

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. C. J. Barry, B.A., 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 Ratcliffe 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. H. J. Barton-Lee was recently appointed to succeed the late Rev. W. A. Blake. In 1875 an additional wing was built on the south side, and the chapel now seats nearly 1,000 people.

Congregational Chapels—Hanover, Lancashire Hill: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-30; Wednesday 7-30 p.m.; Rev C J Barry, B.A. Wycliffe, Wellington Road North: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15; Wednesday 7-45 p.m.; Rev H J Barton Lee. Wellington Road South: Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15; Wednesday 8-0 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; Thursday 7-30 p.m.; Rev J H Halstead, B.A. Sunday School: Morning 9-30, afternoon 2-15. Brinksway Chapel: Rev Alfred Carter; 10-45 a.m. and 6-15 p.m.; Sunday School. Orchard Street Chapel: Rev John Harker. Sunday morning 10-45, evening 6-15. Adult Bible Classes: Sunday afternoon 2-15. Buxton Road Congregational Church, Mile End; Rev. S. Hinds, 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.; Sunday School. Swann Street Mission, Portwood: preachers, various. Edgeley Road: Services in Council School, Cheadle Heath, Edgeley, 6-30 p.m.

WESLEYAN.

TRINITY WESLEYAN.—This handsome 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. The Rev. James Halliday is the minister of the Trinity Chapel.

TIVIOLE DALE WESLEYAN.—In June, 1825, the land upon which the 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 today. 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. 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. S. H. Hallam 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