-President of the Mutual Improvement Society, and a teacher at Glusburn.

*Mr. Fred Davy* was baptised in the memorable year 1882 and was one of the fruits of the great revival. His zeal is unabated and as Superintendent and Sunday School Teacher he has served the Church.

*Mr. Hartley Hargreaves* also joined the Church in 1882, and his work as Superintendent of the Sunday School has already been mentioned. He is one of the most earnest supporters at our meetings for prayer.







## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Four times in its history the Church at Sutton has entertained the Yorkshire Baptist Association at its Whitsuntide Assemblies,— in 1836, 1866, 1888 and 1905.

Its Pastor, the Rev. Jonathan David Marsh, was Moderator when the Association Meetings were held here in 1836 and the Rev. J. Crook wrote the Circular Letters. (In later years the term "Moderator" was exchanged for "President" and the "Circular Letter" gave place to the "Presidential Address.") Our oldest member, Mrs. Ferguson, was a girl of eleven years of age at this time and distinctly remembers these meetings, which were an event in the Church's history.

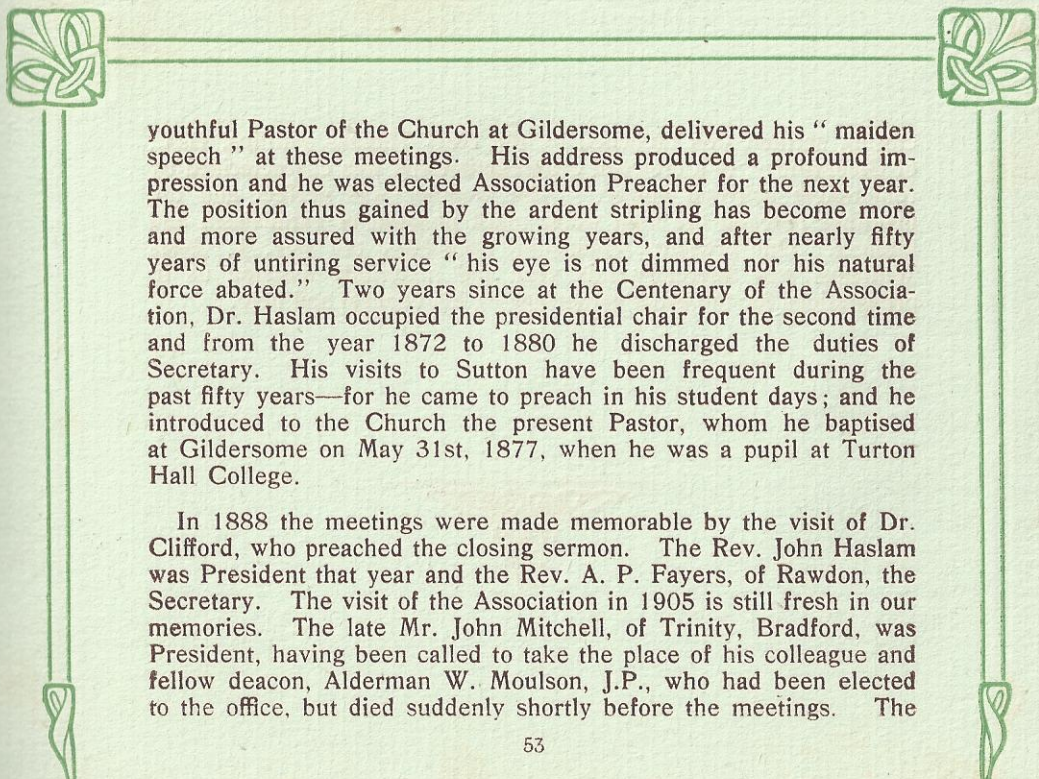
When the Association next met at Sutton in 1866, its Pastor was again chosen Moderator, the Rev. W. E. Archer filling the office. Amongst the preachers was Dr. Acworth, President of Rawdon College; and the Rev. J. P. Chown, of Bradford, wrote the Circular Letter on "The witness of the Spirit in the heart of Believers." The Rev. John Hanson, formerly assistant to Rev. Wm. Fawcett, at Sutton, was the Association Secretary this year. It is noteworthy that the Rev. John Haslam, D.D., of Harrogate, then the



**SIR JOHN C. HORSFALL, BART.**

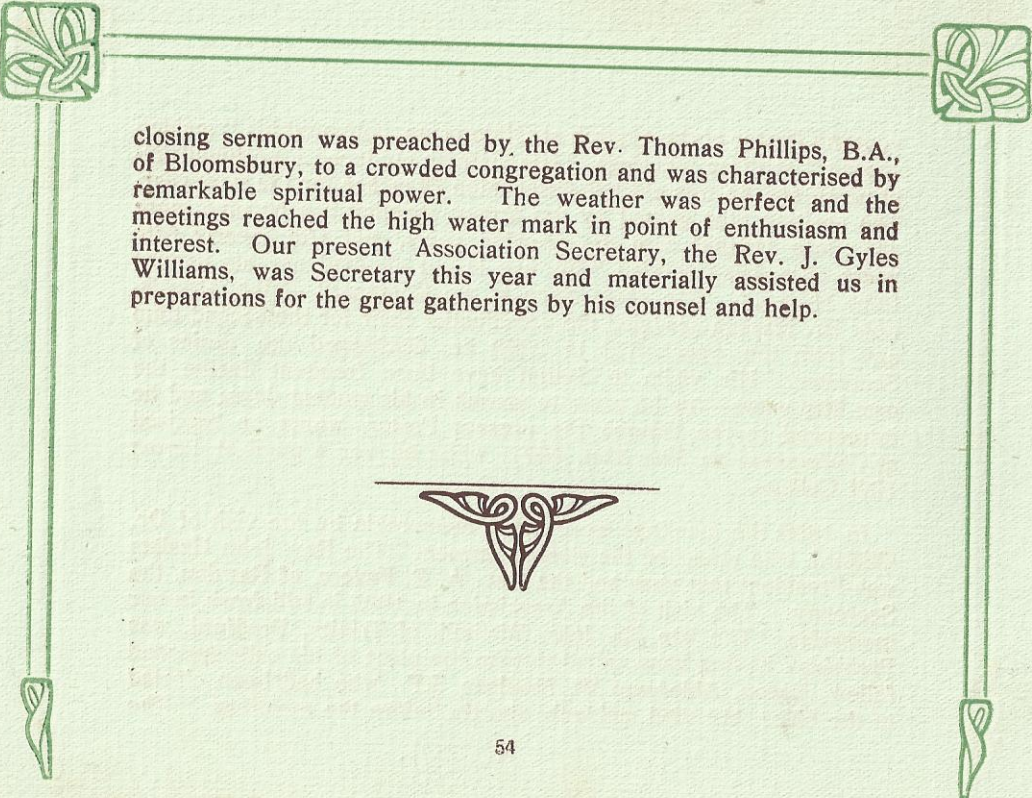
Founder of the Glusburn Institute.





youthful Pastor of the Church at Gildersome, delivered his "maiden speech" at these meetings. His address produced a profound impression and he was elected Association Preacher for the next year. The position thus gained by the ardent stripling has become more and more assured with the growing years, and after nearly fifty years of untiring service "his eye is not dimmed nor his natural force abated." Two years since at the Centenary of the Association, Dr. Haslam occupied the presidential chair for the second time and from the year 1872 to 1880 he discharged the duties of Secretary. His visits to Sutton have been frequent during the past fifty years—for he came to preach in his student days; and he introduced to the Church the present Pastor, whom he baptised at Gildersome on May 31st, 1877, when he was a pupil at Turton Hall College.

In 1888 the meetings were made memorable by the visit of Dr. Clifford, who preached the closing sermon. The Rev. John Haslam was President that year and the Rev. A. P. Fayers, of Rawdon, the Secretary. The visit of the Association in 1905 is still fresh in our memories. The late Mr. John Mitchell, of Trinity, Bradford, was President, having been called to take the place of his colleague and fellow deacon, Alderman W. Moulson, J.P., who had been elected to the office, but died suddenly shortly before the meetings. The



closing sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Phillips, B.A., of Bloomsbury, to a crowded congregation and was characterised by remarkable spiritual power. The weather was perfect and the meetings reached the high water mark in point of enthusiasm and interest. Our present Association Secretary, the Rev. J. Gyles Williams, was Secretary this year and materially assisted us in preparations for the great gatherings by his counsel and help.







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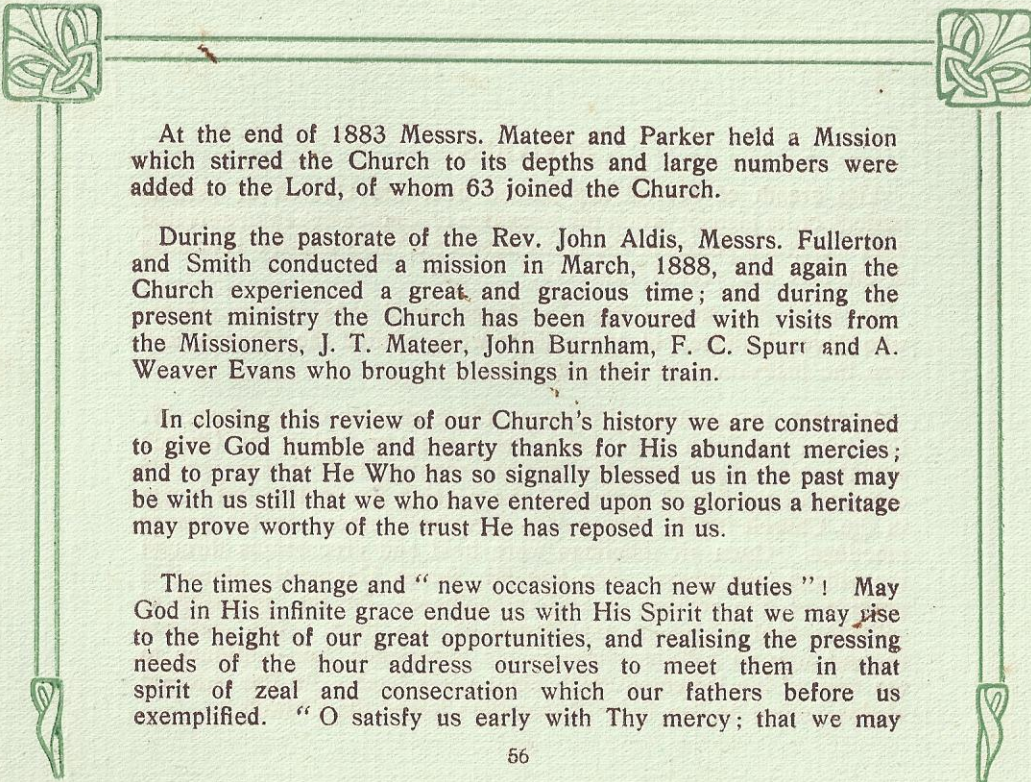
## REVIVALS.

The breath of revival has passed over the Church at various periods of its history, when the presence of God has been manifested with wondrous power in the conversion of sinners and the renewing of the love and zeal of believers.

In 1866 Mr. Robert Steel, a Scotsman of independent means, who devoted himself to evangelistic work, visited the Church, and was the instrument of much blessing.

In 1881, in the interval between the pastorates of the Revs. W. E. Archer and John Aldis, there was a great revival in the Church and the charm of it was its absolute spontaneity. It was not the outcome of the fervid appeals of the passing Evangelist, but began in the Church itself. There was a revived interest in the prayer meetings. Open air meetings were held and processions through the village took place. The late Mr. James Thompson, himself a product of the revival, is still remembered for the intensity of religious zeal which he manifested at this time. His spiritual fervour was no passing phase in his experience, but continued to the time of his lamented death eight years later. As the outcome of this revival no less than 78 members joined the Church.





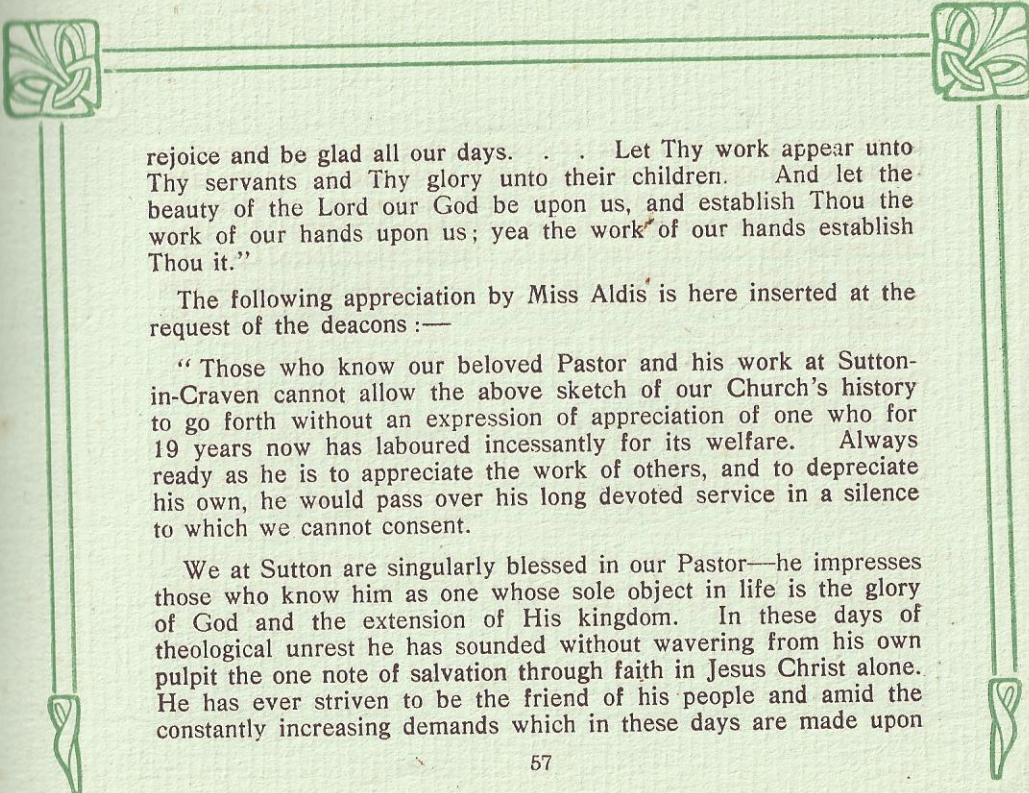
At the end of 1883 Messrs. Mateer and Parker held a Mission which stirred the Church to its depths and large numbers were added to the Lord, of whom 63 joined the Church.

During the pastorate of the Rev. John Aldis, Messrs. Fullerton and Smith conducted a mission in March, 1888, and again the Church experienced a great and gracious time; and during the present ministry the Church has been favoured with visits from the Missioners, J. T. Mateer, John Burnham, F. C. Spurr and A. Weaver Evans who brought blessings in their train.

In closing this review of our Church's history we are constrained to give God humble and hearty thanks for His abundant mercies; and to pray that He Who has so signally blessed us in the past may be with us still that we who have entered upon so glorious a heritage may prove worthy of the trust He has reposed in us.

The times change and "new occasions teach new duties"! May God in His infinite grace endue us with His Spirit that we may rise to the height of our great opportunities, and realising the pressing needs of the hour address ourselves to meet them in that spirit of zeal and consecration which our fathers before us exemplified. "O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may





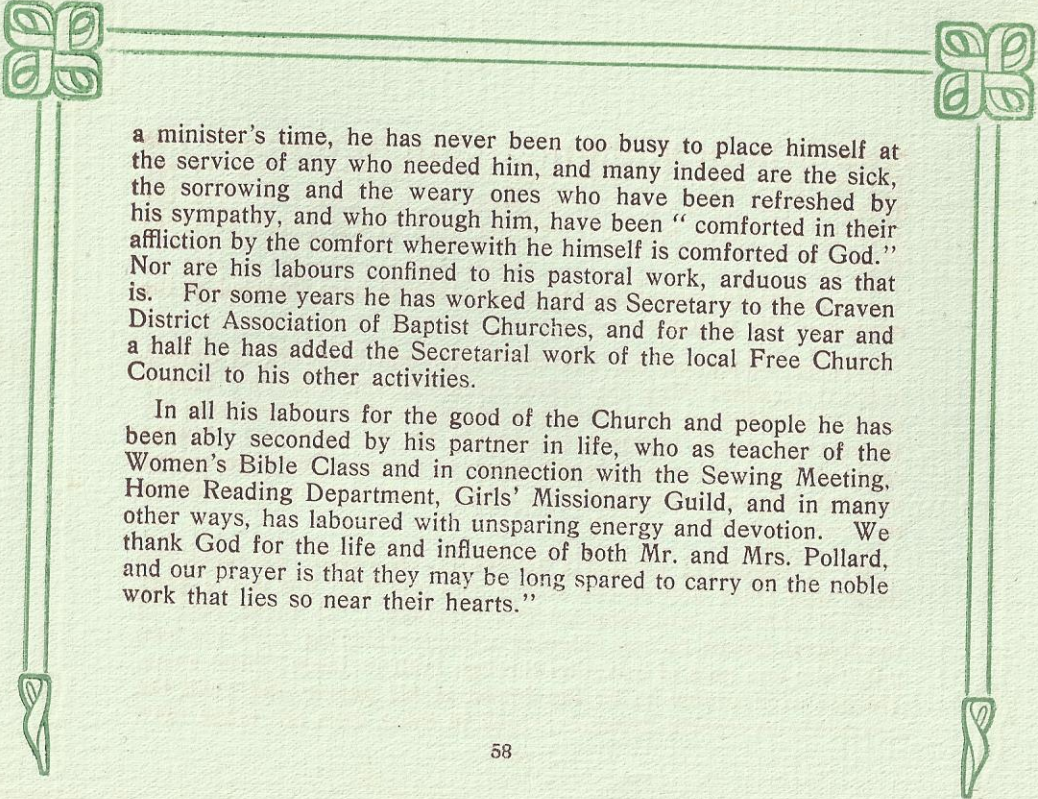
rejoice and be glad all our days. . . . Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish Thou it."

The following appreciation by Miss Aldis is here inserted at the request of the deacons:—

"Those who know our beloved Pastor and his work at Sutton-in-Craven cannot allow the above sketch of our Church's history to go forth without an expression of appreciation of one who for 19 years now has laboured incessantly for its welfare. Always ready as he is to appreciate the work of others, and to depreciate his own, he would pass over his long devoted service in a silence to which we cannot consent.

We at Sutton are singularly blessed in our Pastor—he impresses those who know him as one whose sole object in life is the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom. In these days of theological unrest he has sounded without wavering from his own pulpit the one note of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone. He has ever striven to be the friend of his people and amid the constantly increasing demands which in these days are made upon





a minister's time, he has never been too busy to place himself at the service of any who needed him, and many indeed are the sick, the sorrowing and the weary ones who have been refreshed by his sympathy, and who through him, have been " comforted in their affliction by the comfort wherewith he himself is comforted of God." Nor are his labours confined to his pastoral work, arduous as that is. For some years he has worked hard as Secretary to the Craven District Association of Baptist Churches, and for the last year and a half he has added the Secretarial work of the local Free Church Council to his other activities.

In all his labours for the good of the Church and people he has been ably seconded by his partner in life, who as teacher of the Women's Bible Class and in connection with the Sewing Meeting, Home Reading Department, Girls' Missionary Guild, and in many other ways, has laboured with unsparing energy and devotion. We thank God for the life and influence of both Mr. and Mrs. Pollard, and our prayer is that they may be long spared to carry on the noble work that lies so near their hearts."





## Appendix

[The following is a copy of the Church Covenant, entered into in the year 1780, which has usually been signed by those who have since joined the Church, and which is commended to you as an excellent summary of the motives and resolves with which you should commence your membership. But your signing it is not intended to be a burden or snare to your conscience, if you do not find that in every particular its provisions apply in your case, or can be carried out by you. Your signature is only taken to imply general concurrence, and the sincere endeavour, as the Lord shall enable you to exemplify it in your life.]

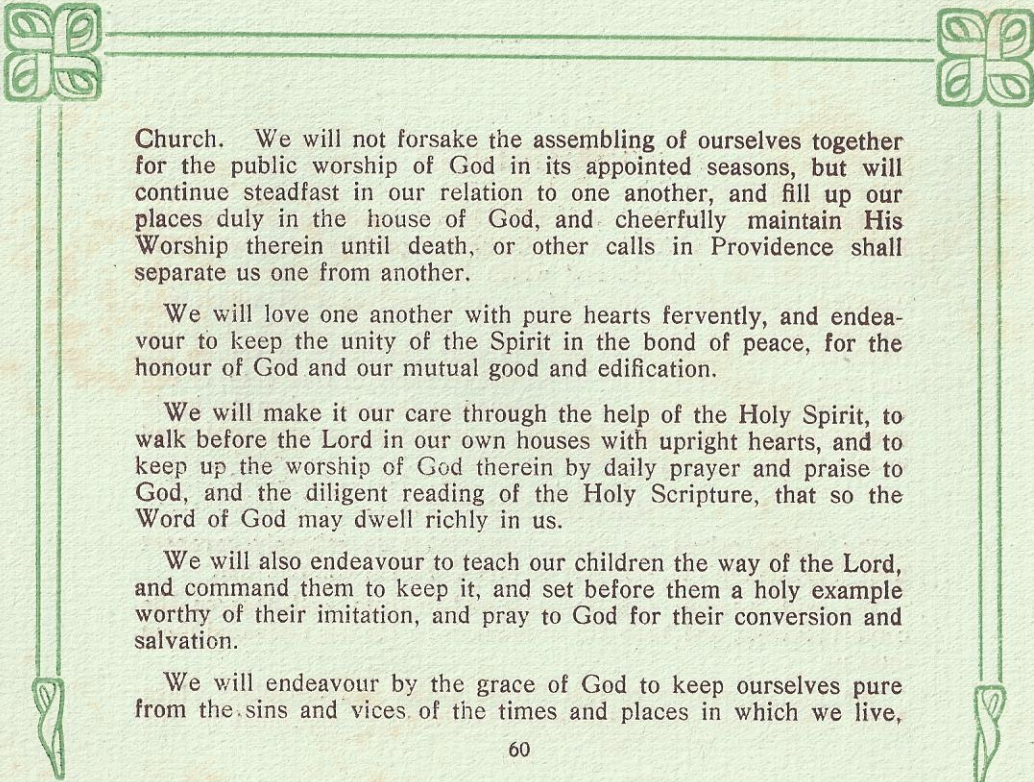
### CHURCH COVENANT—

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do solemnly covenant with God, and in the presence of this Christian Church, that

We will worship God in spirit and in truth, and observe His commandments, and keep His ordinances as He has delivered them unto us.

We will be subject to that Divine Order and discipline which Jesus Christ our only King and Lawgiver has appointed in His





Church. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for the public worship of God in its appointed seasons, but will continue steadfast in our relation to one another, and fill up our places duly in the house of God, and cheerfully maintain His Worship therein until death, or other calls in Providence shall separate us one from another.

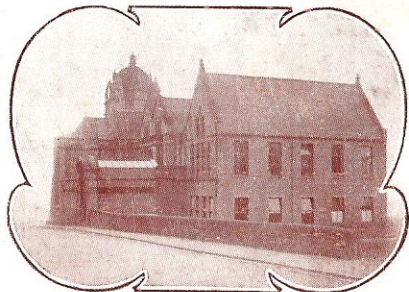
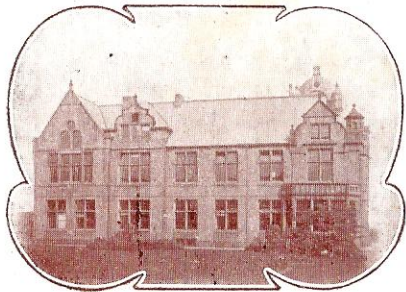
We will love one another with pure hearts fervently, and endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, for the honour of God and our mutual good and edification.

We will make it our care through the help of the Holy Spirit, to walk before the Lord in our own houses with upright hearts, and to keep up the worship of God therein by daily prayer and praise to God, and the diligent reading of the Holy Scripture, that so the Word of God may dwell richly in us.

We will also endeavour to teach our children the way of the Lord, and command them to keep it, and set before them a holy example worthy of their imitation, and pray to God for their conversion and salvation.

We will endeavour by the grace of God to keep ourselves pure from the sins and vices of the times and places in which we live,





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that so none may have occasion given by our unholy lives to speak evil of God's holy ways.

And we will observe all these things under an abiding sense that we must shortly give up our account to Him Who is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

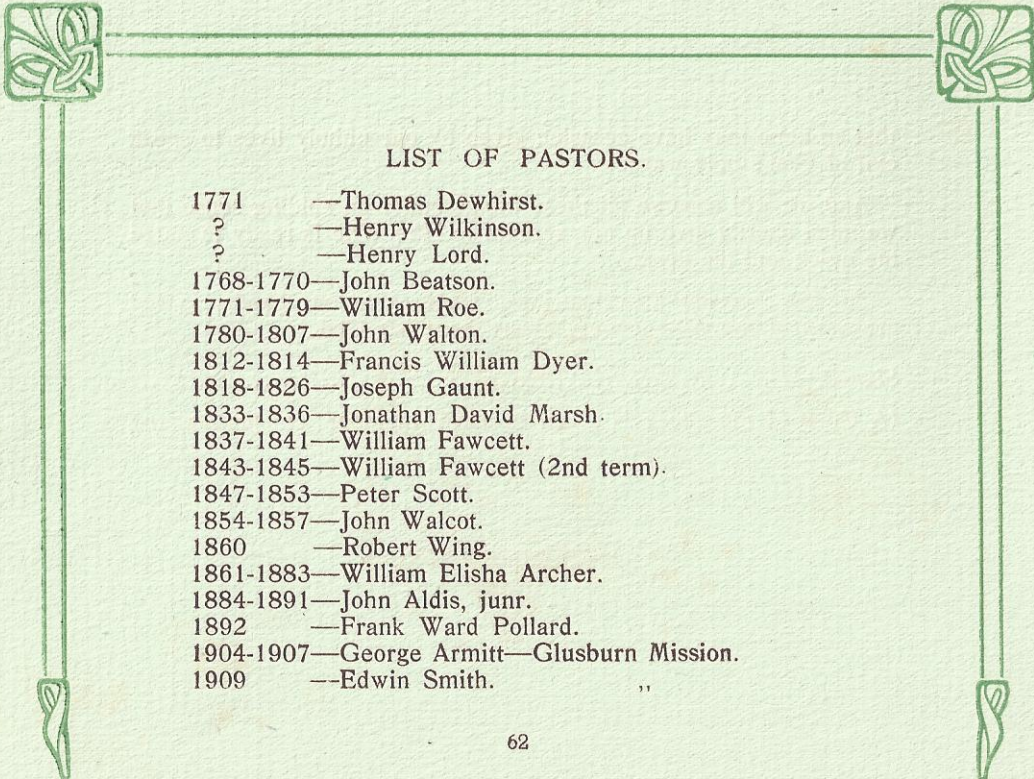
To this solemn Covenant we freely give our hands, in the presence of the All-knowing, Heart-searching God.

*Signed,* .....

(A Copy of the above is given to each member on joining the Church).







LIST OF PASTORS.

- 1771 —Thomas Dewhirst.  
? —Henry Wilkinson.  
? —Henry Lord.  
1768-1770—John Beatson.  
1771-1779—William Roe.  
1780-1807—John Walton.  
1812-1814—Francis William Dyer.  
1818-1826—Joseph Gaunt.  
1833-1836—Jonathan David Marsh.  
1837-1841—William Fawcett.  
1843-1845—William Fawcett (2nd term).  
1847-1853—Peter Scott.  
1854-1857—John Walcot.  
1860 —Robert Wing.  
1861-1883—William Elisha Archer.  
1884-1891—John Aldis, junr.  
1892 —Frank Ward Pollard.  
1904-1907—George Armitt—Glusburn Mission.  
1909 —Edwin Smith.                   ,,



### TRUSTEES.

Sir John C. Horsfall, Bart.

Mr. Robert Green.

Mr. R. H. Greenwood.

Mr. E. Hargreaves.

Mr. F. J. Wilson.

Mr. James Clough, senr.

Mr. Carey Smith.

Mr. W. C. Wilson.

Mr. H. W. Laycock.

Mr. Robert Riley.

### CHURCH OFFICERS.

*Pastor*—Rev. F. W. Pollard.

*Co-Pastor*—Rev. Edwin Smith.







DEACONS.

(Arranged according to term of service).

Mr. Carey Smith.  
Mr. James Clough, senr.  
Sir John C. Horsfall, Bart.  
Mr. Rowland Hill Greenwood.  
Mr. Edward Hargreaves.  
Mr. Henry R. Thomas.  
Mr. Fred Davy.  
Mr. Hartley Hargreaves.  
*Secretary*—Mr. James Clough, senr.  
*Treasurer*—Mr. Edward Hargreaves.  
*Missionary Secretary*—Mr. H. R. Thomas.  
*Assistant Ditto* —Mr. Hardy Barrett.  
*Pew Secretaries.*—Mr. William Laycock.  
Mr. Fred Wilson.  
Mr. Albert Clough, senr.  
*Home Mission Collectors*—Mrs. Henry W. Laycock.  
Miss S. Laycock.  
*Choir Master*—Mr. Joseph Overend.  
*Organist*—Mr. Jos. Petty.  
*Caretaker*—Mr. W. Raistrick.



SUTTON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*Superintendents*—Mr. Hartley Hargreaves.  
Mr. Edwin Harrison.  
Mr. W. D. Brierley.

Junior Department—Mr. Smith Clough.  
Miss Alice Midgley.

Primary Department—Miss Maggie Whitaker.

*Secretaries*—Mr. J. W. Ferguson.  
Mr. H. Brierley.  
Mr. John C. Midgley.



*Treasurer*—Mr. C. G. Bancroft.

No. of Scholars ..... 453

„ Teachers ..... 81

Of whom 62 are Members of the Church.





PAST AND PRESENT SUPERINTENDENTS AND  
SECRETARIES OF SUTTON BAPTIST S.S.

*SUPERINTENDENTS.*

JOHN PARKINSON—

In Church and School 40 years, but exact date of service  
unknown.

SAMUEL BAIRSTOW—

1854 to October, 1861 ..... 7 years.

COLLEY SMITH—

June, 1869 to April, 1878

June, 1882, to June, 1887 ..... 14 years.

JOHN CLOUGH—

June, 1872, to June 1874.

April, 1875, to June, 1900

July, 1902, to June, 1905.

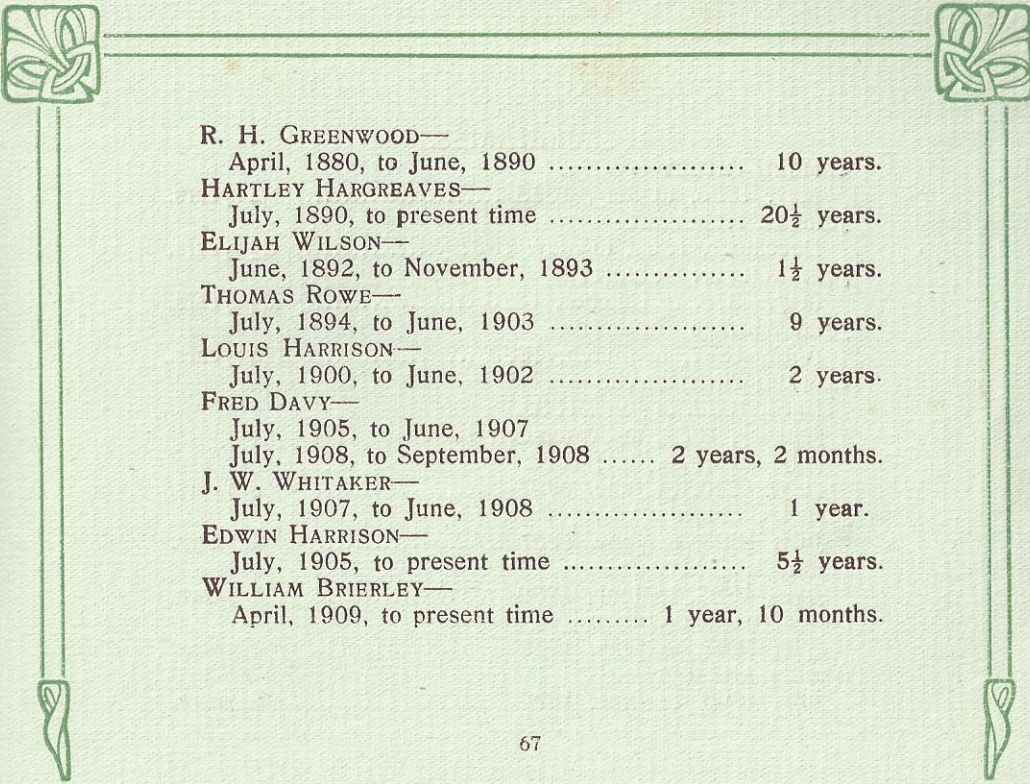
September, 1908, to March, 1909 ..... 30½ years.

JAMES CLOUGH—

April, 1878, to June, 1882

July, 1887, to June, 1892

July, 1903, to June, 1905 ..... 11 years.



R. H. GREENWOOD—	
April, 1880, to June, 1890 .....	10 years.
HARTLEY HARGREAVES—	
July, 1890, to present time .....	20½ years.
ELIJAH WILSON—	
June, 1892, to November, 1893 .....	1½ years.
THOMAS ROWE—	
July, 1894, to June, 1903 .....	9 years.
LOUIS HARRISON—	
July, 1900, to June, 1902 .....	2 years.
FRED DAVY—	
July, 1905, to June, 1907	
July, 1908, to September, 1908 .....	2 years, 2 months.
J. W. WHITAKER—	
July, 1907, to June, 1908 .....	1 year.
EDWIN HARRISON—	
July, 1905, to present time .....	5½ years.
WILLIAM BRIERLEY—	
April, 1909, to present time .....	1 year, 10 months.



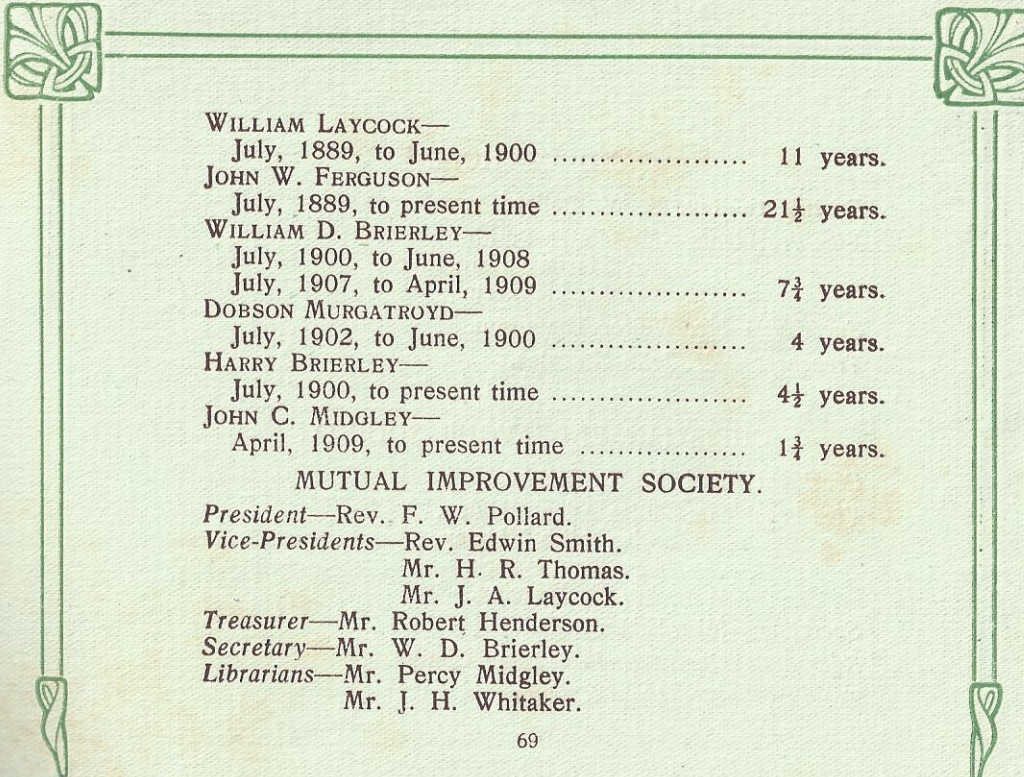
## SECRETARIES.

SAMUEL TETLEY—	
May, 1856, to May, 1858 .....	2 years.
JOHN C. HORSFALL—	
December, 1864, to May, 1867 .....	2½ years.
JOHN WILSON DUCKETT—	
May, 1870, to October, 1876 .....	6½ years.
JOHN WALTER MIDGLEY—	
April, 1877, to March, 1882 .....	5 years.
EDWARD HARGREAVES—	
April, 1882, to June, 1883	
January, 1884, to September, 1884	
July, 1894, to June, 1902	
July, 1906, to June, 1907 .....	10 years.
JAMES CLOUGH—	
July, 1883, to June, 1887 .....	4 years.
HENRY W. LAYCOCK—	
June, 1885, to June, 1889 .....	4 years.
HERBERT MURGATROYD—	
July, 1887, to June, 1889 .....	2 years.
ALBERT CLOUGH—	
July, 1888, to June, 1894 .....	6 years.



THE CHOIR





WILLIAM LAYCOCK— July, 1889, to June, 1900 .....	11 years.
JOHN W. FERGUSON— July, 1889, to present time .....	21½ years.
WILLIAM D. BRIERLEY— July, 1900, to June, 1908 July, 1907, to April, 1909 .....	7¾ years.
DOBSON MURGATROYD— July, 1902, to June, 1900 .....	4 years.
HARRY BRIERLEY— July, 1900, to present time .....	4½ years.
JOHN C. MIDGLEY— April, 1909, to present time .....	1¾ years.

#### MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

*President*—Rev. F. W. Pollard.

*Vice-Presidents*—Rev. Edwin Smith.  
Mr. H. R. Thomas.  
Mr. J. A. Laycock.

*Treasurer*—Mr. Robert Henderson.

*Secretary*—Mr. W. D. Brierley.

*Librarians*—Mr. Percy Midgley.  
Mr. J. H. Whitaker.



BAND OF HOPE.

*President*—Rev. F. W. Pollard.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mr. Peter Smith.  
Mr. Hartley Hargreaves.  
Mr. Fred Barrett.

*Secretary*—Mr. Walter Thompson.

*Treasurer*—Mr. John Knowles.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

*President*—Rev. F. W. Pollard.

*Vice-Presidents*—Miss Alice Midgley.  
Miss Edith Midgley.  
Mr. W. Laycock.  
Mr. E. Worsley.

*Secretary*—Miss E. Laycock.

*Recording Secretary*—Miss Elsie Clough.

*Treasurer*—Mr. Alvin Clough.





GLUSBURN MISSION HALL.

*Pastor*—Rev. E. Smith.

*Treasurer*—Mr. T. Chatterton.

*Secretary*—Mr. T. Barrett.

*Missionary Secretary*—Mr. John Hartley Smith.

*Representative on Institute Council*—Mr. Benj. Stell.

*Choir Master*—Mr. Smith Overend.

*Harmoniumists*—Miss Edith Aldis.  
Miss Sturdy.  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*Superintendents*—Mr Tom Chatterton.

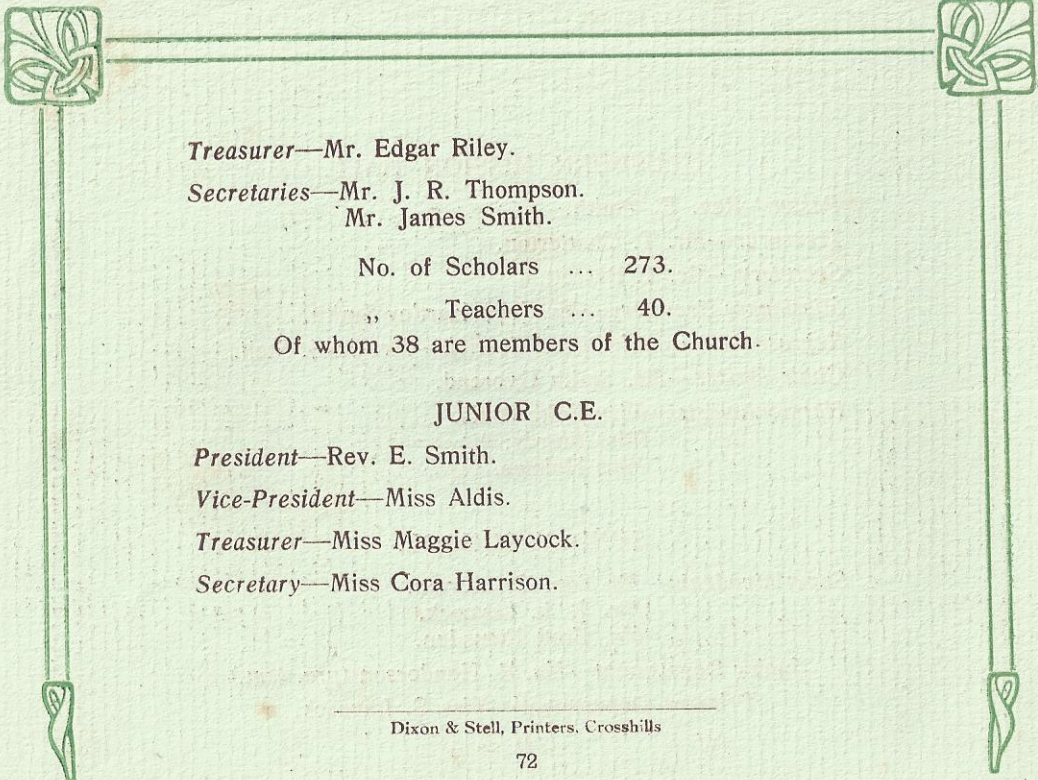
Mr. J. A. Laycock.

Mr. Fred Ramsden.

Junior Department—Mr. R. Henderson (*pro. tem.*)

Primary Department—Miss S. Laycock.





*Treasurer*—Mr. Edgar Riley.

*Secretaries*—Mr. J. R. Thompson.  
Mr. James Smith.

No. of Scholars ... 273.

„ Teachers ... 40.

Of whom 38 are members of the Church.

#### JUNIOR C.E.

*President*—Rev. E. Smith.

*Vice-President*—Miss Aldis.

*Treasurer*—Miss Maggie Laycock.

*Secretary*—Miss Cora Harrison.





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