

**ST. GEORGE'S.**—This magnificent new church of cathedral proportions is the gift of Major George Fearn, the land having been presented by Mr. Wakefield Christie-Miller, J.P. The parish has been taken out of the parish of St. Thomas, and includes the districts of Heaviley, Davenport, Woods Moor, with parts of Adswold and Bramall, the estimated population being 10,000. A more noble building it would be well nigh impossible to imagine, and all concerned in the construction seem to have thrown heart and soul into the production of a glorious pile. The building and furnishing cost about £90,000, and Major Fearn has raised to himself an everlasting memorial. The foundation-stone was laid on the 17th of June, 1893, by Lord Egerton of Tatton, with full Masonic honours, while the consecration by Dr. Jayne, Bishop of Chester, took place on February 25th, 1897, amid general rejoicings. On that occasion the grand organ was presided over by Mr. J. Kendrick Pyne, of Manchester Cathedral, while Mr. Herbert Wild is the regular organist. The extensive grounds around the church have been laid out with great taste. The total height of the tower and spire is 230ft., the nave is 29ft. wide, 112ft. long, while the north and south aisles are 19ft. 3in. wide each, and the total length of the church is 180ft., and the total width 75ft. The vicar is the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D.

St. George's Church—The Rev. J. H. Thorpe, M.A., B.D., St. George's Vicarage, vicar; curates, Rev. W. E. H. Morris, B.A., and Rev. H. P. V. Nunn, B.A.; Rev. A. E. Simpson, B.A., B.D., curate-in-charge of St. Saviour's, Great Moor. Organist; Mr. Herbert Wild, A.R.C.O., 27, Buxton Road. Litany: Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. Children's service: Sunday morning, 10-30, in St. George's School, and second Sunday in the month in the parish church at 2-30 p.m. Men's service: Second Sunday in the month, St. George's School, at 2-30 p.m. Senior Men's Bible Class, presided over by the Vicar: Sundays, in the Vestry, 2-30 p.m. Junior Men's Bible Class, presided over by one of the Clergy: Sundays, in the North Chapel, 2-30 p.m. Ladies' Bible Class, presided over by the Vicar: Every Wednesday from October to May, in the Vestry, at 3 p.m. Men's Club, open every evening except Sunday: 4, Windsor Street; hon. sec., Mr. Timmiswood, 150, Shaw Heath. For missionary and other organisations see the Parish Magazine: Hon. treasurer and business manager, Mr. J. L. Roston, Clayton Villa, Bramhall Lane. Verger: Mr. Mottershead, 31, Adswold Lane East. Services: Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., first and third Sunday after Morning Prayer; on Saints' Days at 11 a.m. Holy Baptism: second Sunday at 3-30 p.m., Morning Prayer every Sunday at 10-30; Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6-30, Wednesday at 8, other days in the week at 5-30.

## SERVICES.

All Saints' Church, Old Road, Heaton Norris.—Rev. R. Masheder, M.A., rector; Rev. P. L. Adams, curate. Services, Sundays and all Saints' Days, holy communion at 8 a.m.; morning prayer, 10-30; evening prayer, 6-30. Children's service first and third Sunday in the month at 2-45 p.m. Week-days, morning service at 8-30, excepting Saints' Days at 7-0; Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 7-30.

Church of St. Augustine, Briuksway.—Rev. A. J. Jameson, M.A., vicar; Rev. W. H. Green, curate-in-charge; Rev. W. O. Grocott, M.A., assistant curate. Services: Sunday, Holy Communion 7-30, Matins 10-30, Evensong 6-30; Saint days, Holy Communion 7 a.m.; weekdays, Matins daily, 9-30 a.m.; Evensong, Wednesday, 7-30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church, St. Petersgate.—Vicar, Rev. Chas. Dennis Mason Cox, M.A. Sunday services: Holy Eucharist 7-30; Matins 9-15; Choral Celebration 10-30 a.m.; Evensong 6-30; Holy Baptism, 3-30; Holy Communion daily 7 a.m.; Matins daily, 7-40. Evensong, Thursdays 5-0 p.m.; other days 7-30 p.m.

St. Luke's, Bridgefield.—Sunday evening, 6-30, and Tuesday evening, 7-30. Rev. G. S. Osborn, from Christ Church, Heaton Norris.

Stockport Great Moor St. Saviour's.—Services: Sunday, 8 a.m., 10-30 a.m., and 6-30 p.m.; Wednesdays in Advent and Lent, 8 p.m.; Rev. A. E. Simpson, curate-in-charge.

St. Paul's, Portwood.—Rev. F. S. N. Bennett, B.A., Vicar; Rev. G. E. M. Bennett, B.A., curate. Sunday Services: Holy Communion 8 a.m. (and 11 a.m. first Sunday), also at 7 a.m. on Festivals. Matins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 6-30. Holy Days: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins, 9-45, and Evensong, 7 daily.

St. Mary's, Reddish.—Rev. F. Harrison, M.A., rector. Services, Sunday 10-30 and 6-30.

St. Thomas's Church, Heaton Chapel.—Rev. W. H. Brayshaw, M.A., rector. Services 10-30 and 6-30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7-45 p.m.

St. Elisabeth's, Reddish.—Rev. E. Oldfield, rector; Rev. S. J. Gibb, curate. Services: Holy Communion, Sundays 7-30 a.m., Saints' days 7-30 and 10-30 a.m. Choral Eucharist every other Sunday, 11-15 a.m.; Matins alternate Sundays at 10-30 a.m., weekdays 9-15 a.m.; Evensong, Sundays 6-30 p.m., weekdays 6-45 p.m. The Church is free and open, and is supported by voluntary offerings.

St. Alban's Church, Offerton.—Vicar, Rev. J. W. Gilbertson, M.A.

St. John's, Offerton.—Lay Reader.

St. Martin's (Hope Memorial).—Rector, Rev. R. Pratt, M.A.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC.**—For over 250 years after the Reformation the Roman Catholics of this Borough had no place of worship nearer than St. Chad's Chapel, Rook Street, Manchester. When, however, towards the close of the eighteenth century the manufacture of cotton was extensively taken up, there was, naturally, a large increase in the population, and it was known that there were 300 Catholic inhabitants in the town. A building at the Windmill Street corner of Edward Street was fitted up for the purpose of public worship, and opened on July 22nd, 1798. The congregation soon grew in size, and in 1799 the Rev. James Blundell became the first resident priest in Stockport. In 1849 the Catholic population was estimated to number 8,000 persons, and the Rev. Canon Frith attempted to establish schools in Tiviot Dale, but failed, and a school was opened in a joiner's shop in Parson's Yard, St. Petersgate, hence the name St. Joseph's School. The present St. Joseph's Church was built in 1861, and the original design included a tower and spire, which have yet to be added. The schools were built in 1858 at a cost of £4,417. The present priest is the Rev. Canon Moloney.

**SS. PHILIP AND JAMES',** Chapel Street, Edgeley.—Priest: Rev. J. B. Abram. A new church is being built on Shaw Heath. Mission at Hazel Grove.

**ST. MARY'S,** Dodge Hill.—Priest: Rev. Father Reichart.

**ST. JOSEPH'S,** Gorton Road, Reddish.—Priest: Rev. C. Mc.Dermott Roe.

## Chapels.

## CONGREGATIONAL.

**HANOVER.**—The Congregation of Hanover Chapel, Lancashire Hill, celebrated the jubilee of the building on October 16th, 1871, when an interesting history written by the Rev. N. K. Pugsley, the first minister, was read. This gentleman first visited Stockport in July, 1815, a few weeks after the battle of Waterloo, and, after being the pastor of the Orchard Street Chapel, he was invited to join a new chapel to be erected. The site was fixed upon, and the new building opened on the first Sunday in October, 1821. The Rev. Dr. Collyer, of London, who took part in the opening services, asked that the Chapel might be called "Hanover," after his own, and this was agreed to. Sunday schools were added in 1856, Mr. Pugsley resigning two years later owing to infirmity. The day schools were opened in October, 1871, and have had a highly successful career. The Rev. W. G. Allan, B.D., is the present minister.

**WELLINGTON ROAD CONGREGATIONAL.**—Among the many fine buildings facing Wellington Road South, the Congregational Church holds a proud position. The church is the outcome of a movement (in connection with the Bicentenary Memorial) made in Manchester in 1862, for the purpose of building a number of memorial churches in Cheshire and Lancashire. £1,000 was offered towards the erection of a church in Stockport, and ultimately the Rev. A. Clark, and the congregation at Orchard Street Chapel, encouraged by other Nonconformist Churches in the town, submitted a scheme for the erection of a church, and this was approved and accepted. One of the most liberal contributors to the funds, Mr. James Sidebottom, laid the corner stone on February 22nd, 1865. The church is built on an elevated site, and consists of a nave and transepts, a chancel, and a graceful spire, rising 126 feet above the road level. Commodious Sunday Schools adjoin the Chapel and face Batchliffe Street. The present minister is the Rev. T. W. Pinn, M.A., an eminent Nonconformist divine.

**WYCLIFFE CONGREGATIONAL.**—The origin of Wycliffe Congregational Chapel, Heaton Norris, is somewhat remarkable. Certain of the worshippers at the Tabernacle in Hillgate became dissatisfied with the old structure, and proposed to re-model it, but the trustees declined the offer, whereupon Alderman John Hampson promised £500 towards the erection of a new building. A meeting was called and a vote taken, when 44 supported the idea of a new chapel and 43 preferred to keep the old one. £1,500 was subscribed, and in 1849-50 Wycliffe Chapel was built at a cost of £3,000. The first minister was the Rev. John Thornton, and the Rev. W. A. Blake holds the position at present. In 1875 an additional wing was built on the south side, and the chapel now seats nearly 1,000 people. The Sunday schools are on the ground floor beneath the chapel.