

In Memoriam.



MARY S. JONES.

Mary Sophia Jones was born in Breage, Cornwall, sixty-one years ago. In 1879 she left England and went to Queensland, but a few months later she arrived in Wellington with her parents, sister and two brothers, William and Stephen Ralph. In 1880 they came to Masterton. Her two sisters, Mrs Judd and Mrs Ingram, were already here. She had been associated with the Methodist Church in Cornwall, and on arrival in Masterton she at once became connected with the same Church. The members of the Ralph family in Masterton have always been musical, and years ago were well known as soloists and singers in duets and quartettes. Mrs Jones possessed a singularly sweet voice, and was popular as a singer of sacred solos. She was also a devoted Sunday School teacher both in the Masterton and Kuripuni Sunday Schools, and this work she continued until her increasing duties in connection with her family compelled her to relinquish her work. Thirty-eight years ago she was married to Mr Edward Jones, who now mourns the loss of a devoted and saintly wife. She was a good mother. None knew this better than her sons and daughters, who truly "rise up to call her blessed." To them her memory will continue sweet and fragrant. As the years passed her Christian character developed, and she became more saintly and more Christlike. The sickness and sufferings she bore as a consequence of the operations she had to pass through helped to make her more like her Saviour. She had a sensitive soul, and was keenly conscientious. Some may have thought her narrow. So did the people think of Jesus. Hers was the narrowness of goodness. She avoided the appearance of evil. If she had doubts concerning a custom she avoided it. She believed in Providence. Her trust in God's all-wise care for His children produced peace in her heart. Trusting in God, she believed that all things worked together for good. She loved her Church and she greatly enjoyed the services of the sanctuary. How her eyes glistened, and what a bright look was there upon her face as she listened to the preacher as he told the story of Christ's redeeming love. The Church's success was her delight. How happy she was when Zion prospered. She was a bright, happy Christian, and a good woman. Long will she lovingly be remembered by those members of the Church in which she worshipped. Peacefully she passed from earth to heaven. Of heaven she thought and spoke and hoped, and now she is there. Happy soul, her days of suffering are ended, and she is in that beautiful home Christ prepared for her. She loved singing. How her soul will enjoy the songs of heaven! May we triumph so when all our warfare is past, and, dying, find our latest foe beneath our feet at last.

J.C.

MRS EMMA WALKER.

Franklin Road Church is the poorer by the removal of one of its most earnest and devoted workers in the

person of the late Mrs Walker. She lived and moved quietly, but was ever active in the service of the church. She was greatly interested in the Ladies' Guild, and rarely absent from its meetings. She was also greatly interested in the prohibition movement, and at election times rendered good service through the W.C.T.U., of which she was a member. Mrs Walker was born in England sixty-one years ago, and was brought to this country when a child by her parents, Mr and Mrs T. Booth, who were so long and prominently identified with Franklin Road Primitive Methodist Church. For some years she resided in the Waikato, but upon the death of her husband, returned to Auckland, and became again associated with the church of her youth. Her last illness was of some months' duration, but the pain and weariness were borne with wonderful cheerfulness and courage. Her faith in Christ was implicit and an inspiration to all. Truly for her, death had no sting. The end came peacefully, and in the fullness of a radiant faith, and leaving behind a clear bright testimony, she passed into the presence of her Lord.

So He giveth His beloved sleep.
W. H. S.

MRS GEORGE REED.

A Personal Tribute.

To many who knew her, she will always be "Miss Gertie." And to know her was to realise that she was a very choice soul. I never once saw her ruffled or impatient, and my home was under the same roof, and I found in her sister, the one who "mothered" most of the Redshaws, of Avondale, Auckland, a good and wise friend. I married Miss Gertie Redshaw to Mr George Reed in the old Brown Street Church during the earlier days of the Great War. Dear young couple—you did not have much home life did you! This was one of the tragedies of the war. George went into camp shortly after the wedding, and the choice little soul went back to her books and typewriter. Several years of patient waiting went by and the husband came home badly wounded. I said "home" did I!—the pity of it was that it meant hospital for him and back again to the typewriter for his partner. But no word of complaint, no murmuring against God. The same cheerful face and winning smile. Said one friend to me, "I never saw her without a smile on her face." True—and it was a smile reflected by the light of her soul. But the tender plant cannot stand too many winters, and the strain told upon this faithful soul and the weakened body, unable to fight against a serious illness that set in, became weaker and weaker still, and "Miss Gertie," telling her loved ones that she was quite ready to go, became unconscious, and shortly afterwards "went Home" to God.

"And Glory, Glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's Land."

R. B. Gosnell.

ISABELLA LOWDEN.

Mornington Church has of late years been stricken by many bereavements. Many who were prominent in the church work are no longer with us. The late Mrs Lowden was born at Lebournehold, Durham, England, in 1841. Her father was a member of the Church of England, and known for his earnest consistency. Her mother was a member of the Wesleyan Church.

Early in her teens the late Mrs Lowden saw the heavenly vision in connection with some revival services. She was obedient to it, and realised by faith her union with Christ. She joined the Wesleyan Church, and remained a consistent member to the day of her departure to the higher service and the fuller life. Though never an active worker in the church, she was a constant and earnest worshipper. It was in her home life and as a neighbour that she shone, setting an example before her children and encouraging them in all that was good. For thirty-two years she was a member of the Mornington Church.

Her constant attendance was an example to all until increasing weakness prevented. She was always glad of a pastoral visit, and responded to the prayers that were offered. She was one of the good old type, fast dying out and leaving the world the poorer. The Lord was merciful to her inasmuch as her last illness was short and painless. In a brief moment of consciousness she gave clear testimony of her faith in Christ, and passed away quietly in her sleep just after midnight on Sunday, September 19. Her sons and daughters are left with nothing to regret, but with the heritage of a bright example of a well-spent life. A memorial service was conducted in the Mornington Church on Sunday evening, October 3, by Rev B. F. Rothwell, whose subject was "A Life Obedient to Divine Impulse."

Y.P. Department.

NOTES BY THE ORGANISING SECRETARY.

The Whakatu Club. Such is the name given to a splendid organisation connected with the Auckland Young Women's B.O. Union. The club, which is for junior B.O. girls, is one result of a local camp held at Roskill some time ago. It is distinctly a union activity, and was formed with a view to developing leaders.

A tasteful little brooch badge, blue enamel and gilt, designed by the girls themselves, serves for both Bible Class and Club, the ordinary B.O. badge forming the centre and the name of the Club being inscribed on an encircling band.

And the name? What's in a name? A great deal in this one, they tell me; the idea of something elevating; a challenge to "Stand Firm"—a worthy challenge in these days when the whirl of the world sweeps so many off their feet!

The Club meets monthly under the enthusiastic captaincy of Miss Ivy Jones. An afternoon's ramble ends at one or other of the Churches, where tea is served, the local B.C. members acting as hostesses. After tea comes an hour's sewing; then an hour's study in circles of from seven to ten, Haslam's "St Paul" and Fosdick's "The Manhood of the Master" being the text books studied so far. This hour is the best attended of all! Finally comes a social hour. Once a month the circle leaders meet for study—a fact that largely accounts for the popularity of the study circle hour. The average attendance at the meetings is about sixty.

Born in a camp, the Club celebrates its anniversary in a Whakatu Camp held at New Year.

The Club has a daughter at Wanganui and the daughter has outgrown the parent. Its membership is about seventy-five. Owing to a desire for weekly instead of monthly meetings, a Hockey Club has been formed for winter months and a Tennis Club for summer. In addition to the Whakatu Club in Auckland, Girls' Clubs are flourishing at Epsom (about 30 members), Dominion Road (about 50) and Kingsland (about thirty). Weekly meetings are held, on Wed. evenings from 7 till 9, the procedure being games till 7.40, fancy work till 8.20, and Bible study in circles till 9. The Epsom Club has also a Basket Ball team.

Such organisations need no words of commendation. Any classes who may desire further information are advised to write to the secretary of the Whakatu Club, Miss Purcer, 19, Stanley Pt., Devonport. Badges are procurable at 2s 6d each; also leaders' badges in silver at 4s 6d.

AUSTRALASIAN GRADED LITERATURE.

Schools ordering the Australasian Graded Literature for next year are notified that owing to the increased cost of production the price of the Graded Teacher has been increased by 1s per year—an advance of 1d per monthly copy. The prices of the scholars' publications are unaltered.

W. O. FRANCOIS,
Sec. S.S. and Y.P. Board.

September Quarterly Meetings.

HAMILTON.—Held Oct. 6th. Present—Revs T. Olds and H. Ford and twenty-one representatives. Balance-sheet for quarter showed credit of several pounds, and was adopted. Rev E. O. Blamires was given invitation to labour in Circuit another year. Mr Blamires, who is on year's holiday overseas and due back next February, has intimated his acceptance of invitation. Circuit steward expressed appreciation of services rendered by the supply, Rev H. Ford. Rev E. T. Olds was invited to Hamilton East part of Circuit another year. Mr Olds accepted, subject to confirmation by Conference. Representatives and substitutes were elected to forthcoming Synod at Te Aroha. Foreign and Home Mission matters were reviewed, and one or two items of local interest.

MOTUEKA.—Held Monday, September 21st. Rev W. Greenslade, chairman of the district, presided. Revs C. W. Brown, J. H. White and 18 officials present. Balance-sheet satisfactory. Membership 161, and four junior. Letter sent to Bro. E. Smith, one of the oldest Circuit officials, now residing in Auckland, thanking him for years of work. Letter of sympathy sent to the Winn family, Dovedale, on account of death of Mrs Winn, sen. Sunday School affairs well in hand. On the motion of Bro. Gauderton (super.), a small committee set up to deal with the Bible classes. Dovedale representatives presented report recently in "Methodist Times" to the effect that they had approached Richmond Circuit asking to be included in new Circuit with Wakefield as the head, this being contrary to fact. The meeting unanimously decided to request Conference to place a Home Missionary at Dovedale with a view to carry on much needed back-blocks work in that district. The Circuit stewards gave a hearty invitation to the Rev C. W. Brown to remain a third year in the Circuit, several brethren speaking to the motion, and all urging that, as Mr Brown had got the new Church scheme well in hand, he should stay to see its completion. The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr Brown accepted it. Circuit Stewards Messrs E. S. Wratt and C. S. Cresswell elected representatives to District Synod, Blenheim, Mrs A. Thorn and Mr Ching substitutes. Rev Mr Greenslade was thanked for coming over from Blenheim to preside. Before the meeting, tea was provided by the ladies, who were heartily thanked. During the quarter the anniversary services of the Church were held, Rev E. D. Patchett, of Nelson, being the preacher for the day. The trustees decided to do away with the week-night meeting and by circular asked the congregation to give the money on the Sunday, result record day's collections of over £20 as against £7 10s for whole effort, including tea meeting, last year. The contract for the new Church has been let, and the building will be completed early in November. It is hoped to have the stone-laying ceremony the first week in December.

NAPIER.—Held on October 6, 1920. Rev T. R. Richards presided. Large attendance of officials. Church membership increased, particularly in the infant department. Total increase of twenty-seven members. The circuit stewards presented a good balance-sheet. Credit £27 on the quarter's working. Several members spoke upon the satisfactory state of the circuit finance, and some of the senior officials were happy to know that the hard struggle of earlier days is now a thing of the past. New Church Fund stands at £1200, and gratification was expressed at the success that had attended the efforts of the Ladies' Guild and the Young Women's Bible Class in their recent sale of work. Encouraging reports were received from the Sunday Schools. Messrs L. T. Bisson and R. Thomas representatives to Synod. It was decided to send Mr Thomas Laws, one of the respected pioneers of

Methodism in message on the birthday, wish It was a fitting was proposed seconded by were both associated the early days at the illness old and faithful meadows Church that the circuit meeting's sympathy is a sure feel his affliction. ards, who has unabated zeal was unanimous year. The kindly of the and, Mrs Rich was resolved to our pastor. themselves to Rev Mr Richard With the growth Fund, the men that he shall re of his labours. plied in feeling.

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JOHNSONVILLE.—Ngaio Church of officials being p N. Turner presi monious meeting secure a number publication of t Zealand," about that a retiring December 5 in a ers' Mutual Aid ming was appoin same. The var an upward ten added to the m like number on Steward, Mr B. the financial stater, showing £15 leaving a credit Mission finance, fore with a sple Johnsonville for 5s, the Home Mis the Porirua end be sent in for b saries were arrar follows:—S.S.A., ber 14; Porirua Ngaio C.A., No Lynneberg and representatives Synod at Mastert on behalf of the Rev N. Turner for the ensuing agreed and accep

ONEHUNGA.—J. Wrigley and t Adult members receipts £183 8s 6d, Ad. Onehunga versary and annu ranged for. Re Mt Albert Metho taken on Sunday Request from Loc Aid Society rece evening collection voted to trust p new parsonage, £1600, approved. accepted an invit the Circuit for a tentatives to Auck Thomas Moor an substitute, Mr J. ng suggested an laws was agreed t be added to par new sub-clause, ven, accepted, a ce with par 16