

Towards the end of the 19th century it is obvious that the need for a Sunday School had been exercising the minds of the Chapel members and in 1896 an application was made to His Grace the Duke of Westminster to purchase land at the rear of the Chapel for the purpose of building. It was not, however, until April 1902 that the new secretary to the trust, the late Mr. John D. Parry, visited Eaton Hall with a letter from the Rev. E. L. Perry, York, and renewed the application for a grant of land. At this meeting, His Grace's agent, the Hon. C. T. Parker, recalled the former application and gave reasons for the delay in answering same. At the same time he gave permission for the measuring of the required land and said that he would lay the case before His Grace at the earliest opportunity. Ultimately the land was given to the Trust by His Grace on payment of the conveyance fee of £1-11s-6d.

The money for the new Sunday School was donated by members and friends in the village and the building was done by voluntary labour. As far as can be ascertained, those responsible for the actual construction were the late Thos. Hughes Sen., the late David Williams, the late Thomas Boddy and Mr. James Wainwright who is still, happily, an, active member of the Trust, while the labouring was done by the other young men of the Church. "Officers in charge" of the "labour squad" appear to have been the late J. D. Parry, the late F. Lewis and Mr. Herbert Connah who we were so happy to welcome back on a visit to our church and village during this centenary year after 52 years spent in Canada.

It would be impossible to measure the wonderful and lasting influence that the Sunday School has effected during the ensuing years but it would, I feel, be right and proper, at this time, to pay tribute to those whose vision, loyalty and labour made the building possible and, at the same time, to remember with profound gratitude those whose unswerving devotion to the Sunday School over long years has meant so much to so many of us.

Once again there is a gap in our records from 1902 to 1913 when the trust was again renewed, the new members being Messrs. Arthur Mills. Thos. Hughes, George Boddy. James Wainwright, Albert E. Asbury, John Williams, Alexander Wainwright, Thomas Williamson, Thos. Henry Baker and John Hassall. The new secretary to the trust was Mr. A. E. Asbury and the treasurer was Mr. J. Wainwright. Two other major events in the story of our Church during the period 1913 to 1948 when the latest renewal of the trust took place, were the erection of the Memorial Porch in 1920 to commemorate those who gave their lives during the First World War, and the registration of the Church for the Solemnisation of Marriages in 1926. Since 1948 when the trust was again renewed with the addition of the following names -