

Student Christian Movement

Missionary Fellowship 1955-56



Referred to in the 1955-56 School Magazine as "the School's latest society", the Missionary Fellowship stated its intention of helping needy churches in foreign countries. During 1955 HGS pupils helped an interdenominational church at Golden Rock, which was part of the United Church of South India. Our contribution was a bell, for which £33 3s 6d was raised. "How did we get it?" Well, when you have a bunch of enthusiastic missionary helpers in the School, the target is soon reached, and for this scheme, our helpers made and sold buns, toffee, pictures and plaster-cast models. Our stamp bureau is also at your service, where stamps at reduced rates can be obtained by eager collectors. There were also some efforts made by forms as a whole, and at the last PTA meeting, a sale of work produced quite a considerable amount. With all this to encourage us, our next scheme is at Enugu in Eastern Nigeria. There, the Christians, black and white, are building a new United Church, and therefore need funds. So we propose to help by raising money to give some furnishing for the church. The scheme is open until Christmas 1956, so please help by making for, and giving generously to, a most worthy cause.

Barry Johns, L6S (Holgate)

Christian Union 1956-57



Several meetings of both Junior and Senior Christian Unions were held this year, and we have had some very enjoyable times in a happy Christian atmosphere. The singing of choruses and the talks of Mr. Burnett and Mr. Sale have made our meetings most successful, and we give many thanks to them both for their enthusiasm and support. Unfortunately our numbers are not as large as we should like; so what about it? Come and "swing it" at the Christian Union and help a really worthy cause. Everything you do or give will be voluntary - no collections - no forced labour, and - no refusals to the above invitation please! At the end of the year (1956) we sent £35 to an International Church in south India to pay for a bell. This year we are aiming to provide some small piece of furniture for the Church at Enugu in Eastern Nigeria, where both black and white have built a new Church. We are halfway to the total required, so you see we are an active society and we all feel we are supporting something worthwhile.

Edwin Hambleton, L6S (Price)

Student Christian Movement 1957-58



Last July Mr. Burnett, who founded the Christian Union, left us. We wish him every success and happiness in his new post. Mr. Hassall who took over in September, introduced a new name: Student Christian Movement, and a new look. S.C.M. is a national organisation supported by many schools and colleges. This year we have held debates and discussions with other school societies and among ourselves. At one meeting the film "The Shield of Faith" was shown. Last year £44 was sent to a new interracial church at Enugu, Nigeria, one of whose members, Mr. Ishi, now studying in England, came and spoke to us. Ten of us visited Thornes House Grammar School for an S.C.M. conference, where representatives of six schools discussed "The Relevance of the Christian Faith Today."

Edwin Hambleton, U6S (Price)

Student Christian Movement 1958-59



This year the meetings consisted mainly of lectures and discussions on a wide variety of topics: 'Life in Calcutta,' 'Why I believe,' 'Ancient Churches' and selected items dealing with Christmas and with nuclear warfare (in which there was a 'fall-out' of ideas - mainly from the Sixth Formers). A new type of meeting was introduced this year; after a talk by Mr. Hassall entitled 'Is the Church out of date?', the meeting split up into small groups to discuss points raised. Although this meeting was poorly attended, it was very enjoyable and it is hoped to arrange more of this kind next year. On behalf of the Society, I should like to thank Mr. Hassall, Mr. Cookson and Mr. Reasbeck for their unfailing help and support.

David Cutts, U6S

Student Christian Movement 1959-60



This year the Student Christian Movement held a series of informal meetings in the Art Room. Each meeting followed a similar pattern of group discussion led by members of the Sixth form on such topics as "The Christian and the State" and "The Christian and the Bible." Everyone who attended these meetings enjoyed themselves, either listening to, or joining in, the many arguments which rang through the Art Room. Our numbers ranged from fourteen to forty, the highest attendance being for a discussion on the South African Boycott. A special feature of this year's activities was the visit to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield, for a half-day conference on "Faith and Belief" led by Professor Victor Murray. Our thanks go to Mr. Hassall for organising the work of the society, and to Messrs. Hodgson, Cookson, Reasbeck and Williams for their interest and support.

Peter Lockett, Secretary

Junior Student Christian Movement 1959-60



This society was formed this year under the leadership of Mr. Reasbeck and Mr. Hodgson and has held three meetings, all of which have been well attended. At the first meeting, the first and second formers present thoroughly enjoyed a criss-cross quiz. The next meeting, held just before Christmas, was festive and seasonal. After a series of readings from the Bible, Mr. Reasbeck played his violin, and with the help of Mr. Hassall, a Carol-naming competition was organised. The third meeting was run on similar lines to the first. Each meeting closed with an epilogue led by Mr. Reasbeck. We should like to thank the members of staff already mentioned, and others who have also supported this society. We sincerely hope that it will continue, with active support from first and second formers.

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