

THE METHODIST OUTLOOK.

HOLY BAPTISM :

"Suffer the little Children to come unto me."

Kenneth John, son of Thomas and Ivy May
Martin of New House Road, Canterbury.

BIRTHDAY SHILLING FUND.

Hearty Birthday Greetings to our
November Members.—Mrs. Carpenter,
Miss L. Spickett, Miss Rose Spickett,
Master S. Stapleton, Mr. H. Waters,
Mrs. E. Knight, Master John Phipps,
Mrs. Matson.

E. J. S.

BAPTISMS AT HERSDEN.

"He took them up in His Arms and blest them."

September 2nd—Nancy Florence, daughter of
Victor and Florence Coleman, born July 12th.

September 14th—Margaret, daughter of Oliver
and Annie Lawrence, born September 9th.

HERSDEN.

THE WESLEY GUILD.

We commenced our Guild for the Winter
Session on Thursday, October 11th, when our
President gave us a challenging message on "The
Luggage of Life." Mr. T. Johnson was Chairman,
and Mrs. Jones rendered a solo; other Guilders
taking part during the evening. We made a great
start and are looking forward to having a
great Session.

On Thursday, October 18th, we enjoyed the
first Social, Mr. G. Thomas acted as M.C., and a
real happy time was spent, about forty being
present.

A. J. H.

NEW HOUSE ROAD (Cottage Service)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving was held
at New House Road, Canterbury, on Sunday
evening, September 30th. Mr. E. Knight of Grove,
conducted the Service and gave an interesting and
inspiring address, taking as his text: "Branches of
palm trees and willows of the brook," Leviticus
xxiii, v. 40. Mr. Knight commenced his address by

referring to the olden times when it was customary
for a harvest festival to be held over a period of
seven days, and the people brought among other
things, branches of palm trees and willows of the
brook, as a thank-offering to God. He went on to
say that his text was symbolical of the two aspects
of life. The palm, tall, graceful, and upright to the
sun, representative of days of success and victory,
and the willow, drooping and weeping as it were by
the brook, standing for days of failure, sorrow and
disappointment, and yet, said Mr. Knight, the
people of old brought both the palm and the willow,
and rejoiced before the Lord. Our lives are not
all alike continued the speaker, but you will find the
palm and the willow together in the lives of every-
one. Nowadays he said we are apt to bring only
the very best things we possess to God, but we
should also give thanks for the simpler things,
bearing in mind that God bestows them all. In life
we find gladness and sorrow, and we should bring
them both to God in a spirit of thankfulness.
There may be those of you, said the speaker, who
have had more willow than palm in your lives, but
I can assure you that better days are in store—in
the Land of the palm on the other side of the
border where there is no room for the willow, no
sorrow, and no defeats, but where everyone will be
conquerors, holding palms of victory in their hands.
Whatever our life has been in the past, Mr. Knight
concluded, there is the future on before with the
best still to come. The Service was well attended,
and was notable for the variety of fruit, flowers and
vegetables which had been tastefully arranged
for the occasion.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were
continued on Tuesday Evening, October 2nd, the
Preacher being Mr. E. Baldock from Canterbury.
He took for his text John xii, v. xxiv. "Verily,
verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall
into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it
die it bringeth forth much fruit. Mr. Baldock
based his remarks on the giving up of life to save it,
and of how Christ gave His life to save us, and of
our Lord using the common things in life to get the
people to understand what He meant.

Both the Services were well attended, and we
were glad to have both Mr. Knight and Mr. Baldock
with us again as they were amongst the first to
volunteer to help us in our cause here. At the
close of the Service Mr. W. J. Boughton kindly
acted as salesman and very ably disposed of the
goods, so that our Building Fund benefited to
the sum of £1/14/9. The Service concluded
with the singing of the Doxology.

E. R. B.

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RECOGNITION SERVICE.

The Local Preachers' Public Recognition Service was held on Sunday, October 21st, following the Evening Service and was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Nightingale and Rev. Morley Waite, many of the evening congregation remaining for the Service. Nearly every Local Preacher was present, five of whom were publicly recognized—Bros. W. J. Galvin, W. H. Beer, E. Harlow, A. R. Benefield, A. W. Burkitt. Rev. W. Morley Waite led the opening devotions and Bro. F. D. Randerson read the passages of scripture. The Ministers of the Circuit extended to each of the candidates the right hand of fellowship, and the President's Letter was read by the Secretary, a copy of which every Local Preacher receives, after which Rev. A. E. Nightingale delivered a brief but inspiring and helpful address charging each to be steadfast and loyal to their place and office to which God had called them. Bro. W. J. Hazelden, Senr. closed with prayer.

W. F. H.

CANTERBURY WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding of unusual interest was seen at our St. Peter's Street Church on Sept. 20th, the participants being Mr. W. J. Boughton, a well-known Local Preacher, and Miss D. M. Austen, A.L.C.M., well-known and loved by the folks at our Church at Chartham where she has so faithfully worked for a number of years. The three Bridesmaids were Miss Lilian Austen, Miss Lilian Boughton and Miss Joan Rook. Mr. Ernest Brook ably acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by our well-known friend and Minister, Rev. W. S. Liddle, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Nightingale. The service was fully choral; the hymns being: "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O Perfect Love." Mr. A. E. Pembry presided at the organ and rendered Lohengrin's Bridal March as the bride entered the Church on the arm of her father, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the Bride and Bridegroom left the Church. So dense was the crowd, that the couple had difficulty in reaching the waiting car that was to convey them to Gaywood's rooms, where a largely attended reception was held, excellently catered for by Mr. J. Long of the Savoy Cafe. After which the happy couple left for Eastbourne. The couple were the recipients of many useful gifts among them being a chiming oak dining room clock from the Teachers, Scholars and Friends of our Chartham Church, also a very handsome bevelled mirror from the friends of the Congregational Church, Littlebourne, which was presented to them the previous Sunday.

M. A. Y.

THE GUILD.

We would like to congratulate our young friends on the splendid performance of the Missionary Play, "Shirusuno" given by them on Thursday, October 11th. Great care must have been taken in selecting the caste, each performer being specially adapted for their own particular part; result being a most delightful and instructive evening, and adding considerably to the Missionary Funds. We would not forget those who worked so hard behind the scenes; but thanks to Mr. H. Stone, Mr. G. Howard, and Mr. S. Austen who kindly helped with the lighting.

Well-done Guilders!

This Play was repeated at Hersden on Thursday, October 25th, with great success. It will also be repeated at the Salvation Army Hall on Tuesday, November 13th.

Story of a Hymn Writer.

Many readers will know of the contributions of tunes to the New Hymn Book, made by George Clement Martin at one time organist of St. Paul's Cathedral. But few will know that George Martin as a boy was associated with the Methodist Chapel at Lambourne in the Newbury Circuit. George was the son of a local barber who attended the Methodist place of worship, and he amused himself by drumming out tunes on a very ancient "box of whistles" that was on the premises. It happened however that a stranger heard George, and at once suggested the advisability of putting him under proper instruction. This was done, and years after he became Organist of St. Paul's. But he never forgot "the base degrees by which he did ascend" and every year the Lambourne Society had a red-letter day, when Sir G. C. Martin paid his annual visit and played again the little box of whistles. There is no brass plate or tablet erected in the Lambourne Methodist Chapel, to commemorate the fact but the Anglican Church hard by, have perpetuated the memory of Sir George's local association and are proud of the fact. Perhaps this piece of local history will help us when we sing Holy Faith 548, Compton 31, and Chilton Foliat 872.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

"Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Mr. W. J. Boughton to Miss Doris Austin at St. Peter's on September 19th by Rev. W. S. Liddle.

Mr. Sidney G. Pitch to Miss Hilda Miles at St. Peter's on September 29th by Rev. A. E. Nightingale.