

Associates of Zion Church and Sunday School, who served in the Great War.



A star precedes the names of the fallen.

ADAMS, ARNOLD
 ATKINSON, GEORGE
 ATKINSON, JOHN
 ATKINSON, THOMAS
 BALDWIN, FRANK
 BELL, ARTHUR
 BELL, JAMES
 * BELL, JOHN
 * BELL, ROBERT WILLIAM
 BELL, STEPHEN
 * BENNETT, CLAUDE D.
 BRADLEY, THOMAS
 BROWN, GEORGE
 * BULLOCK, GEORGE
 * BULLOCK, HENRY
 BULLOCK, WILLIAM
 CARDUS, CHRISTOPHER
 CARDUS, GORDON
 CARDUS, JOHN THOMAS
 CARDUS, KENNETH
 COX, WILLIAM
 DIXON, HARRY JOHNSON
 FOXCROFT, THOMAS
 GRAHAM, CHRISTOPHER HAROLD
 GRAHAM, ERNEST
 GRAHAM, CATHERINE
 HARDACRE, THOMAS
 HAYGARTH, JAMES
 HAYGARTH, MATTHEW

HEELIS, JOHN MASTERS
 HUMPHREYS, ERNEST
 HUMPHREYS, JOHN
 IRVINE, ROBERT
 JOHNSON, JOSEPH EDWARD
 LAMBERT, BERTRAM
 LAMBERT, ERNEST
 LAMBERT, VICTOR
 * MARLOR, ERIC
 MARLOR, KENNETH
 MAUNDERS, WALTER
 * MILLAN, GEORGE
 * MONK, RICHARD
 NELSON, JOHN
 OVERING, JOHN WHITFIELD
 * PACKARD, JOHN
 * PARKER, JAMES
 PETTITT, EMILY
 PHILLIPSON, WILLIAM
 RALPH, BERTRAM
 RALPH, GEORGE
 RALPH, ROBERT WILLIAM
 SHORT, GEORGE
 SHORT, WILLIAM
 SMITH, ALEX
 SMITH, VICTOR
 TOWLER, OSWALD
 TOWLER, WINFRED
 * TROUGHTON, WILLIAM

N.B.—A list of above names on vellum, framed in dark oak, is being prepared, and is to be placed in the Vestibule of the Church.

J. W. Lambert, Printer, Settle.

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From "A Short Account of the Convincement, &c. of that Ancient and Faithful Servant and Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, Samuel Watson," published in London in 1712, page 62.

"The Ninth Day of the First month 1706/7, I had a Motion from God to go to the Cathedral in the City of Chester with a Message after this manner:—
 Christian People. Y. Y."

Samuel Watson died at Chester, and was buried there on the 24th Sept. 1708, aged 88.

On Sunday the 24th inst., the Rev. S. Compston commenced his labours as Pastor over the Independent Church and congregation at Settle. In the morning... 1855

On Good Friday... There was a good... H. Driver, J. Wilby, and R. Gibbs, J. Campbell, M.A., of minister, and the Rev. J. addressed the Church and... a long one, being accounts we have heard and edited.

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ZION NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL, SETTLE.—OPENING SERVICES.—The completion and opening of the New Sunday-school in connection with the Zion Chapel, Settle, gave rise to special services on Sunday last. Two sermons were preached in the Chapel by the Rev. J. M. Calvert, of Grassington Old Hall, to large congregations. In the afternoon there was a service of song and harvest thanksgiving. The music selected, being "The Giver and His Gifts," was sung by the choir and Sunday-school children, under the direction of Mr. Henry Lord, narratives being read by the Rev. G. H. Brown. Upwards of 300 persons were present. At the close of each service collections were made in aid of the building fund, and realised upwards of £17.—On Monday evening, a tea meeting was held in the new schoolroom, when about 120 adults and 100 children partook of a substantial tea, the various tables being most tastefully laid and presided over by Mrs. Grime, Miss S. J. Cowburn, Misses Fells, Misses Metcalfe, Mrs. M. Homer, Mrs. T. Swale, Miss Johnson, Miss Bradley, Miss Overing, and Miss Nelson, the viands being under the superintendance of Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Fell and Mrs. Bolland. After the tea a public meeting was held in the schoolroom, and was largely attended. The Rev. G. H. Brown presided, and there were also present on the platform—The Rev. J. M. Calvert, Mr. John Lawson (of Tosside, and Aire-dale College), Messrs. J. Harger (representing the Wesleyans), E. Brockbank (Society of Friends), H. Brassington (Primitive Methodists), M. Graham, D. Iveson, and T. A. Harvey, and part of the Chapel choir and friends. After the singing of the hymn "I will commend my blessings upon you," and a prayer by Mr. Lawson, the Chairman delivered a short address, in which he expressed his satisfaction that his great aim and desire had been fulfilled by the erection of such a commodious room for their Sunday-school as that in which he stood.—Mr. Harvey then spoke at great length on the past, present, and future prospects of their Sabbath school, and alluded to the presence on the platform of the representatives from other schools, particularly that of Mr. Brockbank, who was the principal promoter of the Adult Sabbath Class.—Mr. D. Iveson in his address said he had been 39 years connected with the Sunday school, and he congratulated them on having got such a beautiful school as the one they were now in, and compared the present with the past as to their school work. Mr. Mathew Graham, who was greeted with much applause, said he claimed priority over Mr. Harvey and Mr. Iveson, for he was connected with the Sunday-school 60 years ago. He described the Sunday-school work in his time and compared it with the present, incidentally remarking that at our time they were called together by the blowing of a horn. He strongly advocated monthly lectures being given to the children upon interesting subjects by teachers. After singing hymn 974, "Train up a child in the way he should go," Mr. Brassington, Mr. Jos. Harger, Mr. Lawson, and the Rev. J. M. Calvert, addressed the meeting. The thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Calvert—the singers—those who got up the trays—and to Mr. J. W. Dugdale, for decorating the room,—and to all who had tendered assistance: and after prayer the meeting was brought to a close. The new school is a substantial and commodious stone building, the stone and sand being got out of the excavation for the foundation of one room. The whole is fitted with suitable furniture and is heated by hot-air on the principle of Rimington's patent apparatus. The architectural portion of the work and plans were designed by Mr. James Holmes, foreman to Mr. Robert Grime, builder, Settle, under whose direction we believe the whole structure was carried on. The wood work was done by Mr. Robert Grime, and the stone work by Mr. Wilson, Longpreston, the slating and plastering by Mr. Jackman, and the plumbing, &c., by Messrs. Holmes, Settle. The whole cost is estimated at about £400. For the opening services Mr. J. W. Dugdale had displayed considerable taste in the decorations. We learn that the sum of £25 has been realised by the tea and collections. 1880

On Sunday the 24th inst., the Rev. S. Compston commenced his labours as Pastor over the Independent Church and congregation worshipping in Zion Chapel, Settle. In the morning Mr. C. founded his remarks from *Acts 10, chap. 23—33 verses*. "Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying as soon as I was sent for, I ask therefore for what intent you have sent for me? Immediately therefore I sent to thee and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." 1855

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, ORDINATION.—On Good Friday the Rev. S. Compston was set apart to the work of a minister over the Independent Church, in Settle. There was a good congregation. The Revs. Messrs. H. Driver, J. Williamson, S. Campbell, J. Gregory, and R. Gibbs, assisted in the ceremonies. The Rev. J. Campbell, M.A., of Bradford, gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. J. Gregory of Thornton, near Bradford, addressed the Church and Congregation. The service was rather a long one, being upwards of four hours, but from the accounts we have heard the congregation was very much pleased and edified.

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, SETTLE.—EXTINCTION OF DEBT.—The friends of the above place of worship have just held their anniversary services. On Sunday last, the Rev. R. Gibbs, of Skipton, occupied the pulpit, collections were made for the support of the cause and the further improvement of the Chapel. The sermons were excellent, and the collections liberal. On Monday afternoon they had a tea-meeting, when about 120 partook of the evening beverage, which was highly commended. And in the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Wm. Byles, Esq., of the Bradford Observer. The Rev. S. Compston, pastor of the church and congregation, who has just completed the fourth year of his ministry among them, gave out a hymn of praise which was sung most heartily by the children and young people of his charge. The Rev. J. R. Campbell, M.A., of Bradford, then offered up prayer and thanksgiving with much solemnity and comprehensiveness. The chairman said he had great pleasure in visiting the Settle friends, and congratulated them on the noble effort they had made, which, with aid cheerfully afforded, had proved so successful in removing the debt from, and making much needed improvements in their place of worship. He made pleasing reference also to the fact of his friend Mr. Compston having spent four years so happily and usefully amongst them. Letters of apology were read from Henry Brown, Esq., mayor of Bradford, John Crossley, Esq., of Halifax, and Benjamin Harrison, Esq., of Bradford, in which kind congratulations and good wishes were expressed. Kent's Anthem, "Thine O Lord," &c., having been sung, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, in a speech of great breadth and power, moved the first resolution, which was ably seconded by the Rev. Mr. Gibbs. Other resolutions were moved, and seconded, and supported by the Revs. E. Gatley, Tosside, A. Spencer, Longpreston, J. Ford, Settle, J. Compston Bramley, (son of the Settle pastor), and Messrs. Harvey, Iveson, and Waugh. Between the different speeches, select hymns and pieces, chosen and taught by the pastor, were sung by the children, to the great gratification of the audience. The proceedings were brought to a close a little before ten o'clock by singing the doxology, and the benediction. The young people had wrought hard in decorating the chapel, preparing mottoes, &c., which did them great credit. All parties seemed highly gratified, and the meeting was felt to be one of great spiritual enjoyment; many said "it was good to be there." 1854

BAZAAR.—On Monday and Tuesday, April 3rd and 4th, there was a sale of plain, useful, and ornamental articles, in connection with the Independent Chapel, Settle—the result of a wish on the part of the young people of the congregation to do something for the benefit of the chapel. Busy fingers, under the guidance of one or two presiding minds, had been at work for some weeks, and the results have been highly satisfactory. The sale, for the sake of public convenience, took place in the Court House, and has proved a decided success. To add to the pleasure of the visitors, Mr. S. Compston, jun., performed at intervals on the harmonium. The friends of the chapel wish to express their gratitude to members of other denominations, to the inhabitants generally, and to friends at a distance, for their kind sympathy and aid. The proceeds of the sale will be appropriated to repairs and improvements on the chapel premises. 1863

REMOVAL OF A POPULAR MINISTER.

The residents of Settle and District will be sorry to hear that the Rev. L. J. Malkinson, pastor at Zion Congregational Church, is about to leave the district. During his stay of eight years he has been liked by all who met him. He has had a great deal to do with the organising of the National League of Young Worshippers, having shown a great interest in children and children's welfare. Mr. Malkinson compiled a "Children's Service Book," a very suitable form of service for young people. It is used in his own church and also in the local Wesleyan Church. This booklet is now the recognised service book of the National League. When he was appointed to Zion Church there were between sixty and seventy scholars at that Sunday School. To-day, a great tribute to his popularity, there are 180, together with a flourishing Young People's Society.

Mr. Malkinson also took a keen interest in the welfare of the town, and amongst other offices he was a district councillor; and a member of the Board of Guardians; district Probation Officer; treasurer of the Oxford University Extension Lectures Committee; member of the Co-operative Stores Committee; member of the Settle Wednesday Cricket Club Committee; ex-president of the Settle branch of the League of Nations Union; manager of the Craven Savings Bank; treasurer of the Skipton and District Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society; honorary representative of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, as well as representing his Church on many other local committees.

Mr. Malkinson has accepted an invitation to build up a new church in the rapidly-developing residential district of Shipley. At present the congregation there is meeting in a temporary building, but a good site on the Bradford Road has been obtained, and it is expected that the erection of the new Church will be proceeded with in the near future.

Mr. Malkinson expects to take up his duties at Shipley in March, and he tendered his resignation at Settle on Sunday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Malkinson will be greatly missed, the latter having done much to bring the musical part of Zion's services up to a high standard of excellence.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL.

REV. L. J. MALKINSON SPED WITH GIFTS & GOOD WISHES.

Last week-end marked the close of the Rev. L. J. Malkinson's ministry at the Zion Congregational Church at Settle.

On Sunday morning Miss Fell, on behalf of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, presented Mr. Malkinson with a beautifully framed photograph of Settle. The evening service was largely attended. Although he did not make a farewell sermon, Mr. Malkinson thanked them for all the assistance they had given him. Loyalty had been the backbone of the church. No minister had more friendly people; no minister had a happier charge. He concluded with an appeal to give his successor the same loyalty.

On Monday evening a social gathering was held in the Schoolroom and Mr. H. Dugdale occupied the chair. Miss E. Green tendered on behalf of the choir a handsome framed oak photograph of Settle to Mrs. Malkinson.

Mr. W. Lambert, on behalf of the church members, congregation, senior scholars and members of the bench presented Mr. and Mrs. Malkinson with note-case containing Treasury notes. He also spoke in glowing terms of the work that had been accomplished by them during the last eight years.

Mr. F. Riley, Sunday School superintendent, said there was no need to attempt to recall all that Mr. Malkinson had done whilst at Settle. He was sure they all realised what his ministry had meant and the work that he had accomplished. He appealed for continued loyalty to the church. It might be some little time before a successor to Mr. Malkinson was appointed. Meanwhile let them do whatever they could in the way of whole-hearted co-operation. He thanked the minister for the admirable service rendered to Zion and to the town of Settle and for the inspiring and hopeful messages he had given from pulpit and platform, and for the high standard of personal service he had set before them. He hoped in his new sphere of work he would experience relationships as happy, and friendships as sincere as those he had found at Settle.

The members of the Zion orchestra provided musical selections and supper was provided by the members of the ladies' social circle. Solos were also contributed by Mr. J. Heelis, Miss M. Herrington, and duets by Mrs. E. Lambert and Miss E. Green, and the Misses A. and J. Bell. A quartette was also rendered by Miss D. Green, Mrs. E. Lambert and Messrs. W. Barwick and A. Adams and a solo and chorus by Mr. G. Hodgson, assisted by Misses A. and M. Bell, A. and L. Bradley, E. Smith and H. Bullock. Miss M. Riley officiated as accompanist.

Zion Congregational Church, Settle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 1918.

Recognition of the Newly Appointed Minister,
The Rev. L. J. MALKINSON.

4 p.m. DIVINE SERVICE.

Preacher:

Rev. W. J. Coates, B.D.,

of Salem Church, Bradford.

5 p.m. Tea in the School-room.

Friends are requested to bring their own provisions. Tea and milk will be provided.

7 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING.

Speakers:

Mr. F. W. HILL, J.P., of Bradford (District Chairman).
Rev. L. H. GAUNT, M.A., of Skipton (District Secretary).
Rev. W. E. LINNEY, M.A., Vicar of Settle.
Rev. W. J. COATES, B.D., Bradford.
Rev. L. J. MALKINSON.
Mr. J. V. HARGER and Mr. F. RILEY.

Chairman - Mr. F. MARLOR, Close House.

COLLECTIONS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

J. W. LAMBERT, PRINTER, CHEAPSIDE, SETTLE.



REV. WALTER SCOTT,

AIRDALE COLLEGE.

Printed by J. F. Bird Engraved by J. Colvill

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ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CENTENARY.

Some Interesting Recollections.

The celebration of centenary of this Church took place during last week-end. On Sunday the preacher was the Rev. G. H. Brown, of Menston, pastor of the Church from 1873 to 1906. On Monday afternoon a public tea was held in the Schoolroom, after which an organ recital was given by Dr. E. L. Compston, of Rawtenstall, and in the evening a meeting was also held in the Church. At the meeting the chair was occupied by the Rev. W. J. Coates, B.D., of Bradford (chairman of the Bradford District Congregational Union), and there was a nice attendance. Addresses were given by Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, J.P., Mr. S. Compston, J.P., Rev. G. H. Brown, Mr. F. Riley, Mr. F. Marlor, and Rev. L. H. Gaunt, M.A. (district secretary), whilst Rev. L. J. Malkinson (pastor) gave the result of the Zion Centenary Fund.

The address followed the form of a serial story and Mr. Brayshaw commenced with Zion 100 years ago, and traced the history of Independence at Settle from the time of the great Richard Frankland at the end of the 17th century to the beginning of the 19th century. The Itinerant Society for spreading the Gospel in the West Riding was founded in 1811, and at that time the Independents were worshipping in a private house. The Rev. Joseph and John Cockin were the moving spirits in this Society, and it was in a great measure owing to their activities that a regular congregation was formed. In the Society's report for 1813 it is stated "of all places which we visit Settle has a special claim to notice. We have many friends here who are active and devoted to the cause. The people in general are favourably disposed to us and our congregations are as large as the place which we occupy will possibly admit, and would be much larger if we could afford accommodation. We have also the pleasure to say that the opposition of the Methodists, which we noticed in our last Report, has ceased, a more Christian spirit prevails, they are peaceable, and have, in some instances, been friendly." The report for 1815 states that arrangements have been made "for preaching every Sabbath at Settle, a plan which we hope will increase the congregation and promote the cause of religion in that place." The project of building the chapel is thus referred to in 1816: "We commenced our labours in Craven and have given preference to Settle because it seemed the most likely place for collecting a congregation and establishing our interests. We have preached there every Sabbath for many months, but the house we occupy is so small and so disadvantageously situated that we cannot expect a large attendance. Upon the present plan we may supply the place year after year, at a great expense, without making any progress, and may be obliged finally to give it up in circumstances of disgrace and with feelings of mortification. As the best, and indeed the only way to avoid such an issue of our labours, we have resolved to build a chapel. We formed this resolution from a conviction that we must either come to that or to nothing. The undertaking is an arduous one, but we have not entered upon it rashly. It is the result of mature and cautious deliberations, and has been prosecuted with all the energy and zeal of which we are capable. Our friends at Settle and its vicinity have contributed £200, a sum which exceeds the expectations of those who best know their number and ability. We believe it may be said of them, what can be said of few congregations, they have done what they could." As to the actual opening of the Chapel the garrulous old diarist, W. L. Paley, states in one of his letters: "The Independents in Settle opened their new

chapel on the 4th of June, 1817. I heard two florid sermons by the eloquent Mr. R. W. Hamilton, of Leeds, but did not consider him as one of the clearest gospel preachers. Their interest is not great here yet, I think the Methodists is greater." Paley has frequent references to attendances at the chapel in later years. He seems to have formed a good opinion of Mr. Bristowe, the first minister, although he admits that "many people do not like him." He also adds that Mr. Bristowe was "disappointed of a title for Orders," which looks as though that gentleman wished to enter the Church of England. Mr. Ellis, the second Minister, seems to have been a great success, being in great request at Missionary meetings. In July, 1824, Paley records that he had been present at the ordaining of Mr. Ellis, and that the chapel was well filled—many strangers being present. The morning service had continued for four hours. In May, 1827, a meeting was held at the chapel for the purpose of establishing a branch of the missionary society, on which occasion the collections amounted to £23 12s. 6d. Mr. Wright, the third minister, was active in connection with the Bible Society, being one of the joint secretaries for the district. His only published work seems to have been a pamphlet on "Antimonian Absurdities." The Rev. J. Williams, the fourth minister, whose term lasted from 1833 to 1838, is chiefly remembered by a lecture in March, 1835 on the "Advantages of drunkenness." Although this was delivered in a semi-satirical spirit, it caused great dissension and the church was dissolved for a short time.

Mr. S. Compston, J.P., of Rawtenstall, carried on the story of Zion 60 years ago, and explained how at that period the Congregationalists of Yorkshire were anxious that something should be done for Settle. There was a preaching station at Gargrave as well as at Settle, and this was at the speaker's grandfather's house, and a remarkable thing was that his father left Gargrave when he was six years of age, and went into Lancashire but returned to Craven long years after to be pastor at Settle, the outcome of what was done in his father's house; so it was a matter of pride for the speaker to be present that night to share their joy at having brought the Congregational ship to its present state. He then went on to explain the state of the old church in his father's pastorate, how that the pews were like boxes, and the building was heated with an iron stove with a pipe through the wall and lighted with candles, and the difficulty they had in persuading the smoke to leave the building by its proper channel. He congratulated those present upon the great improvements that had been made. His father began his work there 64 years ago on 24th June next. They, through the kindness of Mr. John Lord (Bonny John), got rid of the candles, and he supplied paraffin lamps. Then with regard to the heating they did away with the stove and Mr. John Winskill, the builder, put up a boiler house in the corner of the building and pipes were laid round the same building. There seemed to be some trouble with this heating apparatus, as the safety valve was a tank at the end of the pipes and this was, if not watched, always boiling over. Mr. D. Ineson, however, decided to raise the sides of this tank and this difficulty was got over. Mr. Compston mentioned many other notabilities of that period and their interest in the chapel.

The Rev. G. H. Brown then took charge of the story 40 years ago, and said that of the century thus past if he had stayed another 10 months he would have been pastor for one-third of the century.

After him came Mr. F. Riley, speaking of Zion 10 years ago, and Mr. F. Marlor of Zion of to-day, whilst the Rev. L. H. Gaunt carried on the story into the future.—Just prior to the close of the addresses the choir sang an anthem, and the collections at the services were in aid of the Centenary Fund.

SETTLE.

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Rev. Rowland Ingram at Zion Chapel. At this time there was an interesting episode in the history of the chapel; and as we now look back upon it, it seems so unique that we may give a short account of it in these pages. In the summer of 1853 the Rev. Rowland Ingram ceased to act as vicar at Giggleswick. He had held the position for some seven years, and was well known as an able and eloquent preacher. In the autumn of the same year he applied to the deacons of the Independent Chapel for permission to occupy the pulpit on Sunday evenings. The chapel was at that time without minister; the services were morning, afternoon, and evening; and the pulpit was usually supplied by students from the Airedale College. Mr. Ingram asked that he might have charge of the evening service. Such a request from the former vicar of the parish was so much off the usual lines that a special meeting of the deacons and members was held to consider it. In those times much stress was laid on doctrinal accuracy; and it was a serious question as to whether it would be "safe" to admit Mr. Ingram to the pulpit. The present deacons remember the meeting; and how that Mr. Ingram himself attended it, and took much pains to show that the teaching of the Church of England was substantially one with that of the Independents. The meeting was satisfied, and Mr. Ingram commenced his unique ministry, which was continued through the winter months. We have spoken with a few friends who remember the first service. The chapel was packed from end to end, and from side to side. Seats, aisles, pulpit-stairs, gallery-stairs, every available inch of sitting and of standing-room were occupied. There

July 1854.

had never been so great a crush in the chapel before. Someone who was feeling nervous turned to Mr. T. A. Harvey and whispered, "Will it (the gallery) bear, Thomas?" We have not been able to learn anything as to Mr. Ingram's text, or as to the gist of his remarks on that occasion; but one friend remembers that the preacher said that it was not from self-seeking that he had commenced those services, but simply from a desire to do good. The subsequent services were well attended; and when the last had been held Mr. Ingram called on Mr. Ineson and said that he had never felt so happy in his work as during those Sunday evenings in Zion Chapel. These events of forty years ago are not without their significant lessons for to-day.

The longest pastorates have been that of the Rev. Samuel Compston, which extended from 1855 to 1867, and that of the present minister, which commenced in 1873. During recent years the congregation has done much to strengthen the cause of Independency in Settle. In 1875 the chapel was renovated at a cost of £1000; in 1880 a commodious Sunday-school was built; and in 1893 an organ, of first-rate musical qualities, was placed in the chapel.

WESLEYAN METHODISTS. The history of Methodism at Settle may be looked at in four periods. Until 1776 Settle was simply one place in the wide area that was called the "Yorkshire (Haworth) Circuit," a circuit that stretched from Otley on the one side to Whitehaven on the other. The preachers who in 1755 had charge of this comprehensive circuit were William Grimshaw, John Nelson, and John Schofield. From 1776 to 1794 Settle was Methodistically united with

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL.—On Sunday Evening, 27th, The Rev. R. Ingram, late Vicar of Giggleswick, conducted divine service in the Independent Chapel, Settle. During the previous week it had been whispered about, that the Reverend gentleman intended to do so, and by six o'clock great numbers were seen wending their way towards the Chapel, and by half past, the time for beginning, the Chapel was crowded to excess in every part, pews, gallery, and isles. Several had to return unable to obtain room. Exactly at the time, the Reverend gentleman ascended the pulpit dressed in the surplice and commenced the Evening Service of the Church of England. Mr. John Hardacre being Clerk, in the Clerk's Desk. The Service was listened to with deep attention and great decorum notwithstanding the crowded state of the Chapel which must have been to many very uncomfortable. At the close of the Evening Service, the Clerk gave out a Psalm from Dr. Watt's Collection, which was heartily joined in by the whole congregation, and towards the close of the singing the Reverend preacher ascended the pulpit in his gown, which he had substituted for the surplice, and delivered an interesting and eloquent discourse from the 87th Psalm, verse 3, "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God." He commenced by stating the glorious things which had been said about Jerusalem during the existence of Solomon's Temple, and that in consequence of the idolatry of the Jews, the Almighty had permitted it to be destroyed and themselves taken into captivity, but on their repentance the Temple had been again rebuilt, and more glorious things had been spoken of it, as it was to be visited with the presence of Him who came to save the world. It was again destroyed owing to the wickedness of the people, which this time consisted not in the sin of idolatry, but of the sins of pride, covetousness, revenge, &c. That the Saviour of the world had erected on Earth a Spiritual Temple, which comprised all true believers on Earth. After making very solemn appeals to his audience as he went on, he came to the appointment by our Lord of a ministry who were to continue to the end of the world to proclaim the glorious things of the City of God, which were still to be spoken to the people. He believed that there was no dispute amongst any of the Sects or bodies of Christians, about there being a divinely appointed ministry. He was one of Christ's Ministers, and with the sanction of the Bishop, his Spiritual Ruler in Christ, and the sanction of the Incumbent of Settle, he appeared there that Evening. The friends had been most kind in their offer of the Chapel. They had freely given him permission, and he freely undertook to preach the word of God. He differed with them on many important points, but on a very many important points he cordially agreed with them. He was glad to see so large a congregation assembled; no doubt a many of them had come out of curiosity, he blamed them not, but he hoped all who were in the habit of regularly attending a place of worship would still continue to do so, as he was not desirous of withdrawing any from their usual places of worship. He came there to seek the lost sheep, and he hoped he might be able to direct some to the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The doxology was then sung and the service concluded. The effect upon the congregation at the Church was very perceptible, but it was most marked in the Chapels. There were great numbers who are seldom seen either in Church or Chapel.

Note. Original cutting is simply "Giggleswick" and not "Giggleswick-in-Crow" as stated in Brocklehurst's falsified reprint.

PRESENTATION TO REV. G. HUTLEY.—An interesting ceremony took place on Monday night last in the Zion Congregational Church, when the pastor (Rev. Geo. Hutley) was presented with a wallet containing £25, and his daughter with an electro-plated teapot. Rev. Hutley has been pastor of this church for the past 11 years. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. J. Ineson, one of the oldest members of the church, and that to Miss Hutley was made by Miss Atkinson. Speeches were given by Nurse Fell and Messrs J. V. Harger, F. Marlor, and the chairman (Mr. F. Riley), who all spoke of the regret at the pastor's departure, and hoped that his health would improve in his new district, Bingley. Rev. Hutley replied, thanking the subscribers.

From the "Settle Chronicle", December 1854.

1864 **SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**—On Sunday, April 10th, two excellent sermons were preached in the Independent Chapel, Settle, by Mr B Waugh, a native of Settle, and now of Airedale College. The attendance was large, and liberal collections were made on behalf of the sabbath school connected with that place of worship. Appropriate hymns and select pieces were well sung by the children and young people. Mr Compston, jun, presided at the Harmonium, by whom the variety and power of the instrument were ably brought out.

Settle, from "The Mains," in 1928.



Colne, but had only a very small society. From 1794 to 1830 it was one of the places, and one of the most flourishing, in the Lancaster Circuit. And since 1830 Settle has been the head of a circuit which is not lacking in either length or breadth, and in which the name of "Travelling-preacher" is not an obsolete term.

Mr. Wesley It is on record that the Methodists preached at Settle as early as 1760, and that the first class-meeting was formed in 1769. But it is with the visit of John Wesley to Settle that the real interest of the story begins. This was on Wednesday, June 4th, 1777. Mr. Wesley preached in the Market-place, and in his note in his diary he adds, "All but two or three gentlefolks were seriously attentive." This is all that we can find recorded of John Wesley's first visit to Settle, and tradition does not help us to fill in any details,—except that on this visit he lodged at Mr. Shackleton's house at the top of Kirkgate. We should have liked a picture of that meeting in the Market-place. No doubt everybody would want at least to see the great preacher, and it is to the credit of Settle that he had a respectful hearing. There were only "two or three," and they "gentlefolks"—the better-dressed—who spoilt their own manners by trying to make fun of him or of his words. In 1784 John Wesley was again at Settle. This was on Sunday, April 18th. Here is his own account of his work that day: "After preaching at five (morning) to a numerous congregation (at Blackburn), I hastened on to Gisburn. The church was so full that a few were obliged to stand out of doors. The word was

quick and powerful. So it was at Settle. Sufficient for this day was the labour thereof." A good day's work, for sure,—Blackburn in the morning, Gisburn in the afternoon, and Settle in the evening,—a "sufficient" day's work for a *young* man; but what a marvellous day's work for one who was at the time in his eighty-second year. The last century had its "G. O. M." as well as this. There is a local tradition to the effect that during this visit to Settle, Mr. Wesley lodged at the Spread Eagle Inn, in Kirkgate, and that next morning at five o'clock (his favourite morning hour), he preached in Thomas Farraday's house.

Mr. Wesley's visits do not seem to have resulted in any large ingathering of members; for when John Read joined the Settle society—and this was near the date of Mr. Wesley's second visit,—he found only six.

The name of John Read holds a foremost place in the story of early Methodism at Settle. We may call him the father of Settle Methodism. He was not a native of the town, but had been born and had spent his youth at Bolton Bridge, in Wharfedale. Before he came to Settle he had a hard struggle to win his bread, and was so poor that he was scarcely able to pay his weekly penny in class. So much the greater pleasure is it to speak of the place he filled and the work he did in the last years of last century and in the first years of this. His early struggles had wrought in him a sturdiness of character that was needed in those times of opposition, both for his own sake and as an encouragement and help to others. His landlord at Settle, spurred to it by the good man's persecutors, said to him, "John, your family is



THE LORD'S-DAY PLAN

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Preachers in the Settle Circuit, 1833—4.

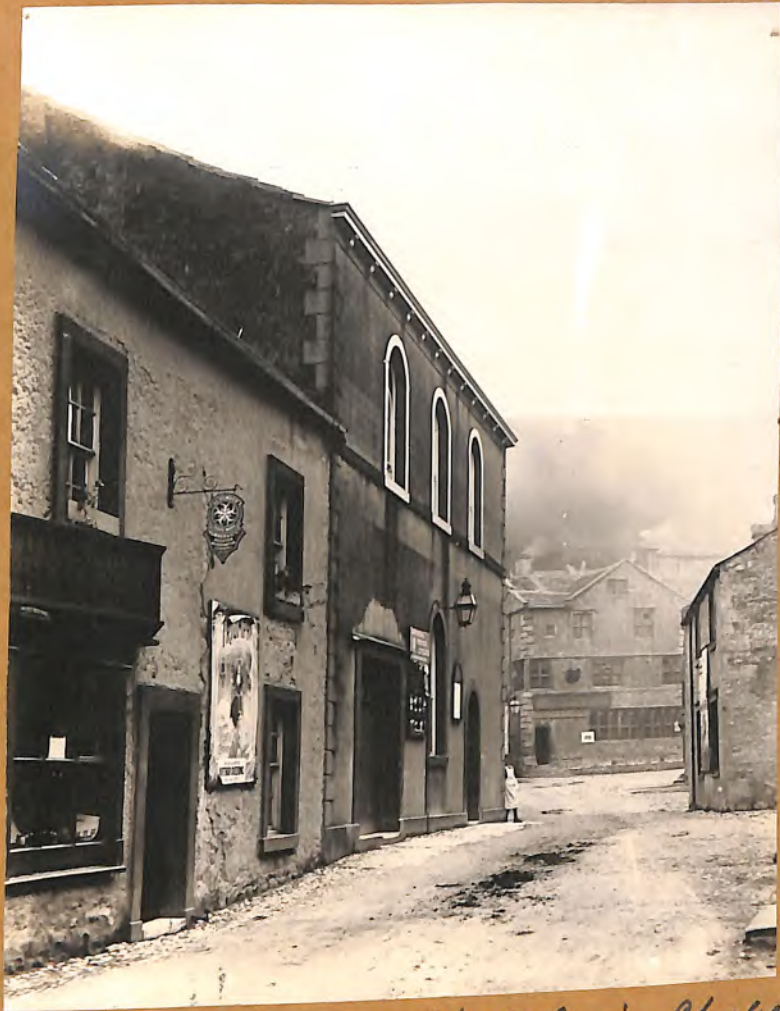
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- 3 BUMSTEAD
- 4 Baynes
- 5 T. Heaps
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- 9 Metcalf
- 10 R. Heaps
- 11 R. Foster
- 12 L. Preston
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s. Sacrament:—L. Lovefeast:—q. Quarterly Collection:—c. Collection in aid of Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove Schools, and the Chapel Fund.
 * The Quarterly Meetings will be held in *Settle* on Monday December 30th and March 31st, to begin at half-past One o'clock precisely. A Local Preachers' Meeting will be held on each Day to commence at Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

For Plan for 1835-36 see page 266.



Old Wesleyan Chapel, in Chapel St.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The above Church was built from designs supplied by Mr. John Wills, of Derby, at a total cost of £2,400. The style of the building is early Gothic, and the handsome tower rises to the height of 70 feet. The plan of the Church is cruciform, being 60 feet 6 inches long, and 35 feet 6 inches wide, and 39 feet across the transepts which are constructed for future extension. The fittings are in pitchpine, the Pulpit and Reredos being very handsome.

The Church was opened on September 21st, 1893, by the Rev. Charles Garrett, of Liverpool, and on the following Sunday, the Rev. H. J. Pope, President of the Conference, preached twice.

The works were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Harger Bros., J. Hardy, J. Handby, and E. Handby.

The present Ministers are:
 Superintendent:—Rev. J. Crowther, Settle.
 „ J. Marquand, Bentham.

increasing; if you stay here you will gain a right to the parish; I must give you notice to quit." And he did quit, but it was to work the harder until he was able to live in a house of his own.

John Read was an active and energetic force in building up the young cause. The meetings were held for some years in a house in Kirkgate. But through the efforts of John Read and two or three others means were found for the purchase of a site and the erection of a small chapel. It was named "Bethesda," and was registered in 1796.* The congregation soon outgrew its little temple, and in the year 1809, on the same site, and at the cost of £750, a larger chapel was built, which served the purposes of the congregation for upwards of eight years.

Two Wesleyans, Matthias Wildman and School. William Driver, was due the honour of being the founders of the first Sunday-school at Settle. The two were crossing the Market Place one Sunday afternoon in 1809, and, seeing many children at play, asked each other if something could not be done for them; if a school could not be started.† They at once gave effect to the idea. Their first success was embarrassing. At the start they had more than two

* "REGISTER.—This is to certify, to whom it may concern, that a house, erected for that purpose, known by the name of "Bethesda," situate in the township of Settle, in the parish of Giggleswick, Craven, in the West Riding of the County of York, was this day registered in the Consistory Court of His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, as a place of Public Worship of Almighty God for Protestant Dissenters. Witness my hand, this 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1796. John Buckle, Deputy Registrar."

† "Settle Chronicle," February, 1857.

About 7.30 a.m. on June 4th an alarming fire broke out at Settle in a dwelling-house occupied by the Rev. T. Haswell, Wesleyan Minister. A vast crowd of persons soon collected on the spot, but notwithstanding all efforts the fire was not conquered until after ten o'clock, when the house was a mere shell. No lives were lost or limbs broken. It seems that the fire originated in one of the sleeping rooms in the garret, though the cause remains a mystery. Much less damage would have been done had there been fire plugs or an engine at hand, but Settle possessed nothing of the kind. The premises, which belonged to Mr. Henry Snell, were not insured.

1853.

hundred children present. They had expected a class; they found a school. They got through as best they could, and during the week made an appeal for books and funds. Help came in so full and fast that the managers had enough to carry them on through several years. The *Chronicle* states that for twenty years no further appeal was needed.



Lancaster Castle - Gateway.

Lancaster In 1794 Lancaster was made the head of and Settle. the circuit, although it was not much ahead of Settle in numbers. In 1795 Lancaster had 54 members and Settle 19; but in 1809 the number at Settle exceeded by 20 the number at Lancaster. In 1807 collections were made for the British and Foreign Bible Society, when Lancaster raised 16s 10½d. and Settle, 17s. Probably this was the first collection made at Settle on behalf of this Society. In 1813, the year in which the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society was founded, Lancaster contributed £2 15s. 9d. and Settle, £2.

New The union with Lancaster continued until Circuit. 1830, when, with the Rev. Isaac Woodcock as its first minister, Settle was made the head of a new circuit.* It remained a one-minister circuit until 1837, when a junior minister was appointed to Bentham.

* The names of local preachers that appear on the Settle Plan for 1833 are W. Baines, T. Heaps, T. Wildman, William Gornall, Joseph Fryer, J. Metcalfe, Robert Heaps, Richard Foster, Lawrence Preston, John Holgate, — Ayrton, — Wear, Thomas Sill, — Parker, and — Carter. *On trial*—T. Bell, T. Procter, D. Greenbank, E. Foster, Richard Thornton, — Talbot. *Exhorters*—Thomas Procter, William Wildman, James Procter, Thomas Heaps.

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REV. ERNEST S. THIES,
SETTLE.

Wesleyan Minister

BAZAR AND FANCY FAIR.—The Wesleyans promoted a floral bazaar and fancy fair on Friday and Saturday last, held at the Conservative Club, in aid of the following objects; to clear off a debt which had been caused through accumulations of a number of small annual deficiencies, to renovate the church buildings, to increase the accommodation in the vestry, and to provide for several other important items. In the official handbook Mr William Walker, of Settle, gives one an idea of what Methodism was like 100 years ago. He says:—

The year 1809 was a notable one in the history of Methodism in Settle. It was the year when the large chapel in Chapel-street was built, and when the Sunday School was commenced. The cause had made rapid progress. In 1771, when Settle was in the Haworth Circuit the quarterly meeting there made a grant of 10s for "rent for a room to preach in at Settle." About 12 years later, mainly through the generosity of Edward Slater, a native of Upper Settle, and at one time one of Wesley's travelling preachers, a preaching house was built in Chapel-street. This soon became too small as a membership of the society had increased tenfold, and on the site where the little chapel had stood the larger chapel was erected, Mr Robert Harger being the contractor. This and the Friends' meeting house were at the time the only places of worship in Settle. It was on the 12th November, 1809, that the Sunday School was established, and for a few years was the only one in the town. In the "Settle Chronicle" for February 1875, we have the story of its commencement. It was originated by William Driver and Matthias Wildman. The thought was suggested to them when passing through the Market Place on Sunday afternoon and seeing great numbers of children occupied in various games. The following Sunday upwards of 200 children assembled in the Methodist Chapel. The preachers were nonplussed at the number of scholars as books were scarce, but by short addresses the day was spent very profitably. During the following week the lack of books was nobly supplied, the conductors having received subscriptions, Bibles, testaments and other books in such ample store as to need no application for funds during the next 20 years.

WESLEYAN CIRCUIT TEA MEETING.—The annual tea meeting in support of the funds of the Circuit was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Settle, on Good Friday last. The company which sat down to tea was more numerous than that of any previous year, and, with the exception of some little delay caused by a sufficient quantity of water not having reached the proper temperature for the infusion of the frazzled herb, every thing connected with the tea passed off in the most agreeable and satisfactory manner. At half-past six in the evening a public meeting commenced. At the request of the Rev J E Pater, the Rev S Compston opened the meeting with prayer; Mr Joseph Harger was called to the chair; and animated addresses for the promotion of individual and collective Christian effort were delivered by Messrs Ellisshaw, F Marsden, Bateson, (Kendal) J Carradice, R Harger, Jno. Lord, J. Parkinson (Averington), and the Rev S. Compston. The Rev S Pater followed up with the following interesting statistics of the history of Wesleyan Methodism in Settle.

The Wesleyans first began to preach at Settle in 1761 and the first class meeting met in 1769. John Wesley preached at Settle in 1777, and the event is thus recorded in his journal. "On Wednesday June 4th, in the evening I preached at Settle near the market place and all but a few gentle folks were seriously attentive." Mr Wesley stayed all night at the house of Mr Suddell. The first chapel was built in 1794, and was registered in 1796—the following is a copy of the register.

REGISTER.

This is to certify to whom it may concern that an house was erected for that purpose known by the name of "Bethesda" situate in the Township of Settle, in the parish of Giggleswick, Craven, in the West Riding of the County of York, and in the Diocese of York, was this day registered in the consistory court of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, as a place of public worship of Almighty God for Protestant Dissenters Witness my hand this 9th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, 1796

JOSEPH FUCKLE,

Deputy Registrar.

The present chapel was built in 1809 on the site of the old one at a cost of £750. Settle was made an independent circuit in 1830, and has at present 22 preaching places, and nine chapels which have cost £2400, one Minister's house, cost £350, and one schoolroom, cost £240, making a total amount of property in the circuit of £2990. There are at present in the Circuit 380 members, 456 Sunday scholars, 82 Sunday School teachers and 28 local preachers.

In the intervals between the speeches the proceedings were varied and enlivened by the singing of Hymns appropriate to the season by the congregation and also two or three anthems by the choir accompanied on the Harmonium by Mr James Harrison. The usual votes of thanks to the ladies, the speakers and to the singers &c., were heartily accorded at the close of the meeting.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Sunday, January 18th, Two eloquent Sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Settle, when Collections were made on behalf of this old established School. It was originated by William Driver and Matthias Wildman in the year 1809. The thought was suggested to them when passing through the Market Place one Sunday afternoon, on seeing great numbers of Children occupied in various games, and immediately was the noble thought acted upon, and the result was that on the following Sunday upwards of 200 children assembled in the Methodist Chapel. The originators were at a nonplus by the numbers, as, in that day books were scarce, but by short addresses the day was spent very profitably. Some few are now living who on that day offered themselves as Scholars. During the following week the lack of books was nobly supplied. The Conductors having received subscriptions, and Bibles, Testaments, and other Books in such ample store as to need no application for funds during the next 20 years. The School has been carried on to the present time with varied success, and is now in want of funds, having run into debt with its Treasurer. The Collections were upwards of Six pounds at the close of the Sermons; but this sum will do little more than pay off the debt, and it is hoped that this the oldest Sunday School in Settle will not be suffered to languish for want of support.

1857.

OPENING OF THE WESLEYAN NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Saturday evening last a public tea meeting was held in the new schoolroom to which about 250 persons sat down. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Brown, the Misses Preatons, Jackson, Harger, Leeming, Williams, Taylor, Wilson, Chaffins, and Snell, assisted by others. The tables were provided by Mrs. Hartley, of Settle. After tea a public meeting was held in the chapel, presided over by Mr. Joseph Harger. There were also present the Rev. R. Cass, Mr. J. H. Greenwood, Mr. W. Water, Mr. Elwood Brookbank (Society of Friends), Mr. T. A. Harvey (Independent), and Mr. H. Bradington (Primitive Methodist), Settle; Mr. Baldwin, Burnley; Mr. R. Wildman, Colne; Mr. Robt. Harger, Skipton; the Rev. T. G. Moscrop, Bentham; and a large congregation. The chairman in his opening address congratulated those connected with the chapel on the erection of the school. The Rev. R. Cass followed and he was succeeded by Mr. J. H. Greenwood who read a statement of accounts, showing the total estimated cost of the new school to have been £905 7s, and the balance yet due to be £327 16s. Mr. Wildman (who we understand was one of the first superintendents of the Settle Wesleyan Sunday-school), Mr. T. A. Harvey, Mr. H. Bradington, Mr. Robert Harger, Mr. T. A. Baldwin, Mr. H. Bradington, and Mr. Elwood Brookbank also addressed the meeting very appropriately, and Mr. Moscrop was the concluding speaker. By the collection the sum of £19 2s. was realized, and a further sum of £10 promised, making £29 2s. 15s 0d



Wesleyan Church, Settle.



1899

WESLEYAN METHODISM AT SETTLE.
A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.

The history of Wesleyan Methodism at Settle is one of steady progress all along the line for more than a century. Precise data as to the beginnings of the cause has probably been engulfed in the mists which have swallowed up information of denominational struggles in many country places, but it is certain that so far back as 1760 the followers of John Wesley in the Settle district, if not at Settle itself, were tolerably numerous; and in June, 1777, and again in 1784, Wesley himself visited Settle, preaching in the Market-place on the first occasion when "all but two or three gentle folks" were very attentive, and on the second occasion at the house of Mr. Thos. Faraday. At this time Settle, with Clapham, Bentham, and Lancaster formed part of the Colne Circuit, the services being conducted by preachers from various parts of a very wide district. The cause was a struggling one, but still steadily progressive, and when in 1795 Lancaster, Settle, and the intermediate places were formed into a separate Circuit, Settle alone returned a solid membership. The first preaching place was in an old licensed house in Kirkgate, where services were conducted regularly by lay preachers, interspersed with visits from travelling ministers at long intervals. In November, 1809, a Sunday school was opened in an ancient-looking building known as the "Folly" long since discarded, and now used as a lodging-house. The first chapel, constructed it is said, out of a cottage, was opened in 1794, but this speedily became too small, and in 1809 it was pulled down, and what was known as the Bethesda Chapel erected on the site. This was opened by the Rev. Jos. Sutcliffe, the well-known commentator, the trustees being Messrs. J. Reed, M. Wildman, W. Driver, W. Wildman, J. Holgate, B. Battersby, R. Heaps, J. Gornall, and W. Hargreaves, some of whose descendants are still found taking an active interest in the work of the church. In 1830, as the result of natural progression and steadily increasing membership, the Lancaster and Settle Circuit was divided, and Settle (which had then a membership of 58), with Langeliffe, Long Preston, Bentham, Clapham, and adjacent townships, was formed into a separate Circuit, of which the Rev. Isaac Woodcock was the first superintendent minister. The total membership of the new Circuit was 219, but there were, of course, a large number of adherents associated with the cause in the different places, though not actually returned as members. The old chapel served its purpose well for the greater part of a century, but it was hardly adapted for the active work of the numerous organisations connected with a progressive Church in modern times, and some ten years ago a scheme was set on foot for the provision of new and better premises. Some years previously a well designed Sunday School, to accommodate 200, had been erected in Chapel-square. The project for a new church was very zealously taken up by friends of the cause in and around Settle, and so generously supported that when the premises were opened by the Rev. Charles Garrett in September, 1895, the total cost, £2,400, had been defrayed, with the exception of a solitary £100. The Chapel, which was designed by Mr. Wills, of Derby, and the contractors for which were Messrs. Harger Bros., Settle, is a handsome building in the early Gothic style of architecture, well lighted and ventilated, and in every way admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is required. The accommodation is for 420 persons. The debt of £100 has been gradually reduced to £50, and to wipe off this debt, as well as to raise funds for a new organ—the old one having been in use for something like fifty years—and to provide the nucleus of a fund for the Sunday School, it was decided six months ago to organise a bazaar on an elaborate scale.

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WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL RE-UNION.—A memorable tea and meeting took place on Saturday afternoon and evening in last week, for the purpose of chronicling 105 years of history, and unveiling the enlarged photos of the two honoured superintendents of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School at Settle. Mr. William Walker and Mr. Thomas Dixon. Old scholars and workers in the school had been informed of the event, and they came or sent congratulations from many parts of the world. Tea was served to the senior scholars and former scholars and workers in upper portion of the old chapel in Chapel Street, at 4.30 p.m., to a large company, and the unveiling ceremony took place in the lower portion of the present schoolroom later, under the presidency of Mr. Lord, of Manchester, an old scholar, whose father was one of the pillars of Methodism in Settle for many years. Mr. Dixon's portrait was unveiled by Mr. John Vincent Harger. Mr. James Bulcock, of Lancaster, another old scholar, had the honour of unveiling that of Mr. Walker. Appropriate and interesting speeches followed by Messrs. J. V. Harger, T. Dixon, J. Bulcock, W. Walker, W. E. Dawson, R. Bulcock, W. Dawson, Jos. Harger, T. Harger, J.P., R. Swift, H. Brennand and Mrs. Walker, some of whom have been associated with the school for nearly 50 years. The proceeding were continued to a somewhat late hour, to the gratification of the large company present. Messrs. Lord and Bulcock, who are prominent Sunday school workers in the places where they now reside, addressed the scholars last Sunday afternoon, and the children had a special treat on Monday evening. This Sunday school was the first in Settle, and for some years the only one, and began with 200 scholars.

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