

to Pentyrch Street, Cardiff, where he obtained the degree of B.A. from the University in that city. There, also, he met and married Miss Elsie Jones of Tredegar, who, up to her death in January, 1949, filled the office of "Mistress of the Manse" with joy and comfort to her husband and children, and helpfulness to the churches in which they served. From Cardiff they went to Carr Road, Nelson (1927-36), and then to Ansdell, where after twelve years of devoted service, he received the Home-call on 28th October, 1948. He leaves a son and two daughters—H.M.

ROWE, WILLIAM SAUNDERS, was born at Puncteston, Pembrokeshire, on 3rd October, 1879. Trained at Old College School and Bangor College, he entered the ministry in 1916 and served the church at Ruthin for two years. He next ministered in the joint pastorate of Carrog and Glydyfrdwy for four years before moving to Bethania, Porth. He subsequently held pastorates at Bwlchnewydd and Laugharne (1925-30), Calfaria, Ystradgynlais (1930-37), and Bethany, Ystradgynlais (1940-45). He died on 21st October, 1948, leaving a widow and son to mourn his loss—T.T.E.

SAINSBURY, WALTER EDWARD, was born at Bradford-on-Avon on 17th August, 1879, and after training at Spurgeon's College went in 1908 to Kings Stanley, Glos., where he remained for ten years. Subsequent pastorates were at Immanuel, Burnley (1918-21); Northfield, Birmingham (1921-28); Tewkesbury and Twynning (1928-35) and Bedworth, Nuneaton (1935-47). Mr. Sainsbury was a competent and effective preacher, but wherever he went an even deeper mark was made by his extraordinary pastoral gifts of sympathy and friendliness. People not of his own church or communion often went to him for advice or help in times of danger, temptation or difficulty, and never in vain. Towards the end he bore growing pain and weakness with wonderful courage, and passed away on the 16th October, 1948. Mrs. Sainsbury, whose love and fellowship helped him so much, and a son, are left to cherish the memory of a great servant of God—J.I.C.

SMART, PERCY JOHN, was born at Hendon on 19th December, 1871. The son of a lay pastor, he was surrounded from childhood with Christian influence and early became a member at Highgate Road church under the ministry of the Rev. James Stephens. He entered Pastors' College in the last year of C. H. Spurgeon's life, and became pastor of the infant church at High Barnet in 1893, remaining there till 1900. His later ministries were at Tollington Park (1900-05), Kensal Rise (1905-14), during which 400 members were added to the church. Tollington Park again (1914-17), Manor Park (1917-22), Stroud Green (1922-28), Green Street Green (1928-34), and Rotherhithe Great Hall (1934-37). He was for eight years secretary of the Home Counties Association, and was a member of the North Africa and the Bolivian Mission Councils. He served as Free Church Chaplain at Farnborough and Orpington Hospitals from 1929 to 1947, and during the second world war assisted at Foots Cray and Sidcup churches while their ministers were away. A man of a gracious spirit, he was deeply loyal to the cause of Christ, a capable preacher, a diligent pastor, and untiring in the sacred work of soul-winning. He died on 12th March, 1949, leaving a grateful remembrance in his various spheres. He is survived by his widow and a son—J.W.E.

SMITH, KENRED, was born at Willingham, Cambridgeshire, on 25th April, 1866. He became associated with St. Andrew's Street Church, Cambridge, and was baptized there at the age of sixteen. He quickly entered into the life of the church and acted for several years as secretary of the Cambridge Sunday School Union. His call to missionary service was followed by admission to Bristol College, and in 1895 he set out for the Congo Mission. He was appointed

to Upoto, then in the early stages of its development. He shared in the pioneering work on the station and itinerated in the vast district. He was a fervent evangelist and a teacher of those immature in the faith. He also played a notable part in reducing languages to writing and in translating the scriptures into them. A breakdown in health compelled his resignation from missionary service in 1914. For many years he contributed a monthly page to *Wonderlands* and so gained the affection of hundreds of children. He also ministered to churches in Gloucestershire and served the interests of the B.M.S. both on its General Committee and locally. He was twice married, his first wife dying after two years in Congo. He died on 19th February, 1949, leaving a widow and son—H.L.H.

TAYLOR, JOHN CAMERON, A.I.S., was born of Scottish parents at Gilford, County Down, on 10th March, 1866. His parents returned to Scotland during his early boyhood and became associated with the church at Cambuslang, where John was afterwards baptised. He began his working life in a paper mill, where the owner soon marked him out for managerial responsibility, but feeling the call to the ministry, he relinquished all business prospects and entered Manchester College. After a brilliant course there, he held pastorates at Burslem (1892-7), Catford Hill (1911-20), Mare Street, Hackney (1921-31), and also at Zion, Bramley, Leeds (1897-1911), for a time serving as secretary of the Yorkshire Association. Retiring in 1931, he came to live in the village of Kirby Cross in Essex, when a new ministry began. For eighteen years he was active in supplying our village churches and served also on the Methodist preaching plan; for fifteen years he served as the first nonconformist chaplain of Heath Hospital, Tendring, where his gracious ministry among the aged, poor, sick, lonely and outcast will not soon be forgotten; he also served as senior deacon at Frinton Free Church and was ever a tower of strength to the cause. All this ministry he carried on until incapacitated by an accident in July, 1948. His leg had to be amputated and complications setting in, he was called away peacefully on 29th July, 1949. He leaves behind him the memory of an amazing energy and devotion to the service of God and his fellows and the fragrance of a charming personality and a gallant Christian gentleman. His widow, daughter and four sons, together with a host of friends scattered far and wide, treasure a blessed memory.—A.B.B.

THOMPSON, ADA NAOMI, was born in London on 15th May, 1869, and was baptized at Highbury Hill Church in 1889. She was trained for the teaching profession at Maria Gray and Bedford Colleges, and on offering for service with the B.M.S., she was appointed to India. Her missionary life of thirty-nine years, from 1896 to 1935, was spent in Cuttack, capital of Orissa. Here she was engaged in the Orphanage and Girls' School, where successive generations of children came under her care and nurture. Her concern for their spiritual and moral welfare found constant expression in tours she made among the villages where they lived after leaving school, and she was ever a welcome visitor in their homes. Her zeal for the promotion of equipped leadership in the Indian Church resulted in the formation of a training college for Christian teachers, from which a stream of women has gone to work in the surrounding country. Her affection for India resulted in her remaining there after her retirement to render service in the Orissa Mission field, and she only returned to England in 1947. Hers was a life of devotion to the women and children of India in the name of the Lord she served. She died at Barnstaple on 23rd June, 1949—H.L.H.

THOMAS, JOHN, was born at Beaufort on 22nd July, 1863. Shortly afterwards his family removed to Blaenavon, where he spent his boyhood. He was to follow in his father's footsteps as a mining engineer, but after his conversion in his early teens, he felt the call to the ministry, and entered Manchester College in 1889. In 1893 he proceeded to his first and only pastorate at Union