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Such a work would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Local Preachers' Connexional Committee, the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association and the advice and assistance of Mr. R. A. Button and Mr. W. E. Noddings, to whom we take this opportunity of tendering our thanks and appreciation. We have also received invaluable assistance from other leaders of Methodism, especially the Rev. John Scott Lidgett, M.A., who has so kindly contributed the Introduction, the Rev. Robert Bond, D.D., Secretary of Conference and Mr. F. Harold Buss, to whom also our thanks are due. Nor must we forget the assistance, in securing the illustrations, of the offices of the Methodist Publishing House.

We must also thank every Local Preacher who has assisted us by filling in the questionnaire form we sent out. There are over thirty-six thousand Local Preachers and every one of them received one of the questionnaire forms. Those who did not reply received three further forms, making a total of four questionnaires in all, so that it will be seen that we made every effort and spared no expense to obtain particulars of as many Local Preachers as possible. Where any name was considered essential to the value of the volume we went even further and tracked the "delinquent" to his very desk. We hope that the success of this first edition will induce every Local Preacher who did not see fit to return the questionnaire to do so now, in order that the 1935 edition may be complete with the name of every Local Preacher connected with the Methodist Church.

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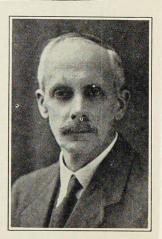




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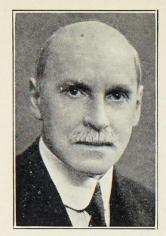
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THE publication of *The Methodist Local Preachers' Who's Who* is not only a great convenience, but is a well merited tribute to the immense significance of Lay Preaching in Methodism. From the beginning, the mission of Methodism has been evangelistic, and the secret of its evangelism has been found in the testimony of those who, through faith, have experienced the grace and power of the Gospel. Hence one of the first consequences of the Methodist revival was that John Wesley, who needed Helpers in his great campaign throughout the country, found a steadily growing band of men who had been spiritually transformed and enlightened as the result of the Methodist message. Some of these Helpers showed such a sense of Divine calling, and such spiritual fitness, that Wesley set them entirely apart for the work, and they became the first itinerant Preachers of Methodism. Many others, however, continued to pursue their ordinary avocations, but devoted their leisure to preaching in the localities where they resided. Hence the term "Local" Preachers.

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It has been my good fortune to be intimately associated with Local Preachers throughout the whole of my life, and I can bear testimony to their wonderful devotion, to their strenuous efforts to fit themselves in every way for their work, and to their effectiveness as a body in the work of preaching. Moreover, they carry the influence of the whole Church week by week into the rural districts and into the homes where they are received with that wonderful hospitality for which Methodism is famous.

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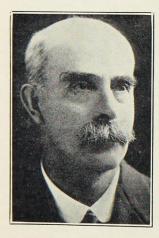
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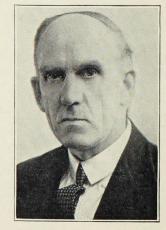




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is accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry until he has so shown and developed his gifts as a Local Preacher as to justify the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit to which he belongs in recommending him as suitable to be trained for the Ministerial Office. In another respect the work of Local Preachers has been not only of inestimable value to the Methodist Church but of national significance. Out of the Sunday Schools of Methodism and subsequently out of the ranks of Local Preachers have come great numbers of men who under spiritual influence and with practice as public speakers have passed into various forms of public and especially of political life. Many of the Labour Leaders, especially in the early days of this political movement, have been Local Preachers, and it is largely to this fact, in my belief, that the Labour movement has always had a certain prophetic temper, as has been evidenced in the case of many men who have risen to Parliamentary influence and importance.

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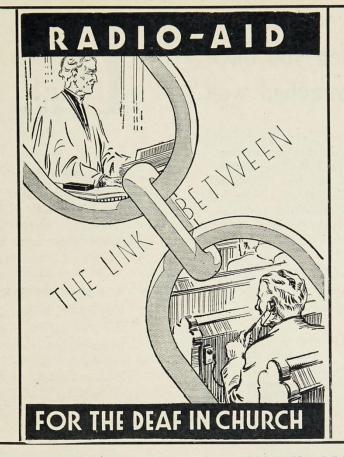
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