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READERS, PLEASE NOTE:

Following are excerpts from various articles and reports of *Bright Words* that refer to the Early Days and Early Workers in the Cooneyite or Two by Two history. Text in **bold** or **red print** are (1) names of those who later became Two by Two/Cooneyite workers or (2) pertains to the Two by Twos or Cooneyite sect.

The Annual Faith Mission Worker List is called the ***"Staff of Workers,"*** and it gave two details about each worker: (1) the workers name, and (2) the date they entered the work. The Workers Lists were in order by the year they entered the service of the Faith Mission. In other words, the founder was listed first (Mr. J. G. Govan – 1886). After Mr. Govan, the workers were listed in order by seniority. It is notable that on the list there were married worker couples and also sister workers. The *sister workers' names are italicized*.

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Can it be mere coincidence that this identical format fort he Faith Mission "Staff of Workers" was used for the **1905 Workers List**, the first and earliest workers list that has been discovered to date?? The names of the founder, William Irvine and former Faith Mission worker John Kelly are the first two names with "18–" shown for the date they became workers. Both married worker couples and sister workers are also on the list.

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MONTHLY RECORD

Missions of the Month

South District: J. G. GovanSprouston, *Young, M.R. Wright* – June 23 – July 10Specialling, *J. Mitchell* – June 18 – July 11Ford-Forge, *Irvine, A. M'Lean* – July 14**West District:** J. M'Lean (J Morrison, Secy.)

Rothsay, Largs, J. M'Lean, Harris

Paisley and P.U.'s, Gillespie

Osan and P.U.'s, Stewart

Strontian, *Hutton, M.M'Lean* – June 30Isle of Luing, *Carmichael, Campbell* – June 27**East District:** J. MiddlemissBoarhills, *Hutson, C. Mitchell* – June 13 – July 14Dunning, *Hutson, C. Mitchell* – July 21**Ireland:** **R. R. Todd** (W.M'Alpine, Secy.)Drumfin, *M'Call, White* – May 16 – July 14

Dunseverick, Pottier, Lyall – June 13 – July 25

Leslea, *Hay* – June 16 – July 11

Glenhugh, Deathe, M'Kirdy – June 16

Grogan, Brunton, M'Neill – June 16 – July 28

Ballymacombs, *Pairman, M. Wright* – June 20Killymurriss, *Crone, White* – July 18*Sisters' names are in italics***GENERAL**

Few missions, it will be observed, are in progress in Scotland, the season being what we generally find the most unsuitable of the year. Two sisters are still on missions in the east, and now are across the border into Perthshire. **In the south a mission is being worked by two brothers who have recently joined us, William Irvine, from Queenzieburn, and Angus M'Lean from Tiree.**

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Thirty-two places were worked in Ireland; and, while there has not been quite such a stir as there was during the previous year, there has been very much to encourage. Large meetings have been held, and [many have turned to the Lord](#). We have still a great number of openings for work in the North of Ireland.

It will be seen from the above figures that eighty-nine missions in all have been conducted. In these, and in our district work, about 1,000 open-air and 6,000 inside meetings have been held, and the aggregate attendance at the latter comes to about 433,000. These figures are rather less than the previous years, and in results, the work does not seem so good as then. While, therefore, we have very much to praise the Lord for, in the light and life which have come to many souls during these past twelve months, we feel the need of humbling ourselves before Him, and waiting on Him for mightier manifestations of His power in and through us for His own glory.

In connection with our district work, special open-air efforts were made this summer at the sea-side resorts of Largs and Oban, as well as Rothsay. Large crowds heard the word of truth in such services; and, besides the fruit that has been made known to us, there is likely much more that we have never heard of. A good steady work goes on in the little hall in Edinburgh, which is situated in a very needy part.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

In the beginning of the year, we had large and enthusiastic gatherings of Prayer Union members in Edinburgh, in other parts of Scotland, and at Ballymena in Ireland. Then we had our Anniversary Prayer Union Meetings in the Scotch capital in June; and very large gatherings at Ballymena on the 12th of July. It was a pleasure to have Messrs Dudley Kidd and F. Huskisson with us in Edinburgh, and we have also had the welcome help of many other friends at such special meetings.

[The Rothsay Convention, in September, was a fitting close to our year's work.](#) We felt it a great privilege and joy to have with us Rev. Andrew Murray. Words of life and power were spoken by him and the other speakers to the hearts of God's children. There was a

spirit of liberty, a very real sense of the presence of God, and, we believe, abundant blessing that will bear fruit in the lives of our own workers, and of many others who were privileged to be present. Our connection with

THE FOREIGN FIELD

has been well maintained throughout the year. Brothers Green and Jones left for their work in South Africa early in the year, after some months with us. Three of our Prayer Union members in Ireland have also gone to that country, seeking to serve the Lord among the heathen while earning their own living. Pilgrim Middlemiss has also gone to the dark continent, after three and a half year's preparatory service with us, principally in Ireland. Then our brother J. Cowie, who was a worker with us for some years, is just leaving for missionary work in India.

We feel sure if more of [those who offer for foreign missions](#) were first giving two or three years in village work at home, it would be greatly to the advantage of the foreign work, and, perhaps, of the home work as well. Our Foreign Fund has been rather small these last two years, but there is much sent direct by those who have been blessed through us. We are always pleased to have the privilege of handing on donations to missionary societies, and would be glad to see an increased number of such through us.

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS:

Ireland:

Place – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed

Excerpt:

Tullyvarran – Lyall, [Kelly](#) – Jan 10

Ennsi – [Irvine](#) and Deathe

IRELAND: For long we have been praying and hoping to go to the more neglected parts of this island. At length we have made a start, and [Pilgrims Irvine and Deathe](#) have gone to the south-west. At present their work is mostly pioneering.

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KILRUSH (Co. Clare) is a very Roman Catholic town. [Pilgrim Irvine](#), joined recently by Pilgrim Taberner, is working away quietly. They have had one or two interesting [lantern](#) meetings. Those in such stiff fields specially need our prayers.

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Our brothers in the south-west, after closing the mission at [Kilrush](#), spent a week or two itinerating—visiting farms, selling literature, distributing tracts, singing, praying and talking with the people, and continually holding a meeting. Now they have begun a mission at Tarbert in Co. Kerry. [Pilgrim Irvine](#) has had to go home for a little on account of the serious illness of his mother, and Pilgrim Taberner is alone meanwhile.

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

Ireland:**Places – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed****Excerpt:**

Irvine and Tapp shown at Milton Malbay; Opened: July 24, Closed August 14

Irvine shown alone at Nenagh; Opened Aug 15

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We are sorry that **Pilgrim and Mrs. Todd**, after fully nine years' service in the Mission, during which time they have been much used of God in many different parts (the latter as Pilgrim Mitchell for seven years), have retired from among us. **They intend going out on independent work in Ireland, unconnected with any mission**, commencing, likely, in County Wicklow. Any correspondence for them can be addressed to Kincardine-on-Forth, Scotland. We are sorry to lose their help and fellowship in the work, but trust that much blessing will attend their efforts for the advancement of the Kingdom.

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The Faith Mission was founded in 1886, for the promotion of spiritual life and godliness through the evangelising of the country districts of Scotland, and farther afield if God leads, on unsectarian lines. The evangelists, called "Pilgrims," generally work in pairs. They visit a place for several weeks, more or less, according as circumstances and the leadings of the Spirit of God seem to indicate advisable, visiting among the people and holding meetings for the unsaved and for Christians, in which they welcome the cooperation of all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. The Mission is maintained on the faith principle, by freewill offerings during missions and unsolicited contributions to Headquarters. The finances are divided into three distinct sections—(a) General Account; (b) Special Fund, for Training, etc.; (c) Foreign Fund, including Armenian Relief. Donors will oblige by stating clearly to which fund their contribution is to be assigned.

J. G. Govan, Hon. Director. — Offices: Faith Mission, Rothesay.

LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

Assisting in Headquarters Work and Specialising: J. Morrison, J.L. Brown, **H.J. McNeary**.

Superintending Districts: J. Lyall, (West); A. Richardson (Fife and Lothians); J.S. Gillespie (Forfarshire); J. McLean and G. Brunton (Border Counties); D. Donaldson (Edinburgh Hall and Publishing); T. Pottie, Mrs. Pottie, and W.W. Harris (Ireland).

Places – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed

Scotland:-

Kirkconnel, **Pendreigh**, Goodail – Oct. 3 – Nov. 9

Duns, M. F. Wright, Campbell – Oct. 3 – Nov. 30

Lundie, Gillespie, **Kelly** – Oct. 3 – Nov. 7

Dunnane (Skye), McPhail, McFarlane – Oct. 6

Heiton, J. B. McLean, Brunton – Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Black Crofts, Potties – Oct. 24 – Nov. 17

Ayr, Rankin, Nesbitt – Oct. 31 – Nov. 22

Loch Eport (Uist), A. McLean, H. Livingstone – Oct. 31

Neaphill, **Pendreigh**, J. McLean – Nov. 14

Linwood, J. L. Brown – Nov. 14 – Nov. 29

Auchterhouse, Gillespie, **Kelly** – Nov. 21

Monkton, Rankin, Nesbitt – Nov. 25

Kelso, J. B. McLean, Brunton – Dec. 5

Greenlaw, M. F. Wright, Campbell – Dec. 5

Port Bannatyne, J. G. Govan, etc. – Dec. 5

Ireland:- Boverdy, Wark, A. Duncan – Oct. 3 – Nov. 30

Derryanvil, M. R. Wright, Dickson – Oct. 3 – Nov. 19

Ballylesson, Harris, McNeill – Oct. 6 – Nov. 3

Rathmolyon, **Irvine** – Oct. 10 – Oct. 31

Roscrea, **Irvine** – Nov. 7 – Nov. 21

Dunfanaghy, Falcarragh, Cameron, McLeod – Oct. 24 – Nov. 12
 Augheyogue, M. L. Garratt, Webb – Oct. 29 – Nov. 12
 Narin, Ardara, M. L. Garratt – Nov. 17
 Inver, H. Garratt, Webb – Nov. 18
 Derryfubble, Barr, Dickson – Nov. 28

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We praise God for the faithfulness and fearlessness with which His truth was proclaimed, leaving us no excuse for a half-hearted Christian life.

Some we fear, though “not far from the kingdom,” were not willing to forsake all and take their stand for Christ. Not a few, on the other hand, have, we believe, during these weeks “launched out into the deep” of a new life of surrender and trust, to be proved by a daily response to the will of God.

NENAGH—Eight months ago, before the advent of the Faith Mission, it would have been almost impossible to “unearth” more than a dozen live Christians in this town; but now, praise the Lord, we have forty-one Prayer Union members, all trusting in Jesus, together with a number of other Christians who received blessing and help during the missions held by Pilgrim Irvine, and Pilgrims Pendreigh and McLean.

When Pilgrim Irvine arrived here last August, he found the spiritual light of the place burning dimly. However, before he closed a six weeks’ mission, several backsliders were restored, and a number of souls had yielded to the Holy Spirit’s pleading, and are now rejoicing in the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. Those who then took a decided stand for God have had to endure a considerable amount of opposition, but no one has gone back; on the contrary, almost all have crowned Jesus King, and are determined to be true to Him at any cost. Hallelujah!

Pilgrims Pendreigh and McLean have just closed a sixteen days’ mission in connection with our Prayer Union. Their messages were principally addressed to Christians, and resulted in much blessing to all, while we can also bless God for some souls brought into the glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The mission closed with a tea-meeting, which proved a complete success, and a time of refreshing in every sense of the word. Pilgrims Irvine and Hughes came over from Borrisokane for the occasion. All present were delighted to see our two brothers again. The first-named delivered a very telling and suitable address, and the latter gave us a few words of encouragement, which were appreciated by all his Nenagh friends.

The meeting was then left open for testimonies, each one telling what the Lord had done for them, and several praising God for the Faith Mission, and for Pilgrim Irvine in particular, and also for sending the sisters to Nenagh. Almost everyone present could join very heartily in thanking and praising God for His goodness in thus visiting us. After some further testimonies the meeting was closed with a hymn and prayer, and we went away singing—

The Lord’s work is progressing in this neighbourhood in face of a lot of opposition. Missions have already been held in Roscrea, Cloughjordan, Finnoe, and Borvisokane, and at present Pilgrims Pendreigh and McLean are working in Shinrone, Pilgrim Irvine in Templederry, Pilgrim Hughes and Mr. Henry Gilbert in Portumna, all within a radius of twenty miles from Nenagh.

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An exceedingly interesting and most profitable Christian conference was held on Easter Monday in the Methodist Chapel, Nenagh. Young converts numbering nearly two hundred, with several that had been longer on the good way, assembled from miles around, notwithstanding the severity of the day. Meetings were held at 11, 3, and at 6:30, at which addresses were delivered by Mr. Wright, Limerick, Rev. Mr. Nesbit, Borrisokane, Mr. Wm. Irvine, Miss Pendreigh, Miss McLean, and myself. Numerous testimonies were borne to the saving and keeping power of Divine grace. The Lord Himself was manifestly present. Those present cannot soon forget the cheering sight of so many expressing their resolve to come out fully and heartily for Jesus.

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For several years now we have sent additional workers to Ireland in summer, and are doing so again this season, although there have been more openings in Scotland than usual at this time of the year. Special Meetings are to be held on 12th July, which is an annual holiday in the north, at Ballymena and Dungannon, and on the 13th at Brookfield, when we hope to have large gatherings and “times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” Most missions will be in Ireland during the next three months. We expect to have

special open-air work there at Port Stewart, and in Scotland at Oban, Ballachulish, and Rothesay. Please remember in prayer the work in all these places, that many souls may be saved and Christians be revived and blessed.

At Rothesay we are to have five new brothers in training. (Another new one has started in Ireland, and a Harley House student comes to us for three months.) [Then our friends will please remember our Annual Convention there from 21st or 22nd September onwards, and as many as possible try and arrange to come.](#) We expect to have some new features this year, but will hope to give all particulars of speakers, meetings, etc., in the August number of *Bright Words*.

IRELAND

In some places the opposition was great, but by prayer and patient endurance battles were fought and won, the result being recruits for the King's army, some of whom will soon be at the battle's front. The south of Ireland is decidedly Roman Catholic, and it is really heart-rending to see what power Rome has over these precious souls for whom Christ died. How we long to speak plainly to them of the love of God in Christ Jesus, yet how difficult it is! Only to one here and there can the good news be told. During some missions held by [Pilgrim Irvine](#) several were brought in, and, I believe, savingly converted, and I need not say these have suffered persecution. A plain proof of one dear lassie's love to Jesus was her denying herself of some adornment, and giving the half-crown to the Lord instead. Ay, there is very much work to be done down here, and only God-sent, Spirit-filled men and women will make any headway. Prayer has been answered in many of these places, and Christians are being aroused to their individual responsibility regarding their brethren. Most of the work has been in and around Co. Tipperary, and one or two fairly successful missions in King's and Queen's Counties. The kindness and hospitality of the friends down here "beats a'," especially at the conferences, when the strangers are entertained to dinner and tea. Having received of the Lord, they give. The conference themselves have been times of rich blessing and refreshing, many being led to seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost at these times. I don't think any of us could go away with a grudge in our hearts or an unforgiving spirit to any one, as our D.P. has the happy plan of making us cross hands round the meeting, and sing some solemn chorus, as a pledge of being true to God and to one another.

Very much more could be said regarding the Lord's dealings with us, but only eternity will reveal truly what good has been done. [Don't forget to pray for the work and workers](#), that we may not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. We do realise the need of teaching full salvation, and believe "It's better on before."

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

Superintending Districts:—

Scotland—West, J. Lyall; Edinburgh, Lothians, & Borders, J. B. McLean; Fife, A. Richardson. Ireland—North, T. Pottie; Donegal, Miss Garratt; [South, W. Irvine](#)

Assisting in Headquarters Work and Specialising: J. L. Brown, [H. J. O. McNeary](#).

Place – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed

Scotland:-

Glanton, M. F. Wright, Welsh – May 15 – June 20
 Longridge, M. Livingstone, Coghill – May 29 – July 17
 Balashare, A. McLean, Livingston – May 22 – June 29
 Toberonchy, M. McLean, Nesbitt – May 29 – June 23
 Plan, Johnston, Sinclair – June 12 – July 17
 Crawick Mills, Ogden, Phaenix – June 13 – July 21
 Aberfoyle, Campbell, Phillips – May 27 – Aug. 4
 Logie Almond, M. M'Lean, Nesbitt – July 3 – July 31
 Carinish, A. M'Lean, Livingston – July 3
 Chapelhall, Gillespie, Douglas – July 17

Ireland:-

Killymard, Cameron, Connor May 29 – July 26
 Limerick, [Irvine](#) June 5 – June 18
 Moneygall, [Pendreigh](#), J. McLean June 5 – July 8
 Kilkee, [Irvine](#) June 19 June 30
 Ballymoney, Wark, Buchan June 5 – July 10
 Crossgar, McNeill, Hinds – June 12 – July 10
 Cloghogue, Webb, McDiarmid – June 19 – July 25
 Carnamoney, Goodall, Hamilton – June 26
 Newton Crommelin, McPhail, Evans – June 26 – July 24
 Tamlaght, Wright, Carson July 3

Galway, **Irvine** July 3
 Seagoe, Wark, Buchan July 17
 Bush, McNeill, Hinds July 17
 Ballycaston, Webb, McDiarmid July 31
 Cairncastle, McPhail, Evans July 31
Sisters' names are in italics.

Besides the above missions, special open-air campaigns are being conducted by Pilgrim Harris at Oban, **Pilgrim Kelly** at Ballachulish and Onich, while several new brothers are assisting at Rothesay since 1st July...

Ireland has most of the pilgrims who are working, and has just had its **special 12th July Meetings**. We had a beautiful day to cross on the 8th by daylight steamer. With Pilgrim Pottie, I visited the mission in progress at Cloghogue on the Sunday night. The meetings were usually held in a barn, but on the Sundays so many came together that the stockyard had to be converted into a meeting-place. A large number were present, and **listened with close attention to the Gospel message**, while we rejoiced in apparent fruit in the after-meeting, and in the spirit of prayer among the Christians. My last night in Ireland of this present visit was spent at another of the missions, in a country district called Seagoe, near Portadown. Considering the work had just started here, the attendance and interest seemed satisfactory.

Much kindness was shown us by the **Friends** at Brookfield, and their large school premises were freely put at our disposal for meetings, refreshments, and sleeping accommodation for some of us. The arrangements were excellent, and must have involved much labour to the local friends. Here, too, we had well-attended gatherings, addressed by several pilgrims and Mr. W. J. Govan, and testimonies were given to light and blessing being received.

A brief visit south to COUNTY TIPPERARY occupied the remainder of my stay across the channel. Not having been in that part before, and having heard a good deal of the times of blessing, increased my interest in going. With **Pilgrims Pendreigh** and M'Lean I attended five meetings at **NENAGH**, and another at a private residence not far off. Goodly companies gathered together, and the Holy Spirit's presence and teaching were, we believe, realised to some extent. We had also a nice time in a crowded little hall at BORRISOKANE one night, and a good Gospel service on another occasion at a country house of kind friends a few miles from ROSCREA.

It was a joy to meet with so many bright and sympathetic children of God in that part of the country, and to see so much satisfactory fruit remaining from the missions held by **Pilgrim Irvine** and the sisters during the past twelve months. **I had also a number of candidates for the Mission to interview. Some of these were accepted**, and we trust will be fitted of God for the fight, and much used for His glory.

Our ANNUAL CONVENTION draws near. As most know, it is to be held at Rothesay again this year. We expect to commence on the evening of Thursday, 22nd September, and continue over the Monday or Tuesday. We shall likely have four meetings a day, as last year. But instead of having a missionary day at the close, as on previous occasions, we purpose devoting each afternoon meeting to mission work, home and foreign, leaving the forenoon and night meetings for Bible teaching, prayer, etc. The open praise-meeting at 6 o'clock, that was much appreciated a year ago, and an open-air meeting afterwards, will likely both be held each week-day.

Editor's Note: The above is the first time Wm. Irvine's name was shown as the District Superintendent of South of Ireland.

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

Superintending Districts:

Scotland—Rothesay and West, J. Lyall; Edinburgh, Lothians, and Borders, **J. Kelly**; Fife, J. S. Gillespie; Dundee and Forfar, A. Richardson.

Ireland—North, T. Pottie; Donegal, Miss Garratt; **South, W. Irvine**
 Assisting in Headquarters Work and Specialising: J. L. Brown, **H.J.O. M'Neary**, J. Macrae

GENERAL NOTES and NEWS

Our TWELFTH YEAR of Faith Mission service closes at the date of this magazine.

The missions in our location list are those that have closed during the past month. For our new year, which begins with 1st October, the missions are not fully arranged, but we expect the pilgrims will be located somewhat as follows:—

Scotland—

In Perthshire, etc.: J.B. McLean, D. McCall (a new auxiliary), M.F. Wright, and Miss Trowbridge from Manchester.

In Forfarshire: W. Harris, H. Livingston, D. Donald, **J. Burns**.

In Fife: F. Webb.

In the Lothians: M. Livingstone, K. Coghill.

In the North: A. McLean, Cunningham.

In the West Highlands: K. McPhail and I. Carson (Skye), M. M'Lean and S. Johnston, M. Campbell, M. Goodall, E. McFarlane.

In the South-West: M. Wark, S. McDiarmid, M. Barr, E. Paenix.

Ireland—North: E. Hutton, L. Evans, E. Buchan, J. Welsh, W. McNeill, J. Finlayson.

Donegal: Misses Garratt, L. Cameron, V. Connor, I. Phillips.

South: W. Irvine, E. Pendreigh, E. Nesbitt.

[Our SIXTH CONVENTION at Rothesay is just over.](#)

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...The meetings have varied much in size, from little cottage gatherings to many hundreds crowded into public halls. Besides the Gospel services, a large number of Christians' meetings have been held, and then we had [special gatherings](#) at the New Year holidays in various places, and helpful [Conventions](#) at different times in district centres.

...We will now give A FEW FIGURES of the work of the year. In these various parts of the country there have been held together 140 different missions, varying in length. The total number of inside meetings is about 6,400, and the aggregate attendance at these some 400,000. About the same number of meetings has been held as in the previous year; but we are glad that the total attendance has gone up about 60,000, and there is a slight increase on almost all the figures of the year, including the numbers [professing](#) conversion.

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

Superintending Districts:

Scotland—West, J. Lyall; Edinburgh, Lothians, and Borders, [J. Kelly](#);

Fife, J. S. Gillespie; Dundee and Forfarshire, A. Richardson.

Ireland—North, T. Pottie; Donegal, Miss Garratt; **South, W. Irvine**

Assisting in Headquarters Work and Specialising: J. L. Brown, J. Macrae

Excerpt:

Place – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed:

Ireland:

Parsontown – [Irvine](#) – Nov. 5

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During these last twelve months we have probably covered more ground, our Pilgrims been more widely scattered, than in any previous year. In all, there have been about 190 missions, an increase of 50 over the previous year. About 7250 inside meetings have been held, an increase of 850 over last year; but the aggregate attendance has not shown a proportionate increase, as it is just about 405,000, compared with 400,000. This is accounted for to some extent by the very stormy and wet weather of last winter, and the great amount of illness in many places. Nearly all our work being in country places and districts, the weather is apt to considerably affect the attendances. Though we are glad to be able to say there has been much spiritual blessing in different parts,

both of Scotland and Ireland, the numbers professing have not been very large, and we do not look on the work generally as having been so successful as that of some of the previous years. We always like, in our reports, to give both sides of the question. At the same time, while we regret that there has not been more fruit, we do not feel the least discouraged, but praise the Lord for all His goodness and for all the blessing He has given during the past year; and we press on, seeking to prove much more of His manifested presence and power in our work for Him.

In IRELAND there has not been much work in the south, but altogether about sixty missions have been held in that country.

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Assisting in Headquarters Work S. A. M'Gavin, C. Ryan, J. Macrae; Specialing: J. L. Brown, J. Macrae

Excerpt:

Place – Pilgrims – Opened – Closed:

Ireland:

Parsontown – **Irvine** – Nov. 5 – Nov 26.

March 1900, pgs 56-57

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...pilgrims got very rough treatment, while at the second the school could not be had long enough.

In the Island of Tiree the brothers are having very good meetings in various parts; and at Achosnich, on the mainland, not very far off, a fair mission was held in a new hall. The next three places in the list have all been worked before, and the present missions are encouraging. Creca is a little village in Dumfriesshire, where the people have turned out very well, but seem slow to take up the cross in definite decision for Christ. Skye work is terribly discouraging on the whole, and no place has been more so in the island than Carbost, where two or three would turn up for the meeting. At Corpach, near Fort William, attendance and interest are good, and also at Garve, a little place in Rossshire. The Donaldson's Lodge Mission, with the influenza epidemic rampant, affecting people and both pilgrims, was quite a failure.

Some helpful Christians' meetings were held at Oban, and then, on a stormy Friday morning, Pilgrim Campbell started by steamer on a long journey to Loch Inver, away north in Sutherlandshire. This is our first opening in that northern county, for which we would ask much prayer. Pilgrims Angus McLean and McKenzie joined the same steamer en route, and reached Glenelg at 2 a.m. Saturday morning. They have had a fair start there. Pilgrim McFarlane joined the steamer later at Portree, and the two sisters (Miss Beaton going to friends at present) reached Loch Inver on Monday, and soon found comfortable lodgings.

Missions have been held before at Bankfoot, in Perthshire, and Dykehead, in Lothians, but in both places there was desire for another visit of pilgrims. Some other places in Scotland open shortly, and two sisters go early in March for a special mission we have been invited to take at Cleckheaton, near Bradford, in England.

In Ireland there have been large meetings with good results at Gilford and Killyman in Co. Armagh, and at Moorfields in Co. Antrim. Attendances were large at Portavogie, but there was not much visible outcome of the mission, while Balnamore and Bangor were stiff and disappointing. The meetings at Doagh, Billy, and Drummond were specially for Christians, and such have also been held at a number of Prayer Unions in County Donegal, all attended with blessing.

Pilgrim Pottie went to Kilrea for some Christians' meetings, but the interest and blessing has been so great that he is trying to arrange for sisters to carry on the work longer. The other places mentioned in the list are in various counties, and have just recently started, the mission at Lisburn being by invitation in connection with the Y.W.C.A.

Since we started in Ireland some seven or eight years ago, several other agencies have followed suit on somewhat similar lines. A Mr. Duff has a mission in the north with a number of workers, and in the south there is the mission conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Todd,

formerly workers with us. Then, recently, we have heard of workers going out in connection with the Society of Friends in the north of Ireland, and that there has been much blessing at some places. There are plenty of openings for all, and the Lord seems to be giving much blessing in the sister-country.

Pilgrim Irvine is in the south of Ireland. We have not had regular reports from him lately, but he has been building two movable wooden Halls, and has also had meetings at Cloughjordan, Roscrea, Moneygall, Kildare, and other places, attended with a good deal of blessing. The wooden halls are cheaply put up, and he writes of them as a great success, proposing that we should have some for Scottish counties. This we will consider. The friends at Rathmolyon, County Meath, are also building one to be used in that county. Perhaps it might be a good plan for P.U. members in a Scottish county to own one, to be worked by pilgrims.

We have decided not to have further training till next autumn. Applicants for the Faith Mission, or any wishing training for foreign work, should write us here.

Our Annual Convention at Rothesay will likely be held about 20th to 24th September. Some speakers have already promised to come.

A monthly Prayer Union meeting is conducted by Mr. George King on the second Tuesday of each month at 94 West Regent Street, Glasgow, to which all friends are invited. Some of us were there on 13th February, and it was nice to meet with a number of friends, both old and new, local, and gathered into the city from many parts of Scotland and Ireland.

Scotland

Broughty Ferry.—For the past six weeks Pilgrims Livingstone and Bradley have conducted a mission in the Y.W.C.A. Hall here. The meetings were commenced on Sunday, 7th January, and the attendance on that evening was extremely large. The week-night meetings, however, were not so well attended, but on every occasion those who were present gave earnest heed, signifying that their being present was from a far higher motive than curiosity. Throughout the whole course of meetings the audience consisted largely of Christians, who appeared desirous of learning more about Jesus and His love, and how to follow Him more faithfully than they had done in the past.

The message of the two pilgrims in their addresses was very simple and very direct. It was the old story of the fulness of Christ, the sinner's only hope, and the only satisfaction of His people. Very earnestly were the unsaved persuaded to accept God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ. Their appeal to the Christians was also very direct. They urged the necessity of completely yielding oneself to God—body, soul, and spirit—and accepting the full salvation and deliverance from sin which God was so anxious His people should enjoy.

Saturday nights' meetings were on a few occasions preceded by an open-air, where Dundee, Midmill, and Tayport friends took part, and the subsequent inside meeting was generally thrown open for testimony, when many testified of the blessing they had received through this visit of the pilgrims, or confessed their faith in Christ, and their experience of His keeping power.

The attendance of the unsaved throughout the meetings was not so good as might be expected, probably due to other meetings going on, and other reasons. Those who were present were undoubtedly moved through the Spirit's power, and although, perhaps, many left the meetings undecided, yet we are confident that a silent work has been going on among the unconverted, which must produce great results, even if "after many days." Among the Christians, those who were formerly lukewarm and useless have been stirred up to take a more decided stand for Christ, and not a few testified their desire to be wholly the Lord's. We are extremely grateful to God for the mission, and those of us who have received blessing ascribe to Him all the glory. We all desire that God will continue to bless and use our sisters wherever He leads them. Their work in other places will be watched with interest, and we hope they shall again find their way back to this town, where they will always have a hearty welcome. We trust the work they have begun here may continue, and His kingdom be greatly extended in this place. God grant that it may be so.

Ireland

Gilford (Co. Down).—A mission was commenced in the Y.W.C.A. Hall on 31st December, by Pilgrim McNeill. This being the first time the Faith Mission has worked in Gilford, the meetings were small during the first week, but the attendance steadily increased during the second week, and has averaged about 250 on Sunday evenings and 160 on the week nights.

The Spirit of the Lord has been present with us in blessing the preaching of His own word, and almost every evening during the past five weeks some professed to take Jesus as their personal Saviour. Many Christians also were greatly blessed, and some have been led to see that smoking is one of the weights to be laid aside in the...

By J.G.G.

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Another Year's Work: Our pilgrims have preached the glorious truths of Full Salvation in many different counties in Ireland; there have been numerous open doors, more than we have been able to enter, and a good deal of encouragement and spiritual blessing. **We should mention that the work in the South of Ireland has not been reported, and thus is not included in our statistics, much of the time of the pilgrim in charge [William Irvine] having been taken up with building movable wooden halls, nearly all of which are worked on independent lines by workers unconnected with, and not under the direction of, the Faith Mission.**

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NOTE: Wm. Irvine's name does not appear on the Location of Pilgrims List, for the first time.

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MONTHLY RECORD

The Faith Mission was founded in 1886, for the promotion of spiritual life and godliness through the evangelizing of the country districts of Scotland, and farther afield if God leads, on unsectarian lines. The evangelists, called "Pilgrims," generally work in pairs. They visit a place for several weeks, more or less, according as circumstances and the leadings of the Spirit of God seem to indicate advisable, visiting among the people and holding meetings for the unsaved and for Christians, in which they welcome the co-operation of all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. The Mission is maintained on the faith principle, by freewill offerings during missions and unsolicited contributions to Headquarters. The finances are divided into three distinct sections—(a) General Account; (b) Special Fund, for Training, etc.; (c) Foreign Fund, including Armenian Relief. Donors will oblige by stating clearly to which fund their contribution is to be assigned.

J.G. GOVAN, Hon. Director. — OFFICES: Faith Mission, ROTHESAY.

LOCATION OF PILGRIMS.

Districts. —Headquarters and West, J.B. McLean; Lothians and Southeast, J.S. Gillespie; Fife, Forfar, and Perth, Angus McLean; **Ireland**—Northeast, T. Pottie; Donegal, Miss Garratt.

[NOTE: Wm. Irvine's name was usually listed here as Supt of South Ireland]

Publishing Department.—Edinburgh, H.E. Govan.

Summer Work.—Rothsay, &c., J.B. McLean, Donald, Miller; Oban, &c., Lvall, McColl; Fort William, &c., McPhail, McDiarmid; Port Stewart, Hinds, A. Harkness.

Place Pilgrims Opened/Closed

Scotland:-

Ruaig — H. Livingston, M'Coll — May 17 — June 22
 Gometra Isle — *M. McLean, Beaton* — May 19 — July 7
 Longside — Barr, McFarlane — June 2 — June 18
 Clepington — McNeill, Sherratt — June 23 — July 21
 Walkerton — *M. Livingston, Bradley* — June 23 — July 21
 Strichen — Barr, McFarlane — July 14 — July 25

England:-

Farnworth Macrae, McKay June 23 — July 22

Ireland:-

Dunlov — *Coghill, Buchan* — May 12 — July 7
 Lislunnan — *Phanix, Oakley* — May 19 — June 30
 Florence Court — **Kelly, Burns** — May 26 — July 14
 Drumnamether — Finlayson, Pollock — June 22 — July 28

Lack – Cameron, Nesbitt – June 23
 Tamnamore – J. McLean, Robinson – July 1
 Vow – Hinds, A. Harkness – June 9 – June 30
 Millisle – M'Kenzies – July 3 – July 20
 Moss side – M. F. Wright, Phanix – July 14 – July 21
 Lissur – Phillips, M. R. Wright – June 30
 Kilmoye – Evans, Welsh – June 30
 Newry – Crone – July 14
 Carrowdore – M'Kenzies – July 22
 Halliday's Bridge – Macrae, M'Kay – July 21
 Glarryford – Coghill, Buchan – July 22
 Donegal P.Us. – M.L. Garratt & Others – July 5
(Sisters' names are in italics.)

General Notes and News

Long Journeys, late hours, large conferences, some blessed Prayer Union meetings—thus I may describe, in a few words, my visit to Ireland this past month. We had conferences at Ballymena, Portadown, and Milford, and visited Laymore, Belnaleck, and Rathmullen Prayer Unions, also taking the closing Sunday night meeting of Florence Court mission. But, as there are other reports of [the special meetings](#), I shall not enlarge.

When in Ireland I came into closer contact with a movement that has been going on for the past year or two. A number of young people are going out on quite independent lines, holding missions in various parts both of Ireland and Scotland. While there may be much that is good in the devotion and earnestness of those who thus leave all, believing that the Lord has called them thus to follow Him, a number of features of this movement do not commend themselves to us. There is no one to judge of the fitness of these workers except themselves; being independent, they are not able to profit from the experience of others older in the work, as they would if there was some organisation; and then some of them have not been long enough converted themselves before going out, and, wanting in Christian experience, are very apt to be unbalanced and one-sided. While we can quite believe that a few of those who have gone out have been truly called of God, we fear that a number of others have been more called of man, or moved by their own impulses, and are really not fitted for the work. As some have been mistaken for pilgrims, we think it necessary to say that the Faith Mission is not responsible for this movement.

[Our Ninth Convention at Rothesay draws near.](#) Writing seven weeks before the time, we are not able yet to give full particulars. But we hope to have the full programme of the Convention ready by the end of this month or beginning of September, and it will be sent out to Prayer Unions. Other readers wishing it, or any requiring particulars of lodgings, etc., please write to Faith Mission, Rothesay, enclosing stamped envelope for reply. Accommodation can easily be had at Rothesay at that time of the year, and we can arrange such on getting full particulars as to rooms required. [The dates, as before mentioned, are from about 18th till 24th September.](#) The speakers may this year include several missionaries, and possibly we may have a special Missionary Day. We will likely also have a Faith Mission tea-meeting again on the Saturday, and possibly a half-night of prayer.

We have not applied for special fares this year. In connection with the Glasgow Exhibition there are Special Fares from all parts issued on Tuesdays and Thursdays, available for six days to Glasgow. The return fare thence to Rothesay is 2s. 6d. or 2s. 9d.

We need not add more now; but we hope we shall have large gatherings and times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and trust that all our readers will remember the [Convention](#) in prayer.

Notes regarding the autumn's work—training, missions, etc.—appeared in last month's issue.

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LOCATION OF PILGRIMS

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 Publishing Department—Edinburgh, H.E.Govan
 Summer Work—Rothesay, etc, J.B. M'Lean; Donald, Miller; Oban, etc, Lyall, M'Coll; Fort William, etc., M'Phail, M'Diarmid; Port Stewart, Hinds, A. Harkness.

Scotland–Polepark – *Paterson, M'Gavin* – August 4Kilmore and Highland P.U.s – *M.M'Lean* – July 13**Ireland–**Lack – *Cameron, Nesbitt* – June 23 – August 18Tamnamore – *J. M'Lean, Robinson* – July 7 – July 28Lissue – *Phillips, M.R.Wright* – June 30 – August 19Kilmoyle – *Evans, Welsh* – June 30 – Aug 4Newry – *Crone* – July 14 – July 26Carrowdore – *M'Kenzies* – July 14Halliday's Bridge – *Macrae, M'Kay* – July 21 – Aug 18Glaryford – *Coghill, Buchan* – July 22 – Aug 4Rathmullen – *H. Garratt & Others* – Aug 4Two Mile Flush – *Finlayson, Pollock* – Aug 11Rasharkin – *Carroll*, *M'Gregor* – Aug 11Hydepark – *M.F.Wright, Phanix* – July 28Kilrea – *Oakley, M'Cracken* – Aug 22Carryduff – *Coghill, Robinson* – Aug 18*Sisters names are in italics*

During the year several have dropped out from our LIST OF WORKERS.

Pilgrim Irvine has been working on independent lines, chiefly in Ireland.Then quite recently Pilgrim Kelly has resigned, and also allied himself to these independent workers.

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Mr. Todd is now appointed to the home secretaryship of the South American Evangelical Mission, with offices in Liverpool; and at the suggestion of himself and his workers, **we have agreed to take over the superintendence of their missions.** Misses Winter, Stanley and Halliday join us as auxiliary pilgrims meanwhile, and Miss Garratt adds Co. Cavan to the sphere under her charge.

We regret that it seems needful, owing to confusing statements that have been made to state plainly that we have no responsibility for the work carried on in Ireland and elsewhere by **Mr. Irvine** and his fellow-workers. Having little organisation or arrangement whereby to distinguish them, the agents of this anonymous work have in some places been mistaken for our Faith Mission pilgrims, and misleading references have in consequence appeared in the public press. While we honour the zeal and devotion of these workers, and believe them to be sincere and single in purpose, their lines of work differ essentially from those of the Faith Mission, as an unsectarian agency, and are such as we could not endorse or approve.

The organisation under the superintendence of **Mr. Duff**, also, in the north of Ireland, is to be recognised as quite distinct from our own. While we aim at loving fellowship with all who serve the "one Lord" in the "one Spirit," it is due to our workers and subscribers that we should make these explanations.

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List of Workers...Of these, Sisters Stanley, Winter and Halliday have come to us from **Mr. Todd's Mission** in Ireland, now dissolved... **Pilgrim Carroll** joined **Mr. Irvine's band of workers.**

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We regret that it seems necessary to again point out that missions are being held in various parts by persons who represent themselves to be "Faith Mission" workers, but who are not in any way under our control or direction. This movement which has almost no organisation and little method, was started by **Mr. Wm. Irvine**, at one time much used as a pilgrim in our Mission, and some of whose converts we are glad to have as efficient workers among us today. Though somewhat on our lines there are various points, both in method and teaching, that we do not approve of, and in which they widely differ from us. Then we hear of instances in which

some of these irresponsible workers have misrepresented and spoken against the Faith Mission, while taking personal advantage of it by holding missions in places we have already worked, and seeking the support of our Prayer Unions.

We have heard that **Mr. Irvine** himself, who, we believe, is in America at present, has been considerably distressed by the actions of some of those he has called out, though it seems to us these were the natural outcome of his teachings, and we believe there are those among his followers who would not adopt such unprincipled tactics. But the organisation and principles of the movement are so uncertain, and some of the workers so untrained and inexperienced, that there is considerable room for such actions that must lead to confusion and misunderstanding. Personally we seek to maintain, in connection with this matter, the spirit of Philippians i. 18, 19, and pray that every true-hearted servant of the Lord may be much used for the salvation of souls; but for the sake of the work God has committed to us, this explanation seems necessary. No workers can be said truly to belong to the Faith Mission unless they acknowledge our direction and adhere to the aims and principles set forth in our official pamphlet.

January 1904, p. 10

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We have received several letters, written in a kindly spirit, about the paragraph in our last regarding **Mr. Irvine's workers; These have been replied to personally; but we would like to say here that, after all we have since heard on either side, we are strengthened in our belief in the need of such a paragraph, to make clear that those workers do not belong to the Faith Mission, and that in various ways their methods and teaching differ from ours. At the same time, as said before, we honour the devotion and zeal, and believe in the sincerity, of many of these workers.**

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JEANNE MITCHELL TODD

At Home with the Lord

News has come to hand of the home-call of Jeannie M. Mitchell, wife of Robert R. Todd. Miss Mitchell became a Pilgrim of Faith Mission in June, 1888. Many friends of those far-off days, both in Scotland and Ireland, will have very pleasant memories of the happy whole-hearted, go-ahead Pilgrim, who did much excellent work in both countries. After a few years of itinerary work in the Faith Mission she was married to Mr. Todd, who at that period became District Superintendent of the Irish work, with headquarters at Ballymena. It was during their term of office there, that the Prayer Union in Ballymena was first formed, and which has continued til this day, and is still a powerful influence for good in that town, and to the surrounding districts.

After several years faithful and very successful service there, they felt called to other work in the south of Ireland, and from there to various places, and some five years ago Mr. Todd was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Leominster, where Mrs. Todd gave much assistance, especially in connection with the women's meetings.

Last November, Mrs. Todd had a serious illness from which she somewhat recovered, but the end came suddenly on May 27, 1932 when she fell asleep in Jesus. Our prayerful sympathy goes out towards the bereaved husband and family in their great loss.

(By J. B. M'L.)

June 1950, p. 117

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"They...Rest From Their Labours"

THREE FORMER PILGRIMS CALLED HOME

ROBERT TODD

An appreciation by his daughter, Mrs. M. B. Davis.

February 24th, 1866—March 27th, 1950.

*"There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a Pilgrim."*

THESE lines from John Bunyan's Pilgrim hymn may well be applied to the life of my father, **Robert Todd**, and are true of him as a Pilgrim in the Faith Mission, and during the long years of his service as a Congregational Minister. His life was one of undiminished courage, complete devotion to his calling, and an uncompromising honesty of purpose. His death has left us, his children, with a great sense of loss. We cannot but be proud of his long pilgrimage. He did not attain heights of worldly gain, but his every act could stand in the clear light of God's judgment as honest in thought and deed.

He was a native of Newmilns, Ayrshire, and was enrolled as a Queen's Scholar at Glasgow Training College, entering the teaching profession. **In 1888, however, he joined the Faith Mission**, and was one of the first band of Pilgrims, whose pioneer work must be an inspiration to those who carry on the work today. I believe he was one of the first to cross to Ireland in the cause of the Mission.

My mother (Pilgrim Jeanie Mitchell), also joined the Mission in 1888, and they were married in Edinburgh on August 28th, 1895. [Mrs. Todd, as Pilgrim Mitchell, along with Pilgrim A. Martin (later Mrs. J. G. Govan), were the two Pilgrims who began the Mission in Rothesay, from which issued the Rothesay Revival of 1888-89.—ED.].

After leaving the Mission in 1896, they worked on independent lines in Southern Ireland, coming to Liverpool in 1903, and later, my father took charge of the Working Men's Mission, in Farnworth, Lancashire. This was the beginning of his connection with Congregationalism. Then followed ten years at the Gideon Chapel, Bristol, famous as the place where George Muller began his work for Orphan Children. Subsequently he held pastorates at Sudbrook, at South Cerney, Ashton Keynes and Cricklade, at Leominster, where my mother died in 1932, and at Oakhill, Somerset, which was his last pastorate. He retired in 1945.

On the day of my father's death, among the texts in "Daily Light" was the magnificent and appropriate *"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"*; and we who miss him so much have the certainty that for him the promise was fulfilled: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."