

TIMES OF SERVICES.

Congregational Chapels—Hanover, Lancashire Hill: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-30; Wednesday 7-30 p m; Rev W G Allan, B D. Wycliffe, Wellington Road North: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15; Wednesday 7-45 p m; Rev W A Blake. Wellington Road South: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15; Wednesday 7-45 p m; Rev T W Pinn, M A. Sunday School: Morning 9-30, afternoon 2-15. Stockport Little Moor: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-30; Wednesday 7-30 p m; Rev Edward Hedley. Tabernacle: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15; Wednesday 7-45 p m; Rev J H Halstead, B A. Sunday School: Morning 9-30, afternoon 2-30. Brinksway Chapel: Rev Alfred Carter. Orchard Street Chapel: Rev John Harker. Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15. Adult Bible Classes: Sunday afternoon 2-15.—Buxton Road Congregational Church, Great Moor; Rev. S. Hinds.

WESLEYAN.

TRINITY WESLEYAN.—This handsome, substantial, and commodious chapel was opened for public worship on Thursday, January 21st, 1886, special services being continued for several days. On the opening day and at the services held on the following Sunday, £214 was collected in aid of the building fund, the total cost of the work being about £11,000. Wesleyan Methodism was introduced into Stockport about the year 1744, by one John Bennett, of Chinley, and John Wesley several times visited the borough. After the great divine's second visit several wealthy people joined the movement and a place of worship was erected, a liberal-minded vicar, the Rev. Wm. Grimshaw, formally opening the building for worship. This first humble chapel was without pews or gallery, and the second-hand pulpit was brought from Altrincham. In 1784 the first chapel was taken down, and the Hillgate Chapel erected on the same site, Mr. Wesley preaching there in April, 1786, to, as he says, a "lovely" congregation. This Hillgate Chapel was used until a few years since, when it was taken over by the Temperance party, and after alterations christened the Central Hall. In 1820 a school was opened in Fogg Street, Hillgate, and from there the scholars were transferred in 1823 to buildings in Brentnall Street, but the present splendid premises at the corner of Brentnall Street were not erected until 1868, Mr. T. H. Allen, of Stockport, being the architect. Mr. W. Hooley presented the land, and the erection cost £3,600. More efficient schools it would be impossible to imagine, and Mr. H. A. Johnstone may well be proud of the work. The Rev. David Solomon is the minister of Trinity Chapel.

TIVOT DALE WESLEYAN.—In June, 1825, the land upon which Tiviot Dale Wesleyan Chapel stands was purchased, and the foundation-stone was laid on August 29th, 1825, "in the fifth year of the reign of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fourth." Lancashire Hill at that time was known as the New Road and, needless to say, was very different in general appearance from what it is to-day. The chapel is built after the Doric order, and an otherwise heavy appearance of the front is prevented by the relief afforded by the portico of four columns. One and-a-half million bricks were used in the building, in addition to the stone. The internal arrangements are well nigh perfect. The opening services took place on September 10th, 1826, and the chapel, which then held over 1,600 people, was crowded for five services held on two days, while the collections totalled to £550. The cost of the building and land amounted to £12,000, the last portion being paid off in 1855. Many improvements were made in 1868 at a cost of £1,800, and the chapel's jubilee was celebrated on September 10th, 1876. In the fifty years 2,000 children had been baptised in the chapel, and 3,000 interments had taken place in the graveyard. The Rev. T. Nicholson is superintendent of Tiviot Dale circuit.

EDGELEY WESLEYAN.—In the year 1815 the Wesleyans of Edgeley were worshipping in a barn at the Grenville Street corner of Castle Street, and later a private house was used. On March 22nd, 1818, a chapel was opened for service, Mrs. Edmund Sykes (mother of the late Mr. Richard Sykes, J.P.) being a warm supporter of the movement. By 1854 the congregation had outgrown the building, and a new one was erected at a cost of £1,200, while in 1872 the present chapel was constructed, the foundation-stone being laid by Mr. J. W. Bailey, on Good Friday, March 29th. The cost was £3,800, and there is seating accommodation for 750 people. The Rev. J. H. James, D.D., performed the opening ceremony, and the officials at that time were the Revs. Philip

Fowler and Austin Davey (ministers of the Stockport South Circuit). The chapel is built in the Italian style, of brick, with stone dressings, and has a portico of four columns and a balustrade. Adjoining is a very large graveyard, in which some thousands of people have been laid to rest. The Rev. T. D. Barnes is at present the minister of the chapel, and most successful P.S.A. meetings are carried on in connection with the work.

Wesleyan Chapels—North Circuit: Tiviot Dale Chapel; Brunswick Chapel, Great Portwood Street; Mission Chapel, Newbridge Lane; St Anne's, South Reddish; Hollywood Chapel (Hollywood Park); and chapels at Heaton Moor, Heaton Mersey, Burnage, Didsbury, and Levenshulme; ministers, Revs T Nicholson (superintendent), F S Kirkness, J W Simister, Trevor Davis. South Circuit: Trinity Chapel, Wellington Road South; Edgeley Chapel, Castle Street; Hempshaw Lane Mission Chapel; Norwood Road Mission, Great Moor; Offerton Mission; Hazel Grove Chapel; ministers, Revs David Solomon (superintendent), T D Barnes, W Sarginson, W E Rees, and P B Jenkinson; Mr W J Yearsley, missionary, 46, Wellington Grove.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS.—When in the early part of this century a section of the Wesleyans seceded, and the Primitive Methodists became a sect, the new movement found many zealous supporters in Stockport, and the immortal Hugh Bourne (one of the leaders) visited and preached here often. Before any chapel was built missions were carried on at Bullock Smithy, Marple, Cheadle, Gatley, Sale, and other places, with Stockport as a centre. As an instance of the devoted and voluntary work of the local preachers, it may be stated that Stephen Longden, of Stockport, during the first twenty years of his service, travelled over 10,000 miles! A chapel in Duke Street was built and opened in 1827, when the neighbourhood consisted of sandhills and gardens, instead of hundreds of houses and courts. A Sunday school was erected in 1834, in Lord Street, and after places of worship had been built in Old Road and Chestergate, the present Ebenezer Chapel in Wellington Road South was put up in 1880, at a cost of some £5,000. The chapel is erected in the Tudor Gothic style of best stock bricks, with Alderley stone dressings. The interior is oval in shape, and very tastefully decorated, while 650 persons can be seated with comfort. The Rev. G. Knowles Smith is at present the superintendent.

LANCASHIRE HILL PRIMITIVE METHODIST.—Primitive Methodism in the Lancashire Hill district made a distinctly progressive step when Bethesda Chapel was built. Previous to 1891 the place of worship was not considered suitable, and £500 was subscribed as a nucleus for a building fund. Messrs. Briggs, of Heaton Norris, erected the handsome building at a cost of £2,000, and the opening services took place on March 5th, 1891. The building is of brick, and stands on a plot of land abutting the Lancashire Hill British School. The interior woodwork is all of polished pitch-pine, the seats—accommodating 500 people—being fixed on a semi-circular principle. The chapel has a most comfortable and pleasing appearance, and has been the greatest boon to the Primitive Methodists in the neighbourhood. The total cost of the chapel and school was £3,601, the present debt being £1,400. The first pastor of the new building was the Rev. E. A. Davies, who took a very active interest in the erection of the chapel. The Rev. Geo. Armitage now holds the position.

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Primitive Methodist.—Wellington-road South and Chestergate, Rev G Knowles Smith, superintendent; and Mr E Stokes, hired Local Preacher. Services, 10-30 a m and 6 p m.—Lancashire Hill: Rev Geo Armitage, Thorn Lea, Manchester-road, Heaton Chapel. Services, 10-45 a m and 6-15 p m.

WELSH PRESBYTERIAN.

WELSH CHAPEL.—The Welsh portion of the population of Stockport is, probably, not very large, but it is large enough to support a flourishing chapel. For 16 years prior to 1893, the Welsh Presbyterians worshipped in the Mechanics' Institution, but on October 14th, 1893, the foundation-stones of a permanent home were laid by four of Stockport's leading citizens: Sir Joseph Leigh, J.P., Alderman William Lees, J.P., Councillor John Turner, J.P., and Mr. F. Rawlings, F.S.Sc. The cost of the new church was about £800, and there is seating accommodation for about 200