

# EXCERPTS FROM

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# THE LINK

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### **The Link: July – September 1978**

We regret that the Link magazine for the third quarter (July – September) 1978 has not been retained in the church's archive. With the exception of the wrapper and a single internal page (reproduced here) its content has been lost. If any reader is in possession of this particular edition, or can locate or obtain it, please notify the Editor, who would be very grateful to receive a copy. Any postage or duplication costs will be fully reimbursed, with our thanks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

As we look back over the past quarter it is with praise and thanksgiving to God for all His goodness. The [Annual Bible Convention] was a particularly happy occasion ... when it was a great joy to have Mr. Neil Richards with us again, and we thank God for the word ministered through him to such profit.

Our hearts were filled with praise and gratitude as on Sunday 14th May we saw the baptistry opened for the baptism of Mr. Poole and Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell: this was a very precious occasion. The following Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell were received into the fellowship of the church. We are grateful to the Great Head for His providential leading and guiding in all this and assure them yet again, also their three dear children, Karen, Julie and Garry, of a real spiritual home.

For some considerable time, it has been felt that a Wednesday is not a very suitable day for our Annual Meetings. It has now been decided to arrange this in future for the fourth Saturday in July. As will be seen in the Church Calendar, Mr. Courtenay Harris will be with us for this first Summer Convention. It will also be noticed that our meeting of the Trinitarian Bible Society will be on Thursday 27th July. This means that our annual offering for the T.B.S. will be on Sunday 2nd July. Mr. Dix will also be with us on the Friday evening and preaching on the Sunday.

By the time this is in print the "Drive-in" church will be well under way. We look forward to the many of God's servants who will be visiting us.

Both elders and deacons have been concerned for a long time of the desirability of further expository and teaching ministry within the church, indeed members within the fellowship have also expressed desire for this. After much prayerful thought and consideration Mr. Molland has been asked to further help in this direction and will be dealing with the prayers of the Apostle Paul on Thursday evenings during the major part of this current quarter. The next few weeks should see the conclusion of the present series on "The Church" which has been before us for the past 16 months. As previously intimated, we shall shortly commence a series on "The Life of David". We should all feel the burden of these things and unitedly be much in prayer before the Lord for His undertaking and blessing.

Thursday 27th April was a sad day as we laid to rest our dear brother Mr. Roy Frayne. For some years he had been cut off from active church life through ill health and the care of his wife, but nevertheless kept in close touch and maintained an interest as varying ones visited their home. He had a quiet retiring personality yet one which rang with sincerity. Our prayers and sympathy go out to his wife and the family. Mrs. Frayne's present address is:- c/o The LORETTOR NURSING HOME, ILFRACOMBE and she would appreciate any contact which members may be able to make with her.

Our minds again go to others who are not able to get out through age or sickness and we extend to them our loving thought and assurance of continual prayer.

### The Book Stand

At the time of our Bible Convention recently we instituted a book stand with the object of providing Books, Bibles etc., which might aid the spiritual life of our members and indeed anyone who might wish to avail themselves of this service.

A room has been set aside for this purpose and a lively interest was shown on this opening day. Particular attention was paid to the brief reviews which were made by our Guest Preacher, Mr. Neil Richards, on several of the books which he personally had found of great benefit.

Books may be purchased or ordered on Thursday evenings after the Mid-week meeting and it is hoped that as suitable opportunities arise it will be possible to extend this service to all who would wish to avail themselves of it.

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THE DEVIL DESCRIBED. "The devil is the author of evil, the fountain of wickedness, the adversary of the truth, the corrupter of the world, man's perpetual enemy; he plants snares, digs ditches, spurs on bodies, goads on souls; he suggests thoughts, belches anger, exposes virtue to hatred, makes vice beloved; he sows error, nourishes contention, disturbs peace, and scatters affliction." - Francis Quarles.

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"The death that Christ suffered had NOT lost its sting"

Bunyan