

Minutes of Diaconis Meeting, held Thursday
12 Nov. 1931. The Pastor presiding - present
messrs J Alderson, S. F. Scott & C. Sinclair

A wire having been received from the Rev. W. J.
McAdam, asking for the Recognition Service to be
held on Thursday 19 Nov, it was agreed to hold it
on that date, and that the Moderator should be
consulted as to whom he was bringing with him, &
what part they would take in the Services.

It was agreed that the Rev W. H. Woodmass be
asked to preside at the Evening Service, also that
tea be provided at 4-30, and supper at the close
at a charge of 1/- each.

The position at Shwaite was discussed, and it
was decided that Representatives of the Diaconate,
with the Pastor, should meet the Shwaite friends
to draw up a plan whereby Services could

be taken by the Pastor one Sunday evening in
three.

It was also decided that a Branch of
M. B. R. A. should be formed, and that J. W. Waggett
should be asked to act as Sec for same.

W. Gunton
12/1/32.

Minutes for Annual Church meeting held
Jan 9th 1934. — continued from previous
book

for church repairs, in their opinion
the proper heating of the church should
have first consideration, and they
expressed a preference for central heating.

It was decided that tenders for
central heating be asked for from.

Mess^{rs} Spence of Richmond

Mess^{rs} A. R. Poole & Sons Ltd Darlington &

Mess^{rs} J. Longbottom & Co Ltd Leeds

and that a further church meeting should
be called after prices had been received

W. Gunton
12/2/34

Minutes for meeting held Feb 12. 1934
The Pastor br^r Lumbou presiding
The minutes for meeting held Jan 9. 1934
were read and confirmed

The question of the new heating
apparatus for the church was the first
business, and estimates were received
as follows:—

from mess^{rs} Spence of Richmond £55-5-0
mess^{rs} Poole & Sons of Darlington £40-0-0
and mess^{rs} Longbottom & Co Leeds £48-0-0

After some discussion it was
agreed to accept the tender of
mess^{rs} Poole & Sons of Darlington, but
to have a grey mottle enamelled jacket
for the stove at an extra cost of £2-2-0
making a total cost of £42-2-0

It was agreed that the work should
be put in hand as soon as permission
to proceed was given by the trustees

That the committee to have charge of the
execution of the work be mess^{rs} Alderson
& F. Scott, J. Waggell & the Pastor.

That the Pastor be asked to beg subscriptions
for the balance of the money required

It was agreed that the offer of
Rev W. St. Woodmass to come and give
a lantern lecture on behalf of the
London Missionary Society ~~on~~ or about
March 1st be accepted

Also that the Pastor be empowered
to make arrangements with the Pastor
& friends at Headingley Hill Church
Leeds for a Summer Rally, the early
part of June

W. Lumbou
21-3-34

Minutes for Meeting held. March 21. 1934.

The Pastor Mr. Guntore presiding
The minutes for meeting held February 12th
were read & confirmed

The pastor reported that the work of
fixing the new Heating Apparatus was
completed at a cost of £42.14.6.

Incidental work had cost £2.10.10 making
a total of £45.8.4

Towards this he had received from the
Ladies Sewing Meeting £30; gifts from
our own friends £6.5.6, from friends
of other Churches £8.5.0. Sale of
Scrap 2/- and the collections for
Sunday March 18th had realised £1.1.0
making a total of £45.13.6

It was agreed that the fund should be
kept open and that the balance of 5/2
should be carried forward towards the
cost of placing new pews in the space

from which
now left, where, the old stone had been
removed.

It was agreed that an estimate should
be obtained as to the cost of the new pews.

The question of insuring the heating
apparatus ^{was raised} but the pastor reported that
he had received a letter from the
Congregational Insurance ~~Co~~ Co Ltd
stating that the premium was 30/- which
covered up to £500. It was agreed

that unless a smaller liability could
be covered by a smaller premium the
matter should be left. The Pastor
promised to write the Company to this
effect.

The Treasurer, Mr. John Alderson, reported
that he had received a letter from
Rev F H Toseland County Secretary,
pointing out that as the Pastor had
passed the "List B" examinations he was

entitled to an increase of £15 to his stipend to bring it up ~~to~~ to the minimum of £175. The County ~~was~~ ^{was} willing to increase the grant from £55 to £60 if the Church could raise the other necessary £10.

The matter was discussed in the absence of the Pastor and it was decided that the Church should try to raise the necessary extra £10 for one year.

Mr Alderson promised to write to Mr Foseland to that effect.

The meeting closed with prayer.

W. Chubb
11/1/35

The Annual Church Meeting was held on Jan 11th 1935

The Pastor, Mr Chubb presiding, opened with prayer.

The Minutes for Meeting held March 21 1934 were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance due to treasurer of ~~£9.17.4~~ £9.17.4

Being a reduction of the overdraft of £9.7.8.

This was considered to be highly satisfactory in view of the fact that the heating apparatus ~~has~~ and new pews had been paid for and two new lamps bought during the year.

The report was passed for submission to the County Union.

A Vote of Thanks was passed to all retiring officials for their past year's services. Also to the Ladies' Sewing Meeting for their

Gifts of £30 towards the new Heating apparatus (in March) and £30 towards the current account in December £60 in all. The thanks to include all who had helped in the Bazaar.

The officers for 1935 were then appointed as follows: the voting in each case being unanimous

Secretary Mr W Guntton
Treasurer Mr J Alderson Smithy Holme
Envelope Secretary Mr^{rs} Rubini
Sunday School Secretary Miss Waggett
Auditor Mr S. F. Scott.
Deacons Mess^{rs} J. Alderson, S. F. Scott,
Mr^{rs} Guntton, Mr^{rs} Rubini, Mr^{rs} J. Metcalfe.
Organists Miss Waggett, Mess^{rs} L. Rubini &
J. Sinclair
Seat Rent Collectors Mess^{rs} J. Alderson
S. F. Scott, Miss J. Rubini.

Chapel Keepers Keld Mr F Metcalfe
Thwaite Miss Reynoldson
Church Representatives to School Managers' Committee Mess^{rs} S. F. Scott,
J. Waggett, N. Barker
Institute Committee Mr^{rs} Rubini
Mr^{rs} J. Metcalfe, Mr S. F. Scott
Mr^{rs} Alderson (Smithy Holme) Mr^{rs} Guntton

Delegate to Yorkshire Union Mr^{rs} Guntton

Amount of Grant It was agreed that a grant of £60 be asked for from the County Union

Annual Concert It was passed that the Timber Fare Concert Party should be asked to provide the concert.

Date Feb 1st or 8th

Charge for admission 1/-

Supper at close 9^d. That provisions for supper should be begged, and that the committee for the Supper

should be Mr^s Rubin. Mr^s J Alderson
Mr^s J Metcalfe (W.S.) Mr^s J Metcalfe
(Mrs) & Mr^s W Guntou.

The pastor read the Annual News
Bulletin of the Yorkshire Union &
Home Missionary Society also the
main Proposals in connection with
the Barber Commission Report.

These were favourably received
The meeting closed with prayer

W Guntou
Jan 23. 33

Minutes for meeting held Jan 23. 1935
The Pastor Mr Guntou presiding,
opened with prayer

The Minutes for the Annual meeting
held Jan 11. 35 were read & confirmed.

Rev W Guntou then tendered his
resignation having accepted a call
to Batley. This was accepted, and
it was provisionally agreed that he
should be released from his duties
at Keld at the end of March.

The question of filling the pulpit
was then discussed and it was
decided that we should write the
County Secretary asking that the
vacancy should be filled as early
as convenient, and that we should
apply for half grant during the
interregnum.

Mr Alderson promised to see

Mr Spense of Reeth & ask if he would be able & willing to take some services.

The Pastor reported that the Hunter friends had promised to come on Feb 1st, & that he had fixed the concert for that date.

On the question as to where the Supper should be held, it was decided that this should be in our own school room.

The meeting closed with prayer.

W. Sunton
March 29. 35

Minutes for meeting held at the close of the Afternoon Service Feb 24. 35.

The pastor read a letter from the district Secretary (Rev B. P. Appleby) stating that the Rev. Arnold Mee B. A. of United College was suffering from eyestrain & was seeking a country pastorate. Suggesting that as he might be willing to accept Keld it would be a good thing to invite him to take the services for a week-end.

It was decided that the Pastor should invite Mr Mee to come for a week end, & suggest that April 7th would be a convenient day.

W. Sunton
March 29. 35

Minutes for meeting held March 29-1935

The Pastor Presiding opened with prayer.

The Minutes for meetings held Jan 11
& Feb 24 were read & confirmed.

The following officials were appointed
Church Secretary. Pro Tem. Mr^s Rubin

Renovation Secretary Mr^s Melcalfe of Firs

Rev Arnold F Mee B. A. having by
arrangement visited the Church on March 24th
the question of giving him an invitation
to the Pastorate was then discussed.

The resolution that Rev Arnold F Mee
B. A. of Shipley be cordially invited to
accept the pastorate of Keld & Thwaite
was passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with prayer

Arnold F Mee.
22nd. Sept. 1935.

A meeting of Seatholders was held
on March 31. 1935

The following Resolution which ~~was~~
had been passed by the members (as
previous minute) was approved by
the Seatholders.

That the Rev. Arnold Mee B. A. of Shipley
be cordially invited to accept the
pastorate of Keld & Thwaite
Gwatt Smith W. Gwenton (Chairman)

A meeting of members & seatholders was
held at the close of the service on 14th July. D.
Watt Smith, who was visiting & supplying the
pulpit was appointed Chairman.

A letter from Rev. Bertram Appley was read
concerning the Rev. A. Mee who had declined
the call agreed upon on March 29 & 31, that he was
now prepared to accept it. It was pointed
out that a new call could not be sent without

the legal notice. But was unanimously agreed "That we intimate to Rev. A. Mee that we adhere to our previous invitation"

It was also unanimously agreed that the Union committee be informed that we request an increase of grant to meet the salary we are expected to pay to Mr. Mee.

Reference was made to the improvement of the churchyard made by W. Smith & it was resolved to open a fund for its future maintenance.

It was agreed that no service be held in the afternoon next Sunday.

At the beginning of the meeting the minutes of the previous meetings were read & confirmed. At its close prayer was offered.

Arnold Mee:
22/9/35.

Minutes for meeting held
July 28th 1935

Mr Simon Kelburn of
Bunley Presiding
The Rev Arnold F Mee B.A.
having accepted the call
to the Pastorate of Reld
& Thwaites. Some discussion
arose as to when he
should be asked to
commence his Ministry.
It was pointed out that
the Manse could not be
ready for him before
the latter part of September,
that the Secretary write
him to that effect.

Arnold Mee.
22/9/35.

Meeting held 22nd. Sept. 1935.

The minutes of previous meetings were ~~read~~ ^{read} & confirmed.

Harvest Festival.

All the necessary arrangements were made for the Harvest Festival next Sunday.

Induction.

A letter having been received from the Rev. W. J. McAdams suggesting the 1st. Nov. for the Induction service, it was decided to accept this date if it were found not to clash with any other local events. The Pastor was asked to invite the Rev. Foster of North to preside at the Evening Service, & to offer some part to the Vicar of Mulker.

Thwaite Church.

Mr. Mee mentioned that Thwaite Chapel were fixing their Harvest Festival for Oct. 6th. It was agreed to hold a service at Keld on the last Sunday of each month in the morning, so that Mr. Mee can serve at Thwaite. This to be an experiment & subject to further

consideration.

Annual Concert

Mr. Mee brought up the matter of the Annual Concert, as he was able to get a first class elocutionist if an immediate invitation were given. Mr. Broadhead would give an evening's entertainment, & if on Saturday would supply the pulpit on the Sunday. It was resolved to offer him either Feb. 1st. or 8th. 1936, so that he might help us on the Sunday also.

Arnold F. Mee.

10/11/35.

Annual Meeting, 10th. Jan. 1936.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Mr. Mee then read a brief report of the work of the past year, which was followed by the financial statement. The adverse balance was reduced to £7.18.2; & this was regarded as very satisfactory.

The report & statement were adopted for submission to the County Union. All the officials of the Church were accorded a vote of thanks for their services during the year.

The officers for 1936 were then appointed, as follows:—

Secretary. Mrs. Rulain.

Treasurer. Mr. Jno. Alderson.

Envelope Secy. Mrs. Rulain.

Sunday School Secy. Miss Wappett.

Auditor. Mr. S. F. Scott.

Deacons. Messrs. J. Alderson, S. F. Scott.

Mrs. Mee, Rulain. & J. Metcalfe.

Seat Rent Collectors. Messrs. J. Alderson,

S. F. Scott. & Miss J. Rulain.

Chapel Keepers. Keld: Mr. Fred Metcalfe.

Thwaite: Miss Reynoldson.

Gravedigger. On the resignation of Mr. Eric Metcalfe

Mr. J. H. Peacock was elected.

Representatives on School Management Committee

Messrs. S. F. Scott; J. Wappett, & R. Walker.

Institute Committee.

Mrs. Mee, Rulain, T. Metcalfe, Alderson. (Keld)

Mee. & Mr. S. F. Scott.

Delegates to County Union. Mrs. Mee.

Amount of Grant.

It was decided to ask for a grant of £60 from the County Union.

Annual Concert.

Mr. Mee reported that the negotiations with Mr. Edward Broadhead had broken down, & therefore he was in communication with the students of United College, Bradford, who would send a good party if they could meet the difficulties of transport. A reply was expected within a few days, & further details were left for later discussion.

Sunday School Anniversary.

The desirability of an early booking for a special preacher for the Sunday School Anniversary

was mentioned, & Mr. Mee agreed to discuss
the matter with Miss Woffett at an early
date.

Expressions of Thanks.

It was decided to thank, by letter, the following:-
The Campus at Mether, last summer, for service in
the pulpit: Mr. & Mrs. Raw, of Darlington, for sending
supplies during the vacancy: to Miss Woffett
& Mr. L. Rubin, for officiating at the organ.

Arnold J. Mee. 10/6/36.

Meeting held after service, March 2nd. 1936.

It was agreed to write Messrs. C. Alderson (Harker
House) & J. Melcalfe (West Stonesdale) to represent us
at the Dales Conference to be held at Ravenshoe Dale
in May.

Mr. Mee brought before the meeting two proposals,
suggested by the Leeds York District of the County
Union. (a) a scheme whereby the ministers of
Richmond & Meld, with lay assistance, should
share in the oversight of the church at Reeth, including

a day's visitation per week by each minister.
This to be a six months' experiment during the
summer. Meld Church to receive £5 per annum
in acknowledgment of loss of ministerial service,
& the minister £15 per year, to include expenses.
(b) a proposal to form the Swaledale churches
into a voluntary group for purposes of fellowships,
endeavouring to provide as many opportunities
as possible of sharing each other's life problems,
without in any way infringing the complete
self-government of each. Both these propositions
were passed unanimously. Arnold J. Mee.

Meeting held after service, May 3rd. 1936.

It was agreed to ask Mr. L. Rubin to act as
deputy at the Dales Conference in place of Mr.
J. Melcalfe, who was unable to attend.

A proposal was brought forward to take steps
for the repair of the graveyard, & Mr. J. Woffett's kind offer
of assistance was gratefully accepted.

Arnold J. Mee.

10/6/36.

Meeting held 10th. June. 1956.

After prayer by Mr. Mee, the minutes were read & adopted.

Graveyard.

Mr. Mee reported to forming of a committee to superintend the graveyard, to be composed of the local trustees & resident minister, all ex officio. This was approved, & Mr. Waffett's kind offer to look after a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard was accepted with appreciation.

School Manager.

The meeting then discussed how to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. J. M. Horler, & it was decided to ask each of the following gentlemen, in that order, to serve as school manager: - Mr. John Melcalfe, (West Stonevale) Mr. John Alderson (Angham) Mr. Richard Alderson (Steep Head) & Mr. Charles Thornborrow (Trith).

Harvest Festival.

Various names were mentioned as suitable

for invitation to take part in the Harvest Services, Mr. Jos. Moser of Kirby Stephen, & Mr. Harold of Haves were favoured for the Sunday, & amongst others it was felt that the Vicar of Mulver should be asked to be one of the speakers on the Monday night.

Arnold F. Mee.

5/11/56.

Meeting held 5th. Nov. 1956.

Mr. Mee opened the meeting with prayer, & the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Mr. Mee reported that Mr. John Melcalfe had promised to serve as School Manager.

Finances.

An estimate was made of the financial state of the church, & a discussion followed as to the means of raising a further £5 or £6. It was agreed to organise a concert amongst the best local artists, - individually invited, to sing in the chapel, with supper to follow.

The Boxing Night arrangements were also

considered, the pastor promised to give a lantern lecture, if the lantern is in good order.

Arnold J. Mee
8/11/37.

Annual Meeting, held 8th. January. 1937.

After an opening prayer the minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

The Secretary's Report of the year's work was then read, after which the Treasurer's Statement was made. We were deeply thankful to end the year quite clear of deficit, with a small balance of £1.2.0 on the right side.

The two reports were accepted for submission to the County Union. All the Officials of the church were accorded a vote of thanks for their services during the year.

Thereupon Officers were elected for 1937, as follows:—

Secretary, Mrs. Puckin; Treasurer, Mr. J. Alderson;

Envelope Sec., Mrs. Puckin; Sunday School Sec., Miss Woyett;

Auditor, Mr. S. F. Scott; Organists, Miss Woyett & Mr. L. Puckin;

The Deacons, Seat Rent Collectors, Chapel Keepers, & sawdipper.

Institute Committee, & Union delegate, were re-elected as last

year. Messrs. Scott & Woyett were re-elected as representatives on the School Management Board, & Mr. John Melcalfe, (West Stonehall) was elected in place of the late Nathan Harker.

Amount of Grant.

It was agreed to ask for a grant of £55 from the County Union.

Annual Concert.

Mr. Mee reported that he had made enquiries in various directions, but so far without success. He promised to enquire again at the United College; in the case of no result he was to ask if the Richmond Church could help us, & as a third possibility to discover whether a party might be obtained from Kiddy Stephen.

Sunday School Anniversary, Harvest Festival.

The pastor reported that arrangements were already made for the June Anniversary, & the names of the Revs. Parker Davies, Gunton & Stamford were put forward with a view to the Harvest Festival. Mr. Mee promised to make the most convenient arrangement possible with these speakers in mind.

Thanks.

It was agreed to write thanking the organists for their services during the past year.

Church Meetings.

Mr. Mee brought up the subject of the church meetings. He felt that they ought to be held more regularly, because besides the annual meeting, when matters of routine business crowded other things out, the only other meetings were of an emergency character.

Opportunity ought to be provided of discussing higher matters, of deepening the spiritual life of the members,

and of considering every aspect of God's work among us.

It was therefore resolved, on the motion of Messrs. S. F.

Scott & J. Alderson, that there be six monthly meetings from October to March, held normally on the Thursday of the 1st Sunday in the month, and one summer meeting, to be held at a suitable opportunity according to the state of the season's activities.

Renovation Fund.

Mrs. J. Mclealfe reported that she now had £ 5.10.7, which had been contributed to the Renovation Fund. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Mee, and passed, that the seven money be placed in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Sale of Work.

In spite of the present wellbeing of our finances, it was agreed that for several seasons it was imperative to hold a Sale of Work in the autumn. Accordingly it was decided to ask the Ladies Sewing Party to meet with a view to organising a sale of work.

Half-Yearly Bulletin.

The half-yearly bulletin of the Yorks. Union was read, and it was decided to arrange for the use of the lantern lecture, "The Story of Yorkshire Congregationalism".

Arnold J. Mee

4/11/37.

Meeting held 4th Nov. 1937.

After prayer, the minutes were read & adopted.

The Bazaar. A report was made upon the result of the bazaar, & great thankfulness was expressed at the successful results of it.

Decorations

It was considered that we were in a position to undertake church renovation, that such decorations would be expected. The members therefore resolved to ask the Ladies' Committee to reserve a suitable sum towards this undertaking, that immediate enquiries should be made.

Armistice Service.

It was agreed that the collection at the United service on Armistice Sunday should be devoted henceforward to the funds of the British Legion.

150th Anniversary.

Attention was drawn to the fact that 1939 would bring our 150th anniversary, & it was felt that this occasion should be marked by special celebrations.

Either the 2nd. or 4th. weekend in June of that year was to be chosen, & Dr. Sidney Terry was to be asked, amongst others, to take part.

Christmas Concert.

It was resolved that we should endeavour to provide our own programme this year.

February Concert.

After discussion, it was agreed to ask the Low Row Institute Party to give a concert in February.

Arnold J. Mee. 6/11/38.

Annual Meeting. 6th Jan. 1938.

Mr. Mee opened the meeting with prayer, & read the minutes. These were adopted, & various matters arising from them were discussed.

Front Pews.

Reference was made to the lack of space near the communion rails, particularly on the occasion of a funeral, & the members declared themselves agreeable to such alterations as was found to be best, subject to the approval of the local trustees.

Then followed the Secretary's Report, which was accepted, as also the financial statement.

Gratitude was again expressed that the books had been balanced again on the right side.

It was reported that the Renovation Fund now stands at £6.13.9.

Appreciation was expressed of the services of the Secretary & Treasurer.

Passing to the election of officers, all officers & delegates were reappointed as last year, as also the School Managers.

It was agreed that we should apply for the same grant, viz. - £55.

Dales Conference.

It was agreed that we were prepared to entertain the Dales Conference in 1959, provided that it was made clear that some visitors would have to walk as far as 2 miles to their lodging.

Special Preachers.

Mr. Mee was empowered to make the best arrangements he could for the Sunday School Anniversary & the Harvest Festival.

Stewards in Summer.

It was decided that in summer time the deacons should act as stewards at all services, to show visitors to their seats, welcome them, & make them feel 'at home'. A rota was to be prepared, & notice given any steward not able to keep his appointment must provide his own substitute.

10th Jan. 1959.

Arnold J. Mee.

General Meeting. 24th. March. 1938.

After the discussion of various suggestions for the alteration of the woodwork to the front of the chapel, the whole matter was deferred for more careful consideration.

The reopening of the church was fixed for May 15th. + 15th. + it was agreed to invite the Rev. 2. S. Hughes, of Caberick Camp as a special preacher on the Sunday. Mr. Mee was to make the best arrangements he could for the Saturday. There would be an opening ceremony at 6.45 p.m., followed by a meeting at 7.30. + supper afterwards.

A general desire was expressed that there should again be a text over the arch, + it was agreed to have the same text as before.

Church Meeting. 24th. March. 1938.

Dales Conference.

As the Conference is to be at Skipton this year.

Mr. Mee was asked to make the best arrangement he could privately, for delegates who could make the journey.

Home Missions Sunday.

A letter was read from the Leeds District, suggesting a definite Home Missions Sunday, with an exchange of pulpit, + asking for suitable dates. It was decided to express our readiness to join in the scheme + to suggest June 13th. as our most suitable date.

Church Reopening.

It was agreed that a very cordial invitation be given to Mr. J. Waplett to perform the reopening of the door on May 14th. The warmest appreciation was felt of his untiring service in connection with the renovations.

Arnold J. Mee.

10th. Jan. 1939.

Annual Meeting, 10th. Jan. 1939.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Mr. Mee read the minutes, which were passed.

The Secretary's Report was read, & accepted, with gratitude to God for another happy & successful year.

The Treasurer's Report was also made, & adopted.

It was regarded as most satisfactory that in spite of heavy extraordinary expenses the deficit was no more than £9.6.2.

The Treasurer & Secretary were accorded a warm vote of thanks for their services, as also the Organists & other Officers.

All the Officials of the Church were re-elected.

Organists.

After consideration, it was resolved that Miss Jennip Rutkin should be asked to serve as Deputy-Organist. The working of the Organ Rota to be decided by mutual arrangements between the three organists & the minister.

It was resolved to ask once more for a

grant of £55.

February Concert.

It was agreed to invite Miss Thwaite to bring a concert party from Haver & Bainbridge, & that the date should be Feb. 10th. if possible.

Sunday School Anniversary.

It was resolved that there should be no special preacher if the children provide a sufficient programme.

Haverst Festival.

For the Haverst Festival on Sept. 24th. an exchange of pulpits was suggested between Mr. Mee & the Rev. Everett Wilson, of Richmond.

Dales Conference.

Mr. Mee reported that our invitation to the Dales Conference had been accepted, & that the date had been fixed for June 12th. 1939.

Home Missions Sunday. Mr. Mee reported that it had not been found possible to arrange an exchange of pulpits in the interest of 'Corking Home Missions.'

Arnold J. Mee . 24/10/39.

Meeting held 2nd. Aug. 1939.

After prayer by the pastor, ~~the~~ it was decided to forgo the minutes.

Gravedigger.

After discussion, it was decided to ask Mr. George Clarkson to serve as gravedigger, & failing him, Mr. T. Parington. Or an agreement might be arranged between the two. If either should raise the question of payment, he should be authorized to charge 25/- for a new grave, & 15/- for reopening.

Harvest Festival.

Arrangements for Monday, Sep. 25th., were discussed, & Mr. Mee promised to invite the Rev. J. Cousins, of Kirdby Stephen, & make some arrangement about travel.

150th Anniversary.

The programme for Sept. 9th. & 10th. was arranged. Amongst other things it was agreed

to ask the Keld Singers to give musical items on each occasion.

Arnold F. Mee.
24/10/39.

Meeting held 24th. October. 1939.

After prayer by the pastor, the minutes were read & adopted.

Xmas. It was agreed to arrange the usual Christmas functions on Dec. 25th. & 26th.

February Concerts. Dates were suggested for a concert in February, the 16th. being preferred, - other dates being 2nd. & 9th.

Armistice Sunday. The members decided only to have a service of remembrance in the Chapel this year. Public Hall. The Church were invited to appoint a representative on the committee of the Public Hall. Mr. Mee was elected.

Mans Fireplace Boiler. The meeting agreed to any repairs or alterations found necessary upon advice being taken, assuming the consent of the tenants, if required.

United Services. The possibility of occasional United Services along with the Methodists during the war, was discussed. Those present were agreeable, but it was felt desirable to sound the seatholders in the matter.

Arnold F. Mee.
5/1/40.

Annual Meeting. 5th. January, 1940

The meeting commenced with prayer by the Pastor, followed by the minutes of the last meeting. These were approved & passed. The Secretary's Report was read, shewing another year of steady progress. The report was adopted, with appreciation.

The Treasurer's Statement was also read & adopted, with gratitude to God that in this first year of war we had held our own financially. The Treasurer, Secretary, Organists & other officers were cordially thanked for their services. All Officers were re-elected as also delegates.

Grant. It was agreed to ask for the usual grant of £55.

February Concert. The members decided to ask Mrs. Mee to organise a concert amongst the girls.

Sunday School Anniversary. It was agreed that Miss Waggett & Mrs. Mee should arrange for the Sunday School Anniversary between themselves.

Harvest Festival. Mr. Mee was authorised to arrange for a special preacher on September 29th.

Arnold F. Mee.
1/1/40.

At a ~~special~~ meeting held after service on 7th. April, it was agreed to hold a special meeting of church members, seat-holders & envelope contributors on April 17th. At 7.30 pm. - to consider the rules for the graveyard.

Arnold F. Mee.
10/1/40.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 17th. April
of Members + Seatholders re the Graveyard.

The first business was to discuss the grave-diggers' charges. On a motion by Mr. S. F. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Rutkin, it was agreed that in future the recognised charge for digging a new grave should be 25/-, but that a charge of 30/- should be allowable in special circumstances.

The charge for reopening should be 20/-.

It was moved by Mr. S. F. Scott, seconded by Mrs. J. Alderson that contributors to the envelope system should be accorded the privileges enjoyed by seatholders.

The scale of charges payable to the Church was also discussed, but nothing was finally decided.

It was agreed eventually that the Minister + Officers should draw up a scale in consultation with Mr. J. Weyatt. If they agree on a tariff the meeting gives authority for the

agreed charges to be fixed. If there is disagreement, another meeting should be called. In the meantime, the pastor + Officers should exercise emergency powers if required. It was agreed that a new list of rules, brought up to date, should be posted in the Church porch.

Arnold J. Weyatt

10/11/41.

Rules Governing the Use of Keld Congregational Churchyard, authorised by a meeting of Church members + seatholders, held on 17th. April 1940.

(Being the old rules amended where necessary).

- 1 The Graveyard shall be under the control of the Pastor + Officers of the Church, to whom applications for burial must be made, + fees paid.
- 2 Grave space is free to all church members, seatholders, + subscribers to the weekly envelope system, also unmarried members of their families. (These persons are hereinafter referred to briefly as

'adherents'). Non-adherents may use the ground on payment of a fee as shown in Rule 7.

3. The graves are normally to be used in rotation, as numbered in the plan, but clients may select a grave on payment of a selection fee, or may reserve one during his (or her) lifetime by a somewhat larger payment as indicated in Rule 7. The short lengths at the top (nos 118 & 125) are set apart for infants.

4. Where practicable, new graves must be opened to a depth of not less than 6 feet: two bodies may be buried in one grave, but in no case shall a body be buried at a less depth than 3 feet to the top of the coffin from the surface.

5. In no circumstances whatever may a grave be opened, or a burial effected, without permission of the Pastor or Officers of the Church.

6. The recognized charge for digging a

new grave shall be 25/-; but a charge of 30/- may be allowed in special circumstances, if the pastor or office bearers approve. 20/- shall be charged for reopening a grave.

7. The fees payable to the Church shall be as follow:- Adherents (as defined in Rule 2) shall have free use of grave space, but shall pay 7/6 for the privilege of choosing a site. Non-adherents shall pay 15/- for a grave, and an additional 10/- if they select its position.

A further charge of 5/- will be made in every case where a grave is reserved before being required.

8. The Minister shall exercise his own discretion in charging a burial fee, but it is understood that his fee shall not exceed 5/-.

9. These Rules shall be posted in the Church Porch, & shall come into operation on 1st July, 1940

Clarend J. Mee

Pastor.

20th. June. 1940.

Meeting held 5th Nov. 1940.

The Late Mr. S.F. Scott.

Opporunt was taken of expressing our deep sense of loss at the passing of Simon Scott.

Mr. Mee was asked to write to his widow conveying our sympathy, & recording our tribute to his sterling Christian character.

School Managers.

It was resolved to invite Mr. R. Alderson, Stenly Head, to serve as School Manager, as successor to Mr. Scott.

Armistice Day.

It was decided to dispense with the parade this year, & not to advertise a special service, but Mr. Mee promised to give a suitable address & arrange the service in a fitting way. (N.B. Actually, the Home Guard held a parade)

Christmas.

An offer was received from Rev. N. Shields, of Howes, to bring a party on

Minutes.

The minutes of the January meeting were read & confirmed.

Boxing Day, to give Dickson's "Christmas Carol". It was agreed to accept the offer, although it would necessitate hiring the Public Hall. Mrs. Mee promised to produce a children's concert in February.

Arnold F. Mee.

10/1/41.

Annual Meeting, 10th. January, 1941.

Mr. Mee opened the meeting with prayer, & the minutes outstanding were read & confirmed.

Secretary's Report. The report indicated a very satisfactory maintenance of our work during the first full year of war. It also referred to our great loss in the passing of Simon Scott.

Treasurer's Statement. The Treasurer's Statement was read, & passed with great thankfulness. In spite of considerable extras in the way of expenditure, we have been able to pay our way during the year, not by the ordinary way & means.

The Treasurer, Secretary, Organists and other officers were warmly thanked for their services.

Election of Officers. The following officers were re-elected :-

Secretary: Mrs. Rulain. Treasurer: Mr. John Alderson. Envelope Secretary: Mrs. Rulain.

Sunday School Sec.: Miss Waggott. Organists:

Miss Waggott. Mr. L. Rulain. & Miss J. Rulain.

Deacons: Mr. J. Alderson. Mesdames Mee. Rulain & J. Melcalfe. Seat Rent Collectors: Mr. J. Alderson

& Miss J. Rulain. Chapel Keepers: Keld. Mr. F. Melcalfe.

Thouile. Miss J. M. Reynoldson. Gravedigger: Mr. Geo. Clarkson; with Mr. T. Parrington as deputy.

Representatives on the School Management Committee.

Messrs. J. Waggott. J. Melcalfe. (W. Stonehole) & Richard Alderson.

Institute Committee. Mesdames Rulain. T. Melcalfe. Alderson (Keld) & Mee.

Delegates to Gales Union. Mrs. Mee.

Auditor. Mrs. Melcalfe (Fin) was elected

Auditor in place of late S. F. Scott.

Mr. John Alderson agreed to undertake the seat rent collecting previously done by Mr. Scott.

Grant. It was resolved to ask for a grant of £55.

Various other matters were discussed or reported on, such as the February Concert, the Sunday School, possible new church members, & other prospects for the year.

A very happy meeting concluded with the benediction.

Meeting, 23rd. August. 1941.

Mr. Mee reported that five young people had expressed a desire to join the Church:

- Misses Agnes Coates. Mary Alderson. Elisabeth Calvert. Jenny Rulain, & Hannah Scott. - the latter by transfer from Low Row Congregational Church. It was agreed that they should be received into the fellowship of the Church, & the utmost satisfaction was expressed at this enrichment of the Church's life.

It was also decided that Mr. Mee should endeavour to improve the block-out of the Church, in the hope of avoiding an entirely new one.

Arnold J. Mee 19/11/41.

At a Church meeting held on 19th. Nov. 1941. it was agreed that Mr. Mee should make the best arrangement he could for a concert programme on Dec. 26th. It was also decided to provide a supper on Christmas Day, hoping it would also be sufficient for Boxing Night.

It was further agreed that the special War Insurance of the Chapel furnishings should be renewed till the end of the year.

Arnold J. Mee 12/11/42.

At a Church Meeting preceding Communion Service on Jan. 11th. 1942, it was unanimously agreed to receive the following into membership:-
Mr. Richard Scott, Mrs. C. Calvert, Mrs. R. Alderson

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Wright.

Arnold J. Mee

Annual Meeting, 12th. Jan. 1942.

12/1/42.

The meeting commenced with a hymn, & prayer, followed by the reading & spelling of the minutes.

Secretary's Report. The Annual Report was most gratifying, recording a year of great success in every way. Everyone had made a great effort, & the addition of ⁵ new members during the year was a matter of deep thankfulness. The spirit was never finer, nor state of our church life healthier. The report was passed with gratitude.

Treasurer's Statement. This was a reflection of the success already indicated. On the year's working we had a credit balance of over £8, & had nearly wiped out the deficit at the beginning of the year. Heartfelt thanks were accorded to the Treasurer, & to all whose enthusiastic service had made this result possible.

Thanks A further vote of thanks was accorded to the Officers of the Church, including the Organists.

Election of Officers:

The following officers of the Church were re-elected, - the Church Secretary, the Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, Sunday School Secretary, Organists, Seat Rent Collectors, Chapel Keepers, Gravedigger, Representatives on School Management Committee, Institute Committee, & Auditor.

Mr. J. Anderson, Mesdames Mee, Rubain & J. Melcalfe, were re-elected to the Diaconate, with the addition of Mr. Richard Scott, in place of the late Mr. S. F. Scott.

Mrs. John Anderson was elected as Delegate to Union Meetings.

Amount of Grant. It was agreed to ask for the usual grant of £55.

February Concert.

Mr. Mee reported that a local concert

was being arranged for Feb. 6th. The ladies agreed to endeavour to provide refreshments.

Plans for the future. The Minister made various suggestions in connection with afternoon & evening services, designed to make each service more helpful, & in particular, to appeal more definitely to the young people. The suggestion was approved that he should try to arrange a more 'popular' service once a month; also that occasional modifications of the afternoon service might be tried.

In spite of a snowstorm there was a good attendance, & a welcome was extended to a number of new members. A very happy meeting concluded with the benediction.

cf. Whitlock's
Jan 11th 1943

Meeting held 29th. March 1942

At a special meeting, Mrs. Rubain read out a letter from Rev. F. H. Toseland, in which he urged the desirability of a "war bonus" for all

ministers receiving a certain stipend. He asked if the Keld Church would do this, & offered help from the County Union. The members agreed to make the suggested increase of 10%, & to ask the Union to provide half of this amount. January 11 1948

J Alderson

Minutes of meeting July 12/42

at a special meeting held in the Church on Sunday July 2/42 after Communion Service, the

Rev. A. F. Mee announced the fact; that he had considered, & accepted, a call from the Church at Burwell. He therefore wished to tender his resignation of the Keld & Thwaité Pastorate.

At a meeting held July 26th/42

It was unanimously decided that Rev. A. F. Mee be approached by Mr J.

Alderson, & asked, if he would be good enough to reconsider the tendering of his resignation.

Later However on Sunday August 16th it was announced from the Pulpit that he had decided to proceed to Burwell and would preach his Farewell sermon on Sunday August 30th January 11. 1948

J Alderson

Minutes of meeting Sept 13/42

at a meeting held Sept 13th ~~arrangements~~ arrangements for the Harvest Festival were as follows:-

The date as usual should be the last Sunday in September i.e. the 24th. The collecting of donations to be left in the hands of the younger Lady Members, owing to war conditions, and restrictions. The customary supper should not be served

on this occasion, January 11. 1943

J Alderson

Minutes of Meeting Nov 27/42

A meeting of members & seatholders (which had been announced on the two Sundays, the 15th & 22nd November) was held in the Church on Friday November the 27th 1942. Mr John Alderson Presided and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the appointment of a successor to the Rev A & Mee B A. and drew attention to the fact that all had had the opportunity of hearing Mr Whitlock of Elland, who had been sent by the Moderator to take charge of the services on Nov 8th with a view to the Pastorate of Keld & Thwaithe Churches. After a short discussion

it was Proposed by Mrs J. Rukin and seconded by Mr A. E. Wright. That a call be sent to Mr Whitlock. This was carried unanimously.

The next item concerned arrangements for Christmas. It was decided to invite Rev Shields Gill of Low Row to conduct the service on Christmas night. Failing that: To communicate with Rev E. Wilson of Richmond.

It was next agreed that Mr A. E. Wright & Mr R. A. Scott should endeavour to make arrangements for the usual Sacred Concert on Boxing night. Owing to restrictions there would be difficulty in catering for the usual supper nevertheless it was decided to arrange ^{for} some light refreshments on Christmas

night. Hoping there would be sufficient
for Boxing night also. January 11, 1943
J. Alderson

Annual Church Meeting held January 11th 1943

The Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with Hymn + Prayer.

The minutes were read + confirmed on the
motion of Mr Wright seconded Mrs Metcalfe.

Mrs Rukin then read her report on the
work of the Church during 1942.

The past year, she said, has been a very
eventful one. At the commencement of the
year the illness of Mrs Mee gave rise to
some anxiety. Later the Church was
confronted with the resignation of Mr Mee
as Pastor. However these + other
difficulties had been surmounted + now
with Mr Whitlock as Pastor the Church
looked forward with confidence to the

future. Five new members had been
welcomed into Fellowship during the year.

Thanks for this report were voiced by
Mr J. Alderson seconded by Mrs Wright.

The Treasurer gave the financial
statement which showed a credit balance
of £10-11-5.

This was accepted on the motion of
Mrs Wright seconded by Mr Scott.

The thanks of the Church were then
expressed to all officers for their
work during the twelve months on
the motion of Miss Rukin seconded
Mrs Calvert.

A suggestion by the Pastor that the
thanks of the Church should be
expressed to the friends at Hawes
~~was~~ for their willing help during
the vacancy was received with
enthusiasm. Mr Wright moved +

Mrs Metcalfe seconded that letters should be sent to Rev N. Shields & Mr W. Leyland & that each member be asked to give 6^d with the object of giving Mr T. B. Balvert a book in appreciation of his most valuable services. The election of officers was then proceeded with as follows

Church Secretary :- Mrs Rubin on the motion of Mrs Metcalfe seconded Mrs R. Alderson.

Treasurer :- Mr J. Alderson on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mr Scott.

The envelope Secretary, Sunday School Secretary, Organists, Seat rent collectors, Chapele keeper, Grave digger, School management committee were elected as last year, moved Mr Wright seconded Mr J. Alderson.

The Institute committee was also elected

as last year moved Mr Wright seconded Mr J. Alderson.

Mr R. Scott was elected Auditor on the motion of Mrs Metcalfe seconded Mrs Wright.

The following Deacons were elected on the motion of Mrs J. Alderson seconded Mrs Balvert :- Mr J. Alderson, Mr R. Scott, Mr A. E. Wright, Mrs Rubin, Mrs J. Metcalfe + Mrs Whitlock

Delegate to Union meetings :- Mrs Whitlock moved Mr Alderson seconded Mrs Rubin.

It was decided to again ask the Yorkshire Congregational Union for a grant of £55, this on the motion of Mrs Rubin seconded Mrs Balvert.

Mr Whitlock then made the suggestion that the Annual Church effort should take the form of a Gift Day followed by some kind of Public Function.

The date for the effort was fixed for March 12th 1943 on the motion of Mr Scott seconded Mr Wright.

After some discussion Mr Scott moved & Mrs Rekin seconded that a Gift Day followed by a concert & supper should be held & that a meeting of Church & Congregation be called for January 21st to make arrangements.

Mr Wright moved & Mr Scott seconded that the Chalice keeper should be paid £4-10-0 per year instead of £3-10-0.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that a Church meeting be held on February 1st.

The meeting closed with the Benediction

J. Whitlock
Feb 3rd 1943

A meeting of the Church & Congregation was held on Thursday January 21st 1943.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer. It was decided that the subscription list for Mr Calvert of Flawes should be open to members of Church & Congregation & that we should present him with a copy of Moffatt's Translation of the Bible.

The main matter for the meeting to consider was the Gift Day & it was decided that this should take the following form:- From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. the minister should be at the Manse to receive gifts of money or goods, at 4-15 p.m. a short service of thanksgiving in the Church, 7-3 p.m. concert, followed by supper in the Public Hall.

Mr A. E. Wright reported that he was preparing a sketch of for the concert & Mr Whitlock was asked to be responsible for items to take up 45 minutes.

The ladies present were asked to arrange

for supper + promised to do so. They decided to make frosted meat sandwiches + leave the rest to be a faith supper. Mrs J. Scott promised to make the frosted meat.

Benediction.

J. Whitlock
Feb 3rd 1943

Church Meeting held Feb 3rd 1943

Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the Annual were read + confirmed on the motion of Mr Wright seconded by Mr Scott.

On the motion of Mrs Wright seconded by Mrs Balvert it was decided that a printed letter regarding the Gift Day be sent to the friends living at a distance

Mr R. Scott + the Pastor were asked to re-erect the Church notice board on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mrs Rubin.

An offer from the Sunday School to subscribe to the Organ Fund was accepted with thanks on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mr Scott.

The desirability of paying the Church accounts by cheque was then discussed + Mr Wright moved ~~that~~ + Mrs Rubin seconded that all accounts above 10/- should be paid in this way, unless it was found to be impracticable. In this case it was to be brought to the next Church meeting.

Mr Wright moved + Mrs Balvert seconded that the minister's salary be paid monthly instead of quarterly.

J. Whitlock
March 3rd 1943

A church meeting was held on March 3rd 1943
presided over by the Pastor.

The meeting opened with Hymn + Prayer.

The minutes were read + confirmed on the motion
of Mr Scott seconded by Mrs Metcalfe.

Mrs Wright moved + Mr Alderson seconded that
at the Gift Day on March 12th all who help
with the concert shall be given supper.

Mr Alderson moved + Mr Wright seconded
that the Rev + Mrs F Whitlock, whose membership
was transferred from Elland, be welcomed
into the fellowship at Keld.

Mr Wright moved + Mrs Rukin seconded that
the new members be welcomed at the March
Communion service + that Mr J. Alderson the
senior Deacon extend to them the right hand

of fellowship.

A letter of greeting was read from the
sister church at Elland + the secretary was
instructed to reply on the motion of
Mrs Metcalfe seconded Mrs Balvert.

On the motion of Mrs Metcalfe seconded by
Mr Alderson it was decided to put on
record the kindness of Mrs Rukin for the
hospitality she had so freely given to the
visiting ministers while the Pastorate had
been vacant.

J. Whitlock
31/3/43.

Church meeting held March 31st 1943

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer

The minutes were read & confirmed on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mr Scott.

It was decided to hold the church meetings on the Wednesday preceeding the first Sunday of each month, Mr Wright moved this & Mr Scott seconded.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Wright seconded that the Pastor represent the church on the committee of the Public Hall.

It was decided to hold the Induction Service on May 28th & to invite the Revs W. J. Macdonald M.A. & F. H. Gosland from the Yorkshire Cong Union.

J. Whittlock
28/4/43

Church meeting held April 28th 1943.

The Pastor opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed on the motion of Mrs Reubin seconded Mrs Wright.

It was agreed that there should be a welcome tea on May 21st at 5-30 & that the Induction service be at 7-30.

Mr Scott moved & Mr Wright seconded that the following gentlemen be asked to take part:-
The Revs W. J. Macdonald M.A., G. J. Buckingham M.A.,
W. A. Whitehouse M.A., B.LITT., H. Shields, & Mr J. C. Calvert.

The Pastor then made the suggestion that after the Anniversary the Sunday School should begin at 1-30 instead of 1-0-clock & that the

the children should stay in church until 2-30.

This was heartily approved on the motion of Mrs Wright seconded by Mrs Balvert.

In order that there may be some record of the new organ Mr Wright made the following resolution:

That we thank ~~at~~ the Sunday School & all who have subscribed to the gift of the organ placed in the church a year ago. This was seconded by Mrs Rubin.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock
8/6/43

Church meeting held June 8 1943.

The Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were passed on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mr Scott.

Mrs Wright moved & Mrs Balvert seconded that we invite The Rev E. J. Buckingham M.A., of East Boldon to conduct our Harvest Services of Sunday Sept 26.th

Mr Scott moved & Mr Wright seconded that we ask Mr W. Percival of Gunnerside to preside at the Monday service & that Mr Whitlock should give the address.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Balvert seconded that the Pastor arrange for singers for both days.

Mr Scott moved & Mr Wright seconded that

the Young Ladies be asked to collect subscription

After some discussion it was moved by Mr Wright + seconded by Mrs Whitlock that we try to raise £15 in three years for the Reconstruction Fund.

Mr Wright moved + Mrs Wright seconded that Mr R. A. Scott be asked to act as secretary for the Reconstruction Fund effort.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock
Sept. 1st 1943

Church Meeting September 1st 1943.

Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes were passed on the motion of Mr Scott seconded by Mrs Whitlock.

Mrs Whitlock ~~moved~~ moved + Mrs Reekin seconded that the Pastor send a copy of Witness to all our young people who are serving in the forces.

Mrs Metcalf moved + Mr Scott seconded that we hold a bring + buy sale on Oct 29th.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock
13/10/43

Church Meeting held Oct 13th 1943.

Pastor in the chair

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes were accepted on the motion of
Mrs Rukin seconded Mrs Whitlock

Mrs Wright moved & Mrs Rukin seconded that
the trustees be asked to inspect the wall
of The Manse garden & do what they thought
best.

Mrs Metcalf moved & Mrs Wright seconded that
we order 500 sheets of church note paper.

Mrs Metcalf moved & Mr Whitlock seconded
that the church pay for eight copies of
"Witness" & also the postage on these which
will be sent to members of the forces.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded that
the church recommend that the Ladies
Working party should hold a Social &
Bring & Buy Sale on Oct 29th & that
gifts for the sale should not exceed 6^d
in value.

Y. Whitlock
8/17/43

Church meeting held Nov 8th 1943.

Pastor in the chair the meeting opened with prayer

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mr Wright seconded by Mrs Whitlock.

It was decided to hold the usual service & supper on Christmas Day on the motion of Mr Scott seconded by Mrs Coates.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded that we ask the church secretary to be responsible for the music on that day.

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that all school children under 14 should have their supper free.

With regard to the Boxing Day effort it was pointed out that last year this clashed with

a like effort in Muker & it was thought advisable to make enquiries in Muker before anything definite was done & on the motion of Mr Wright seconded by Miss Balvert this was left in the hands of the Pastor.

Mrs Metcalfe moved & Mrs Wright seconded that for this effort the Pastor be asked to be responsible for a choir.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that for this event we invite Mr R. Guy of Muker to be chairman & failing him Mr T. B. Balvert of Howes.

Mrs Whitlock moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that we ask for a silver collection on that night.

On the motion of Mr Wright seconded by Mrs Coates the Pastor was given permission to call Deacons

meetings if the need arises.

Mr Wright moved & Mr Scott seconded that the church secretary write to Mr G. Scott of Thwaites with regard to the alterations to the church notice board & that he be asked to do the work in the next 14 days.

J. Whitlock
30/11/43

Church meeting held Nov 30th 1943

Pastor in the chair.

Meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes were passed on the motion of Mr Scott seconded by Mrs Wright.

Mrs Whitlock moved & Mr Scott seconded that Mr Wright have use of lantern for Public Hall concert.

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Balvert seconded that

a list of grave yard rules be hung in the church porch & that Mr Wright be asked to type out a list.

Mrs Ruckin moved & Miss A. Coates seconded that Mr Frank Metcalfe be appointed church caretaker.

Miss M. Alderson moved & Mrs Wright seconded that the church make the gift of a Gynonary to each child in the Sunday School.

J. Whitlock
11/1/44

The Annual Church meeting was held on Jan 11th 1944

The Pastor presided + opened with prayer.

The minutes were passed on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mrs Whitlock.

In her report on the year's work the secretary said:- That 1943 had been a happy one. The Church had been fortunate in its Pastor + his wife. Mr + Mrs Whitlock had settled down well into the work. They had fully realized the importance of visitation + had been welcome visitors in every home. The work of the Church had been well maintained, a special feature being an increase in attendance at the evening services. The Sunday School also was in a healthy condition. We still look forward with confidence.

Mrs Rekin was thanked for her report on the motion of Mrs Wright seconded Mr Metcalfe.

Mr J. Alderson then read the financial

statement which revealed a substantial credit balance.

Mr Wright moved + Mrs J. Metcalfe seconded that Mr Alderson be thanked for his work.

Mrs Wright moved + Miss A. Boates seconded that all Church officers be thanked for their work.

The election of officers was as follows.

Secretary:- Mrs Rekin moved Mrs Whitlock sec Mr Wright

Treasurer: Mr J. Alderson moved Mr Wright sec Mrs Rekin

The Institute Committee be elected as last year moved by Mr Wright seconded Mrs Whitlock.

Auditor: Mr R. A. Scott moved Mr Wright seconded Mrs M. Alderson.

All the Deacons were re-elected on the motion of Miss J. Rekin seconded Mrs Wright.

The Pastor + Mrs Whitlock were again invited to be the Delegates to the Yorkshire Union on the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mr Alderson.

It was moved by Mr Scott & seconded by Mrs Wright that the Delegates travelling expenses be paid.

On the motion of Mr Wright seconded by Mrs Whitlock it was decided that we ask for a grant of £ 45 from the Yorkshire Congregational Union.

The Pastor was asked to see J. Metcalfe re grave digger.

It was agreed to hold the annual Church Effort on March 10th & to ask the choir to prepare items for the concert.

Agreed that caretaker have £5 for 1944

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
8/1/45

Church Meeting held Feb 1st 1944

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Reekin seconded that the Annual Church effort on March 10th should take the form of a concert supper & social.

Mr George Metcalfe was appointed grave digger on the following terms re-opening 25/- new grave 30/-

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Wright seconded that the window & door of the stable be repaired.

It was agreed that letters of thanks be sent to the organists for their services during 1943

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
13/6/44

Church meeting held June 13th 1944

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

It was agreed that the minutes be accepted.

The date of the Annual Church Effort was fixed for Nov 24th

The Pastor was invited to conduct the Sunday services at the Harvest & it was decided to ask Rev H. Shields & Mr Y. L. Balvert of Hawes to speak on the Monday night.

An appeal was read from the Home Missions Society & it was agreed to hold special services on July 9th

The meeting then closed with the Benediction.

Y. Whitlock
4/9/44

Church meeting held September 12th 1944.

Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mr Scott seconded Mrs Whitlock.

Mr Wright moved & Miss Balvert seconded that we pray the expenses of Rev Daniel J. Jenkins & Lieut G. A. Hemming.

Mr Wright promised to be responsible for music for the Harvest.

It was suggested that the Church Effort on Nov 24th take the form of a choral concert & supper.

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded that we ask the Ladies Working Party to conduct the Sunday

services on one Sunday in January
& arrange a social evening sometime in
February.

The meeting closed with the Benediction

J. Whitlock
9/11/44

Meeting of the Church held on October 9th 1944
Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of
Mr Wright seconded Mrs Whitlock.

On the motion of Mr Wright seconded Mrs
Metcalf it was decided to hold a short
service at the war memorial on the
afternoon of Nov 12th this to be followed
by a service of remembrance in Church.
The Vicar & the Methodist minister were to
be asked to be present, & the collection
to be given to Earl Haig's Fund.

Mrs Wright moved & Miss Colvert seconded
that we hold a Carol Service on Christmas Eve.

Mr Scott moved & Mrs Wright seconded that
the usual Christmas Day service be held &

that the Pastor be asked to conduct.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded that a supper should be served that night & the price be as last year.

It was agreed to ask the choir to give a sacred concert on Boxing Day.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that that at the next church meeting the minute of June 13th re date of church Effort be rescinded.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
30/10/44

Meeting of the Church held Oct 30th 1944
Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs Whitlock seconded by Mr Scott.

Mrs Wright moved & Mrs Rubin seconded that the minute of June 13th re date of church effort be rescinded.

A new date was fixed for Feb 16th 1944 on the motion of Mrs Rubin seconded by Mr Scott.

It was agreed to hold a concert & faith supper on that date.

Mrs Whitlock moved & Mrs Wright seconded that we ask Keld Band to play at the Remembrance service at the War Memorial

Nov 12th

The meeting closed with the Benediction

J. Whitlock
24/11/44

Church meeting held Nov 27th 1944

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of
Mrs Rubin seconded Mrs Wright.

The proceeds of the Bring & Buy Sale were
divided as follows:-

Reconstruction Fund £2-3-0

Church Fund £7-8-4

on the motion of Mrs Rubin seconded Mrs
Wright.

The Pastor moved & Mrs Balvert seconded that
our thanks be given to Mr R. A. Scott for

his work as secretary of the Reconstruction Fund
effort.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
29/11/45

Annual meeting held January 5th 1945

Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs Rekin seconded by Mrs Wright.

Mrs Rekin then gave the following report on the years work:-

1944 has been another year of outstanding success. The Church has advanced both spiritually & socially. Finances are in a healthy condition. Sunday School work has advanced under the guidance of Mrs Whitlock. Congregations have been well maintained & a happy spirit pervades the whole Church. Mr Whitlock has gathered round him a splendid band of workers & although wartime conditions still prevail the Ladies Working party

has re-organised itself & is again doing a ~~splendid~~ splendid work in the Church. We look forward to the future with every confidence.

Mrs Rekin was thanked for her report on the motion of Mrs Wright seconded by Mr Scott.

The Pastor then read the Treasurers report which showed a credit balance. This was accepted on the motion of Mrs Whitlock & seconded by Mr Wright.

Thanks to Mr Alderson the Treasurers were voiced by Mrs Wright & Mrs Rekin.

On the motion of Mrs Rekin seconded by Mr Scott our gratitude to Mr Wright for all his help in the life of the Church, was placed on record.

Thanks to the Organists were expressed
by Mr Wright & Mr Scott.

Election of Officers

Church Secretary: Miss S. J. Reekin, moved
by Mrs Reekin & seconded by the Pastor.

Church Treasurer: - Mr R. A. Scott, moved
Mr Wright & seconded Mrs Whitlock.

Institute Committee: - Mrs Reekin, Mrs J.

Metcalf (Stonesdale) Mrs Alderson (Mether)
Mrs Whitlock, moved Mrs Wright seconded
Miss Reekin -

Auditor: - Mrs Wright, moved Mrs Reekin
seconded Mrs Whitlock.

Deacons: - Mr Scott, Mr Wright, Mrs Reekin,
Mrs J. Metcalf (Fiers) & Mrs Whitlock, moved
Mrs Wright seconded Miss Reekin.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded
that Miss S. J. Reekin be made a deacon.

Organists: Misses L. Waggett & Miss J. Reekin
with Mr L. Reekin a deputy, moved Mrs

Reekin & seconded Mrs Wright.

Delegates to Yorkshire Congregational Union
meetings: - Mr Wright moved & Mrs Reekin
seconded that ~~Rev & Mrs F. Whitlock~~ Rev & Mrs F. Whitlock
be appointed & that travelling expenses be
paid.

Grant: - Mr & Mrs Wright moved & seconded that
we ask for £45.

Mrs Whitlock moved & Mrs Reekin seconded
that Mr John Alderson of Mether be made a
Life Deacon.

Mr Wright moved & Mrs Whitlock seconded
that our thanks be given to Mrs Reekin
for her services as Church Secretary.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock
10.1.16

Church meeting held on Jan. 28th 1945.

Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs. Rukin, seconded by Mrs. Whitlock.

Mr. Frank Metcalfe was appointed caretaker for the year on the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Mrs. Rukin moved & Mrs. Wright seconded that Miss B. Waggett be Sunday School. Sec.

The following were elected pew-rent collectors.

Miss Rukin, Mrs. Wright & Mr. Scott. moved by Mrs. Whitlock & seconded by Mr. Wright.

Mrs. Rukin was again appointed envelope Sec. on the motion of Mr. Wright & seconded by Mr. Scott.

The Secretary moved & Mrs. Wright seconded that the care-takers Salary for the year be £6.10.0.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
26/2/45

Church meeting held on Feb. 26th 1945.

Pastor in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs. Whitlock, seconded by Mrs. Wright.

On the motion of Mrs. Rukin, seconded by Mrs. Wright it was decided to give a subscription of £5 from the Church Funds to the new Ministerial Stipends Fund.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
26/3/45

Church Meeting held on March 26th 1945

The Pastor presided, & opened with prayer.

The minutes for the meeting held on Feb. 26th 1945 were read, & were accepted on the motion of Mr. Scott, & seconded by Mrs Whitlock.

Mr Wright proposed & Mrs Calvert seconded that the collections on Sunday April 22nd be sent to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross & St ~~John's~~ ^{John's} Fund.

The minister recommended that William Frances Metcalfe and Alice Eleanor Sinclair be welcomed into the Fellowship of the Church. This was unanimously agreed by all the members present.

The meeting closed with prayer.

J. Whitlock

25/6/45

Church Meeting held on June 25th 1945.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr. Scott & seconded by Mrs Sinclair that the collections on Home Missions Sunday July 8th be made up from Church Funds to £2. 10. 0.
Harvest Festival.

It was proposed by Miss Hukin & seconded by Mr. Frank Metcalfe that we should invite the Moderator, Rev. C. L. Atkins, B. D. to conduct the Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, Sept. 30th. also to invite Rev. J. W. Hensby and Mrs. J. E. Calvert as speakers at the Monday evening's Service. It was agreed to invite Miss Irene Scott.

to be come a deputy organist at the church.
The meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock

3.9.45

Church Meeting held on Sept. 3rd 1945.

The Minister presided & opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed on the motion of Mrs Whitlock, & seconded by Mrs Metcalfe.

Mrs Wright moved & Mrs Metcalfe seconded that we lower the number of copies of Witness to forty per month and our subscription to five shillings per month.

Mrs Metcalfe moved & Mrs Wright seconded that we thank Mr. Waggett for his kindness in paying for the tuning of the piano &

making up the deficit in our Witness subscription.

It was agreed that we should hold the usual Christmas Service & Supper, that the price for the Supper be 1/3, with all children free.

It was also agreed that we ask the Choir to give a Concert on Boxing Day.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

F. Whitlock
19.11.45

Church Meeting held Sept. 19th 1945.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

This meeting was called to discuss the formation of a new Church Trust.

Mr. Scott moved & Mrs Wright seconded that the present Trust should be closed.

After some discussion it was thought advisable that the Yorkshire Congregational Union be asked to become Trustees of all Church property. Mrs Wright moved, Mrs Sinclair seconded a proposition to this effect.

It was thought advisable that a committee should be formed to advise the Church from time to time as to necessary repairs and alterations. Therefore on the proposition of Mrs Lukin, seconded by Miss Balwell the following gentlemen were asked to serve:— Mr. J. Waggett.

Mr. J. Alderson. (Muker.) Mr. R. A. Scott. (B. H. V.)

Mr. J. Metcalfe. (W.S.)

The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
19. 9. 45

Church & Seatholders Meeting held on Nov. 19th. 1945.

The Pastor presided and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 19th were read and confirmed on the motion of

Mr. J. Alderson, seconded by Mr. J. Waggett.

On the motion of Mr. Waggett, seconded by Mrs. Whitlock it was decided to ask the Yorkshire Congregational Union to become Trustees of all Church property.

The above meeting was followed by a meeting of Church members. The minutes of the previous Church meeting were approved on the motion of Mrs. Sinclair seconded by Mr. F. Metcalfe.

The Minister expressed a desire to commence a Young People's Fellowship & this was

approved on the motion of Mr. Alderson seconded by Mrs. Rukin.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
10.12.45

Church Meeting held Dec. 10th 1945.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs. Rukin & seconded by Mrs. Whitlock.

Mrs. Sinclair was appointed British & Foreign Bible Society Secretary on the motion of Mrs. Rukin seconded by Mrs. Whitlock.

Mrs. Wright proposed & Mrs. Rukin seconded that the choir be asked to give a concert on Boxing Day, and failing this we have a Social Evening in the School.

It was agreed that if we did have a Social on Boxing Day, the Sect. Treasurer, Mrs Whitlock & Mr. Wright be asked to be responsible.

It was decided that the Annual Church Effort be held on February 22nd 1946.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Mrs. Whitlock
25-2-46

The Annual Church Meeting: Jan. 10th 1946.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

The Minutes were accepted on the motion of Mrs. Whitlock, seconded by Mrs. Wright.

The Secretary in her report told us that there was nothing but good to report in the year's working. The Church had maintained a steady progress, two new members having been added

to the roll. A Young People's Fellowship had been formed, while the Sunday School was in a healthy condition. For this report the Sect. was thanked, on the motion of Miss Balvert, seconded by Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Rutkin & Mrs. Whitlock voiced the thanks of the Meeting to the Treasurer for a most encouraging, financial statement.

All the officers were thanked and re-elected on the motion of Mrs. Alderson, seconded by Miss Balvert.

Mr. & Mrs. Wright moved & seconded that the Church Sect. accompany the Minister & his wife to the Y. C. M. Meetings.

Mr. Scott moved & Miss Rutkin seconded that we ask for a grant of £.65.

Mr. Alderson moved & Mr. Scott seconded that
the caretaker's salary be £10.
The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Church Meeting held. Feb. 25th. 1946.

The Pastor presided and opened with prayer.

Mrs. Rukin proposed and Mrs. Wright seconded
that the minutes be accepted.

It was agreed that Home Missions Sunday
be held on July 14th.

Mr. Wright proposed and Mr. Scott seconded
that we have an engagements book.

Mr. & Mrs. Wright proposed and seconded that
the Ladies should invite the Dauber Family.

Mr. Scott proposed and Mrs. Sinclair seconded
that our thanks be given to Mr. Wright and
the Victory Belles for their concert.
The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whittlock
April 1st 1946

Church Meeting held April 1st 1946.

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer.

Mrs. Wright moved & Mr. Scott seconded
that the minutes be accepted.

It was agreed to leave over the matter
of a new grave digger.

It was also agreed that we begin our
evening services at 7 p.m. after April 7th.

It was agreed that the secretary & treasurer make an examination of all the Hymn Books & report to the next Church meeting

The meeting closed with prayer.

J. Whitlock
29.4.46

Special Church Meeting held. April 24th 1946.

Mrs. Rukin presided.

This meeting was called in view of the fact that Mr. Whitlock had given in his resignation as Pastor of Keld & Thwaite Churches and had announced from the Pulpit on Sunday April 21st that he had accepted a call to Woodley Road & Kirtstall, Leeds, churches and would close his ministry at Keld at the end of June. After some discussion his resignation was accepted. Mr. Whitlock was then called in & he advised the church to get

in touch with the Moderator, who might find someone, at an early date to fill the vacancy.

J. Whitlock
29.4.46

Church Meeting held. April 29th 1946.

The Pastor presided and opened with prayer. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Rukin.

Mr. Scott proposed and Mrs. Whitlock seconded that we have a box made for the new Hymn Books, and that the offertory box in the porch be repaired.

Mrs. Wright proposed and Mrs. Calvert seconded that Mrs. Rukin be asked to provide hospitality for supplies during the church's vacancy,

at her usual terms.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
13.5.46.

Church Meeting. May 13th 1946.

The minister presided and opened with prayer.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Pastor reported that Jennie Rutkin had given in her resignation as Secretary and Organist, owing to her leaving the neighbourhood.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Wright & seconded by Mrs Metcalfe that Mrs Rutkin & Mrs Scott be joint secretaries & Miss Rennie Scott be asked to take Jennie's place at the organ.

The next item was the distribution of the "Witnesses" after Mr. Whitlock's departure. The following agreed to see to same.

Mrs Sinclair, to do Keld, East Strassdale, Craxpot Hall, Mrs Wright, Skeugh Head to Thorns, Mrs Balme & Jennie Thornborrow to deliver at West Strassdale & Miss Lizzie Galvest, Dale Head.

The Treasurer reported that he had received notice that the church was to receive a legacy of £.50 from the estate of the late Charles Alderson. A further meeting would be called to consider the investing of this legacy.

J. Whitlock
22.5.46

Church meeting held on May 22nd 1946

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer

The minutes were adopted on the motion of Mrs Metcalfe seconded by Mrs Wright.

The Treasurer reported that he had now received a cheque for £50 from the solicitor of the late Charles Alderson & after some discussion it was decided to invest the money & that it be known as the Charles Alderson Trust. This on the motion of Mrs Rubin seconded by Mrs Wright.

Mrs Rubin moved & Mrs Sinclair seconded that the Treasurer ask the bank manager for his advice with regard to investing the money.

Mrs Metcalfe moved & Miss M. Alderson seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Alderson.

The position of subscribers to the envelope system as regards voting in the event of a new minister being called was then discussed & Mrs Wright moved & Mrs Rubin seconded that they have the same voting powers as seat holders.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

J. Whitlock
3.6.46

Church Meeting held June 3rd 1946

The Pastor presided & opened with prayer

The minutes were adopted on the motion of Mrs Wright seconded by Mr Metcalf.

The treasurer reported that he had been in touch with the Bank manager with regard to investing the £50 legacy & that his advice was that we should invest in Defence Bonds.

After talking the matter over it was decided on the motion of Mrs Wright seconded by Mrs Whitlock that the treasurer should hand over the money to the Trustees with the suggestion that it should be invested as the Bank manager had advised.

The meeting closed with prayer.

John Alderson Nov 13th 1946

Church Meeting held after the evening service
July 14th 1946

after further discussion with regard to the investing of ^{the} £50 legacy from the late Charles Alderson.

It ^{was} finally decided that it be invested in defence Bonds & that the interest be added each year to the Church funds.

John Alderson Nov 13th 1946

Church Meeting held Nov 13th 1946

Chairman Mr John Alderson

The minutes of the two former meetings were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer Mr R. C. Scott reported that he had invested the £50 legacy in

defence Bonds through Barclays
Bank. on August 7th 1946

It was unanimously agreed
that the best thanks be given
to Mrs Scott & Mrs Wapett
for Weeding & Setting in order
the manse Front Garden.

After some discussion with
regard to the Garage
under the Institute it
was Proposed by Mrs Wright
Seconded by Mrs R. A. Scott
That the Church allow Mr Joe
Sinclair to have the use of the
Garage for an Acknowledgement
& Pay the necessary insurance,
until such time as it is
required by a Minister of

The Church.

Christmas
Proposed by Mrs Wright. Seconded
by Mrs Sinclair that C Balvest of
Hawes be asked to take the Christmas
night service, failing him
that Rev Everett Wilson be
asked, and that we have
a Supper.

Signed Dec 18th 1946.

R. A. Scott
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Church meeting held Dec 18th/46  
The Minutes <sup>Chairman Mr R. A. Scott</sup> were read &  
confirmed  
Boxing night Concert  
Mrs Wright reported that he had  
seen Mr R. Grey of Fines & he  
was arranging to bring a Party from

who would give half of the concert.

Proposed by Mrs Wright.

Seconded " R. A. Scott that we ask the Party from Reeth if they would come & give us their sketch "Makers of Highways"

Charge for concert 1/6 adults.  
Children half Price.

It was agreed to have a Faith Supper on Xmas night hoping there would also be sufficient for Boxing night.

Xmas night. Service to commence at 7 P.M.

Boxing night. Concert at 7.30 P.M.

Proposed by Agnes Coates

Seconded " Molly Alderson

that we ask Mr R Guy to be Chairman for Boxing night.

Signed Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1947.

R. A. Scott.

Annual Church Meeting held Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1947

Opened by the singing of a Hymn

Proposed by Mrs Wright.

Seconded by Mrs Sinclair that Mr R. A. Scott preside at this meeting

The minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed) this being Proposed by Lizzie Cabest.

Seconded by Agnes Coates

The Secretary gave her report & it was approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer was most warmly thanked for his most encouraging report.

Proposed by Mrs Wright

Seconded by Mrs J. Metcalfe

that Mrs J. Rubin be Secretary & Mr R. A. Scott Treasurer for the coming year.

Church deacons

Mr Jno Anderson Rm R. A. Scott  
Mrs Jno Metcalfe Mrs Rubin &  
Mr A. E. Wright

Sunday School Secretary

Miss C. Waggott

Proposed by Mrs Rubin

Seconded " Agnes Coates

That Mrs Wright assist Miss  
Waggott.

The Institute Committee were  
re-elected en - Block

Auditor Mrs Wright

Grave Digger

Proposed by Mrs J. Metcalfe

Seconded by Mrs Wright

That Mr R. Kerby be asked

if he would take on the duties  
of Grave Digger

Feb Concert

It was decided to ask  
the Hawes Players if they would  
come & give an entertainment  
sometime either Feb or early  
March.

Organists

It was Proposed that  
Miss C. Waggott & Miss Rene Scott  
be re-elected, & thanked for  
their services.

Signed April 16<sup>th</sup> 1947  
R. A. Scott.



Church meeting held April 16<sup>th</sup> 1947

Mr R. A. Scott Presided

The Minutes of the yearly meeting held Jan 13<sup>th</sup> we read & adopted

This was Proposed by Lizzie Caevett  
Seconded " Mrs Sinclair

Mr Scott reported that he had seen Mr Kirkbride with regard to the Grave digging but he declined to take on that office

Feb Concert On account of the stormy conditions of the weather the Concert could not be arranged

Cleaning of the Manse Etc

After some discussion It was -

Proposed by Mrs Sinclair

Seconded " Mrs Coates -

- That we ask Mr Percy Caevett to give an estimate as to what the cost would be. To decorate Etc <sup>both</sup> inside & out;

Manse Back Garden

It was agreed that Mr Joe Sinclair & Paul Coatesdale be asked to turn the Garden over & that Mr R. A. Scott & Mr Frank Metcalfe see to the Fruit trees

Sunday School anniversary

Proposed by Molly Addison  
Seconded by Frank Metcalfe that Mrs Hemming of Low Row be asked to conduct both Services on the First Sunday in June. Further that Mr Gyle of Hawes be asked

Dorman. H. Jones 9-7-47

Church Meeting held  
April 23 1944

Special Church Meeting of  
members, Seatholders, & Envelope  
Contributors, which had been  
announced from the Pulpit  
the two previous Sundays  
was held in the Church on  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1944

Mr R. A. Scott Presided  
& pointed out that all had  
had the opportunity of hearing  
Mr Norman R. Soar of Leeds.  
who took the services on April 13<sup>th</sup>  
& had been recommended by Rev  
F. H. Joseland as a suitable  
man for the Pastorate of Keld &  
Thwaite Churches  
After discussing the matter

it was carried unanimously  
that a call be sent to Mr Soar

The next to consider was the tender  
from Mr Percy Calvert for the painting  
decorating etc of the manse

It was proposed by Mrs Wright  
seconded by Mrs Sweeney  
that we accept Mr Calvert's estimate

Norman R. Soar 9-7-47

### Church Meeting held July 9<sup>th</sup> 1947.

There were eight members present, and Mr N. H. Soar presided.

The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and accepted.

The first matter for discussion was the misplacement of the Members' Roll, which could not be found. Mr Soar was asked to make another search amongst the Church Documents, in the Manse cupboard, and with the help of Mr R. A. Scott, to bring the membership Roll, up to date.

### Communion Collections

Mr Scott had received the annual return forms, from the Congregational Union, in which he was asked to state the amount of communion collection received. As no separate account had been kept for some time, Mr Scott was instructed to say that it was included in Church Collections.

### Home Missions

This was discussed at length, and with feeling, Mr John Alderson pointing out that as our church was greatly indebted to the Home Missions, our donations

should be as generous as possible. It was finally proposed by Mrs Wright, and seconded by Mrs Rubin, that an appeal be made from the pulpit, and the loose collection be made up to £5. from Church funds.

### Ministers' Salary.

It was understood that Mr Soar was called to this Pastorate, at a salary of £200, with the Manse rent and rate free. However, owing to a recent alteration in the scale of Ministers' Salaries, it was agreed that Mrs Rubin write to Rev. F. H. Toerland, and confirm the fact.

### Annual Church Meeting

Mr R. A. Scott, and Mr John Alderson, discussed, and agreed, that the new financial year end, (June 30<sup>th</sup>) made by the Union, made it necessary to change the time of the Annual Church Meeting. It was generally agreed, that an early Annual Meeting, was desirable. Mr Scott mentioned, that a new supply of Church stationery was needed.

### Sunday School

Mr Soar felt, that a brief half hour of Sunday

School, was inadequate, if real beneficial lessons were to be taught, and suggested that we revert to the former custom of I.P.M. School, closing about 1.50.P.M. Mr Scott pointed out the advantages of holding Sunday School, in the day school. At present, it was being held in church, and members or visitors, who cared to spend a few quiet moments of meditation before service, could not do so. Doubts were expressed, as to how the parents, would receive this alteration, but it was decided to try it, for awhile.

Mrs Rubin expressed the wish that Mr & Mrs Soar would spend a happy and fruitful ministry at Held. In return, sincere thanks were expressed by Mr & Mrs Soar to the Church, and all who gave of their time and labour to renovate the Manse, and make it so fresh and clean.

The meeting closed with the Benediction

Norman W. Soar

19-8-47.

## Annual Church Meeting

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1947

There were eight members present, and our minister presided. The minutes of the last annual meeting, and of the July meeting were read and confirmed.

The strangeness of annual meeting in August, was noted by all, but Mr R.A. Scott explained, that, in future, the financial year of the Congregational Union would end on June 30<sup>th</sup> and all schedules must be completed and returned before Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. This would necessitate our future annual church meeting, being held in August.

### Secretary's Report

Mrs Rubin reported, that services had continued, and faithful attendance been maintained, throughout a very trying twelve months. Thanks were due to Mrs Wright, and Mrs Palm, for conducting the services on numerous occasions, and Mrs Wright expressed the church's thanks to Mrs Rubin, for obtaining further pulpit supplies. The secretary concluded her report, by expressing confidence and hope for future days, and especially for the young life of the church, in the leadership of Mr Soar.

## Treasurer's Report.

Mr Scott gave a clear and detailed report of our church's finances, dating from January to June 30<sup>th</sup>

Balance in hand in January £52.. 6.. 10.

Expenditure ————— £16 .. 1 .. 4

Balance in hand on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1947. £65. 4.. 0.

Our Treasurer expressed thanks to the F.W.P. for a donation of £35. This was given toward the total cost of £51. 10. 3. for repairs and decorations of the Manse.

## Election of officers

Secretary: - Mrs Rubin tendered her resignation of this office, as she felt she had already sufficient to do. This was accepted with regret, and sincere thanks expressed for past services. Mrs Rubin proposed & Mrs Wright seconded, that Mrs Soar be asked to take over the secretaryship. An amendment was put forward by the chairman, and it was finally agreed that Miss A. Coates be asked to fill this office, but should she decline, Mrs Soar would

take over.

Treasurer Proposed Mrs Wright, seconded Mrs Metcalfe, & Unanimously agreed, that Mr R.A. Scott be re-elected.

## Sunday School Secretary

It was unanimously agreed, that Miss G. Waggett should continue as S.S. Secretary.

Deacons. Mrs Wright proposed and Mr Scott seconded, that Mrs J. Metcalfe be elected to the diaconate in place of Mrs J. Metcalfe, who was called to Higher Service, earlier in the year. All other deacons re-elected.

Auditor Mrs E. Wright was asked to continue in this capacity.

Organists Misses G. Waggett & Rene Scott were re-elected, and it was agreed to ask Mr J. Rubin to serve us, in any emergency.

Institute Committee: - President. Mr N.H. Soar

Committee: - Mrs Rubin, Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mr R.A. Scott and Mr J. Alderson.

Thwaites Chapel Mr Soar was asked to see Mr J. Renoldson, re the repairs & decorating of the Chapel, prior to commencing monthly services there. If no agreement could satisfactorily be reached, it was decided a meeting of the Thwaites friends be called, to discuss further steps.

### Harvest Festival

Thanksgiving Services to be held the last Sunday in Sept, and to be conducted by Mr N.H. Soar.

It was unanimously agreed to invite Mr T.C. Calvert of Hawes, & Mr Gill to address our Monday evening service, and Mr Soar to take the chair. It was also agreed to ask Miss Thwaites if she would be soloist.

After much discussion, it was decided that friends who had helped in the past, be asked again, to give their services in the rendering of special music, for Harvest Sunday Evening.

Mrs Rukin agreed to approach Mr J. Coates, re - fruit & vegetables. The meeting closed with prayer.

James H. Soar 15 - 10 - 47.

### Church Meeting held October 15<sup>th</sup> 1947.

There were seven members present. Mr Soar presided, and the meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting, were read and confirmed.

Armistice Sunday It was unanimously agreed that Rev A. Dungworth be invited to take part in the memorial service on Sunday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, prior to the afternoon church service at 2.P.M.

Armistice Day It was also agreed, that a short service of remembrance be conducted in the chapel at 10.45.A.M. on Armistice Day.

Christmas arrangements. It was decided to follow the custom of previous years. Service at 7.P.M. on Christmas Night, to be followed by a supper in the schoolroom.

For Boxing Day, it was unanimously agreed to organise some form of entertainment. Mrs Rukin offered to speak to Miss G. Alderson, and enquire if the Peeth friends, were able and willing to come, as last year.

Mrs Sinclair reminded the meeting of the enjoyable carol singing, rendered by the children, and the secretary was asked to approach Mrs Balme re the same programme again, on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

New Years Eve Mrs Wright proposed that Miss C. Waggett be asked if the children's party was to be held on that day, if not, Mr Soar suggested asking the Young Peoples Fellowship to organise a social evening, prior to Watch Night service at 11.45 P.M.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Dorman. W. Soar 12 - 11 - 47.

Church Meeting held Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1947.

The minister presided and opened with prayer.

There were eight members present.

Christmas Night Mrs Rubin was asked to approach

Mr J. Peacock, re spotted meat for the supper.

The following ladies to be asked nearer the time to

kindly supply milk - Mrs Coates, Mrs Rubin, Mrs G. Scott, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Thornborough & Mr. G. Alderson.

The charge for supper was also left to a later date to decide.

Bosning Night Mrs Rubin reported that Miss G. Alderson

was willing to come along with friends to give a short play. But as members wondered if the play would provide a full evening's entertainment, it was proposed by Mrs Wright, that Mrs Rubin should enquire. If it was not a full evening's programme, Mr R. A. Scott proposed our own singers should complete the programme, and promised to give a list of names to Mrs Soar, who was to ask them.

It was also proposed, that singing rehearsals should take place, after Sunday evening Service.

Mrs Soar was instructed to book the Public Hall, the entertainment to commence at 7 P.M.

Watch Night

A Watch Night Service, following a social was agreed upon, on condition that the Sunday School officials were not arranging the Children's party for that date.

February Concert Mr Wright kindly offered to produce a sketch, if he could obtain the cooperation of the young people he had in mind.

and the secretary was asked to invite the singers to help. Mr Soar closed the meeting with prayer and Benediction.

Worship. W. Soar 10 - 12 - 47.

Church Meeting held Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1947.

There were eight members present, and the minister presided.

Christmas Final arrangements were made for the catering.

All the ladies promised bread, and Mr J. Peacock was willing to provide potted meat, if a number of meat rations were surrendered. Miss E. Calvert, and Mrs J. Rubin promised to give their rations.

Boxing Night The secretary read a letter from Miss G. Alderson of Beeth, who promised to come along with friends, and provide an hour's entertainment. It was agreed to hold a practice on Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> after evening service, and on the Wed. following, for our field friends, who will complete the evening's programme.

It was hoped there would be sufficient food provided for Christmas Night Supper, to allow for refreshments on Boxing Night }

Our minister was asked to be chairman on this occasion and agreed. The charge for admision was fixed at 2/-

The secretary to apply for entertainments tax exemption form. Our own organists be asked to accompany singers

Watch Night It was agreed to conduct a Watch Night Service on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 11.45.P.M.

Repairs Mr Soar reported that the Manse gate was in need of repair. The matter was left in the hands of Mr Frank Metcalfe. Mrs Rubin suggested that the need for cleaning the sundial, above the church door, be brought to Mr Weggitt's notice.

Communion Wine The secretary asked permission to purchase a further supply of communion wine. Permission was granted.

Thwaite Mr F. Metcalfe reported, that repairs and renovations to the Thwaite Cong. Church were almost complete. After a long discussion, which conveyed a warm interest in the re-opening and future welfare of our Thwaite Chapel, Mr Soar stated that he intended to invite the Congregational friends in Thwaite into Church



membership, pointing out that office bearers, really should be, church members. In any case, Mr Soar thought it advisable that two Thwaite representatives should attend our monthly church meeting.

Home Missions Following the reading of a letter, from the district commissioner for Home Missions Fund, it was agreed that the secretary write, asking to be advised of the donation expected, from our small membership.

Delegates for London It was decided not to send delegates to the May meetings in London.

Before the meeting closed, Mrs Wright proposed and was unanimously supported, that a letter of sympathy and good wishes be sent to Mr John Alderson of Mether, along with a copy of these minutes.

Mr Soar closed the meeting, with prayer and Benediction.

James V. Soar

7-1-48.

Church Meeting, held. January 7<sup>th</sup> 1948.

There were six members present. Mr N. H. Scar in the choir.

L.M.S. In reference to correspondence read, it was agreed that a retiring collection should be taken after evening service on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. The same to be announced in church, on the previous Sunday, and the amount received, sent to the L.M.S. "Retired Missionaries & Widows & Orphans Fund."

Delegate Mrs Rubin volunteered, as our delegate to the Yorkshire Cong. Union Annual meeting, expressing the desirability for someone fresh, to go each year, thereby giving all members, the opportunity.

February Concert. After much discussion, it was finally agreed to invite Mr W. Hutchinson and party, of Ashengarthdale, to give the evening entertainment, to be followed by a "Faith Supper". The date was fixed for Fri. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Envelopes It was proposed by Mr B. A. Scott, seconded by Mrs Sinclair, and supported by the majority present, that the war-time method of fortnightly envelope subscriptions, should now continue on the original weekly system.

Practice for Thwaite Concert. It was unanimously agreed

that it was very essential to have a choir-master to organise and take charge, when practices were being held for special music. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed, that Mr A. E. Wright be asked if he would officiate. A practice, <sup>was</sup> fixed for Sat Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 P.M. Mrs Soar to write Mr G. Alderson to that effect.

This being the first meeting, following the death of Mr J. Alderson, our Life Deacon, one minute's silence was observed, and our thankful prayers were offered, for his life of service in the field.

The meeting closed with prayer and Benediction

James W. Soar 4 - 2 - 48.

### Church Meeting held February 4<sup>th</sup> 1948.

There were seven members present, Mr N. H. Soar in the chair. The February Concert was discussed at length, and it was decided to change the date from Friday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to Sat Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> owing to a Gunnerside junction being held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which, it was felt, would affect our church effort, if held on that date. It was hoped this change, would be agreeable and convenient, to Mr Hutchinson and Party, from Arkengarthdale. Mr A. E. Wright who proposed this alteration, was asked to print advertising bills.

It was a unanimous wish, that Mr G. Scott, and Mr J. Metcalfe, be asked to attend at the door.

Mr R. A. Scott proposed price of admission be 2/-, children half price, and supper at moderate charges.

The entertainment to commence at 7.30 P.M.

Mrs Wright and Mrs Rubin to make the necessary arrangements re-potted meat and bread. Mrs Soar to enquire about butter and milk supplies.

Consideration was given to the vacancy, in position of organist, at the Thwaite Chapel. Mr Soar had

received a definite reply from Miss Agnes Scott, who did not wish to continue in this capacity. Since the re-opening of Thwaite Chapel, Mrs Watson of Thwaite, had very kindly given her services. Mrs Wright proposed and Mrs Rubin seconded, that Mrs Watson be asked if she would fill this voluntary position.

Mr A. E. Wright recalled a former meeting, at which it was proposed and passed, that the monthly church meeting should be held preceding the first Sunday of the month.

It was decided to rescind that arrangement, and

Mr A. E. Wright proposed that Church meeting be held in future, on the Wednesday, following Communion Sunday.

The minister, who opened the meeting with prayer, closed it with prayer and the Benediction.

Norman. W. Soar 10-3-48.

Church Meeting held. March 10<sup>th</sup> 1948.

Six members present. Mr Soar presided, and opened the meeting, with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was decided to commence Sunday Evening service at 7 P.M. on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>

When Mr Soar enquired about observing the Sacrament on Easter Day, Mrs Wright pointed out, that a number of our friends would be unable to be present, being holiday time.

On behalf of the Sunday School secretary, a suggestion was made, that Sunday School scholars, who were now giving a collection in School, should not be approached during the afternoon service for freewill offerings.

This was agreed to, by all present.

Mr Soar announced the date of the Sunday School outing for Fri. June 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mr B. A. Scott, that for the summer, church meetings be held by-monthly, commencing after the April meeting.

The secretary gave a brief report on the March, District Union meeting, held in Leeds.

The church members present unanimously agreed to allow the Young Peoples' United Fellowship, to conduct a Fellowship Sunday, the first Sunday in Sept.

Mrs Rubin proposed, and Mrs Sinclair seconded, that Mr R. A. Scott be asked to approach Mr J. Metcalfe for estimate, for installing calor gas in two rooms of the Manse.

The secretary presented an account for 4/9. incurred by printed receipts for envelope subscribers.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Wm. H. Soar 21 - 4 - 48.

Church Meeting held April 20<sup>th</sup> 1948.

The minister presided and opened with prayer.

There were seven members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Correspondence. It was proposed by Mrs Wright and seconded by Miss A. Coates, that 5/- be sent as our donation towards the Cong. Church's gift to Dr. S. Berry, on retiring from 25 years secretaryship, of the Union of England and Wales. This decision was made as a result of a letter, suggesting this gift, which was read by the secretary.

Another letter was read, from the Cong. Union, in reference to the National Insurance Scheme, and it was unanimously agreed that the church, should follow the Union's instructions, to pay half of the minister's National Insurance.

Holiday Mr Soar asked that June 27<sup>th</sup> be granted as his first holiday Sunday. This was agreed to, and Mr R. A. Scott proposed and Mrs Wright seconded that Mr C. Calvert of Hawes, be invited to take the

two services.

The secretary read a report on all sections of the Union Assembly.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Norman W. Soar

13 - 7 - 48.

### Annual Church Meeting

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1948.

There were ten members present, and our minister presided. The minutes of our last church meeting, and the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed, and the usual re-election of officers took place as follows.

**Secretary.** It was proposed by Mr R. A. Scott and seconded by Mrs Wright, that Mrs Soar should continue in this office.

**Treasurer.** The feeling was unanimous, that Mr Scott who had fulfilled this office so conscientiously should continue. This was proposed by Mrs Wright and seconded by Mrs Soar.

**Deacons.** All members of the diaconate were reelected to office.

**Auditor.** Mr R. A. Scott proposed, and Mrs E. Calvert seconded that Mrs E. Wright should continue as our auditor.

**Organists.** The secretary explained that Mr J. Rubin had agreed to serve in this capacity, in the place of Mrs Irene Scott. This means serving alternate

Sundays with Miss G. Waggett. Mr Rubin explained that owing to farm duties, he could only give his services through the summer. Mrs Wright proposed and Miss M. Alderson seconded, that this offer be accepted, and the matter reviewed at an autumn meeting.

Sunday School Secretary It was proposed by Mrs Wright and seconded by Miss A. Coates, that Miss G. Waggett be asked to continue in this office.

Magazine Correspondent It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that Mrs Wright should retain this office which she had fulfilled so very efficiently. This was proposed by Mrs T. Metcalfe, and seconded by Mrs Soar.

Institute Committee Mr P. A. Scott proposed and Mrs T. Metcalfe seconded the proposal, that the secretary should approach Mr A. E. Wright, with a view to filling the vacancy on this committee, caused by the death, last year, of Mr John Alderson.

Treasurer's Report Mr P. A. Scott gave a detailed financial report, of our church's income and expenditure. Owing to the inclusion of the Manse repair and redecoration bills, our balance was only small, and Mr Scott urged that good efforts be made, in the form of early winter socials, to raise church funds.

Mr Soar expressed the members' thanks to our treasurer, for the unseen labour, spent on book-keeping etc.

#### Secretary's Report

The secretary pointed out, that the first year of active service, under the leadership of the Rev. N. H. Soar, had just been completed.

The general feeling was one of satisfaction for the years work, and progress.

Mrs Rubin, appreciating the difficulty of compiling a report of this kind, when the secretary is also the minister's wife, proposed that the following should be recorded in our minutes.

Thanks from the meeting to Mr & Mrs Soar, for their work in all branches of our church life, and appreciation of the way in which they had settled down to Rural life, after life in a big city.

Mr Soar responded, with sincere thanks, for the friendship, help and cooperation, experienced, and assured the members that both he and Mrs Soar, were very happy in the field fellowship, and were looking forward to another year of cooperative active service for the Master.

Fellowship Report Miss A. Coates, Fellowship secretary, gave a very satisfactory and encouraging report of the winter's meetings. Our thanks were expressed for her loyal work.

Harvest Festival It was proposed by Mr R. A. Scott and seconded by Mrs Wright, that our own minister, should conduct the Harvest Sunday Services.

For the Monday, it was proposed by Mr Rubin, and seconded by Mrs Wright, that the Rev G. Hemmings

and Mr P. Calvert, be invited as our speakers, and Mrs Metcalfe proposed that Miss D. Sunter, be asked to be soloist. It was agreed to have special musical items for the Sunday evening, if Mr Wright would train the singers.

Organ After numerous complaints about the high tone of our organ, it was decided that the secretary should make enquiries re - a second hand one, via the Moderator.

Thwaites After considering the low rate of wages received by Miss Renoldson for her services as caretaker, it was unanimously agreed to increase the wage from £1. 15.0 per annum to £2. 10.0 and to pay £1. for extra cleaning done, prior to the Re-Opening of the Chapel.

Miss A. Coates proposed, and Miss E. Calvert seconded, that Mr C. Calvert or Mr C. Sanderson be asked to conduct the services on July 25<sup>th</sup>, the minister's holiday.

The meeting closed at 9.30 P.M. with the Benediction

Thomas W. Soar

7-9-48.

Church Meeting, held Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1948.

The minister presided, and there were six members present.

After Prayer, the minutes of our last meeting were read and confirmed.

Harvest. Final arrangements were made for Harvest Thanksgiving. Mrs Wright proposed and Mr Scott seconded that Mrs Rubin should approach Mr J. Coates, for the buying of fruit & vegetables.

It was agreed that the collecting for Harvest, be left in the hands of the young people, as last year.

Ministers Holiday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> was granted instead of July 25<sup>th</sup> the previous date having had to be cancelled.

Sorting of Music Mrs C. Waggett, Mrs E. Wright, and Mrs & Mrs Scar, were elected for the purpose of sorting out the music contained in boxes in the church.

Church Efforts On being informed by our treasurer, of the low state of church funds, the chairman asked the meeting for suggestions, to improve our financial

condition. It was pointed out, and unanimously agreed upon, that while the "Ladies Meeting", had a substantial balance in the bank, the church could not be considered as being without funds. Thereupon, Mr R. A. Scott proposed, and Mrs Sinclair seconded, that the secretary of the "Ladies Meeting" should acquaint the ladies with the general feeling of the meeting, and ask if they would transfer their funds, less £20, to the Church's account. Before closing, it was agreed to discuss Christmas arrangements, at our next church meeting.

P. S.

It was proposed by Mr R. A. Scott and seconded by Mrs A. Coates, that no evening service be held on Sunday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>., leaving friends free to attend the Parish Church Harvest Festival, and that Mrs E. Wright, and Mrs Lund, be asked to conduct the afternoon service.

Norman. W. Scar

10-11-48.



Church Meeting held November 10<sup>th</sup> 1948

The minister presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

There were seven members present.

### Christmas Arrangements.

It was unanimously agreed that our usual Christmas night service be held at 7. P.M., to be followed by a Faith Supper. Mrs Rubin proposed that Mr A. E. Wright be asked to train our singers for two special anthems. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Sinclair.

After a lengthy discussion, and bearing in mind the precarious weather conditions, at this time of the year, it was finally agreed, that we should not invite an outside entertainment party, for our Boxing Night Concert. Mrs Rubin proposed and Mrs Wright seconded, that the 'Song Service of Praise' previously arranged to be given by the Sunday School scholars, on Carol Sunday, Dec should be given on Boxing Night instead, and the scholars be assisted by adult singers. This proposal included the invitation to Mr A. E. Wright to take charge of the musical part. It was unanimously agreed that the 'Song Service' should

commencing at 7. P.M.

be given in the Church, Faith Supper to follow.

Mrs Wright proposed & Miss E. Calvert seconded, that the charge for admission be 1/6. and of children.

Messrs G. Metcalfe and G. Scott to attend to same.

Obtaining of Bread, was left in the hands of Mrs Rubin, Mrs Wright to beg for milk, and the secretary to buy butter where possible.

### February Concert.

It was unanimously agreed to invite the Ashriegg Male Voice Choir if they would visit Held, for our Annual Church Concert. The secretary to write Mr Hutchinson, re a vacant Friday in Feb. 1949.

Our minister ratified the meeting, that he was trying to arrange for services to be conducted fortnightly, during the winter, at our Thwait's Chapel.

Mr F. Metcalfe pointed out that a fresh supply of coal and coke would shortly be needed. The secretary was instructed to order 5 cwt of coal and 1 ton of coke.

As the result of a discussion in our recent "Held Woman's Hour" Mrs Rubin informed the meeting, that the ladies were

willing to pay the cost of an asbestos ceiling, for the Manee  
back kitchen. Mrs Rubin proposed on behalf of the church  
members, that this offer be put to the property trustees, for  
consideration.

Mr Soar expressed sincere appreciation of the Color Gas lighting,  
recently installed in the Manee.

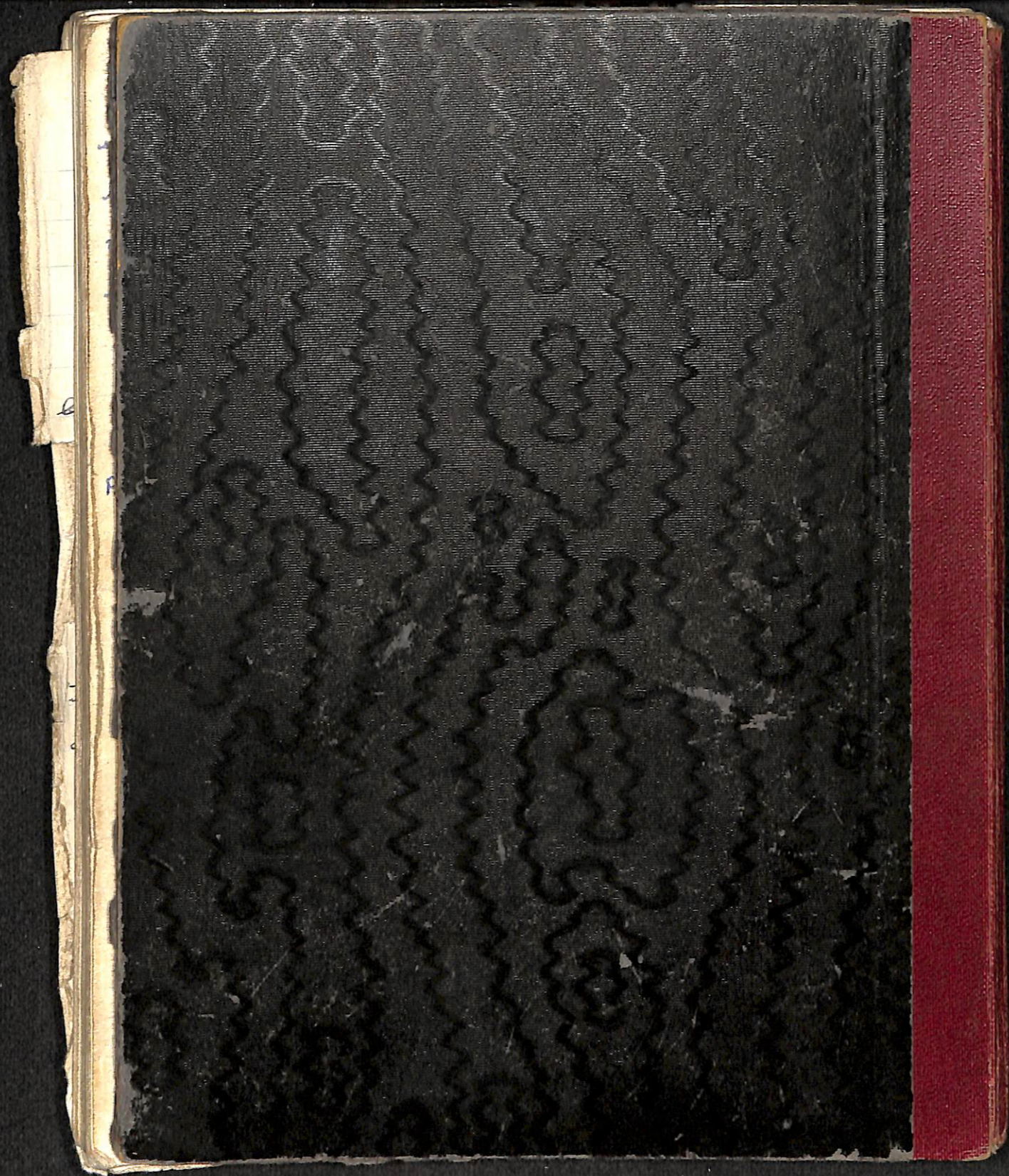
The meeting closed with prayer & Benediction.

P. S. Mrs Wright reported from the "Women's Hour" meeting,  
that the ladies had unanimously agreed to transfer  
\$50 from their own account into the church's account,  
to assist the church funds, which were low.

Norman. W. Soar

8 - 12 - 48.

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# Supplementary Minutes. Thwaite.

## Keld and Thwaite Congregational Church.

### Secretary

Mrs. N. K. Soar,  
The Manse, Keld,  
Richmond, Yorks.

### Minister

Rev. N. K. Soar,  
The Manse, Keld,  
Richmond, Yorks.

### Treasurer

Mr. R. A. Scott,  
Birkhill View, Keld,  
Richmond, Yorks.

Meeting held Dec. 1947. In the home of Mr J. Renoldson, Thwaite, there were nine friends present, Mr N. H. Soar in the chair. This meeting was specially called to discuss the re-opening of the Thwaite Congregational Chapel.

Date of Re-opening After much discussion, bearing in mind, dates fixed for annual functions in the Dale, it was finally decided to arrange the opening for Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup> 1948.

Opener It was proposed by Mrs G. Scott, seconded by Mr J. Renoldson, that Mr M. Clarkson M.P. of Salton, who had been kind to Thwaite on previous occasions, should be invited to unlock the door. This ceremony to take place at 3.P.M.

### Speakers

For the service of Re-dedication, following the opening, it was agreed to invite two speakers, Rev. G. Flemming of our neighbour church at Low Row, and Mr C. Calvert of Hawes, and Mr P.S. Gill of Hawes, be asked to offer prayer. Mrs Soar's suggestion of inviting a representative of the Cong. Union, was not agreed to, owing to the time of year, the uncertainty of the weather, and the outlying district. Our own minister was asked to take the chair, & arrange order of service.

Tea Very bravely the small number of Thwaite ladies, rose to the occasion, promising to do their best, to provide a nice tea, this to be served about 5.P.M. It was hoped that Keld friends, would perhaps be kind enough to assist with the catering.

Concert A lengthy and interesting discussion on this subject, led to the following suggestions being made, and decisions taken. Mr G. Scott was unanimously supported in his suggestion to hold an evening entertainment, and it was agreed that it should be of a serious nature, in keeping with the afternoon's ceremony. It was left to Mr G. Scott, & Mr Soar, to interview artistes for the occasion.

Organist. Mrs Soar told the meeting, that Mrs. A. Scott had declined to take the office of organist again. This matter would need further consideration, meanwhile, we were greatly indebted to Mrs Watson, for her willingness to play for the Re-opening & Re-dedication service.

Membership Our minister spoke of his own happiness in seeing the Thwaite chapel put into active service and witness to be admitted into church membership for it's office bearers, was left to those concerned, to give their prayerful consideration, and Mr Soar, hoped for their favourable replies at the next meeting. The matter fixed for Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1947. The date for this, was The meeting closed with prayer and Benediction.

### Catering arrangements

Potted Meat. Mrs Scott to obtain meat, and make it up.  
Bread Mrs Watson to see Mr J. Coates  
Butter Mrs Renaldson to obtain butter  
Milk Mrs Renaldson promised to arrange supply of milk.

### Concert arrangements

Mr G. Scott to see Mrs Peacock and enquire about other soloists etc.  
Mr Soar, to ask 'old' friends to help with musical items too.