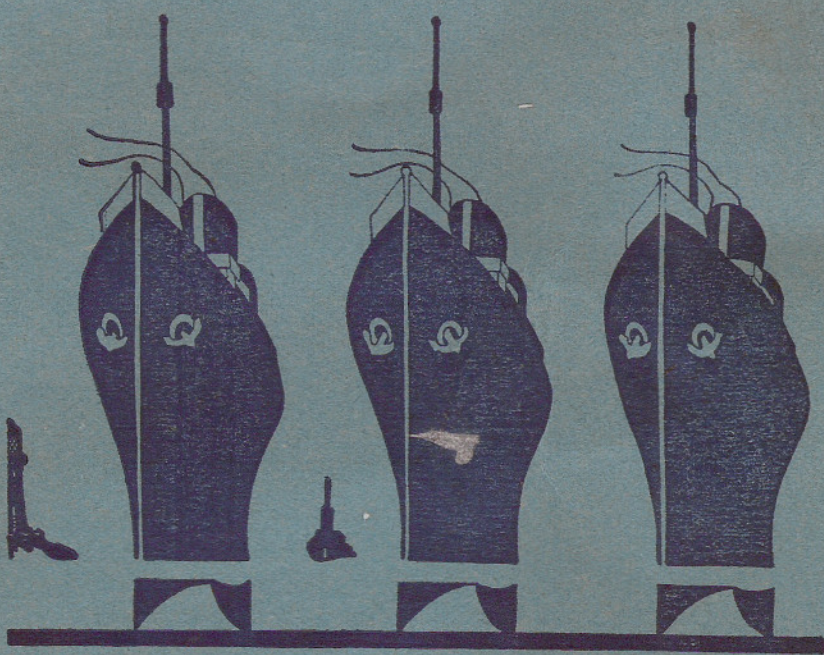


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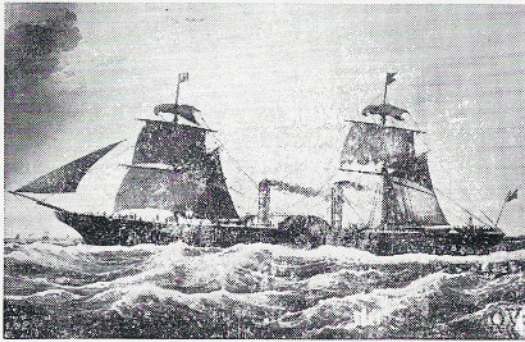
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An Allegory . . .

THE Dictionary describes such as being "a description of one thing under the image of another." We invite you therefore to follow the exciting adventures of those who "sailed the seas" for over 100 years.

Enterprising Journey . . .

"She's moving, she's moving!" Such cries have often been heard as some 20 or 30,000 ton modern liner has moved down the slipway at her launching.....In this brief sketch I would like to tell you of a great enterprise launched over 100 years ago....and of how the ship was recalled, as it were, for re-fit and modernisation on three distinct occasions...and of great service rendered down the years.



"Persia" 1856, first iron-built mail Cunarder carried a spread of canvas and retained the clipper bow.

"s.s. Sodhouse Green"

The Launching took place in 1848, with a crew of 33. The vessel was a humble craft but, when the storms came, proved remarkably seaworthy. In 1857 a terrible gale blew up and the call "abandon ship" was given. A skeleton crew remained however and by their bravery and faith and fortitude, the ship was saved and plans made to build a bigger, finer and stronger vessel.

In 1869 2000 yards of land were purchased for £420. These were men and women of vision and daring who were not afraid to act in faith, and by 1889 they cleared off the debt of £2,500 (how much to-day?)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HISTORICAL SKETCH.

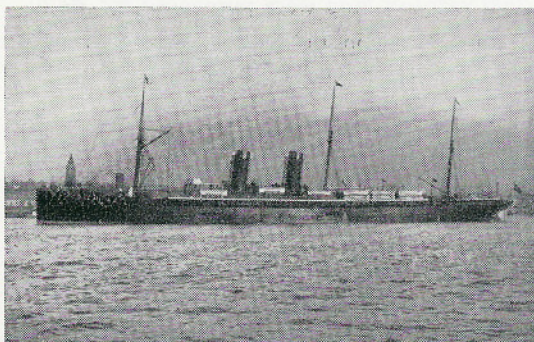
“THE Beginning of the LEE MOUNT BAPTIST cause is surrounded with some mysteries we should like to penetrate, but must leave since there is no record. It was at first styled ‘The General Baptist Lord’s Day School’ and established 30th November, 1845. The first meeting place was a cottage, later in two cottages at Sod House Green and Shay Lane, Ovenden.

No record is preserved of these earliest days and so far as we know no one is living who could the tale unfold! The first recorded minutes we possess are dated the 1st July, 1849. Seven resolutions were adopted, and we think the arey worthy of inclusion.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

1. Jacob Moore, Shaw Hill, Treasurer.
2. Thomas Murgatroyd, New Town, Secretary.
3. Richard Horsfall, Nursery Lane, to light the fires, for which he is to have a collection every three months.
4. Henry Cockroft, Superintendent, this office to be held for three months.
5. Susan Marshall, Nancy Pollard, Female Visitors.
6. Zeckariah Greenwood, James Clegg (Jr.) Male visitors.
7. John and Thomas Clegg are appointed to visit all our teachers who do not attend and request them to fill up their places.

These eight men and two women became therefore the first known pioneers of a Sunday School that for more than 70 years has been a scene of grand and devoted sacrifice by men and women who for the most part have been of lowly origin, taking their place in the ranks of the toilers for bread, giving evidence of their lack of education and the skill of learning, but endowed with what perhaps was of higher worth: possessing big souls, a conviction that must find expression, and vision sufficient to carry them over very great and disheartening difficulties. To us they seem to belong to the true nobility of this world.”



"Etruria" 1884, one of the record breakers of the 80s.

"s.s. Lee Mount I"

This was a more spacious craft with a crew of 134, with plenty of room for others. Indeed the vessel prospered in her work to the extent that she was able to become a vessel in her own right after careful and helpful guidance by the sponsors at North Parade.

The "ship" continued to prosper in her journeyings, so that before many years had past the foresight and vision of her owners led them to think in terms of an even bigger and finer vessel.

Sailing vessels were all right for the 16th or 17th centuries but the steamship was the ship for the 19th century, and these noble, deep-thinking, enterprising, wide-eyed folk were moving with the times, and God blessed them!

What deep-thinking people they are who plan well ahead and foresee the needs of the future. Thus it was that in 1897 plans were put in hand to build the finest vessel yet, to meet the needs of the growing number of "travellers" and to be suitable for advance into the 20th centuryand so we come to—

LEE MOUNT BAPTIST CHAPEL
FORMATION OF A CHURCH
ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15th, 1892.

Service & Lord's Supper 2-30

Rev. W. GRAY OF HALIFAX (formerly of Birchcliffe)
will take charge of the Afternoon Service.

A STATEMENT will be made on behalf of the Lee Mount
friends by Mr. J. H. HOOSON.

Rev. W. GRAY will state the "Nature & Constitution
of a Christian Church & Declare the New Church
a Reality.

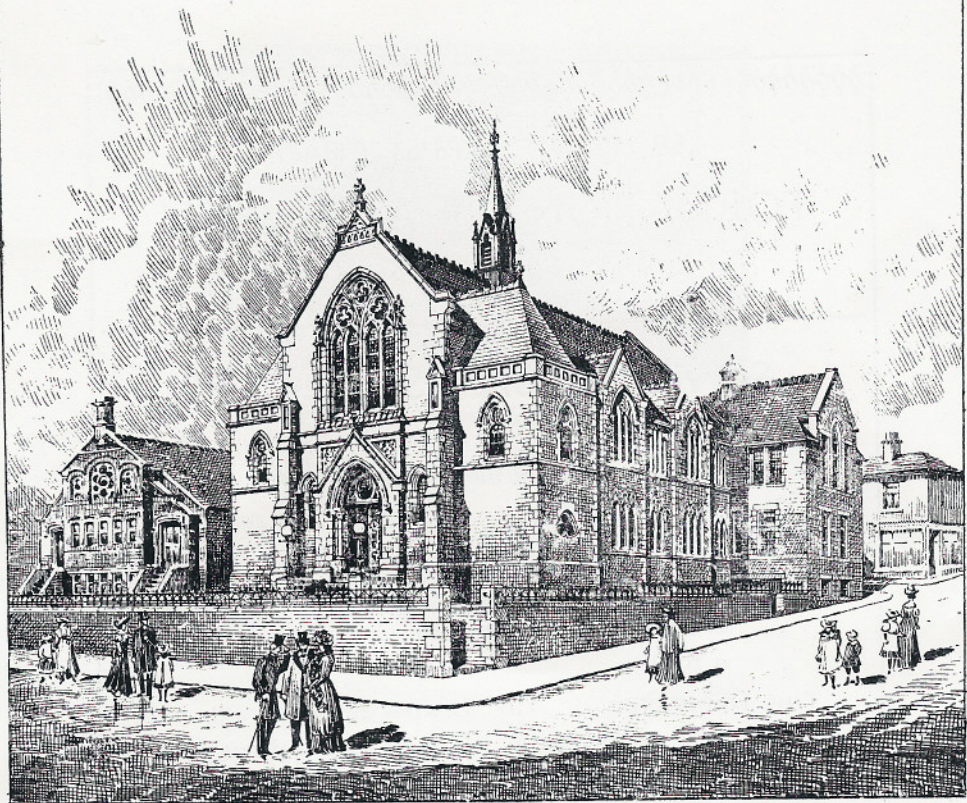
THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be
administered, when the following Ministers will
take part :—**Rev. G. Needham**, West Vale,
Rev. A. B. Preston, Halifax,
Rev. J. Lawton, Mytholmroyd,
Rev. J. Taylor, Denholme.

TEA 5 o'clock. TICKETS FOR TEA 6d. EACH may be
had from the Deacons and at the doors.

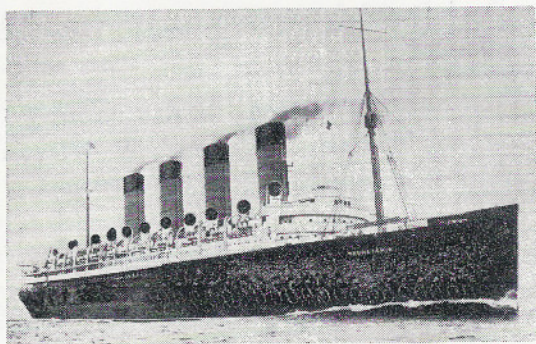
IN THE EVENING AT 6-30
A Public Meeting will be held

CHAIRMAN : MR. J. BINNS OF HALIFAX.
SPEAKERS : **Messrs. J. Holt, S. Atkinson, J. Clay,**
E. Hirst, W. Gill, Townsend, W. Wilson,
J. Wilson and J H Hooson.

THE CHAPEL CHOIR WILL SING SELECT PIECES.



OPENING of NEW CHURCH
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“s.s. Lee Mount II”

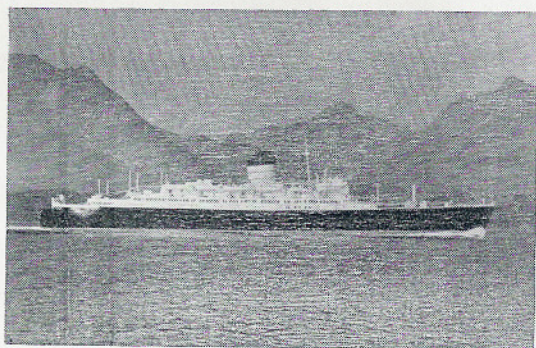
This was to be a large and beautiful construction in the latest design with accommodation for 750 souls and with room for other activities. The cost of this vessel to be about £5,000. With what daring our forebears ventured.....remembering that by their efforts it took them twenty years (1897-1916) to pay for the new building. £5,000...equal to a sum of at least £20,000 at to-day's values. Let us quote verbatim from one of these pioneer adventurers :

“As a matter of fact, when, to use a common expression, we had the largest number of irons in the fire, and when we were weighed down with debt, then were our activities at their best, and our success, both financially and spiritually, the greatest and of the most encouraging kind.”

We must salute these brave adventurers who, for over 100 years, maintained the ship and kept her for the most part on course.

What of the future? What sort of vessel is needed as we move on to the year 2,000A.D....not far away... ..“a Church that is LIVING labours for the future !”

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