

Economist. Lecturer, New College, Oxford, 1937. Fellow, University College, Oxford, 1938-45. Civil servant, 1940-45. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, 1945-47. Secretary for Overseas Trade, 1947. President, Board of Trade, 1947-51. Leader of the Labour Party, 1963-76. Prime Minister, 1964-70, Feb.1974-76. O.B.E., 1945. P.C., 1947. K.G., 1976.

Attended Sunday School at Milnsbridge Baptist Church, Huddersfield, where owed much to the ministry of Rev. W. H. Potter (*B.T.*, 22 Oct.1964, p.5). Became member of Rock Ferry Congregational Church, Birkenhead, from where transferred membership to Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church (Binfield). Hence Congregationalist rather than Baptist.

Leslie Smith, *Harold Wilson: the authentic portrait*, London, 1964. *W.W.*, 1983.

#### GEORGE ERNEST WINTERTON

1873-1942

M.P.(Lab): Leicestershire, Loughborough, 1929-31

Schoolmaster. Active in National Union of (Elementary) Teachers. Secretary of Leicestershire and District Temperance Union. Member of *Daily Herald* staff, 1920-29.

Member of Melbourne Hall, Leicester, under Rev. F. B. Meyer and Rev. W. Y. Fullerton. Then joined a Manchester Congregational Church, and later Upper Warlingham Wesleyan Church, Surrey, where on the lay preaching plan. (*B.T.*, 7 Nov.1924, p.729)

Wilfrid Winterton, *Harvest of the Years: an autobiography*, Birmingham, 1969 (by brother). *W.W.B.M.P.*, 3.

RT HON. SIR WALTER JAMES WOMERSLEY, Bart

1878-1961

M.P.(C): Grimsby, 1924-45

House furnisher, jeweller and general merchant. Councillor (from 1911) and alderman (from 1931) of Grimsby, and mayor, 1922-23. Vice-president, Association of Municipal Corporations. Chairman, National Chamber of Trade. J.P. Parliamentary Private Secretary at Board of Education, 1931. Government whip, 1931-35. Assistant Postmaster-General, 1935-39. Minister of Pensions, 1939-45. Knight, 1934. P.C., 1941. Bart, 1945.

Reputedly a Baptist, but seemed to be ex-Baptist (Payne). Children attended Cleethorpes Primitive Methodist Sunday School (*B.T.*, 12 Nov.1931, p.793). *W.W.B.M.P.*, *W.W.B.M.P.*, 3.

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The current issue of the *Journal of the U.R.C. Historical Society* (Vol.III No.6) takes the form of a Festschrift to Robert Buick Knox on his retirement from the Nivison Chair of Ecclesiastical History at Westminster College, Cambridge. Seven colleagues write on Professor Knox's scholarly concerns and in so doing demonstrate the breadth of his scholarly commitment.

membership, but received back upon repentance the following year.

In the second half of the nineteenth century a sense of decorum leads to the church books containing only the most general description of disciplinary cases. For example, an entry dated 7th. February 1883 records that: 'Elizabeth Pavey's name was struck out and our prayer is that she may be led to repentance'.

The 1884 Annual Meeting, however, witnessed something of a disturbance. The record reads:

Whilst we were partaking of tea, Mrs. Robert French to the annoyance of all present, began to make a speech about a presentation to Mrs. Samuel French, but our pastor wisely prohibited her from doing so.

The following year, because of 'her unchristian conduct in every way trying to damage the pastor', she was not allowed to take any further part in church meetings, 'unless she confess her sorrow at what she has done and promise to amend'. But that kind of entry had by then become a rarity.

The minutes of the late nineteenth, and also of the twentieth century, show much less concern with disciplining the membership as these responsibilities increasingly fell to be discharged by deacons and minister rather than the membership at large, and without minutes documenting their actions.

#### NOTES

- 1 All quotations are from the Loughwood church books, 1653-1900, deposited at the Devon Record Office, Exeter.
- 2 Whilst the scriptures cited give examples of withdrawing from those who cause divisions and teach false doctrine, the authority for 'delivery to Satan' is not quoted but is probably from 1 Cor. 5.5 and 1 Tim. 1.20. Those verses, however, should be looked at carefully and in context: they refer to specific cases and not the sort of disciplinary action taken here.

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Treasurer, Kilmington Baptist Church

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Baptist Historical Society will take place on Monday, 28 April 1986 at 4.30 p.m. in the Lloyd Jones Hall at Westminster Chapel. The Henton Lecture will be given by the Rev. Dr G. Henton Davies, M.A., M.Litt., B.D. His subject will be 'Bound for (South) Wales'; the scope of the lecture will be to trace aspects of Baptist life in South Wales.

than by independent responses. What we have said in this report is agreed among us.

7. As we have listened to your discussions we have been reminded how much of fundamental importance we have in common. As we have relived the experience of the Second Vatican Council with you, the hope that the Council gave the Observers then has been rekindled among us. With you in Synod we pray in God's presence that we may be granted the way to that unity and communion which are grounded in both truth and love; and that we may together share in the mystery of salvation.

Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis	(Orthodox Church)
Bishop Amba Paula	(Coptic Church)
Professor Henry Chadwick	(Anglican Communion)
Bishop Andreas Aarflot	(Lutheran World Federation)
Bishop William Cannon	(World Methodist Council)
Professor Lewis Mudge	(World Reformed Alliance)
Dr David Thompson	(Disciples of Christ)
Dr David Russell	(World Baptist Alliance)
Pastor Justus du Plessis	(Pentecostal Dialogue)
Pastor Jacques Maury	(World Council of Churches)

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