

ANNIVERSARY FUND, 1907.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr J. Dennis, J.P.,	£10 10 0
Mr A. Duncan,	1 0 0
Mr J. Robinson,	2 0 0
Mrs Ottewell, Derby,	1 1 0
Rev. R. Posnett,	0 5 0
Sir Thomas Glen-Coats, Bart., M.P.,	3 3 0
Mr H. B. Law, J.P.,	3 3 0
Mr R. Yorston,	1 0 0
Mr D. Ritchie,	0 10 0
Mr F. D. Brown,	0 5 0
Mr W. Galbraith,	1 0 0
Mr J. M. M'Callum, M.P.,	1 0 0
Mrs Whitehead,	0 10 0
Mrs Thomson,	0 10 0
Mrs Wright, Leeds,	0 10 0
Mrs Hemingway,	1 0 0
Mr J. R. Russell,	1 1 0
Mrs W. H. Rolls,	1 0 0
Mr A. Booth,	0 10 0
Mrs R. Brown,	0 5 0
Mr W. Taylor, Edinburgh,	1 0 0
Miss Alice Taylor, ,,	1 0 0
Mr Bailie Miller,	0 10 0
A Friend, Edinburgh,	1 0 0
Mr G. Summers,	1 1 0
Mr Bailie Munro,	0 10 6
Mr T. A. Wilson,	2 0 0
Mr Gallacher,	0 5 0
Miss Ravenhill,	0 10 0
Mr T. Frizzell,	0 10 0
Rev. P. Martin, Dublin,	0 10 0
Mr J. H. White,	1 0 0
Mr J. Strachan,	0 10 0
Mrs Foxon,	0 10 0
Mr Galloway, ...	1 0 0

£41 19 6GENERAL STATEMENT.

Subscriptions (<i>See List</i>),	£41 19 6
Lecture—Rev. R. M. Kedward,	12 0 0
Anniversary Collections, Sunday,	15 15 8
Monday,	8 11 10
Mission Members' Shilling Fund,	12 17 0
Received from promises at Anniversary Meeting,	12 7 0

Total, £103 11 0

Wesleyan Methodist Church.



PAISLEY MISSION.



CENTRES OF WORK:

GOOD TEMPLAR HALL.
ST. GEORGE'S U.F. HALL,
NEW STREET.

Sixth Annual Report,

MARCH, 1908.

Minister: Rev. W. H. ROLLS, Hawkhead Road.

Evangelist: Mr J. SLACK, 11 Dunn Street.

Treasurer: Mr G. FARQUHAR, 28 Keir St., Pollokshields.

Secretary: Mr J. HAWLEY, Whitehaugh Drive, Paisley.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY Arrangements.

GOOD TEMPLAR HALL.

On SUNDAY, 29th MARCH, the

Rev. J. WILLIAMS BUTCHER,

Ex-Chairman Scotland District,

Will Preach at 11, 2.30, and 6.30.

On MONDAY, 30th MARCH, at 4 p.m.,

Special Sermon,

In ST. GEORGE'S U.F. CHURCH HALL, New St.,

BY

Rev. HECTOR M'KINNON, M.A.

(Shettleston Parish Church).

At 5.30, Rev. J. W. BUTCHER will hold a Reception, and will
be pleased to meet old friends.

TEA will be served.

GREAT ANNIVERSARY MEETING

In GOOD TEMPLAR HALL, at 8 p.m.

Speakers: Revs. J. W. BUTCHER, HECTOR M'KINNON,
W. H. GIBBS, W. H. ROLLS, and other Ministers and Friends.

CHAIR TO BE TAKEN BY T. J. IRWIN, Esq.

N.B.—Special Solos and Anthems at all the Services by large
Choir and Orchestra.

COLLECTIONS towards ANNIVERSARY FUND of £200.

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PAISLEY MISSION.

DEAR FRIEND,

I find that the most difficult part of a Missioner's work is to write about it. It would be a great joy to me if the only record of the sixth year's work of this Mission were the records kept in Heaven, and in the lives of those who have been benefited. Two reasons make a brief report necessary. (1) Our subscribers have a right to know how their money is spent. (2) As the Mission develops our needs increase, and this year we are obliged to appeal for a larger sum than usual.



LAST ANNIVERSARY.

Our last Anniversary services were triumphantly successful. The Rev. R. M. Kedward preached to immense audiences, and all the meetings were full of spiritual power and enthusiasm. We asked for £100, and after a strenuous effort succeeded in securing it.



THE CHURCH.

We have continued to gather new members, and in December, 1907, we reported 323 full members, and 97 on trial—an increase of 34 names on the Church roll. A very interesting feature in this return is that a class of young people, who have been in junior classes for some years, are now received into full membership. While constantly seeking to save the lost, we are doing our best to keep the young within the fold of Christ. In every previous year of the Mission some special agency has been used in aggressive enterprise; this year I have seldom been out of the pulpit, and we have depended upon the influence of steady work and prayer to reclaim the lost and to build up our converts in the Christian life. Our leaders have worked splendidly, and it is largely owing to their untiring labours that progress is still being

made. In all things we have sought to give Christ the pre-eminence, and He has done great things for us. To Him be the glory!



OUR TEMPORARY HOMES.

We have continued to use the Good Templar Hall for Sunday Services. The congregations have been well maintained. Our Sunday morning congregation steadily grows. This is a most cheering fact, and is full of hopefulness for the future. On Sunday evenings the Hall is always well filled, and frequently crowded. Our week-night work has been hindered by a necessary change of premises. Last May we had to leave the Rooms at 1 Causeyside. For a time it seemed as if we should be homeless, but through the kindness of the Deacons' Court of the St. George's U.F. Church we were able to rent the Halls they had vacated in New Street. Though the situation of these premises is away from the main thoroughfare, we have kept together, and shall be ready for further advance when our new premises are ready for occupation.



OPEN-AIR WORK.

Our aim has ever been to bring to Christ those who are outside of all the Churches. Therefore we have not waited for the people to come to us; we have constantly gone to them; and many who now regularly worship with us were first impressed by the truth in the open-air. In this work Mr John Slack has rendered invaluable service.



THE CLASS MEETING.

A Methodist Church without adequate provision for Christian fellowship would be an anomaly. Our united class meeting on Thursday evenings is greatly appreciated and is well attended. In addition to this united meeting, five classes, chiefly for young people, are held every week. We have fourteen class leaders, and their work as shepherds of the flock is greatly appreciated.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Our Sunday School is now held in the St. George's Halls. It is worked in two departments, a senior and a junior department under the direction respectively of Mr and Mrs Hawley. The

School gradually grows in numbers and in efficiency. A Band of Hope is worked with considerable success.



MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Our Choir and Orchestral Band, under the leadership of Mr H. Watson and Mr W. Campbell, continues to render good service. Nothing has contributed more to the success of the Mission than the hearty singing.



MR JOHN SLACK'S WORK.

I have asked Mr Slack to give a brief account of his work. "Four years ago, I was led by the Spirit of God to the Templar Hall. There I found Jesus Christ, and was soundly converted to God. The inhabitants of Paisley knew me as an auctioneer, racehorse owner, gambler, fond of drink, etc. After being in a position of affluence, I was reduced to selling fruit and fish upon the streets. The fondness for drink and gambling still stuck to me, and I became in very reduced circumstances; and in this condition the Lord found me, and lifted me up, and placed my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (Glory to God.) Since my conversion in the Wesleyan Church, I have been the means, in God's hands, of rescuing many precious souls. Shortly after joining the Church, I conducted cottage meetings, and at every one Christ blessed the Word, and souls were saved. At the open-air meetings, some of my old companions heard the word of God preached by me, and have followed into the Hall, and given their hearts to God. I have had the joy of leading the young, middle-aged, and old people to Jesus Christ (two over eighty years of age and one over ninety). I visit close upon 2000 homes a year (among these many are the sick and afflicted); and frequently I conduct funeral services for those who are not connected with any Church. God has greatly blessed my efforts in speaking to men and women as I go along the streets. My constant prayer to God is, for His richest blessing upon the people of Paisley, and that I may be long spared to assist in His glorious work of rescuing the perishing."



NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

One of the striking events of the year has been the addition of

a lady worker to the staff of the Mission. In October, Sister Effie came to us, and in direct answer to prayer, a few friends, who wish to remain anonymous, undertook to support her for twelve months. She has entered heartily upon her work. Already she has succeeded in gathering a large Bible Class of young women on Sunday afternoons, and on Monday afternoons is responsible for a women's meeting. It is called a sisterhood, and now has about 90 members. The consolations and inspirations of religion are thus brought to many who, owing to the duties of motherhood, are kept from the ordinary services. Sister Effie is also doing good work in visiting the women in their homes, and her medical training enables her to be very useful in caring for the sick.

Another new development is the Brotherhood, held on Sunday afternoons in the Good Templar Hall. Its aim is to secure the interest of the men of Paisley in practical Christianity. We believe that if we win a man for Christ, we have taken a long stride towards the winning of a family for Christ. The meetings are free and unconventional, the spirit of practical brotherhood is being freely manifested, and present results augur well for future success. Over 150 men have joined the brotherhood. Mr S. Pogson is rendering valuable service as general secretary.

The third new development is the starting of a brass band for open-air work. We have spent £130 in the purchase of 18 A quality instruments from Boosey & Co., London. The difficulty of securing men of approved Christian character to play the instruments is being overcome, and we have no doubt that the band will render splendid service in gathering crowds of people to hear the Gospel in the open-air.



THE CENTRAL HALL.

The event of outstanding importance in the year's work was the laying of the memorial stones of our Central Hall on 10th September. That our Mission, composed largely of poor people, who during the last five years have been rescued from sin, should venture upon a Building Scheme involving £16,000, at one time looked a quixotic enterprise. Faith in God and in the Methodist people has been honoured; and while all difficulties have not yet been overcome, yet complete success is only a matter of continued prayer and well-directed effort. What a glorious day the stone-laying day was! The weather was magnificent! Immense crowds gathered from every part! Twelve memorial stones were well and truly laid. The crowning moment was when

John Slack laid his stone, and Mr Josiah Nix presented him with a mallet as a souvenir of the occasion. As the two stood on the top of the stone and delivered brief speeches, the scene was one of entralling interest. Shouts of praise to God ascended from the vast audience as they realised all that John Slack's conversion meant for him and for the Kingdom of God. About £2,150 were raised that day! Mr H. B. Law says that it was the greatest day in the history of Methodism in Scotland. The Hall will be opened for worship on 10th September, 1908. We require about £5,000 to open free from debt! What God has done encourages the hope that even this will be accomplished.



ANNIVERSARY.

We have always had most successful Anniversary services. The most successful financially were conducted four years ago by the Rev. J. Williams Butcher, then Chairman of the Scotland District. The services this year will be conducted by Mr Butcher, now the Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union. Many of his old friends will cordially welcome him on Sunday, 29th March, when he will preach at 11, 2.30, and 6.30. The Great Anniversary Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th March, when Mr Butcher and others will speak.



APPEAL.

We are very thankful to the friends who have helped the Mission in past years. This year we require £200 to put our finances in good order. £100 is required to pay for the instruments purchased for the Brass Band. £100 is required to meet the working expenses of the Mission. Our own people have given generously to the Building Fund. They are now working and giving to the full extent of their ability for the Anniversary Fund. If friends of the Mission will send us £100, we hope to raise the other £100 in the Mission. Will you help us? No cause is more worthy of your support! All subscriptions will be thankfully acknowledged by

Yours sincerely,

W. H. ROLLS.

HAWKHEAD ROAD,
PAISLEY.