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THE HOME IN THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IN THE HOME

The Sunday School

How does our Sunday School of 1956 compare with that of 1906? We read that the School then had 352 scholars and 40 teachers. Now we continue to maintain a standard of approximately 100 scholars and 20 teachers.

We have the excuse of the smaller family and the diffidence of parents who refuse to make their children go to Sunday School as they had to do in years gone by, but, what about the large estate built in the fields of 1906? This is an unceasing challenge to us. Numerically our teaching staff is as strong as it has ever been in the past, but before we attempt to recruit new scholars our staff must be enlarged, our classroom accommodation made more adequate.

If one of the old "stalwarts" walked into our Sunday School, how strange it would seem to him. Yet, if the same person lingered near a class . . . perhaps it would not seem so strange. The familiar Bible stories . . . the conscientious teacher . . . the consecrated life given in service. Here we are on common ground.

The same person would certainly feel at home at our Teachers' Prayer Meeting held the first Sunday afternoon of each month.

Here we have hopes for the future, for linked with our Sunday School is the Junior Christian Endeavour, where, instead of teaching there is training, thus fitting the scholars to become leaders, teachers, and who knows, perhaps Preachers and Missionaries. Yes, we continue the high standard of past years, for in our past records are these words: "At Lee Mount the Sunday School has been a very real nursery to the Church."

WOMEN'S MEETING.

Our present Women's Meeting started in April 1933 with the purpose of getting together the Women of our Church to try to interest them in the work of the Church. They were held each Tuesday afternoon and the meetings were mostly devotional but we had interesting meetings concerning holidays spent in various parts of the world.

The Missionary cause was not forgotten, besides having Missionary meetings we also worked for the B.M.S. box making and knitting articles for our Missionary work.

When Miss Amy Jagger went out as a

Missionary to China we gave her a box of things for her use in China.

When the war came we turned to knitting for our boys who went from our School both at home and abroad. We knitted nearly 200 pairs of socks, etc. Our work also included buying Table Covers, Towels, Crockery and Cutlery for use in the Church. We also run a Holiday Club and have had some very pleasant outings.

There are still a few of the members who helped to form the Women's Meeting living but most of them have passed on or are too old to come now. Those who are left try to carry on the work for Christ and His Church.

THE YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 7-30 p.m.
Secretary: Mrs. K. Illingworth,
62, Shay Lane, Ovenden.

The Young Wives' Fellowship is one of the newest organisations connected with our Church and was formed chiefly for the convenience of ladies who could not attend the afternoon Women's Meeting. To describe our organisation I will take each word of our title separately and will begin (if somewhat frivolously) with: YOUNG. We do not flatter ourselves as coming strictly under this heading, but I am sure we all feel young when we meet together; when we sing our hymns any listener might think it was some girls' choir; and at our yearly Christmas Party we somehow find the exuberance of teenagers!

WIVES. I think, without exception, that all our members are married women and our syllabus is compiled to be of special interest to women with homes and families.

FELLOWSHIP. This is the most important word of all, because we are a true Christian Fellowship and after every meeting we feel that we have been helped by our speaker, our Chairlady, and by the Christian Fellowship we experience one with another. Would you like to join our Young Wives' FELLOWSHIP. We should be most happy to welcome you.

MEN'S MEETING.

Fortnightly, Mondays, 7-30 p.m.
Lee Mount has a great tradition down the years, in its provision of meetings for men. The P.S.A., Mutual Improvement Societies; Men's

Bible Class, and of late, the Mouday Evening Men's Fellowship. All these have in a great measure, contributed to the life and witness of our cause here, in this church and district. The various speakers, lecturers, and class leaders, together with the discussion enjoyed in the meetings, have broadened the outlook and given joy and Christian Fellowship to many. It has helped us to live that fuller life, and to make a vital Christian Witness to those around us. Please help us to point our fellow men to He who said "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

MISSIONARY.

"Come over and help us!" From each area in which the B.M.S. works the call has come clearly and insistently. They say that our continued help in Missionary personnel and in gifts consecrated to Missionary service is desperately needed and gladly welcomed. What are we at Lee Mount doing to answer the call? Those who are interested in reading about the Mission Field take the monthly Missionary Herald or "Quest" which also contains a Guide to Prayer which we use privately and at our Wednesday Fellowship.

The Birthday Scheme presents a means whereby gifts can be made at a time when receiving is the usual procedure.

Annual gifts are gratefully received and those who prefer to give weekly take Missionary boxes.

Finally, we have recently decided to support the Berhampur Hospital, India, by prayer, by the annual gift of £20 and also by sending "Wants" Boxes occasionally. These consist of gifts of clothing and bed linen from the organisations and people of the Church.

The challenge is great for prayer and money and intelligent interest most of all. WHO WILL GO?

LIFE BOYS.

Object: 'The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among young boys and the training of a body of suitable recruits for the Boys' Brigade.'

Motto: 'To Play the Game.'

Method: To confirm and strengthen the work of the Sunday School by means of week-day contact with the boys. The provision, in a religious atmosphere, of happy hours of indoor and outdoor recreative training, including Games, Handicrafts, Singing, Nature Lessons, Missionary Talks, Stories, Health Lessons, and Musical Marching; and to cultivate Discipline by a simple uniform and the influence of the Team Spirit. The whole is interwoven with the life of the Church, and fulfils the Four-square Ideal of Mental, Physical, Spiritual and Social Development.

This Organisation is designed for boys **between the ages of 9-12**, and boys will be welcome at our Team Meetings on Fridays at 7 p.m. Sunday School attendance is a condition of membership.

THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

CADETS 6-10th birthday
 JUNIORS 10-13th birthday
 SENIORS 13-15th birthday
 PIONEERS 15 and over

ACTIVITIES

Games, P.T., Singing, Action Songs, Stories, Quizzes, Religious Instruction, Parades, Outings, Badge Work.

The badges earned in the Cadet Section are called 'points' and these 'points' make up the G.L.B. Cadet Badge. C for Collections, A for Art, D for Drill, E for Expression, T for Tests.

In the other sections there are 100 badges to work for varying from "needlecraft" to "safety first."

In addition to badge work, the Pioneers work for Knots, Navy, Red, Gold and Fourfold. In this section the girls are trained to recognise their responsibility to the Home, G.L.B., World, Nation and Church.

ANNUAL EVENTS

P.T. and Skipping Competitions.
 Sports Day.
 Company Display.
 Camping.

The Company meet every Wednesday as follows:

CADETS	6-15 to 7-30
JUNIORS	} 7-30 to 9-0
SENIORS	
PIONEERS	

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Motto: Sure & Stedfast.

When William A. Smith formed the first company of the B.B. in Glasgow he took an object which is still the primary aim of the B.B.—The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

The 24th Halifax company attached to this Church meets to try and fulfil this Object.

Boys between 12 and 18 years will be welcome on Monday or Thursday evening at 7-30, providing they are willing to attend Sunday morning Bible Class and Church at 10-0 a.m.

Activities of this company include Physical Training, Drill, Athletics, Football, Cricket, Swimming and Camping.

Classes for B.B. Badges are run in Signalling, Wayfaring, Arts and Crafts, and in conjunction with Battalion, boys may attend Ambulance, Fireman's and Camping Class.

What of the Future?

A very sensible question that any reader of our Year Book might ask would be—"You seem to have some large and spacious buildings at Lee Mount . . . are they not a burden to you?" "What are you going to do with them in the future?" It is clear from the past history of the Church that our forbears worked and sacrificed that the Church and School might be a reality. At the present time use is being made of the buildings by various organisations, catering for all members of the family, but, in thinking in terms of the future, could the Church be even more effective? I express a personal opinion when I say I believe it could . . . much more effective.

The great truth, I believe, we have to learn to-day is that the Gospel is intended to operate in all parts of human life and that there should be within a Church a Christian community concerned for the WHOLE life whether it be spiritual, physical, social, cultural, educational, practical, etc. To borrow the words of a noted exponent of this idea we should be able to say of the Church as a community "Here we shall

demonstrate that all life belongs to God and we shall seek to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of men and women, boys and girls." As is well known to many of us the general impression of many folk outside the Christian Church is that we are a miserable, narrow-minded lot . . . it is my burning conviction that it is the Church's great mission in these days to show very clearly that real Christianity is LIFE . . . full-blooded, hilarious life, and that if it is mixed with the ordinary things of this world it makes life magnificently worth while.

The story of the Rev. Maurice Barnett will sum up admirably. A Teddy Boy who had come into Eastbrook Hall . . . facilities being provided for Teddy Boys . . . met a very poor member of the Church. He questioned Mr. Barnett: "Is he religious?" "Yes" said Maurice Barnett. "But how can he be . . . he hangs" was the boy's reply.

The future as I see it can be a glorious one if we will daringly experiment to bring the ordinary stuff of life into a redeeming community. W.B.

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