

LAUNCESTON
WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

History and Souvenir
OF THE
Sunday School Centenary.

1816—1916.



Launceston Wesleyan Sunday School.

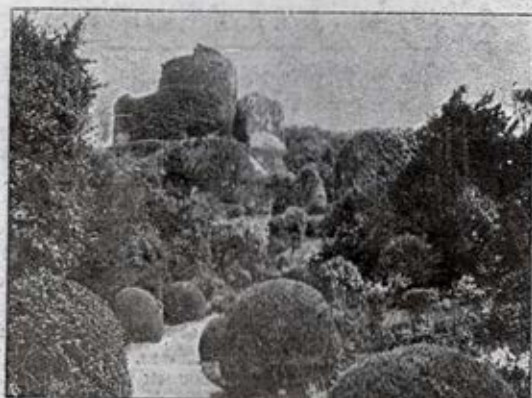


BEAUTIFUL for situation, Launceston, by whichever way approached, looks comely among her hills. Her "Castle Terrible" has doffed her once awful frown, and, in the long course of time, softened into gentle dignity. The heights of Windmill Hill and the top of the Keep offer views hard to out- rival of pastoral landscape, the wooded valleys of Kensey and Tamar, and, stern ramparts of a fertile scene, distant tors of Cornwall and Dartmoor. Venerable build- ings, some of them in ruins, and an uncommon wealth of municipal muniments, vividly recall the varying life of her people through the ages. Our pleasing task is to tell of a century-old institution, still vigorous, which has proved potent for good to generations of Launceston's boys and girls.

IN THE BEGINNING.

Under the date July 18th, 1784, John Wesley in his Journal makes his first reference to Sunday Schools-- "I preached, morning and afternoon, in Bingley Church. Before service I stepped into the Sunday School" [it was a month old, and was one of the first in England] "which contains two hundred and forty children taught every Sunday by several masters, and superintended by the curate. So many children in one parish are retrained from open sin, and taught a little good manners, at least, as well as to read the Bible. I find these schools springing up wherever I go. Perhaps God may have a deeper end therein than men are aware of. Who knows but some of these schools may become nurseries for Christians."

He never found a Sunday School on his visits to Launceston; but in the house in Tower Street where his voice had been raised to God in prayer and he had preached the Gospel, there assembled on a Sunday morning in 1816 a little band of God-fearing people to commence such a school. First and foremost among them was William Pearse, whose zeal in promoting Sunday Schools was fully transmitted to his son Charles. In the band of pioneers were Henry Nicolls, whose grandson was the teacher of the senior class fifty years after; Thomas Davey and William Poulton. The first female teachers are described in a fifty-year-old document as "the exemplary sisters, the Misses Ann and Grace Pearse." They became Mrs. Richard and Mrs. William Dingley, and their honoured descendants are among us still. To the same list of first teachers belong Miss Grace Pearse, of Northgate, who taught the infants,



LAUNCESTON CASTLE.

and refused to exchange her charge for any other; Miss Marshall, whose name became a "household word"; and Mrs. Wise, who passed triumphantly to Heaven just before the Jubilee, charging her friends to meet her there. On the male side were Charles Bounsall, whose son was chairman of the Jubilee Meeting; John Browning, John Antridge, John Grigg, George Bayley, and one who lingered as veteran in the work when his company before had gone—William Lock. One of the earliest secretaries was a young Thomas Prockter, "eminent for piety and Christian graces." Among the first scholars were John Ham Marshall and his brother Samuel, Charles Westlake, who became a minister; William Hender, of Newport; Richard Gill, and William Philp.

The first school sermons were preached by the Rev. Francis Truscott, who entered the ministry in 1787, and died in 1833. The collection amounted to the generous sum of £12 8s. 0d. By the pious care and ready courtesy of Alderman T. C. Reed, we have the



COUNCILLOR EDWARD HICKS,

Mayor of Launceston from 1912 to the Present.

surprising pleasure of inserting a facsimile of the original handbill, with its numerous points of lively interest, and portraits, reproduced from the original steel engravings, of the Methodist worthy and his lady. He entered the ministry at 21, and would be 50 at the

time of his visit. He sustained his work as an Itinerant Preacher uninterruptedly for 45 years, then retired to Plymouth, where he resided with his son, and in a few months finished his course with joy.

EARLY METHODS.

The following account, gleaned from old scholars, survives, from the pen of Mrs. Pethybridge:

In those days the senior classes were taught hymns, mostly Jane and Ann Taylor's or Dr. Watts's, a little spelling, and Bible truths. Children were expected not only to be obedient and punctual, but neat in their appearance. Every girl had to learn Jane Taylor's hymn:—

Some poor little ignorant children delight
In wearing fine ribbons and caps;
But this is a very ridiculous sight,
Though they do not know it perhaps.

Clean hands and clean face, and neatly combed hair,
And garments made decent and plain,
Are better than all the fine things they can wear,
Which make them look vulgar and vain.

A girl who will keep herself tidy and clean,
As every child easily may,
Need not be afraid or ashamed to be seen,
Whoever may come in her way.

Then, children, attend to the words you repeat,
And always remember this line,
'Tis a credit to any good girl to be neat,
But quite a disgrace to be fine.

Mr. William Pearse, the Superintendent, would be severe on anyone who showed a love of finery.

The hours of school were 9 to 10.45 and 2 to 4. If a teacher were two minutes late a penny fine was exacted, and fourpence if absent. So carefully were the fines looked after and demanded that they generally paid the quarterly teachers' tea. A fine, however, was not the end of the poor teacher's confusion, but the default was published before all the scholars.

VIGOROUS GROWTH.

Glimpses of the school are obtained through the eyes of the then officers and visitors in 1842 and for six following years. By means of this contemporary document our finger is on the very pulse of the machine. On October 16th, 1842, Thomas Hender recorded that he "visited the school and found the children behave tolerably well." He judged them to be "making some improvement." The observations are not, however, all pitched in that cheerful key. A fortnight

later, the Secretary (Henry Hender) caustically remarks:—"The boys were very rude and the whole school appeared in confusion." The next Sunday a troubled Superintendent (John Nicolls) records:—"Several teachers are absent. The school will materially suffer unless more attention is bestowed on the various classes." These strictures were not likely to be silently confided to the little book,



MR. JOHN DINGLEY, J.P.

but would be impressed on the staff. The trouble, however, had not vanished in the next three weeks; for the same superintendent on Feb. 26th sighs that "four male and two female teachers were absent that morning." "Such conduct," he deems, "highly reprehensible, and especially injurious to the school." A loyal secretary is baffled by the persistent difficulty, for Thomas Sanguia

on March 5th records "there were two male and three female teachers absent this morning. If the teachers will not attend better, what can be done?" On April 2nd, 1843, Philip Raddall "visited the School and was much pleased." He expresses his delight in reflecting that "error, Popery or Puseyism cannot do



MR. EDWARD PETHYBRIDGE, J.P.,
and
MRS. PETHYBRIDGE.

much harm if we are truly devoted and zealous." He also records that John and William Congdon, who were scholars, left for America. On August 6th E. Gill in quaint terms inscribes his warm approval: "I am very much pleased with the Scriptural views of the first, third, and fourth classes. I think it highly creditable

to the teachers." The opening record for 1844 is by Philip Raddai on January 7th: "Visited the school and was much pleased. Truth will spread and, I hope, error of every kind will be suppressed." On March 3rd John Nicolls expressed himself with startling vigour: "If we wish aristocratic humbug and Grahamism" [Sir James



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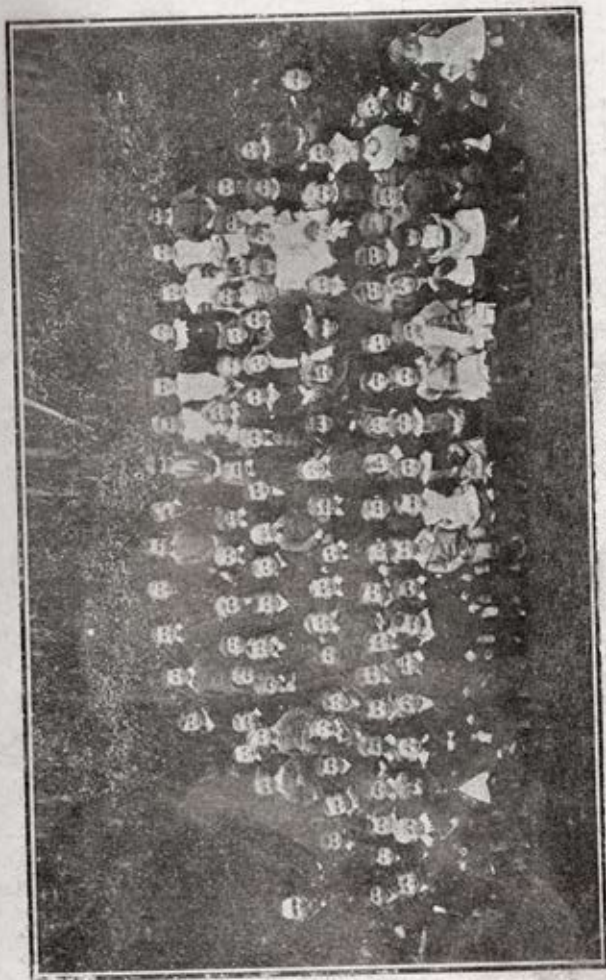
Graham was exciting opposition by his sympathy with Catholic emancipation] "to prevail, then let the same courses be pursued as has been adopted this day, namely—only three male and three female teachers present." On March 30th, 1845, H. Ede was the visitor, and mingled judiciously his praise and blame. "The number

of children was good and each class of boys provided with a regular teacher. I have seen it very different to this. The attendance of female teachers was also good. Some of the instruction imparted is both intellectual and spiritual. If the children were as pious as they are wise, they would be better than they are." On June 1st Henry Lock regrets that many of the boys and girls are gone to the



MR. AND MRS. FRAYN.

Anniversary meeting of South Petherwin Sunday School, and that their conduct is commensured by the example of some of the teachers." He pertinently asks, "What real advantage do the scholars derive from the teachers reading to them?" He marks with his approval the discipline which deprived of their tickets those who had behaved in a disorderly manner in the Chapel. On



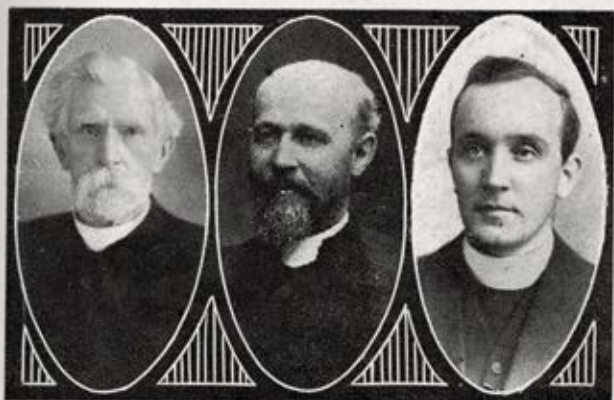
INFANT CLASS IN 1891.



PAST AND PRESENT TEACHERS.

(1) Mrs. Tapsen, (2) Mrs. Dunn, (3) Mrs. Harwood, (4) Lady Barclay,
 (5) Miss Pothbridge, (6) Mrs. Hindle, (7) Miss Gillbard, (8) Miss
 Langman, (9) Mrs. Lillicrapp, (10) Miss Dunn, (11) Mrs. Wenn,
 (12) Mrs. Kull, (13) Mrs. W. V. Dunn, (14) Mrs. Newton Davies.

August 3rd Richard Dingley, the visitor, expressing himself in pungent phrase, "would have been glad to have heard less noise." Under the date of September 21st R. Gill makes the following entry: "An absence of several months enables me, by contrast, to say that there is a decided improvement in the behaviour of all the classes except the 1st and 2nd. Also I find the children are increasing in knowledge." The present generation will hardly hold their great grandfathers in diminished respect when on incontestable evidence it is stated that seventy-one years ago on September 28th—the date is suggestive of nuts turning brown and of mellowing apples—the visitor (Henry Ede) had to complain of the boys eating fruit in school. Numerous entries by sundry visitors attest the sustained attendance



REV. T. H. LOVE.

REV. J. FINCH.

REV. J. NEWTON DAVIES,
B.A., B.D.

and improved behaviour of the scholars. Philip Raddall on August 23rd, 1846, signs the following:—"I visited the school and was delighted and blest. There were good order and good feeling. I look forward that wonders will be done for the cause of Christ by the present generation of Sabbath scholars." A year later R. Martin finds "the best order he ever saw." On June 20th, 1847, Philip Raddall "was rejoiced and delighted, and felt it good to be there." His words are aglow with thankfulness and prophecy: "A most glorious change. Glory be to God! We shall see greater wonders yet." The last contribution to the record is by Richard



TEACHERS AND OFFICERS, JUNE, 1916

Wise, dated March 19th, 1848. "I was pleased with the children singing one of our old tunes. It reminded me of bygone days. There was marked attention while the address was given."

In 1866 there were 166 girls on the books and 146 boys, a total of 262. For several years the numbers had gradually increased, and additional accommodation had become imperatively necessary. John Wesley's "New House" had become "the Old Schoolroom." It was a building of no pretensions except in an end window of three lights. A congregation of 200 would crowd it to the full. Other indications of vigour were a circulating library for the scholars, the recent establishment of a young men's institute, and the raising in the school of over £21 for Missions. In the 50 years 2,125 scholars had received instruction.



MISS GILLBARD IS THE OLDEST ACTIVE TEACHER.

About six years earlier a new chapel was built on the site of the present one. Though a comfortable, old-fashioned, square-built chapel, it proved an ill-fated structure, the roof being too heavy and the span too wide for the walls, which gave way under the thrust.

In 1870 the present handsome Chapel and Schoolrooms were built by Mr. Blatchford, of Tavistock, from designs by Messrs. Hine and Odgers at a cost of £5,000, which has long since been paid off. It was opened on November 5th of that year amid great rejoicings. The Sunday School superintendents at the time were (the late) Mr. Edward Pethybridge, J.P., and Mr. T. P. Trood, J.P. There were upwards of 600 scholars on the books.

THE DINGLEY CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

William Browning was born in 1793, and when over 90 went the round of the Circuit as a local preacher, walking rapidly to the most distant places in all weathers. "In personal appearance, when seen in profile, as well as



MR. WILLIAM BROWNING.

in active service and faith, he resembled in no small degree John Wesley." At 93 he was described as "short, with clear-cut features, iron-grey hair, and eyes still sparkling with Christian love and energy." He spoke of the former chapel as an old house with several rooms, where they had enjoyed "blessed times." He handed on the story that when John Wesley preached there, an old

man named Paul pitched the tune, whereupon the venerable founder called out, "Stop, stop, let me pitch it," as the practised musician, flautist, and singer well knew how. In the old chapel William Browning conducted a Bible Class, the membership of which included Edmund Pearce Nicolls, John Dingley, and Charles Pearce Wise, who were all converted while in his class.



ALDERMAN T. C. REED, J.P.

Characteristic of the Dingley family are energy, enterprise, organising faculty, and leadership. Several generations of them have applied their powers with conspicuous success in Sunday School and Bible Class work, as Sherborne, Wednesbury, and London

Methodism, in addition to Launceston, can attest. No finer example of their gifts and devotion can be found than the late John Dingley of this town.

The Men's Class for many years was led by Mr. Edmund Pearse Nicolls, of Eifordleigh. A very interesting proof of the great respect in which he was held by the members is afforded by the fact that on relinquishing the position, in May, 1867, a handsome Bible, bound in Morocco, and containing the names of the first Bible Class, was by them presented to him. At this date Mr. Dingley became leader. The membership numbered 25, but each succeeding year was marked by a steady progress until, in 1885, it reached 80. At one period a systematic enquiry was made respecting the career of those who had formerly been connected with the class, but who had left the neighbourhood. The results were most encouraging, and in almost every case the replies received bore testimony to "good received in the class," and proved conclusively that earnest and loving labour was not bestowed in vain. The meeting place was the present Church Parlour, and the gallery in the schoolroom was erected at Mr. Dingley's cost to enable the class conveniently to share in the united worship of the School and hear the addresses from the desk.

At the death of Mr. Dingley in 1885 fears were entertained for the future; but the loyalty of the members prevented any serious falling off either in numbers or interest. Mr. T. C. Reed, who had joined the class in March, 1881, and at the time was vice-president, was unanimously elected to the vacant position. Till within the last two years he has held it continuously, to the great advantage of the class. Urbanity, wide and varied knowledge, felicities of speech, a kind heart, and a devout spirit, have formed an admirable combination of qualifications for a responsible post long and ably filled.

The Class had far outgrown the largest room available for them when on January 18th, 1891, the Dingley Institute was dedicated. It cost £700. Mr. T. B. Hender declared it open. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse preached and addressed the evening meeting, at which Mr. Edward Pethybridge presided.

A beautiful feature of the building is the window of stained glass, illuminating with great charm and force the exquisitely appropriate subject of The Sower. Along the bottom an inscription runs:—

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of

JOHN DINGLEY,

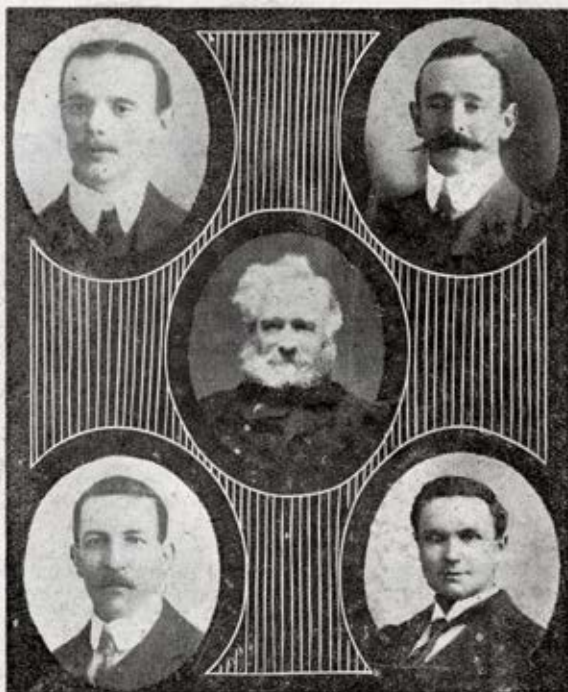
For 19 years President of the Men's Bible Class,
this window was erected by the members
and other friends. A.D. 1890.

In the same room stands a handsome table of English oak and a lectern of the same material, finely designed and carved, bearing the following inscription:—

"This lectern and table are a tribute to the memory of
Edmund Pearse Nicolls, from his widow and children. 1890."

At that time the membership was 125, and has once reached 180. The class is still in vigour under its new President, Mr. Eli Cook, well known and fully trusted. It kindles, even in war time and the absence of many young men, with the ardour of a great hope of useful years to come.

Among those who have acted as secretaries are Mr. N. Baker, Mr. W. V. Dunn, Mr. R. C. D. Brimmell, and Mr. A. B. Lyne. Major John Dingley became secretary in 1888, and has only recently retired. Mr. George E. Trood became secretary in 1898, and still



MR. E. COOK.
(Bible Class President.)

MAJOR DINGLEY, J.P.
(Recent Secretary of Bible Class.)

MR. E. P. NICOLLS.
(Former Leader of Bible Class.)

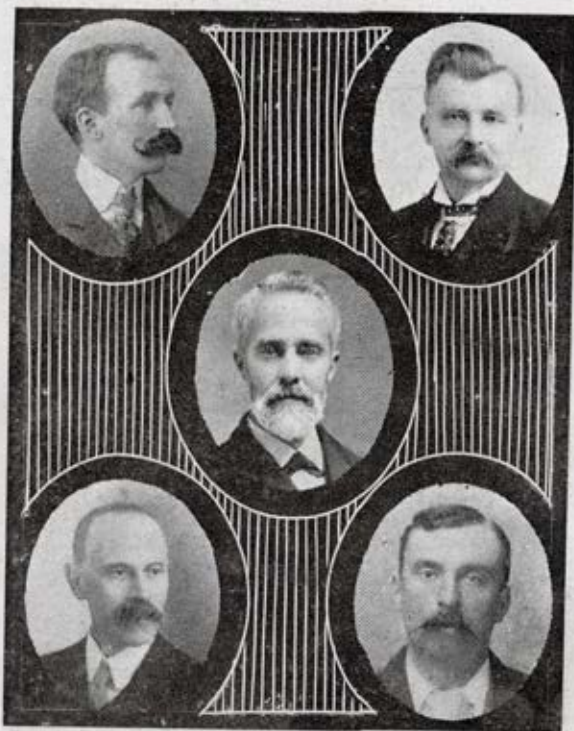
MR. G. E. TROOD.
(Secretary.)

MR. F. JOHNS.
(Assistant Secretary.)

faithfully sustains his part, with Mr. F. Johns, who has recently been elected as his co-worker.

A circulating library has formed a helpful adjunct, and the honorary services of an efficient String Band have always been forthcoming. Mr. P. G. Metherell is the excellent and faithful bandmaster.

Numerous testimonies from time to time have been given of the help afforded by the class to its members.

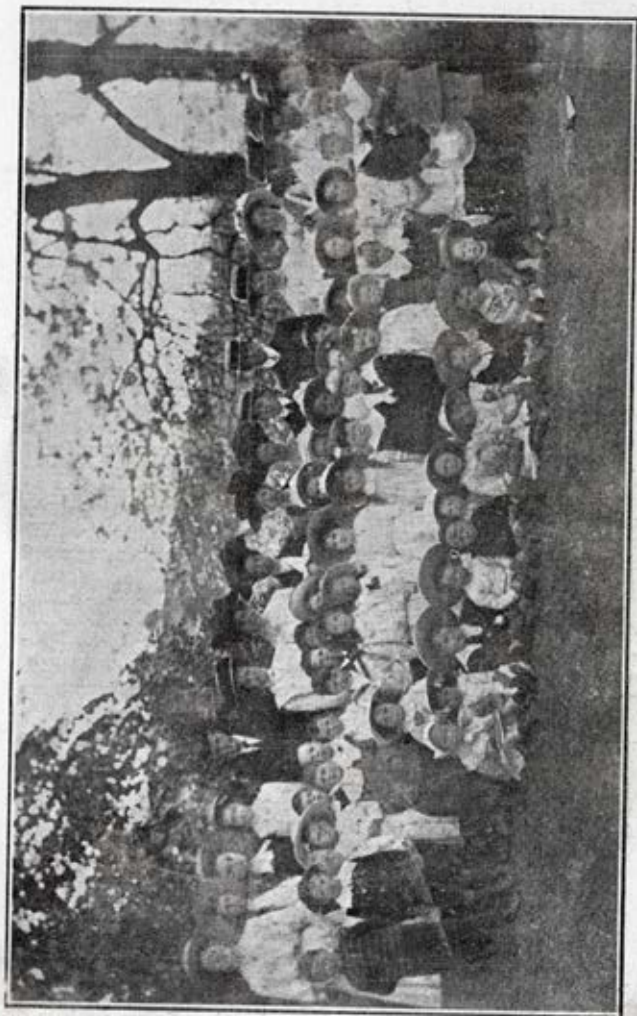


MR. E. D. PETHYBRIDGE, J.P. MR. T. B. HENDER, J.P., C.A.
(Former Superintendent.) (Former Treasurer.)

MR. J. T. GILLBARD (Secretary.)

MR. E. WISE.
(Former Treasurer.)

MR. E. GUBBIN.
(Former Secretary.)



PRIMARY CLASS, 1910.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT,

on approved modern lines, was started late in November, 1909. Miss Huntley, of the Sunday School Union, came to give instruction in principles and methods, and to initiate the fresh departure. This followed upon the work which had been started in 1863, and carried on with much success for many years by Mr. and Mrs. Frayn. From small beginnings it grew to 100, and became famous for the charm of the infants' singing. Miss Dingley is still guide and inspirer, always eager to lengthen the Cradle Roll, and, with her band of helpers, applies tact, ingenuity, and overflowing kindness to the happy training of the little ones. Who that has heard can ever forget their joyous singing, "to cheer them on the way"?

PERSONALIA.

Let us now praise famous men, (and women)

Their glory shall not be blotted out.

—*The Son of Sirach.*

John Dingley abides as an inspiring memory to many. His works do follow him, and his influence is still an impelling force. A happy combination of gifts inevitably made him a leader of his fellows, in the Town, the Circuit, the School, and pre-eminently in the Men's Class. The young men and women of the two senior classes in September, 1867, honoured him with the presentation of a magnificent book, suitably inscribed, and containing the New Testament in the original Greek and in the English Hexapla. His early passing is still lamented. His devotion to Christ was expressed in munificence, lavish service, and lofty character.

Edward Pethybridge and Mrs. Pethybridge through their more protracted lives showed a like devotion. Their faces yet look down benignly on all who enter the Church Parlour. The beautiful memory of their life and service will continue to be cherished with deep affection and respect. Mrs. Pethybridge, amongst numerous other labours, taught the children to sing.

Edmund Pearse Nicolls and his son Edmund Griffiths Nicolls. The father long and faithfully served the School as secretary, and is still affectionately remembered as a teacher. The son has just passed from us (2nd April, 1916), at the age of 54, and the memory of him will long smell sweet and blossom from the dust. He was not only active as teacher in the School and member of the Men's Class, but in unofficial ways of his own was the lads' true friend. His large generosity shrank from observation. His broad sympathies, cheerful godliness, and exemplary patience were full of charm.

Mrs. Lyne is a daughter of William Browning, and has inherited her father's lucid mind, tenacious memory, and forceful style of speech. She was long active in the School, and still cherishes dear memories of association with capable and zealous fellow workers.

Mrs. Tapson was for years teacher of the 2nd girls' class. With genial readiness she responded to frequent requests to provide teas. Mr. Tapson was Treasurer of the Juvenile Missionary Society.

Lady Barclay was joint teacher with Mrs. Tapson. Gratefully recalled are her helpful interest in singing, her generous encouragement of the musically gifted, and the successful promotion of concerts to the joy of appreciative throngs and the benefit of the School funds and other benevolent objects.

Mrs. Harwood with quiet efficiency and true devotion for some years taught the 1st girls' class. On February 21st, 1889, they in gratitude and affection gave her a lovely copy of Farrar's "Life of Christ."

The late Mrs. Joseph Dunn was for some years the faithful teacher of the Senior Bible Class, and her two daughters, Mrs. Lillierapp and Miss Dunn, rendered valuable and devoted service in other classes.

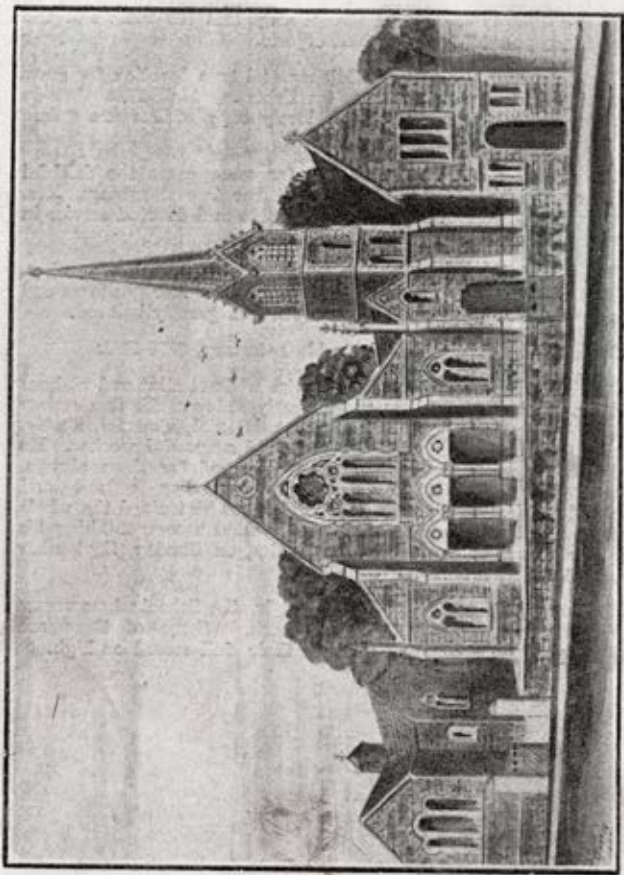
Mrs. W. V. Dunn, diffident in undertaking the work of teacher, won and held the deep attachment of her class. Her goodness and kindness of heart were radiant, and she was greatly beloved.

Ernest Gubbins was an admirable secretary, 1876-1882.

John Inch Knill gave priceless service without stint and without wearying. Able to lead, he would loyally follow. His fine energy was directed by foresight and judgment. Genial, cheerful, kindly, of outstanding gifts, he was a devoted and successful worker. He taught the young men on Sundays, and cared for them always. Endowed with a beautiful voice, and possessing refined and cultivated musical taste, with delightful effect he trained the whole school to sing for many years. When to blind human thinking his work was but well begun, God took him, on Sunday, September 12th, 1915.

Many others have faithfully worked in the School whose names are nowhere mentioned in this small book. Some of them are greatly appreciated here, and all have their full record on high.





WESLEYAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND INSTITUTE.
(From a Water Colour Sketch.)

SCHOLARS WHO BECAME MINISTERS.

Charles Westlake was born at Launceston in 1805. He was much influenced by a pious sister, and under the counsels and preaching of the Rev. Henry Cheverton was convinced of sin, and found peace with God. Shortly after he began to call sinners to repentance, and at 26 entered the Ministry. His mind was well



(1) Rev. C. Westlake, (2) Rev. S. Hall, (3) Rev. W. L. Brimmell,
(4) Rev. A. S. Lyne, (5) Rev. E. Dennis, (6) Rev. F. B. Ball, B.A.,
(7) Mr. W. Edwards (student, on active service).



furnished, he laboured with acceptance, and was greatly beloved as a man of amiable spirit, and a firm friend. The last Sabbath he spent on earth was, to himself and those who worshipped with him, a high and happy day. They had in a village chapel commemorated their Redeemer's death, and found it especially good to sit beneath the shade of dying love. In the course of a few hours his spirit was with God. He died November 18th, 1858, in the twenty-eighth year of his ministry, aged 53.—Minutes of Conference.

Samuel Hill was born in Launceston in 1853. At an early age he became soundly converted to God. He was accepted as a candidate for missionary work, and greatly profited by his residence at the Richmond Theological Institution. In 1879 he was appointed to South Ceylon, and soon gained the esteem of his brethren by gentleness, firmness, and unremitting diligence, perseverance, and determination to succeed. By the blessing of God on the exercise of these gifts he was enabled to render most efficient service, both in the educational and evangelistic departments of our work. He was a successful preacher, a true friend, and a wise administrator. As he was of vigorous bodily health, none doubted that his career of usefulness would continue many years, but the Great Ruler ordained otherwise. After a brief and not apparently dangerous illness, he was called to his reward. His last words testified to the presence of his Saviour. He died November 25th, 1885.—Minutes of the Conference. At his death he was Principal of Wesley College, Colombo.

William Langdon Brimmell was accepted in 1878, trained at Didsbury, did excellent work as District Missionary and circuit minister, and then found his true vocation as military and naval chaplain. His name will always be associated with the building of the magnificent Wesleyan Homes for Soldiers and Sailors in Portsmouth. He died at Devonport on June 23rd, 1913, and was buried amidst impressive tokens of the esteem and affection of officers and men alike. For twenty years he served faithfully and efficiently as a Financial Secretary in three Districts. His was a brave spirit, leading him to do his work under physical conditions that would have induced many men to retire from active service.—Minutes of Conference.

Arthur S. Lyne was accepted in 1900, trained at Richmond, and has travelled in the Devon Mission, Tredegar, Teignmouth, Bridgwater, Halifax, and is now in the Highgate Circuit for a fourth year. He says: "About 35 years ago, I entered Mr. Frayn's Infant Class, passing through the School from there to the Bible Class, and then for 18 months as teacher. I have many very gracious memories of the School and of my teachers. I think of Mr. Frayn and Mr. J. T. Gillbard as amongst the formative influences which exercised my development in the right direction." He gratefully recalls among his teachers Mr. Sharpley, Mr. Nute, and Mr. A. J. Hender.

Ernest Dennis was accepted in 1903, trained at Richmond, and has travelled in Peel, Brixton Hill (for four years), Sunderland,

and is now at Leeds, Brunswick. "Nobody," he writes, "has more reason to be grateful to the School and its work than I have; and I realise increasingly how much I owe to the Wesleyan Church at Launceston. It was there I got my first desire and my first opportunity to help in Christian service."

Frederick Blatchford Ball, B.A., formerly a scholar, became a local preacher in the Circuit. He left home in 1905 to take up mission work in Canada. He has there taken his degree in Arts, and entered the ministry of the Canadian Methodist Church, and is stationed at Wilcox, Saskatchewan.



1. MR. JOHN INCH KNILL. 2. MR. E. GRIFFITHS NICOLLS.
3. MR. STANLEY TUCKER, B.Sc. 4. MR. THOMAS RASHLEY.



ROLL OF HONOUR.

In this time of War the portraits are given of Teachers, Members of the Bible Class, and Scholars, past and present, who are gallantly serving King and Country.



(1) CAPT. F. T. TROOD.

(2) LIEUT. H. SYMONS.

(3) LIEUT. G. H. REFD.

(4) LIEUT. S. BUCKTHOUGHT.

ROLL OF HONOUR (continued).



(1) W. Edgecumbe, (2) J. Horrell, (3) F. Cullis, (4) W. Webber,
(5) D. Cavey, (6) P. Raddall, (7) Lieut. A. R. Ward,
(8) C. Weekes, (9) C. Webber, (10) W. Frayn, (11) J. Hill.

ROLL OF HONOUR (continued).



(1) T. Parsons, (2) J. Lane, (3) S. Robbins, (4) D. Basclett, (5) B. Belben,
(6) E. Oliver, (7) F. Tucker, (8) J. Dennis, (9) M. Parsons,
(10) L. Goodman, (11) H. Westlake, (12) N. Gale.

ROLL OF HONOUR (continued).



(1) F. Northcott, (2) W. Gale, (3) W. Nute, (4) H. G. Venning,
(5) E. Dennis, (6) E. Sharland, (7) E. Northcott, (8) E. Uren,
(9) W. Ball, (10) C. Parsons, (11) A. B'atchford, (12) A. Sharland.

ROLL OF HONOUR (continued).



(1) C. Crossman, (2) G. Brendon, (3) F. Raddall, (4) R. Adams,
(5) G. Adams, (6) R. Tolman, (7) F. Adams, (8) J. Woolley,
(9) A. Tolman, (10) W. Adams, (11) H. Raymond, (12) E. Raddall.

PRESENT STATISTICS.

Officers & Teachers. Scholars.

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| Launceston | 37 | 314 |
| St. Stephens | 16 | 44 |
| Downicary | 4 | 24 |
| Carzantick | 2 | 11 |
| Tregeare | 12 | 45 |
| Tremayne | 4 | 12 |
| Tregada | 7 | 17 |
| Lifton Down | 5 | 16 |
| South Petherwin | 11 | 52 |
| Yeolmbridge | 18 | 44 |
| Brazecott | 15 | 39 |
| North Petherwin | 11 | 28 |
| Egloskerry | 11 | 32 |
| Piper's Pool | 6 | 14 |
| Tregadillett | 5 | 24 |
| Lancast | 6 | 17 |
| | 170 | 733 |

Of the officers and teachers 156 are members, and of the scholars 181, and 80 in Junior Society Classes. Over £46 was raised by the scholars for Missions.

Of the present staff it is not permissible to speak particularly, but of them as a whole it may be said without hesitation that they continue to show the spirit of unity, power, and love. With common and sharp regret they relinquish the long and able services of Mr. E. D. Pethybridge, as Morning Superintendent. Previously he served in the Tregadillett School.

It is pleasant to record that the teachers and officers presented to Mr. and Mrs. Frayn their framed portraits as a token of esteem and affection in 1904. The donors' hearts were then fully in the gift, and the sentiment has not diminished since. Mrs. Frayn's former work and abiding interest are not forgotten. The Superintendent is greatly loved and wholly trusted.

On May 30th, 1910, a like honour, also abundantly merited, was done the Secretary, Mr. J. T. Gillbard, the wording on the brass tablet being as follows:—"Presented to Mr. J. T. Gillbard by the officers and teachers of the Launceston Wesleyan Sunday School. 30th May, 1910."



How fast the procession moves across the fields of life, and how soon a generation vanishes. Let the needful light shine upon the perilous way. Put the lantern early in the hand of the child. "O give me that book!" cried John Wesley, "At any price give me the Book of God!" In life and death he nobly illustrated the virtue of loyalty to its revelation of God and His Christ. "O Book! Life's Guide!" sings Henry Vaughan,

"By the mild art of love at length
Thou overcam'st my sinful strength,
And having brought me home, didst there
Shew me that pearl I sought elsewhere,—
Gladness, and peace, and hope, and love,
The secret favours of the Dove."

To him, thus taught, the brief and troubled days of earth were not vain and purposeless. "He saw life clearly and saw it whole"

I saw Eternity the other night,
Like a great ring of pure and endless light,
All calm, as it was bright;
And, round beneath it, Time, in hours, days, years,
Driven by the spheres,
Like a vast shadow moved; in which the world
And all her train were hurld.

Yet some, who all this while did weep and sing,
And sing, and weep, soar'd up into the ring;
But most would use no wing.

But as I did their madness so discuss,
One whisper'd thus,—
This ring the Bride-groom did for none provide,
But for His Bride.

Let us humbly thank God for all heavenly light, restraint of evil, and Godward impulses ministered to children and youth, and some of larger growth, by the agency of this school for a hundred past years.

In this sad time of fierce and world-wide war we still hold the secret of courage, consolation, and hope. With more finely-tempered zeal let us carry on our work, follow the all-conquering Christ, and spread His saving truth. Can we better begin a new Century of the School's witness and endeavour than to the solemn but enheartening strains with which Methodists are wont to begin each year?

Our life is a dream:
Our time as a stream
Glides swiftly away,
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay.

O that each in the day
Of His coming may say,—
I have fought my way through,
I have finished the work Thou didst give me to do!

O that each from his Lord
May receive the glad word,—
Well and faithfully done;
Enter into My joy, and sit down on My throne!



MISS HILL,
Oldest Surviving Scholar.

MARGARET McCONNELL,
Youngest Scholar.

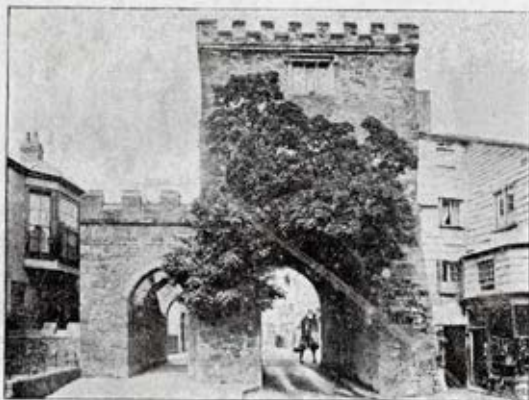
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