

JUBILEE
AND
MEMORIAL.

*“And a book of remembrance
was written before Him.”*

—Malachi 3-16.

LEE MOUNT BAPTIST
History of Church and
Sunday School.

Foreword

The Jubilee we celebrate is that of the opening of the School-Chapel. The history of our cause has been strangely chequered by the early dissolution of the first Church, and complicated by an ensuing period in which, the School continuing, a Church consciousness grew out of it, and crystallized out in the form of a Branch Church of the North Parade Baptist Church. This continued for 20 years after the opening of the new School-Chapel, at the end of which period the present Church was formed. The aim of this booklet is to trace the transition periods and to recover an idea of the status of the cause at each successive stage.

The Scheme which suggested the most suitable treatment was that of writing the histories of the Church and School, as far as possible, separately. In a booklet of this small compass little space could be devoted to individual pioneers. We have traced the trend of the mountain range, rather than described its peaks. We have dealt with movements rather than with men. Some compensation for these deficiencies has been attempted by the inclusion of photographs and records of the terms of office of the major officers of each period.

Our authorities have been the minute books of Church and School. The former have been obtainable from 1853 and the latter from 1849, to present date. Except for the history of the Church from 1846 to 1853 the Church minute book has been consulted. For those seven years dependence has been made upon histories compiled by those who lived nearer to those times.

1 The history of the church

Contributed by H.J. Carr, B.D.

The General Baptist Church, Ovenden

Inception. Many of the Churches of the New Testament owed their origin to blasts of persecution, for "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." Our first Church, at Ovenden, sprang as a root out of the dry ground of adversity. In the year 1845, as a result of the introduction of mechanical power, hand-loom weaving declined to such an extent that several families dependent upon it for their livelihood were compelled to leave their native places and take up residence in Ovenden. Amongst these were several families from the General Baptist strongholds at Heptonstall Slack, Birchcliffe and Queensbury. Settled in their new home, this little company of those that feared the Lord spake often one with another, meeting together for prayer, and inaugurating a Sunday School in a cottage at Sod House Green, Ovenden. In the year 1846 they formed themselves into a General Baptist Church. "

Constitution. No bond of covenant is extant. The initial membership was 33, of whom two came from Birchcliffe and 13 from Heptonstall Slack. Hy. Cockcroft, J. Marshall, Z. Greenwood and George Hellewell were the first Deacons, and in 1853 mention is made of Jacob Moore as Secretary, Henry Cockcroft as Treasurer.

Activities. The earliest records in our possession (1853) shew that the Church conscientiously and fearlessly exercised disciplinary powers over her absenting and offending members. By this time the membership had increased to 44. The need was felt for some Lord's Day Evening Service in the district, so the Church instituted experience meetings, held in the cottage of Ann Hartley. More commodious premises were occupied in August, 1854, the cottage at Sod House Green being vacated and the Church transferred to the Temperance Hall, Nursery Lane. The following December a further removal was made to the Moorside School, belonging to Jeremiah Stead.

The tide, however, had commenced to ebb; various experiments were tried so as to revive the experience meetings, visitation was carried out, but with no success. In the minutes of a special Church meeting in March, 1856, we find the dismissal of certain members to other Churches and the erasure of others from our own roll. The following month they record that "All our supplies having given up attending but Jacob Moore, agreed to employ him as our regular minister." An effort was made in May to commence a weeknight prayer meeting. This is the last recorded resolution of the Church. The next year the Church had ceased to exist.

The Ministry of the Child

The period between the dissolution of the old and the formation of the new “Branch Church” at Ovenden is dealt with in the history of the Sunday School, sufficient is indicated here only to make connection between the two periods.

Certain members, having transferred their membership to North Parade, remained at Ovenden to conduct Sunday School work. Preaching Services were maintained, the pulpit being supplied through aid from North Parade. This help was withdrawn in 1862. The following year an unsuccessful appeal for affiliation was made to North Parade, whereupon a meeting was convened to consider the expediency of closing the School. Before the meeting was dismissed a scheme for the building of larger premises was launched. Out of the expiring embers the Spirit of God kindled a living flame. “Ere the lamp of God went out in the Temple of the Lord... the Lord called Samuel.” So it was with us as when “The child Samuel opened the doors of the House of the Lord.”

The Branch General Baptist Church, Ovenden

The wisdom of continuing was justified by her children. During the next three years the membership increased from 10 to 21. Permission was granted by North Parade Church for the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper to be administered in our own School premises. In 1869 a building site was purchased at Bank Top, and on March 24th, 1872, service was conducted for the last time in the old preaching room at Moorside. On March 29th the new premises were opened.

THE RELATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH during this period is of interest. In the records of a meeting of teachers and senior scholars held in April. 1866, there occurs the phrase “We, as a Church and School.” As yet there is no separate Church meeting, the School meeting legislates for the Church. That the School aimed at being ultimately an independent Church is seen from the same record, which states that Hy. Townsend, Thos. Clegg, Wm. Wilson, Thos. Sunderland and Wm. Oswin were appointed to negotiate with North Parade to secure recognition as a branch, but it was stipulated that the arrangements must be such as would promote their aim towards a new building and a separate Church.

This affiliation was effected. The School-Church became recognised as a Branch Church of North Parade, and in a subsequent minute is referred to as “The Branch General Baptist Church, Ovenden.”

The Branch Church, Bank Top

Hitherto the Church had been in apartments; now it possessed a home of its own. The Opening Services were held on Good Friday, March 29th, 1872, the Rev. T. Goadby, of Derby, preaching afternoon and evening. The membership at this time was 25.

The first attentions of the Church were directed towards the putting in order of its house. Sunday worship was arranged for afternoon and evening, enquirers’ meetings and weeknight services were planned. The district was mapped out for visitation and a visiting committee elected.



Figure 1.1: The Old Chapel

The status of the church. What was its relation to the School, through whose instrumentality it had come into being? The superior authority of the Church can be seen from two facts :— (1) The Church charged the School a rental of £10 per annum. (2) The records of business meetings no longer bear the heading “meeting of teachers and senior scholars,” but “Church meeting” or “meeting of members.”

As a “Branch Church” certain rights were held, certain powers withheld. The guardianship was sustained by the North Parade Church. In acknowledgment of our obligations a contribution was made to the funds of the Parent Church. The minutes of this period frequently refer to our Church as “The Branch.” A committee consisting of Thos. Clegg, Wm. Wilson and John Ackroyd was elected in place of a diaconate. Henry Townsend acted as representative to the diaconate of North Parade, which privilege was further extended in 1877, when two representatives, John Ackroyd and Wm. Oswin, were elected.

“The Branch” held its own Church meetings, presided over by the minister of North Parade, to whom reference is constantly made as “our pastor.” These meetings had power to appoint visitors and report to North Parade, interviews with candidates, but not to accept them. The latter was done by the Parent Church, through whom also transfers to and from other Churches were authorised. Candidates were baptised in our own School-Chapel by the minister of North Parade, the first baptism being on April 28th, 1872. The right hand of fellowship was usually extended by the minister, though occasionally by lay preachers.

During the decade 1878–88 strenuous and successful efforts were made towards the removal of the debt. A sufficient balance remained in hand to permit of the ventilation

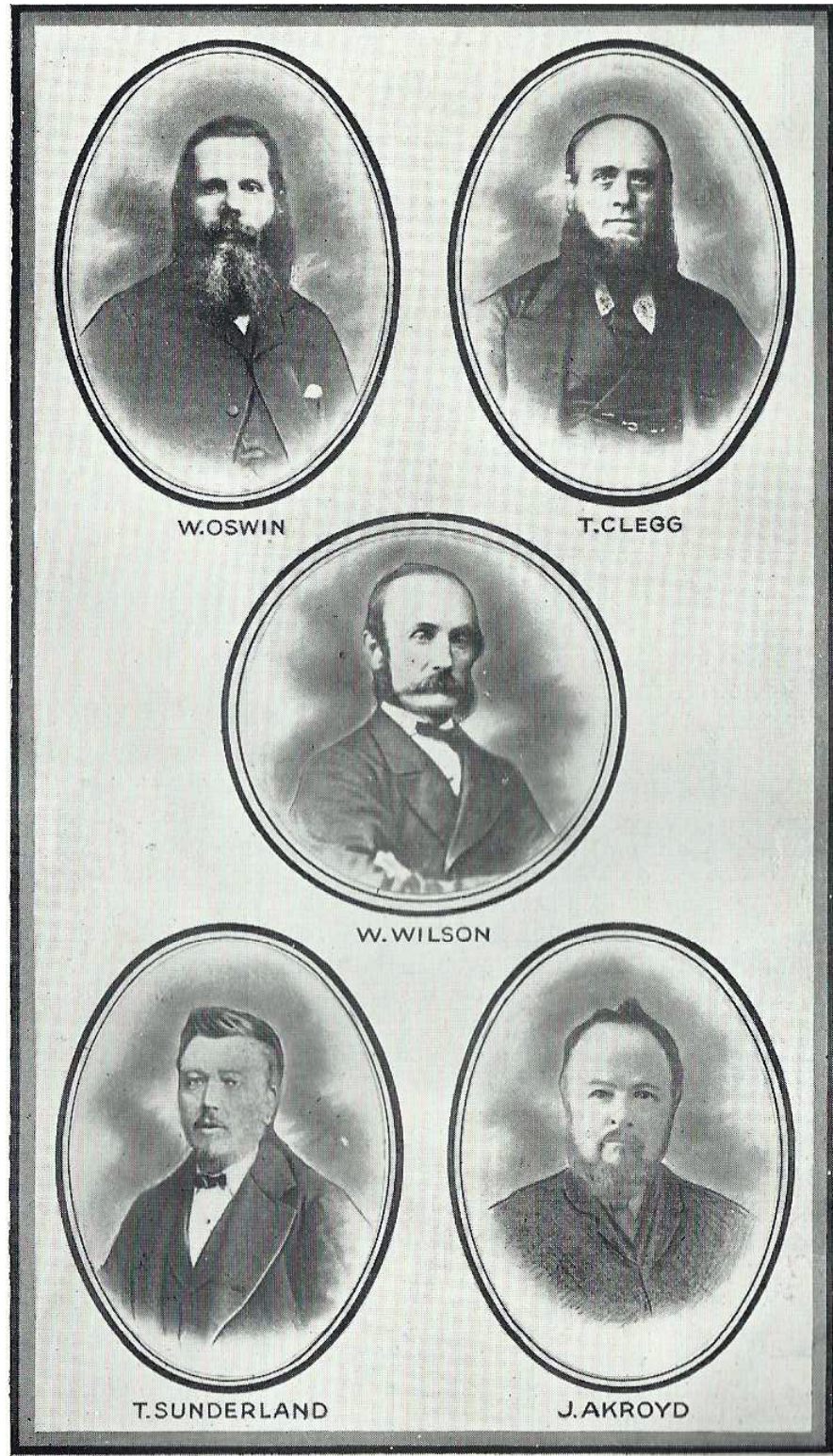


Figure 1.2: Group of deacons 1877

and re-decoration of the premises. The spiritual activities of the Church were not abated. As the debt diminished the membership increased. In 1877 there were 71 members; 1889 there were 141. These accessions were largely the result of evangelistic campaigns. During one year alone there were 31 baptisms, of which 24 were from the School. The oversight of the Rev. W. Dyson, pastor of North Parade, resulted in the addition of 100 members to our roll.

Independence

The first definite token of aspiration after an independent existence was the decision in 1890 to launch a "minister's fund." At the close of the following year a letter was read from the Parent Church containing proposals for separation. The suggestions offered were that the Branch Church (1) keep its own register of members; (2) have power to give and accept transfers on own initiative; (3) have power to receive candidates for baptism without consultation with North Parade; (4) take necessary steps for becoming "a separate and independent Church." The reasons which commended this course are given as four (1) the unanimous feeling of the Church that the present is the most opportune time; (2) with the present year our Conference and Association as General Baptists virtually ends in consequence of the amalgamation of Baptist Churches; opportunity is afforded for affiliation with other Churches of the Yorkshire Association; (4) the good feeling existing between North Parade and us, and their confidence in us to manage our own affairs.

The Church unanimously accepted this charter of "Home Rule," and on Good Friday, April 15th, 1892, special meetings were held and the Church was formed into a separate body.

The Lee Mount Baptist Church

therefore dates from 1892. Its first membership was composed of 134 members, whose names were transferred from the North Parade Church. The diaconate consisted of H. Townsend, J.H. Hooson, Wm. Wilson, J. Naylor, Chas. Jacobs and J.H. Holroyd. J.H. Hooson was appointed to the secretariat, Jas. Naylor to the treasurership. In that same year the Church proceeded to strengthen its ropes by affiliation with the Yorkshire Baptists' Association and the Halifax Nonconformist Council.

The Pastorates

The Rev.	J.H. Robinson	October	1893 to	August 1898.
"	D.B. Davies	December	1899 "	November 1905.
"	F.W. Duncombe	August	1906 "	August 1911.
"	J. Brown	September	1912 "	February 1919.
"	H.J. Carr, B.D.	August	1919	

All these brethren are still in the ministry, our first pastor sharing with the present pastor the services of this Jubilee.

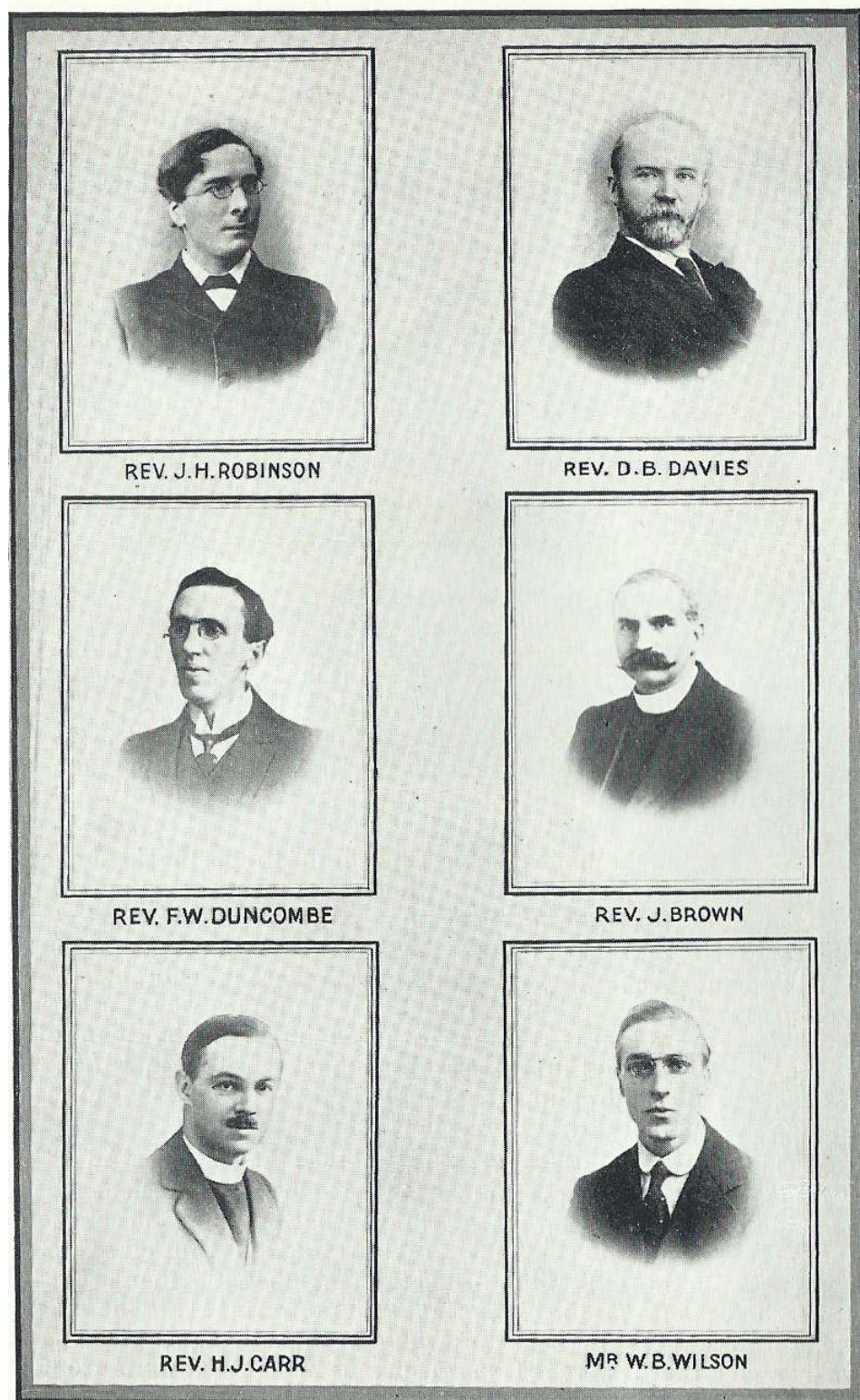


Figure 1.3: Group of pastors

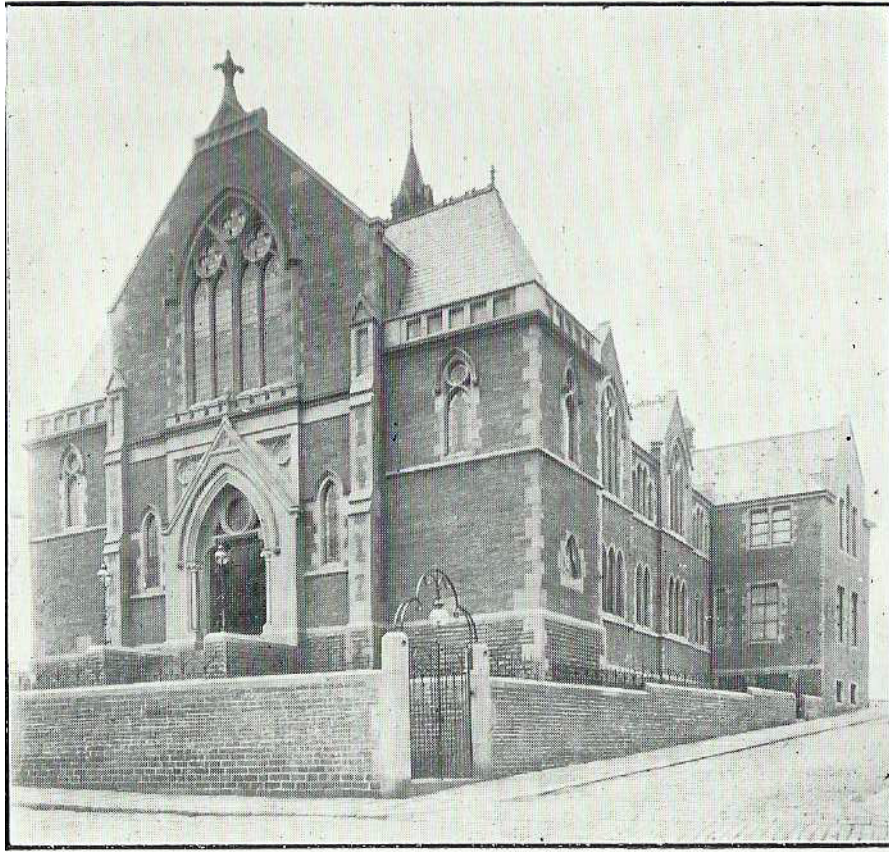


Figure 1.4: The New Chapel

It has been our solemn duty and privilege to set apart for the work of the Christian ministry, Mr W.B. Wilson, one of our members, who entered Rawdon Baptist College in 1919.

The New Chapel

The growing cause necessitated the erection of larger premises. A new Building Fund was opened in 1897. Ten years of strenuous effort and sacrificial giving paved the way to the commencement of the work. The first sod was cut on April 6th, 1906, and on 1st June the first stone was laid. The building completed, the opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Enos. Smith on 30th May, 1908. The first sermon in the new Chapel was preached by the Rev. J. Moffat Logan. At the close of the opening services it was announced that towards the total cost of £4,360 the sum of £2,650 had been obtained. By 31st December, 1914, the debt had been expunged.

Great Thanksgiving Services were held on January 16th and 17th, 1915, sermons being preached by Dr Haslam, of Harrogate, Revs. F.W. Duncombe and J. Brown. A public meeting was held, presided over by Mr Enos Smith and addressed by Messrs H. Townsend, J.H. Hooson and Wm. Bradley. The untiring secretary throughout the whole

		LIST OF DEACONS AND YEAR OF APPOINTMENT																							
		from 1877 to 1921.																							
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Wm. Wilson ..		x	x	x	x	x	x	x																	
Huy. Townsend ..		x	x	x	x	x	x	x																	
Thos. Clegg		x	x																						
Jno. H. Hooson ..		x	x																						
Jno. Akroyd ..		x	x																						
Wm. Oswin		x	x																						
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Jas. Naylor		x	x																						
J. H. Holroyd		x	x																						
Rd. Jones		x	x																						
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A. Hirst		x	x																						
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J. Atkins		x	x																						
C. Hoyle		x	x																						
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Figure 1.5: List of deacons

of this strenuous effort was Mr Clement Hoyle.

The Manse

The shortage of houses that followed in the aftermath of the war necessitated the purchase of a manse by the Church. Early in 1921 we had the offer of Shrogg's Villa, then for sale. This the Church decided to accept, and the purchase was effected for £425. This was made possible by loans granted by friends. The discharge of these liabilities has been made one of the objects towards which our £1,000 Jubilee Fund will be directed. The manse is a very desirable property and is situated in the vicinity of the Chapel.

The Memorial Organ

The lack of an Organ suitable to lead our worship in song has been a long felt handicap. Those who by their sacrifices bequeathed to us the Chapel cherished also in their hearts the fond desire to install therein an Organ worthy of such a House. In fulfilment of their dreams, and in fragrant memory of "our boys" who fell in the Great War we are zealous to erect such instrument. It was felt no more opportune occasion of appeal for the financial side of this undertaking could be made than that furnished by the "Family Gathering" associated with our Jubilee Celebration.



Figure 1.6: Second group of deacons



Figure 1.7: Group of present deacons

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Contributed by Arthur Wilson.

1845 — 1872 — 1922

As faithful as our Fathers were, may we their children be,
And in our hearts their spirit live that gained our liberty.

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 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 day of July, 1849. Seven resolutions were adopted, and we think they are worthy of appearing in this Historical Sketch—

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

1. Jacob Moore, Shaw Hill, Halifax, 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, Nany Pollard, Female Visitors.
6. Zackariah Greenwood, James Clegg (Junior), 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 respective places.

These eight men and two women become 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.



Figure 2.1: Group of buildings

In the year 1850 an effort was made towards acquiring land and building a new School, but this failed, and unable to carry on any longer for lack of room, a move was made to the Mechanics' Hall, Nursery Lane in 1854, and again to what was known as Jerry's School, Moorside, in 1856. This became the home of our Sunday School for the next 16 years. The building still stands but hid by shop property built in what in those days was the approach — or school yard.

Here the foundations were well and truly laid for future days, "laid in struggle, sometimes despair and almost defeat" that carried the cause to eventual and solid success. Thomas Clegg, the father of several who are with us to-day, was already there. He was joined in May, 1855 by Joshua Wilson, William Wilson, William Sunderland, William Tidswell, and in December of the same year by Henry Townsend, Wm. Dawson and John Dickinson as teachers. Everyone who is familiar with Lee Mount knows how great a part four of these have played; their lives indeed are part of the fabric and honoured in all our hearts. Three of these lived to influence even recent days and are well remembered by many of us.

Henry Townsend occupied every possible office with great ability and kept his place as a teacher for 57 years, resigning on October 8th, 1912. When we remember him and his work there is only one thing we can fittingly say, "Servant of God, well done!"

William Wilson, a man of very different type, dependent mainly on natural abilities as a teacher, learning to read after he became one, living a great Christian life in his home and in service to the district, he kept his place in the Sunday School to the end, serving over 42 years as Teacher.

Joshua Wilson is still remembered by many as an earnest worker in the Band of Hope, a great encourager of sport in connection with the Sunday School, and a teacher of great acceptance with the very young folks. He resigned as teacher September 13th, 1892, having completed a period of 37 years.

Around these four men in the early days gathered a group of others, who were builders up of the cause and strengtheners of each others hands. Naomi Clegg (Townsend) in 1860, Susey Clegg in 1861, T. Cooper, W. Townsend, John Akroyd in 1862 and others.

In February, 1863, a very grave crisis occurred. The officers decided "That it is our unanimous opinion that our labours in this room are in vain, and that we ascertain whether it is the intention of North Parade to build a new School at Ovenden now or at any future time." The four just mentioned with Mr Thomas Sunderland (who is here mentioned for the first time) were appointed a deputation to North Parade. This Church had previously helped to carry on the cause at Ovenden, but now withdrew its services and advised the little band to close the Sunday School. The deputation received no encouragement, and in June, 1863, it was resolved "to bring our case with regard to giving up the School before the Committee of the Halifax Sunday School Union, and Thomas Sunderland, our representative, bring the matter before its meeting."

This proved to be the rightly guided step and on August 11th, 1863, we find the following resolution :— "That we carry on our School with the intention of procuring a new one, and that we obtain the money requisite before we commence to build."

Organization of effort followed this brave resolve that stirred up the life of the little cause, prosperity smiled upon them, notable additions were made to their numbers, all of which culminated in the great achievement of building, equipping and occupying our present Sunday School premises. On March 24th, 1872, the farewell meeting at Ovenden took place, and with great settlement rejoicings the Lee Mount Baptist Sunday School opened its great chapter of beneficent history on April 14th, 1872.

Between the years 1863 and 1872, as we have said, many were added to the list who became stalwarts and won places for themselves on our honoured Roll. Wm. Thomas, Dyson Clegg, Wm. Oswin, Hannah Clegg, Sarah Ann Greenwood, Arthur Townsend, John Henry Hooson, Hannah Ingham (Hooson), J.W. Horsfall, Mary Ann Rushworth (Townsend), Wm. Booth and others. Younger ones whose names are not recorded at this stage, but who soon after the opening of the new School, entered on service are familiar to us and some remain with us today.

The first officers of the new School at Lee Mount were :—

Henry Townsend, Superintendent.

Arthur Townsend, Secretary.

Dyson Clegg, Treasurer.

In 1874 we come across the names of Sarah Clegg (Jones), Elizabeth Wilson; in 1876, Wm. Bradley as Assistant Secretary, and in 1877 full Secretary, Robert B. Charnock, Arthur Hirst, Pliny Clayton, John Hy. Holroyd, Mary Ann Thomas (Bradley), Margaret

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Ann Wade; in 1879, M. Wright, Andrew Fearnley, Walter Smith, L. Sutcliffe, Richard Jones, W. Fitton, Emma Lister, J. Naylor, S. Howarth; in 1881, Enos Smith, George Jones, John Ed. Greenwood, W. Sunderland, Ellis Bamsden; in 1882, Betsy Wilson, Tom Ashworth, Sarah Ann Howarth, W. Harrison and James Frankland.

It would be a pleasure to run on right up to the present period, but we must be content here with the first ten years of those who figure as officers of our Sunday School. A list will be found in this book of the date of appointment — so far as it has been possible to ascertain — of all who have been recognized as officers and teachers.

For the next six years the number of scholars and teachers continued to increase, shewing that our School was meeting the needs of the district as the number of residents grew. The first check was in 1878 when the neighbouring Sunday School of St George's Church was opened. Naturally a number left us and helped them to begin what we are glad to believe has been a very prosperous and helpful Sunday School; 94 scholars left us at this time, but this caused no feeling in our ranks for we fully recognized there was plenty of room for both to work amicably side by side. In the year 1889, when our great Re-Union Meetings of old scholars were held, the scholars on our register numbered 418, and the teachers numbered 40.

The Re-Union Meetings were a great success, the response of old scholars to those meetings was very satisfactory. Many happy and even humorous reminiscences were given and high tribute paid to the men and women who in cloud and shine had carried on and been a blessing. During this year strenuous efforts were made to entirely free our premises from debt, and by the end of the year 1899 the struggle of years was crowned by victory, spoken of at the time as a real emancipation.

During the year 1891 Sunday Evening Services were commenced in the Lecture Room for the children. These were very successful; one of the frequent speakers at these meetings was James Parker, now so well known and esteemed and for years Member of Parliament for this Borough.

In 1893 the services of a very respected family were lost to us by removal from the District, Mr and Mrs. John Hy. Holroyd. Presentations were made to them as small mementos of very useful and devoted labours for a period of 15 years.

On August 11th, 1897 Mrs. Naomi Townsend resigned as a teacher of the Sunday School after a long term of useful service. We are glad that Mrs. Townsend is still alive and can retail a great deal of our history since 1860. "She hath done what she could."

In the year 1898 the Sunday School officers and teachers entered heart and soul into the scheme for the building and extension of our Chapel and Sunday School premises. The result was the Sunday School received very greatly improved accommodation in the class rooms and Primary School at the rear of the new Chapel. This was in the days of Messrs A. Hirst and J. Atkins as Superintendents, Mr C. Hoyle was Secretary of the Building Fund, and a very enthusiastic worker in the scheme was Mr H. Culpan, a present Superintendent.

In January, 1906 Mr Hy. Townsend completed 50 years' continuous service as a teacher. This year was the 60th anniversary of the commencement of our cause at Ovenden, to mark which a Special Festival or Diamond Jubilee was held on November 11th and 12th, and these gatherings were marked by great enthusiasm and gratitude.

In this year 1906 we lost one of the finest of those who have graced the roll of our Sunday School workers, Mr A. Hirst died. Those who knew him best know that in heart

and mind he was a man who dared to be singular and true to conviction; a great soul who could do humble unseen work, heartening others to hold on in trouble, doubt or discouragement.

During this year a signal honour and one we appreciated was paid to our Sunday School — the election of Mr A. Townsend as President of the Halifax Sunday School Union, a position he was well worthy of and which he filled with credit to his loved Sunday School. In June, 1910 Mr Arthur died. We lost a great stalwart and the district a useful man, and the writer lost an esteemed colleague in the senior class as fellow teacher for many years; he was a teacher in our School for the long period of 41 years.

Our Cradle Roll was adopted in the Primary Department on the 12th December, 1911, and in this way we enter our babies' names on the roll of the Sunday School on their first birthday.

During 1913 Mr Clement Hoyle retired from the office of Superintendent, a position he held for many years and to which he gave his very best. On November 21st, 1916 Mr Hoyle died. He won a very honoured place on the memories roll of our Sunday School Worthies.

Mr John Hy. Hooson, who died in July, 1918, had a long and fine record of work in connection with both the Church and Sunday School. As far back as 1868 we find him mentioned in connection with some minor office of the School, in 1872 he was in full service, and for 30 years he continued as an officer or teacher. His chief work, was as deacon and treasurer of the Church. Mr Hooson had a great gift for public speaking, many living today remember with pleasure his helpful words, especially of public prayer.

During 1918 Mr Hy. Townsend passed away faithful in his interest to the last. He was last to go of the very first of those who established the Baptist cause in the district. As a memorial of her husband's love to our place, Mrs. Townsend presented two fine pictures to us; these hang side by side in the Sunday School; they serve — if it were necessary — to keep green a very fragrant memory.

On December 9th, 1919 the teachers accepted with great regret the resignation of Mr Wm. Bradley as Treasurer after 38 years' service. A wonderful record of great and willing usefulness.

During the great and terrible days of 1914 and forwards to 1918 our Sunday School suffered with every similar organisation owing to the war, which even yet is as a dark shadow across the World. 77 of our lads left their homes to fight for King and Country, and we regret to say that four of these lost their lives in the War. Their names are Geo. H. Poole, Harry Tidswell, Willie Campbell, Harry Howarth. We honour and revere their memories.

Two of our lads, Eric Rawson and Claude Bolton, won the Military Medal for bravery. An earnest band of workers kept in touch with the lads by sending comforts in the shape of clothing and food, and where advisable, money. Some of the lads are still with us working in the Church and Sunday School, the influence of early associations was admitted a great help to all of them during the War experiences.



Figure 2.2: Present officers and teachers

Roll of Honour and Photos

In memory of the lads who went out to serve in the war from our Sunday School, a Roll of Honour was unveiled on April 9th, 1916 by James Parker, M.P., when a crowded assembly of parents and friends met to pay sincere respect and gratitude to those who returned and to mourn the loss of those left behind in a foreign land.

One of our efforts in this Jubilee Celebration is to remember them further by providing a Memorial Organ to them and all our great dead.

The photos of our soldier lads, handsomely framed in groups, are to be seen in the Young Men's Vestry.

It will be very obvious that for want of space a large number of those who have played useful parts, given great and unstinted service, been successful as teachers or officers in the last 50 years of our School history, have not been singled out for special reference in this short sketch. We think of them as we write, running our mind back upon their devoted labours, but have had to content ourselves with all too brief paragraphs of a few now no longer with us. We trust that some day a further chronicle may be added to these pages doing justice to many still alive and active, and helping to carry on that routine work — just ordinary — which is the foundation and secret of the continuity and success of any cause. Sure we are that none will be unrewarded. It is a great work helping in some measure to lay rightly the foundations of worthy character, training boys and girls and those of riper years in the essentials of life, building again the New Jerusalem in England's pleasant land. Let us rejoice that we have the humblest part and



Figure 2.3: In Memoriam

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memorial in this great task.

Enough if something from our hands have power
To live, and act, and serve the future hour,—
And if, as toward the silent tomb we go,
Through love, through hope, and faith's transcendent dower,
We feel that we are greater than we know.

Our auxiliaries

On April 4th, 1868 a Band of Hope was established in connection with our Sunday School, the following being the first committee:— Wm. Oswin, President; Wm. Wilson, Vice-President; John Berry, Treasurer; Arthur Townsend, Secretary; Joshua Wilson, Mary Lister, Ruth Spencer, Adalina Farnell, Martha Ambler, Elizabeth Wilson.

We regret that since the early days of the War in 1914 this Society has not been active, no meetings taking place. However for a good many years it was a real live Society, useful, as many could testify, in helping to train them in early life in the principles of total abstinence, and having an interest in the problems created in our national life by the intemperate habits of so many.

School library

As far back as 1872 our School Library was established. In those days we led the way to the creation of the public libraries as they are known to day.

For 50 years an issue of good literature must have been a source of pleasure and education to our young people.

Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society

This Society was formed on the 5th day of December, 1871, so it will be 51 at the close of this year 1922. We cannot say that it has had a continuous existence for that period; sometimes the interest has fallen so low that the Society has closed down for a time, to be revived again later.

We are glad to say a very good Society is in existence at present, a very successful session now Just closed.

The present officers are:— President, Rev. H.J. Carr, B.D.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. Wilson and W. Garsed; Treasurer, Mr Hubert Townsend; Secretary, Mr Clifford Wilson.

Missionary society

For 54 years a Foreign Mission Society has been doing useful work in our School, creating interest and supplying information on this subject.

We now realize more the importance of this great world wide mission, designed to visualise to the Church the great task awaiting it, offering the opportunity to assert the

place of Christianity as the greatest constructive force in the new world that is being made.

Year by year we take our humble part in these momentous issues, sending our small quota to the funds of the Baptist Society, and we hope some day from our Sunday School some youth or maiden, fired with a zeal unquenchable for the salvation of mankind, may be our representative on the Foreign field.

The present Secretary is Mr Alfred Archer.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour

In 1894 this Society was formed with 52 members, and for about 15 years was very successful and proved one of the best organizations for training our young people and forming a desirable link between the Sunday School and the Church.

After a lapse of many years the Society has been restarted this year, and we trust will eventually prove as successful as the earlier days. The present Secretary is Miss Amy Priestley, Lee Mount.

Sports and social innovation

Lee Mount has a long history for its Cricket Club, which at times has been of a first class order; and later it had a successful Football Club, which on two occasions won the shield and cup of the Nonconformist league. Unfortunately during the War our field was ploughed, and since then we have not been able to secure a fresh one; as soon as this is possible we hope to cater again for these seasonal pastimes.

The present sport is a Badminton Club, a form of indoor tennis which appears very enjoyable to the members.

Officers of the church

Choir Leaders

Henry Townsend	Kate Emsley
Richard Jones	Jno. Wm. Pickles
Jno. Ed. Greenwood	A. Wilson
J. Atkins	H. Horsfall
Ruth A. Naylor	

Organists

William Henry North	H. Horsfall
John William Pickles	

Assistant Organists

A. Illingworth	Mrs. A. Illingworth
Miss Norah Dawson	Miss Doris Sutcliffe

Secretaries

Henry Townsend	from	1876	to	December,	1879
John Henry Hooson	"	Jan. 1st,	1880	"	December, 1892
William Bradley	"	December,	1892	"	December, 1921
Hirst Bancroft	"	January,	1922	"	

Treasurers

James Naylor	from	December,	1883	to	July,	1904
John Henry Hooson	"	July,	1904	"	December,	1917
Arthur Wilson	"	December,	1917	"		

List of Officers & Teachers of the Sunday School

Superintendents

FROM	NAME	TO
July, 1849	Cockroft, Henry	January, 1850
January, 1850	Smith, William	April, 1850
January, 1850	Townsend, Robert	July, 1850
April, 1850	Greenwood, Zachariah	Jan. 8th, 1854
July 7th, 1850	Crabtree, Thomas	January, 1852
Jan. 18th, 1852	Clegg, Thos.	February, 1857
Jan. 8th, 1854	Wilkinson, Moses	February, 1857
Feb. 22nd, 1857	Townsend, Robert	Nov. 12th, 1860
Feb. 22nd, 1857	Wilson, William	December, 1866
Jan. 17th, 1860	Wilcock, James	Nov. 12th, 1860
Nov. 12th, 1861	Clegg, Thomas	December, 1866
December, 1866	Townsend, Henry	December, 1880
Dec. 1st, 1874	Akroyd, John	December, 1877
December, 1877	Hooson, John Henry	December, 1878
December, 1878	Sutcliffe, Lewis	December, 1879
December, 1879	Townsend, Arthur	Dec. 8th, 1889
December, 1880	Hooson, John Henry	December, 1882
Dec. 12th, 1882	Smith, Enos	Dec. 12th, 1886
Dec. 12th, 1886	Holroyd, John Henry	Dec. 8th, 1889
Dec. 8th, 1889	Wilson, Joshua	June 23rd, 1890
Dec. 8th, 1889	Wilson, Arthur	Oct. 11th, 1891
June 23rd, 1890	Townsend, Henry	Oct. 11th, 1891
Oct. 11th, 1891	Townsend, Arthur	Dec. 20th, 1891
Oct. 11th, 1891	Pickles, John William	December, 1892
December, 1892	Townsend, Henry	July 2nd, 1893
December, 1892	Jones, Richard	Dec. 10th, 1893
July 2nd, 1893	Hirst, Arthur	June 26th, 1898
Dec. 10th, 1893	Townsend, Henry	Aug. 9th, 1896
Aug. 9th, 1896	Atkins, Jim	December, 1900
June 26th, 1898	Hoyle, Clement	Dec. 11th, 1904
Dec. 9th, 1900	Culpan, Harry	
Dec. 11th, 1904	Atkins, Jim	Dec. 10th, 1905
Dec. 10th, 1905	Hoyle, Clement	June 29th, 1913

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FROM	NAME	TO
June 29th, 1913	Illingworth, Aubrey	

Treasurers

July 1st, 1849	Moore, Jacob	June, 1855
June, 1855	Clegg, John	Oct. 19th, 1858
October, 1858	Tidswell, William	December, 1861
December, 1861	Smith, Henry	December, 1865
December, 1865	Wilson, Joshua	December, 1866
December, 1866	Clegg, Dyson	April, 1873
April, 1873	Townsend, Henry	November, 1873
November, 1873	Clegg, Dyson	December, 1881
Dec. 11th, 1881	Bradley, William	Dec. 15th, 1919
Dec. 15th, 1919	Illingworth, Raymond	

Secretaries

July 1st, 1849	Murgatroyd, Thomas	July, 1850
August, 1849	Wilkinson, Moses	January, 1853
Jan. 9th, 1853	Clegg, John	February, 1857
February, 1857	Townsend, Henry	November, 1872
December, 1872	Townsend, Arthur	December, 1875
December, 1875	Oswin, William	December, 1877
December, 1877	Bradley, William	December, 1879
Dec. 14th, 1879	Smith, Walter	Nov. 8th, 1891
May 9th, 1880	Charnock, Robt. B.	December, 1880
Dec. 12th, 1880	Clayton, Pliny	December, 1883
December, 1883	Bradley, John	December, 1885
December, 1885	Hoyle, Clement	Dec. 9th, 1893
Dec. 10th, 1893	Jagger, Fred	December, 1895
Dec. 2nd, 1895	Fitton, Arthur	Aug. 13th, 1899
Aug. 13th, 1899	Fearnley, Thomas	April 13th, 1902
April 13th, 1902	Holroyd, Gilbert	April 10th, 1904
December, 1904	Moore, Enos	July 9th, 1905
April 10th, 1904	Fitton, Wm. P.	July 10th, 1906
July 9th, 1905	Wright, Herbert	Dec. 13th, 1910
December, 1910	Tidswell, Harry	July 16th, 1912
Dec. 17th, 1912	Moore, Hubert	Oct. 12th, 1920
Nov. 9th, 1920	Wilson, Rowland	

Teachers and Date of Appointment

1872.

Townsend, Henry
Wilson, William
Wadsworth, Timothy
Hooson, John Henry
Sunderland, Thomas
Akroyd, John
Jones, Richard
Clegg, Thomas
Booth, William
Clegg, Dyson
Horsfall, James
Smith, John
Greenwood, Mary
Oswin, William
Ingham, Hannah
Wilcock, James
Bedford, Caroline
Greenwood, S. A.

1873.

Taylor, Abraham
Smith, Sarah Ann
Rushworth, Mary Ann
Ramsden, Elizabeth
Lister, Mary
Ramsden, Hannah
Knowles, Mary Jane
Howarth, Samson
Barker, William
Clegg, Sarah
Wilson, Elizabeth

1874.

Dawson, Edwin
Taylor, Hannah
Cockroft, Hannah
Townsend, Naomi

1875.

Townsend, Arthur
Mitchell, Alexander
Crowther, Mary

Howarth, Sarah Ann
Greenwood, Elizabeth H
Womersley, Hannah
Greenwood, Susey

1876.

Balm, J.
Johnson, G.
Redman, John
Redman, Elizabeth
Kennedy, William
Howarth, Daniel T.

1877.

Fearnley, Mary
Wilcock, Mary E.
Smith, Sarah
Akroyd, John (Junior)
Sutcliffe, Mary

1878.

Lister, Emma
Fearnley, Andrew
Holroyd, John Henry
Fitton, William
Harrison, Harriett
Thomas, Mary Ann
Ashworth, Emma
Sutcliffe, L.

1879.

Wade, Margaret Ann
Wilson, Betsy
Farnell, M. Ann
Hirst, Arthur
Clayton, Pliny
Charnock, R. B.
Wright, Macaulay
Bradley, William

1881.

Greenwood, John E.
Smith, Enos
Radcliffe, Fred

Bradley, Mary

1882.

Ashworth, Tom
Wilson, Emma
Greenwood, Mary R.
Frankland, James
Sunderland, Ernest
Naylor, Sarah E.

1883.

Jacobs, Robert
Jacobs, Charles

1884.

Pickles, John Wm.
Binns, John Henry
Greenwood, Sarah H
Hirst, Amelia
Naylor, Emma
Townsend, Annice
Naylor, Ruth Ann
Thomas, Emma
Hirst, Arthur

1885.

Clegg, John
Greenwood, Emma
Smith, Eden
Wilson, Arthur
Clegg, Sarah E.

1886.

Firth, Hiram

1887.

Sheard, Linaeus
Sunderland, Willie
Sutcliffe, Ernest
Mallinson, J.
Thomas, Irvine
Atkins, Jim
Sutcliffe, Ernest
Naylor, Emma

List of Officers & Teachers of the Sunday School

1888.	Napton, M.	1900.
Clegg, Willie	Morrell, Geo.	Manger, Joe
Fitton, Annie E.	Marshall, M. H.	Wilson, Evelyn
Fletcher, Ellen	1896.	Bancroft, Hirst
Wilson, Hannah	Townsend, E. E.	Cockroft, Milford
Hurley, Alice A.	Stocks, F. Ann	Whiteley, Samuel
Wilson, Mary J.	Horsfall, Clara	Blagbrough, Annie
1889.	Blagborough, Ada	Broadbent, H.M.
Mitchell, R.	Mallinson, Amy	Jackson, T.
Hoyle, Clement	Horsfall, Manassah	Wilson, Elizabeth
Naylor, Mary J.	Frankland, Henry	Evans, Granville
Haigh, Arthur	Culpan, Harry	1902.
Hirst, Susannah	Culpan, Greenwood	Smith, Annice
Pickles, P.	Fitton, Arthur	Moore, Alice
Claughton, Jos.	Moore, William	Braithwaite, Mary
Dyson, Clara	1897.	1903.
Holroyd, Martha	Barnes, Clara	Drake, E.
1890.	Shaw, L. A.	Greenwood, Fred
Tidswell, Mary E	Hartley, Annie	Dawson, J. C.
Holroyd, Elizabeth	Spencer, Mary J.	Fawthrop, E.
1891.	1898.	Holroyd, Lily
Naylor, Annice	Siddal, Annice	Helliwell, Lily
1892.	Cave, Annie	W/right, Herbert
Booth, Arthur	Moore, Enos	1904.
Holdsworth, Wm	Crabtree, Lucy	Hooson, Mary E.
Shaw, Emma J.	Fearnley, Edith	Siddal, Edgar
Worsnop, Sarah	Jowett, Florence	Roberts, Ernest
1893.	Naylor, Louisa	1905.
Emsley, Kate	Shaw, Willie	Fitton, Percy
1894.	Foster, J.	Holroyd, Gilbert
Atkins, Francis	North, Sylvia	Smith, John
Culpan, A.	Moore, Edith	Haigh, Willie
North, Herbert	1899.	Hirst, Herbert
North, Ethel	Thompson, J. H.	Greenwood, Harry
Jacobs, Charlie	Sharp, Ada	Siddal, A.
Hurley, Martha	Spencer, Leonard	Ward, J.
1895.	Greenwood, Mary	1906.
Jagger, Fred	Cave, William	Ingle, Ernest
Horsfall, Ernest	Thomas, Ada	Townsend, Laura
	Thorpe, W. H.	Braithwaite, Fred
		Illingworth, Aubrey

Teachers and Date of Appointment

1907.	Crossley, Vincent	1917.
Dennis, A. E.	1912.	Garnett, Winnie
1908 .	Sunderland, Raymond	Harris, E.
Charnock, Jessie	Sutcliffe, Doris	Pollard, Fred
Braithwaite, Arnold	Sunderland, L.	1918.
1909.	Helliwell, B.	Ratcliffe, E.
Shaw, Annice	1913.	Fairburn, M.
1911.	Moore, H. H.	1920.
Garsed, Wilfred	Wade, G.	Kershaw, Gladys
Illingworth, Raymond	Birtwhistle, A.	Wilson, Rowland
Greenwood, Mary	Ward, Edgar	1921.
Hooson, Nellie	1915.	Rothery, Jack
Kendal, A. E.	Fearnley, Emily	Priestley, Amy
Fearnley, Tom	1916.	Kershaw, May
Wilson, Martha. Ann	Dawson, Norah	Jacobs, Herbert
Roberts, Elizabeth	Campbell, Willie	Bates, Nelly
Booth, A.	Greenwood, A.	Hartley, Phyllis
Burrows, Louisa	Hoyle, Ernest	1922.
Smith, Carrie M.	Poole, Annie	Harrison, Clifford
Calvert, Leonard	Haigh, C.	Archer, Sydney
Sharp, Herbert	Shaw, Frank	Wilson, Clifford
1911.		Ramsden, E.
Wilson, Wm. B.		Hooson, N.
Mitchell, Walter		Thompson, F.

Present Officers and Teachers

APPOINTED
TEACHER

APPOINTED
TO
PRESENT
OFFICE

Officers

1896	1900	Harry Culpan	Superintendent
1906	1913	Aubrey Illingworth	Superintendent
	1920	Rowland Wilson	Secretary
	1919	Raymond Illingworth	Treasurer
	1919	Sam Sunderland	Primary Sec.
	1913	Martha Hurley	Primary Supt.
	1922	John Price	Registrar
	1920	Hubert Townsend	Organist
	1920	Edna Ramsden	Organist
	1922	Lily Shaw	I.B.R.A. Sec.
	1922	Alfred Archer	Missionary Sec.
		Norah Dawson	Librarian

Teachers — Males

1885	Arthur Wilson
1887	Ernest Sutcliffe
1900	Sam Whiteley
1900	Hirst Bancroft
1904	Ernest Roberts
1911	Tom Fearnley
1911	Wilfred Garsed . .
1912	Raymond Sunderland
1913	Hubert H. Moore
1918	Fred Pollard
1921	Jack Rothery
1922	Clifford Harrison
1922	Sydney Archer
1922	Clifford Wilson
1922	Charles Jagger

Present Officers and Teachers

Teachers — Females

1898	Edith Moore	
1900	Martha A. Wilson	
1903	Mrs. H. Bancroft	
1903	Ethel Drake	
1912	Doris Sutcliffe	
1915	Mrs. T. Fearnley	
1916	Alice Greenwood	
1916	A. Poole	
1918	E. Radcliffe	
1920	Gladys Kershaw	
1920	Amy Priestley	
1921	May Kershaw	
1920	Nelly Bates	
1921	Elsie Archer	
1921	A. Harris	
1921	Phyllis Hartley	
1921	Hilda Hartley	
1922	Ivy Jacobs	
1922	Florrie Thompson	
1921	M. Hellowell	Prim. Worker
1921	N. Hodgson	Prim. Worker
1921	G. Seavers	Prim. Worker
1921	M. Barnes	Prim. Worker
1921	Evelyn Drake	Prim. Worker
1921	E. Harris	Prim. Worker
1921	A. Birtwhistle	Prim. Worker

Roll of Honour

Pt. Herbert Jacobs
L/Cpl. Lawrence Dobson
Driver Wm. Dobson
Pte. Harry Howarth
Bandsman Norman Shaw
Pte. W.T. Gibson
Pte. Eric Rawson
Pte. Ernest Bolton
Pte. Robt. Shackleton
Pte. Vernon Sunderland
Pte. Lewis Cockroft
Pte. Ernest Widdop
Pte. Wm. Arthur Barnes
Pte. Leonard Andrews
Pte. Everett Marshall
Pte. George Harry Poole
Pte. Albert Windle
Pte. Ernest Robertson
Pte. Jos. E. Patterson
Pte. R. Wilson
Pte. Lewis Hellawell
Pte. Claude Bolton
Driver Walter Drake
Driver Herbert Hall
Pte. Gilbert Sunderland
Pte. Roland Garside
Pioneer Norman Hirst
Pioneer Frank Shaw
Pte. W.B. Wilson
Pte. Herbert Wright
Pte. Ernest Hoyle
Pte. Edgar Ward
Pte. Leonard Calvert
Pte. Stanley Atkins
Pte. John Wm. Rew
Pte. Percy F. Rawson

Pte. Harold Townend
Pte. Leonard Oddy
Pte. Clifford Naylor
Pte. Wilf. Garsed
Pte. Hbt. Tidswell
Driver Norman Greenwood
Seaman Harry Young
Sapper J.W. Fitton
Sapper Edwin T. Milnes
Pte. Harry Tidswell
Rifleman Herbt. Fairburn
Gunner Harry Horsfall
Pte. Thos. Fearnley
Pte. Arthur Bullock
Pte. Arthur Greenwood
Pte. George Hey
Pte. James Ramsden
Pte. Willie Campbell
Driver Herbt. Fearnley
Pte. Fred Guest
Pte. Albert Robertson
Driver Raymond Illingworth
Pte. Raymond Naylor
Pte. Jack T. Greenwood
Pte. Harry Firth
John Patterson, Royal Navy
Maurice Stead, Royal Navy
John Calvert, Royal Navy
Pte. Clifford Jacobs
Pte. Clement Atkins
Sapper Clement Charnock
Air. Mech. Arnold Clayton
Pte. A. Sharp
E.R.A. John Wm. Horsfall
Pte. Wilf. Shaw
Air Mech. Ernest Coote

Anniversary Collections L.B.M.S.S

YEAR	£	s.	d.	YEAR	£	s.	d.
1872	22	5	0	1898	36	11	10½
1873	23	15	2¼	1899	31	15	5½
1874	34	0	0¼	1900	33	17	9½
1875	32	1	0	1901	40	9	4½
1876	29	2	6	1902	40	17	4½
1877	28	3	7	1903	41	0	0
1878	30	6	0	1904	38	3	9
1879	29	17	7	1905	30	5	6
1880	35	0	7½	1906	31	1	7
1881	30	0	0	1907	32	10	9½
1882	27	5	0½	1908	26	14	6½
1883	31	12	8½	1909	38	5	5
1884	30	6	3	1910	32	0	0½
1885	32	7	11	1911	37	7	4
1886	30	3	6	1912	37	14	7½
1887	31	3	7½	1913	36	14	8
1888	31	13	9½	1914	37	12	3½
1889	29	17	8	1915	31	4	7
1890	31	13	10	1916	36	15	4
1891	33	18	9½	1917	36	15	0
1892	34	10	6½	1918	52	2	3
1893	29	10	0	1919	71	14	3½
1894	43	6	0½	1920	101	7	6
1895	38	3	8	1921	71	5	4½
1896	35	1	2½				
1897	29	10	1	TOTAL 50 YRS	£1,832	2	11