

Stapleford Mission.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

In common with the anniversaries of other places of worship at this time of the year, the Stapleford Baptist Mission folk held their anniversary last Sunday week at the Temperance Hall. At each of the three services the seating space was filled. Mr. Rickerby officiated during the forenoon, Rev. C. Cheneys in the afternoon, and Mr. J. Bird at night. Solos in the morning were contributed by Miss Annie Day and Miss Edie Hillsdon. At the afternoon celebration, Irene Day delighted with her rendition of "Life's Pathway." She is a budding soprano of great possibility. Mabel Lett likewise contributed, as did four boys (All Howe, Bert Cooper, "Bonnie" Rogers and Jack Norgate), who rendered the quartet, "How Many Sheep Are Straying." Doris Bailey sang "Christ, My Shield." Another quartet at evening, "At Peace With God," was tendered by Misses Hillsdon (soprano), Saker (alto), and Messrs. W. Rogers (tenor) and W. Treharne (bass). This party also sang "The Evening Benediction."

On Wednesday night the anniversary was further continued at the Stapleford Hall, when Miss Norgate presented an excellent programme. Following the customary devotional exercises, the Boys' Brigade sang the action piece, "Soldiers of the Lord." Miss Irene Day repeated her Sabbath success, and was followed by the Girls' Brigade with the piece, "Flowers, Life of Christ." Mr. Iken, a visitor, played the "Holy City" exquisitely on an ivy leaf. Miss Mabel Lett followed with a solo, and a trio by Misses Madge and Minnie Rogers and Gracie Rogan was commended. A recitation, "The Silver Plate," brought out Miss Norgate's dramatic talent. A chorus by the Stapleford Choir preceded the dialogue, "Honesty the Best Policy," succeeded by the action piece by the scholars, "The Building of the Cross."

Miss Cooper presided at the organ. Mr. W. M. Rogers, acting secretary, furnished an interesting report, included in which was the mention of the fact that the Home and Foreign Missions had benefited to the extent of £37. There had been 16 converts immersed during the year.

Missioner J. Bird, who acted as chairman, distributed the prizes thus:—

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

GIRLS:—Miss Norgate: C. McKeenie, 1; L. Astley, 2. Mrs. Randall: Jean Capel, Eva Randall and Alma Marr, all equal. Miss Elsum: Marjorie Hopkins, 1; Evelyn McCauley, 2. Mr. Rose: Bess McKeenie, Evelyn Elsum and Edith Howe, all equal.

BOYS:—Mrs. Wignall: Laurie Wignall and Gordon Rogers, 1; Jack McKeenie, Mrs. Rogers: Jack Norgate,

McKeenie, Mrs. Rogers: Jack Norgate, 1; Walter Jessup and Alex. Capel, 2. Mr. Southwell: Fred Rogers, 1; Ken Wignall, 2. Special Prizes: Bert Cooper, Ken Wignall and Jack Le Brun.

KINDERGARTEN:—Willie Goldsworthy, 1; Minnie Rogers, 2; Madge Rogers, 3; Grace Rogan, 4. Thelma Goldsworthy, Edna Hopkins, Rosie Jamieson, Ethel Topp, Alfie Marr, Jack Albinson, Eric Dunn, Grace Capel, Ivy Goldsworthy, Thelma Rogan, Gussie Wellington, Graham Bird, Ernie Emerson and George Duff.