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NORTH ROAD CHAPEL
(EVANGELICAL)

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The purpose of this news letter is to bring to all the members of our fellowship plans and news of the various activities of the church. Especially have we in mind our sick and shut-in brethren and sisters, and we trust that this letter coming to you will, as its title suggests serve as a link, keeping you in touch with your spiritual home and us in touch with you as we regularly remember you in prayer. But not only our less fortunate members, how we all need to strengthen our ties, uniting together more fervently in prayer, standing together for the cause of Christ and for the furtherance of His work and Kingdom.

Surely there never have been such days as the ones in which we live, the needs and state of the world is appalling, but what of the land in which we live? Great Britain, with all the rich heritage of the past, has in very large measure rejected God, jettisoned the faith, and departed from His law, consequently she is in trouble, real trouble, trouble at home, trouble abroad, trouble in family life, trouble in industrial life, trouble politically, trouble educationally, there is scarcely any aspect in national life where there is not trouble.

What of the church? Is she alive to the fact that the world - this country is in dire need? How easy it is for us at this point to start to enumerate the weaknesses, to point the finger, but let us bring the matter nearer home, what of our church, North Road, Bideford? Is our witness effective? Do we know anything of prevailing prayer? Indeed, has the gravity of the hour gripped us? Alas we must hand our heads in shame. May God give us the vision and shake us from our indifference that we may all "link" together in happy fellowship to hold forth the Word of Life.

We hope to be able to bring you news and plans of fresh and extended outreach before so long.

Meanwhile pray, pray privately, pray corporately, that yet the Holy Ghost might move in our midst in power.

W.H.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

After over 40 years as correspondent in the assembly Mr. Nethercott has felt that the time has come for him to retire from this work.

Over this long period of time our brother has seen many changes. There have been times of encouragement and times of disappointment, seasons of blessing and seasons of dearth, but whatever the circumstances he has laboured on with a zeal and a steadfastness which should be an example to all of us who follow after.

Whilst we know that his labour has ever and always been carried out with a single eye to God's glory, nevertheless, we as a Church owe him a debt of gratitude for the efficiency and untiring way in which he has discharged his duty, and have great pleasure in paying this tribute. Although retiring from the secretarial work, he will, of course, continue to serve on both meetings of the overseers and deacons where his counsel is so much valued. We pray that God will spare him to us for many years.

Mr. Molland has been asked to undertake the work of Secretary, this he has agreed to do.

Tape Recorder Ministry

If any of our sick or shut-in members would like to hear a recording of the services please do get a message to one of the overseers or deacons and this will give us great joy to arrange.

The question of the name of the building has been under discussion for a considerable period of time. It has been approached and viewed from many points of view, and at length it was felt that the title of GOSPEL HALL should be dropped for something entirely neutral.

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was ultimately decided upon.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6 v 2)

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And words of prayer to say,
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Or else we do not pray."