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OTHER MEN'S FLOWERS

If there be righteousness in our hearts,
There will be beauty in our characters.
If there be beauty in our characters,
There will be harmony in our homes.
If there be harmony in our homes,
There will be order in the nations.
If there be order in the nations,
There will be peace in the world.

Considering that these thoughts were those
of Confucius and he was writing and philosophising
500 years before the birth of Christ, we have not
progressed as much as we like to think we have.

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

July, 1985.

By the time this newsletter is in print, the gist of the following paragraph will have been announced from the pulpit at morning worship. The lengthy (and unbelievably detailed) negotiations about the selling of the old church and land, together with plans for the building of the new premises, will have come to a climax. All we can say at the moment, because the full details have, of necessity, and on the instructions of our solicitor, to be kept strictly confidential pro-tem, is that we have provisionally accepted an offer for the sale and a tender for the re-building. Full details may be available in about a month's time. What we can with certainty tell you, is that we are on target, insofar that we have a shortfall of approximately £36,000 to find but the Church Council has unanimously undertaken to find that money within the next two to three years at the outside. So, in the meantime, there is much to do and we earnestly ask for your support in working and giving and supporting each effort that will be announced. We can see light at the end of the tunnel at last, but the tunnel is, admittedly a long one!

I have felt very frustrated of late, especially in respect of pastoral visiting. Somehow, I cannot do all I intended to do and the amount I have managed in previous appointments. There are so many afternoon meetings (sometimes there is not one afternoon free in a week to do any visiting and what is done is effected during the dinner hour or after tea, neither being very appropriate times). Moreover I now have a regular quarterly (and in some cases monthly) visiting list of those confined to their own homes,

chronic sick, to say nothing of those visited weekly, at a minimum, in hospitals. I am doing all I can, but it is now almost a year since I came and there are still about forty members outstanding on my class-book whom I have not yet seen. Of course, there are now people joining us every week and they must have preference for a visit. I am glad to say that there should be a few candidates for confirmation ere long, together with some who make a straightforward transfer from other denominations.

I feel I must say something about the Conference's committee (and decision) about Freemasonry, though not wishing to be engaged in the controversy. I am sorry that the Church has seen fit to resurrect a controversy which older members will recall took place prior to the last war and during which the Rev. C. Penny-Hunt published his book "The Menace of Freemasonry to the Christian Faith". And what did it all achieve? Precisely nothing. The danger is that whilst the Church is warning men (I leave the matter of women Freemasons out of this) not to enter the craft, it may well mean that many good men will leave the church. I know the distress it has already caused in some homes. We shall be more denuded of menfolk in our churches than we already are. Moreover what of the special Methodist "Epworth Lodge" of Freemasons which includes many prominent ministers (including Chairmen of Districts) and laymen? Why not oppose some Temperance Organisations and Friendly Societies which also have secret passwords and rituals? To say that the Committee has received much help from a prominent Freemason means little or nothing because the more important aspects, by their very nature, will remain secret. I think our folk are endued with sufficient common sense and integrity to decide for themselves whether or not to join the organisation. They can leave this report for what it is worth. I hope that those of my two churches

who are Masons will retain their loyalty to the church and use their craft to exploit every opportunity of doing what good they can in the community. A number of my closest friends belong to the Society and I have been well blessed in knowing them. I might add that I, myself, am not a member.

Yours sincerely,
Albert Brown-Lawson

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

"In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

Sunday 7 July PHILIP SAMUEL son of GEOFFREY and
JILL HIRST
Sunday 14 July JENNA ELIZABETH daughter of IAN
IVOR DELVIN and MORNA ELIZABETH GARNER

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

"Whom God hath joined"

25 May GRAHAM WOOD to WENDY HAWKSHAW
8 June DEREK CLAYTON to ELIZABETH CLARE GABBOTT
15 June PETER DAVID SUTTENSTALL to KAREN ANGELA MALEK

To these happy couples we extend our very best wishes for the future.

OBITUARIES

"Let light perpetual shine upon them"

Date of
Funeral

31 May (MRS) ELIZABETH THORBURN Aged 86 years
31 May WILLIAM DESMOND LITTLEWOOD Aged 76 years
(Interment of ashes at Lawnswood 19 June).

To both parties bereaved we extend our prayerful support and deep sympathy. Mr. Thorburn had cared for his wife throughout her fifteen years illness and only at the last did she enter hospital. His grand-daughter was married at our church.

Mr. Littlewood with Mrs. Littlewood have been members and regular worshippers with us since their marriage, six years exactly before his passing; and previous to that, members at Trinity, Roundhay Road. He was a kind, retiring person, who had spent so much of his life caring for others. He worked among sick animals and later his duties brought him into regular contact with bereaved persons. He had not been well for some time but mercifully his suffering was fairly short at the end. Mrs. Littlewood is well assured that she is among a caring community here at Ladywood.

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

The calendar says it is high summer, exams are over (HOORAY AND BEST WISHES) and the temperature is definitely rising. In a note accompanying his pastoral letter Dr. Lawson expressed the hope that now that something approximating summer had arrived he hoped that those away on holiday might derive full benefit and return better fitted for their daily labours. We would like to join him in those sentiments.

In reporting such news of the wider family as comes our way we tend to take the obvious for granted. Our minister is apologetic for not having got around to visiting everyone in his first year, but in coming to Ladywood at a time of such change, he really took on a mammoth task. In the past we may not have expressed our gratitude as openly as we might but his efforts have been very much appreciated and when, like the rest of us, he succumbs to a 'bug', we realise how much we depend on his shepherding.

And what of the wider family? Gladys Harper wrote to us in June. She sounded very content and was looking forward to a holiday in Bridlington from 29 June. She sent her good wishes to old friends still at Ladywood. Mrs. Shepherd has gone to live in Ripon. For some reasons she was sad to leave the area but the theft of her property had been unsettling and she was pleased to be moving nearer to her family.

We are glad to know that one of our young people has got a teaching post within commuting distance of Leeds. We look forward to seeing more of Helen Garnett and hope she will be happy in Heckmondwike.

We can be happy with the Naylor's yet again. Jack was a year older on 7 July but his latest grandchild arrived a day too early for his birthday. Ingrid Elizabeth Naylor was born in Uppsala on 6 July.

For those too young to have sung the 'oldie', "She fell for a fellah from Uppsala", it is a seat of learning in Sweden. Congratulations to Martin and Anna who live there. That is not all for the Naylor family to rejoice over either - congratulations - Dr. Andrew Naylor.

At time of writing there has been no news from the Stallworthy camp but our thoughts will be down in the Isle of Wight with Christopher and Lynn in their pleasurable anticipation of a second child.

Last time we belatedly congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Hunt on their Golden wedding. This time can we be a bit earlier in the field to congratulate daughter Jennifer Tempest on her appointment as Deputy Head at Collingham school from September.

After 28 years as a Broadcast delivery girl Mrs. Ainsworth has decided to retire. We rely on those who deliver our publications and keep us in touch with our customers. In thanking Mrs. Ainsworth for her sterling service we also pay tribute to the rest of our 'paper-boys and girls'.

Peggy Horne reports that she recently received a letter from Titus (dated 16 May). The mail is getting through now but it is often delayed. He gratefully acknowledged the £55 credited to his account in March and expressed his sincere gratitude to all friends at Ladywood. Baby Gladys will be five months old now and our efforts made it possible for a good doctor to attend her and Anne. Food is now more plentiful - but expensive! Titus is working very hard and being kept more than busy but he sends his love to you all. Please continue to pray for him and his family and for the work he is doing in Ghana.

Mrs. C. M. Littlewood wishes to thank most sincerely all those friends and members of Ladywood who have helped her to bear the loss of Desmond, with cards, flowers, visits to the hospital and home.

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IN RETROSPECT

I recently had the opportunity of seeing Phyllis Taylor's collection of photographs of past events at Ladywood. For one thing they made me realise that either the summers were much more reliable 25/30 years ago or the congregation had implicit faith. Musical shows seem to have been performed outside on the grass. Now I can remember when I first came to the district, a very trendy performance of 'Toad of Toad Hall', but the photographic record of a gun-slinging Barrie Claughton in 'Annie get your gun', took me by surprise. 'The King and I' obviously gave scope for Sunday School support and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' offered parts for all age groups. 'Come to the Fair' and 'Oh, you beautiful doll' were other productions and if happy faces are anything to go by, we could perhaps do worse than have another go. Anyone with aspirations to produce? It would make a change from coffee mornings wouldn't it?

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

NCH

In our March/April 85 issue we described the Hilton Grange project to which the Church Walkers' carolling collection had been allocated. In a recent letter to Don Stallworthy the NCH representative, Mr. W. E. Wallace said that the 16+ extended education unit had now been opened, but to help foot the bill and ensure the maintenance a Christmas Carolcade had been arranged to take place in the Town Hall on Thursday, 12 Dec. at 7.30 pm.

The tickets are expected to cost £2.50 each but when you know that for that price you will hear -

The Yorkshire Imperial Band

The Leeds Girls' Choir

The Leeds Male Voice Choir

The White Rose Barbers Shop Singers

and The St. Edmund's Choristers

What more could you wish?

A concert of this nature itself costs money to launch and the committee want all the proceeds in December to go to the special unit so churches have been asked to mount special efforts during the year to meet the costs of the Carolcade. As we could not get hold of Bruce Springsteen, Don and Molly are holding a coffee morning on a date to be arranged when they get back from the Isle of Wight. The proceeds will be Roundhay Methodist Church's contribution to the Christmas concert effort. We hope you enjoy both the coffee morning and the Carolcade.

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WOMEN'S WORK

It was a great privilege to be invited to go as a Representative from the Leeds District, to the Tri-ennial Conference at Swanwick from June 3rd - 6th.

Almost 200 people, mostly ladies (although gentlemen are now invited, so there were a few husbands) from every District of British Methodism, together with visitors from other Denominations and from Overseas and members of the Mission House staff came together for lectures, Bible study and Group discussion.

The theme was "Together travel on" and there were three main Speakers.

Mrs. Vasiti Railwalui from Fiji spoke on "Partnership between the older churches and the younger" and illustrated by telling of her own family experiences.

Dr. Mary Hall, a Roman Catholic Sister, working as Director of the Multi Faith Resource Unit in Birmingham, told us of her work there and emphasised that there is no question of anyone trying to convert anyone, but simply learning to work together and each respecting the faith and culture of the other.

Rev. Bongani Mazibuko, a South African Methodist minister spoke on "Partnership between White and Coloured".

In addition, we were engaged in Bible study and then discussions in groups of ten, no two persons from the same District being in the same group.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. June Lunn (Vice President of Conference) presented a most beautiful Epilogue. Those ladies who went to Abbot Hall last year will know and remember how impressive they were.

The closing session was a Communion service in which the prayers of Intercession were taken by people from various countries, who each offered a short prayer in their own language and then translated it into English; so we prayed for Italy, Germany, Portugal, Switzerland, Ireland, India, Ghana, Uruguay, Kenya and Zimbabwe. Each person served her neighbour with the bread and the wine from the chalice.

There was a wonderful spirit of togetherness and fellowship throughout the Conference. One morning I sat next to the lady from East Germany and we shared a hymnbook, she singing in German and I in English to the old familiar tunes.

Rev. Ofori Rockson was the Ghanaian representative to the British Conference, and his face lit up when

I asked him if he knew Titus Pratt. Each time we met he said "Titus is doing fine".

I met a young man recently returned from Nepal who knows Christine Wright and Mr. & Mrs Ndukwe, who went from Roscoe church to Katmandu.

A minister's wife from the Isle of Wight of course knows Mr. & Mrs. Grant and I also met a lady from Ilford who knows Mrs. Tyrer, a former Deaconess from Gipton and a lady from Swindon whose minister is Rev. Kathleen Share who was formerly at Gipton and known then as Sister Kathleen.

So, although we worked very hard and had little leisure time, it was a wonderful experience and we now have to try to put into practice what we learned and to travel on together.

Agnes Beaumont

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AROUND THE ORGANISATIONS

SCOUTS

Our warmest congratulations go to three more Scouts who have recently gained their Gold Arrows. They are -

Lee Dewhurst and Richard Purvis of Baden Pack, and Leon Johnson of Powell Pack.

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EDITORIAL

"Light at the end of the tunnel" and a time to "Travel on together" - this issue of the Broadcast contains many words of encouragement for us all as the huge task which we set ourselves of rebuilding our church shows some positive signs of a conclusion, even though it has taken longer than many at first anticipated. By the time this issue is out we shall have had our 1985 Summer Fair, which we all hope will have been profitable as well as enjoyable. More will be said of this in the next issue, but a word of thanks should go now to Ann Johnson for organising the event, and to all the various organisations and individuals who participated.

As will be evident from the brevity of the church calendar, most organisations and groups are having a summer break, but will be back again in September. We should like to remind the various secretaries to let us have lists and details of their Autumn meetings as soon as they are finalised, together with any information which would be of interest to those wishing to join them.

Items for the next issue of the Broadcast by Sunday 11th August, please.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

15 July - 25 Aug. 1985

(The venue of the meetings will be the Church unless otherwise stated)

July 18	8.00pm	Young Wives	Summer Evening (Members only)
21	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	Mrs. B. Rogers	
	6.30pm	Mr. M. J. Chapman	
28	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	The Minister	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mr. A. A. Brown A.T.D.	
Aug. 1	2.30pm	Montagu House Group	7 Oakwood Walk (Mrs Butterley)
4	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	The Minister	
	6.30pm	Rev. John Whittle	
11	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	Sister Stella	
	6.30pm	The Minister	
18	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	Mr. K. Tattersall	
	6.30pm	The Minister	
25	10.00am	Prayer Fellowship	
	11.00am	The Minister	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mr. P. C. Etherington	

DUTY ROSTERS

DATE	VESTRY	DOOR	PROVISION	FLOWERS	DISTRIBUTION
JULY 21	I KILVINGTON J GARNETT	D STALLWORTHY C CRASKE M COLLINS	MRS W LYNN		MR B CLAUGHTON
28	M LEE J WRIGHT	J GARNETT M HOPKINSON A JOHNSON	MR & MRS F TAYLOR		MRS J EDGAR
AUG 4	J GARNETT A JONES	F JONES M KAY L MAINSTONE	MR & MRS J GARNETT		MR J GARNETT
11	I KILVINGTON M LEE	E H NEWTON R SAUNDERS D STALLWORTHY	MR & MRS W JOHNSON		MR M HAMPSHIRE
18	A JONES J WRIGHT	P TAYLOR R CLAPHAM M COLLINS	MRS E PASCOE		MR R HARTLEY
25	M LEE D MORROW	C CRASKE J GARNETT M HOPKINSON	MRS WILKS		MR A LOWSON