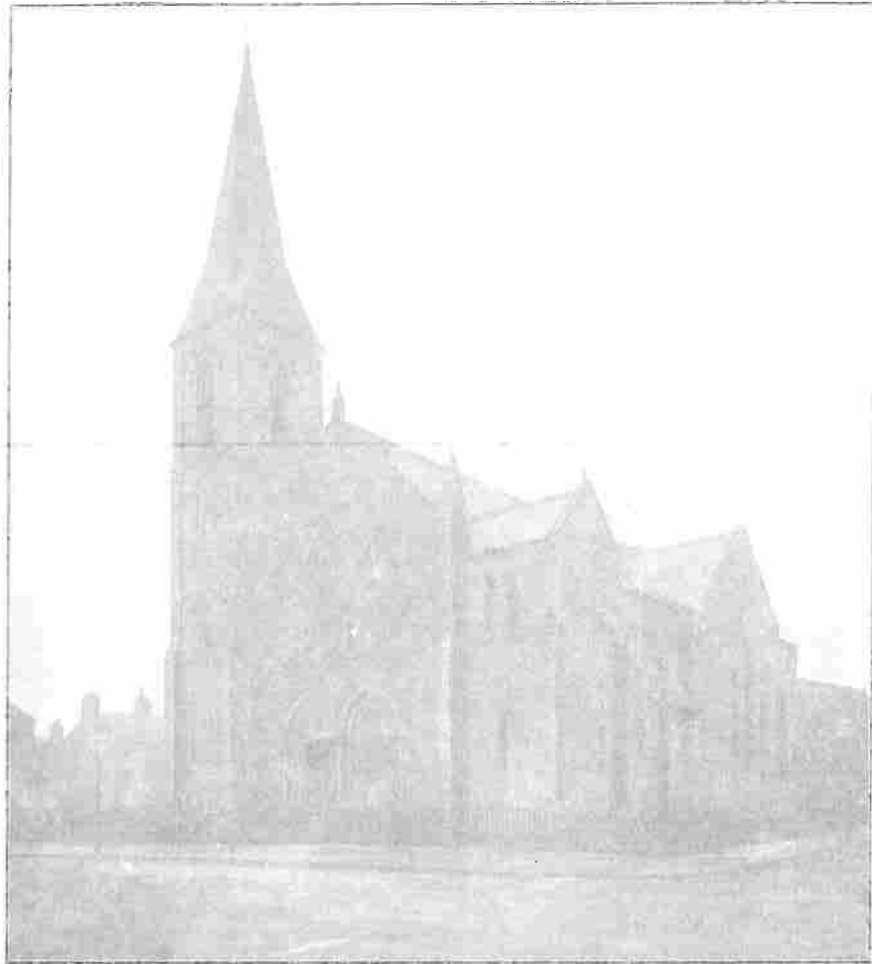


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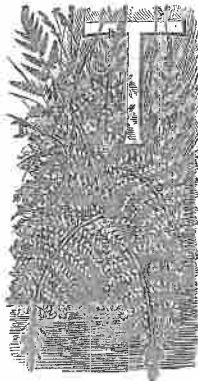
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The district of Willowfield affords an excellent illustration of this development. Where but a few years before the period at which this history opens little met the eye but large tracts of unoccupied land, a teeming population now lives and thrives, numerous trades have taken root and flourished, and the hum of busy industry is heard on every hand.

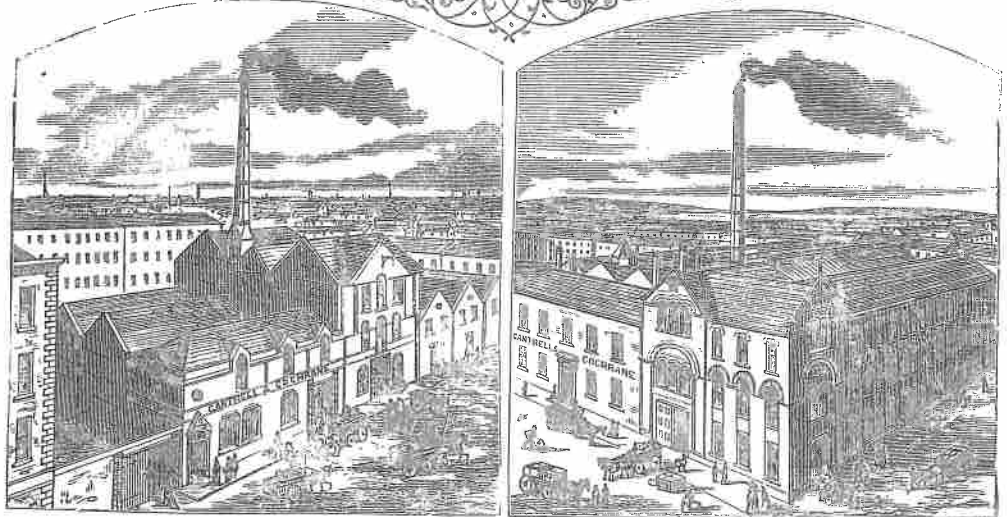
With this great and general enlargement of the city's borders the various churches have been endeavouring to keep pace by providing in the new districts new places for the worship of God. In the planting of the church at Willowfield we have the response of the Presbyterian denomination to the spiritual needs of a new community, and the story of its development adds an interesting chapter to local ecclesiastical history.

Early in the year 1892 an iron building was erected on portion of the site now occupied by the new church and lecture halls, and on the last Sabbath of April of that year was opened for public worship, the late Rev. Dr. Williamson and Rev. Wm Park being the officiating ministers on the occasion. On the following Sabbath the present minister, who was then a licentiate at the request of the Belfast Presbytery, took charge of the new enterprise, and entered on the work of gathering a congregation. The initial difficulties were such as would have daunted many men. There was no nucleus of members to form a rallying point for the people—not even a committee to assist by their local knowledge and advice the young licentiate. Mr. Ballantine faced the uphill task with a buoyant and believing heart, and the truth of the French proverb, that “to a valiant heart nothing is impossible,” found fresh verification. Inch by inch new ground was won, and every inch was kept. At the end of eight months unremitting toil a congregation was formed under the care of the Belfast Presbytery, and two months later Mr. Ballantine accepted the pastorate in response to a cordial and unanimous call. The history of the church during all the succeeding years is one of peace and progress. At the end of three years the number of families in connection with the congregation had risen from 150 to 350, and the finances showed a proportionate advance. The necessity of providing a larger and more suitable home for the church, for some time apparent, now became pressing. But without funds the congregation, mainly drawn from the artisan class, naturally hesitated to embark on a great financial undertaking. An event must now be referred to which in the providence of God opened wide the door of opportunity. In 1892 Mr. W. J. McQuiston, a working man, died bequeathing a sum of money to be applied to the erection of a new church in connection with the General Assembly. The claims of Willowfield were urged and recognised, and to the joy of the congregation a sum of £2,900 was handed over to the minister, to be used for the new building. The memory of the man whose opportune gift enabled the church “to arise and build” is perpetuated in the splendid edifice which bears his name. The memorial stones of the new building were laid on 28th March, 1896, by the Right Hon. W. J. Pirrie, then Lord Mayor of the city; the late Mrs.

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Wilson Maryville, the late Sir William M'Cammond, and Mr. Alexander Crawford, J.P. Mr. Robert Corry was the builder from plans prepared by Messrs. Young & Mackenzie. February 28th, 1897, marked an epoch in the history of the congregation. On that day the new church was opened for public worship by Rev. W. J. M'Caughan, then of Mountpottinger, now of Chicago. The building, which has a handsome exterior and is bright and attractive within, occupies a commanding position on the Castlereagh Road, a leading artery of the district. It is 90 feet by 70 feet, has seating accommodation for about 1,200 persons, and cost £5,500. In this beautiful "house of God" the young congregation found a suitable home, room for expansion, and facilities for carrying on the work of God, which if they do not command, at least contribute to, success.

Early in 1899 another important "forward" step was taken. On 14th January the foundation stone of the Lecture Halls was laid by the Right Hon. Thomas Sinclair, D.L., and on the 1st May following the opening ceremony was performed by the then Moderator of the General Assembly—Rev. Dr. Beatty. The addition of this fine suite of buildings proved of enormous advantage to the work. They include Lecture Hall, Committee Rooms, Minister's Parlour, Ladies' Parlour, and Kitchen Accommodation for Social Gatherings. They are used for the Sabbath Schools, which have in connection with them about 800 children with a staff of 50 teachers, Bible Classes, Prayer Meetings, Temperance Meetings, Boy's Brigades (19th and 22nd companies), Singing Classes, Cookery Classes, Gymnasium, and are the headquarters of other agencies in active operation in connection with the Church. Mr. Wm. Dowling was the builder. Mr. W. J. Roome, M.S.A., prepared the plans, and the cost of the building when completed will be about £3,500. In connection with the Church there is also a Sabbath School at Ravenscroft Avenue, and at Canton Street, a densely populated centre, a Sabbath School and Week-night Mission Services are regularly held. By these "outposts" the Church maintains a close and vital relationship with the surrounding population. As showing the numerical progress of the Church, it may be stated that there are at present over 500 families in connection with the congregation. The generosity and loyalty of the people is evidenced by the fact that, notwithstanding all the initial difficulties that had to be surmounted, they have contributed and raised during the nine years of their organised existence the large sum of £9000 (exclusive of the M'Quiston bequest), and of this sum £3,000 was for building purposes.





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SKETCH OF THE PASTOR,

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HE foregoing history of the Church would be incomplete without some reference to the man who has led its various enterprises so well and wisely. Rev. T. R. Ballantine was born at Ballynahinch, County Down, on July 4th, 1864. His mentor in religion was Rev. John Davis, a man who by his life and learning shed lustre upon the Presbyterian Church. Early in life Mr. Ballantine's thoughts were turned to the Christian ministry, and his studies from the first were directed to that end. At the age of twenty the cherished desire of his youth was moulded into definite form, and he entered upon his college course first at the Queen's, and subsequently at the Assembly's College. A testimony to his diligence as a student is afforded by the fact that in the year he took his B.A. he secured second class honours in a course consisting of Logic, Metaphysics, Political Economy, and the History of Philosophy. For a considerable time prior to entering college Mr. Ballantine devoted himself to Christian work, and it is worthy of mention that his first gospel address was given in an old hall in the Lagan Village only a short distance from the scene of his present successful ministry. During his student years he was engaged in mission work in connection with the Evangelisation Committee of the General Assembly. His evangelistic labours extended to Donegal, Ballymoney, Bushmills, Boardmills, and other parts of Ulster, and in these places his visits remain to this day a pleasant memory. Shortly after becoming a licentiate of the Belfast Presbytery he was asked to take charge of the work at Willowfield, and his ordination took place on 7th March, 1893. The beautiful church and splendid lecture halls which now adorn the site where once stood the modest iron building in which ten years ago the cause was cradled are not only a testimony to the loyalty and enterprise of the people, but a monument to the zeal and organising ability of the pastor. The outstanding feature of Mr. Ballantine's preaching is its evangelical character. He delivers the gospel message with frank candour and fearless courage, and in a spirit electric with the ardour of devotion to God and love to men. Mr. Ballantine's preaching has an irresistible charm for young men. His gift of oratory, and the dewy freshness of his discourses commend his ministry to this section of the community. The large number of young men present in the congregation, especially on Sabbath evenings, is a pleasing and inspiring sight. He takes an earnest and practical interest in the religious training of the young, and the Evangelistic Band—an organised company of young men who give enthusiastic service to aggressive mission work in the district—is a creation of his love for young people. First and foremost, Mr. Ballantine loves and serves his own church, but other communions have felt the warmth of his sympathies and the benefit of his services. He has done good work as an organiser of the Royal Hospital Saturday Collection, and his name is prominently associated with other movements for the well-being of his fellow-citizens, by all of whom he is held in high esteem. He is a warm friend of Young Men's Christian Associations, and the ardent advocate of every wise scheme of temperance and social reform. A rich endowment of eloquence and humour, "racy of the soil," make him an attractive platform speaker. He is a striking instance of a prophet who has honour in his own country. In the city in which he has lived since boyhood he enjoys influence and popularity, and as a minister of the church of his fathers, he has attained to a position of wide and varied usefulness. He lives in the affection of his own people. Urbanity of manner, kindness of heart, and a manly straightforwardness are some of the traits in his character which have helped to weave a bond of union between pastor and people, which grows stronger with the years. Mr. Ballantine is still a young man, and all who know his work and worth pray that he may long be spared to lead his loving and devoted people to success in many holy enterprises.

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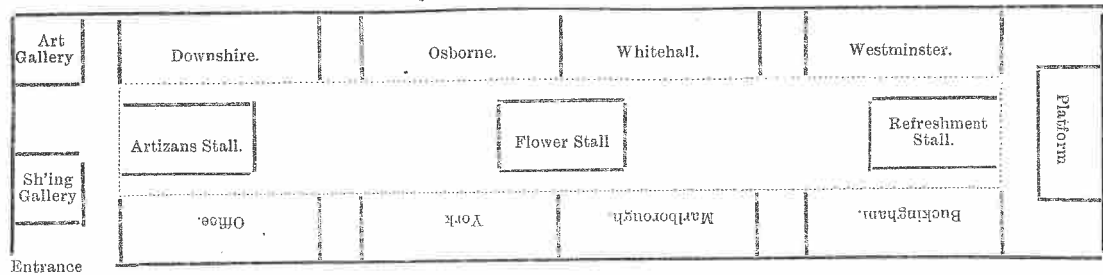
As already stated, the Church building is entirely free of debt. The present Bazaar has been organised for the purpose of clearing off the debt of £1,700 against the Lecture Halls, which are still incomplete.

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Ceremony,

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Programme.

Psalm 100. Tune—"Old Hundredth."

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

PRAYER.

Bazaar declared open by Lady Dixon.

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"Friend, untie thy purse strings, shake out thy gold."



Lady DIXON.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
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Chairman's Remarks.

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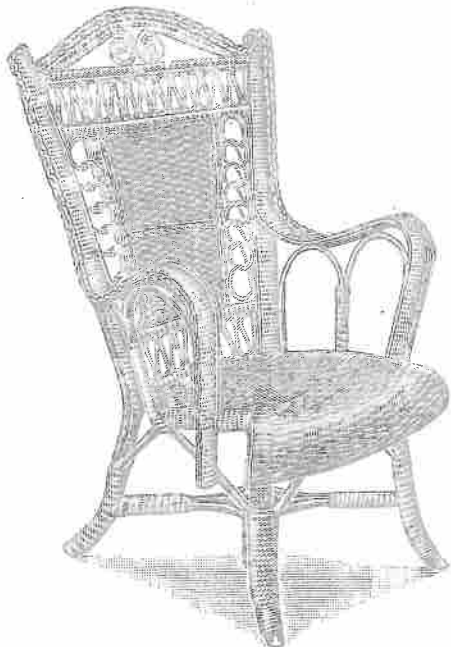
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THE BAZAAR WILL BE OPENED (D.V.) AT 3 O'CLOCK. BY LADY HENDERSON.

Chairman—Rev. D. A. TAYLOR, M.A.

Hymn 517. Tune—"Walton."

'All nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.'

Praise to our God, whose bonateous hand
Prepared of old our glorious land,—
A garden fenced with silver sea,
A people prosperous, strong, and free!

Praise to our God! the vine He set
Within our coasts is fruitful yet;
On many a shore her seedlings grow;
'Neath many a sun her clusters glow.

Praise to our God! His power alone
Can keep unmoved our ancient throne,
Sustained by counsels wise and just,
And guarded by a people's trust.

Praise to our God! though chastenings stern
Our evil dross should thoroughly burn,
His rod and staff, from age to age,
Shall rule and guide His heritage. AMEN.

Prayer.

Chairman's Remarks.

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Chairman—T. F. SHILLINGTON, Esq., J.P.

Hymn 514. Tune—"Malcombe."—*He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth.*

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinners' men restrain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,
The wonders that our fathers told;
Remember not our sins dark stain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on Thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain;
Give peace O God, give peace again.

Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are built in holy love;
O lead us in their heavenly choir;
Give peace, O God, give peace again. AMEN.

Prayer.
Chairman's Remarks,

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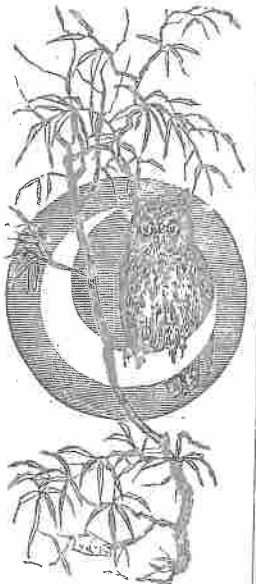
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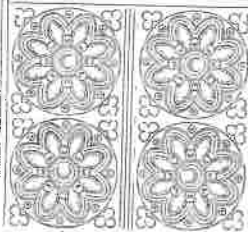
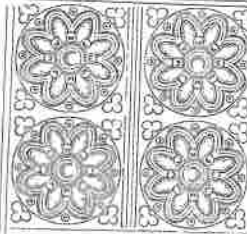
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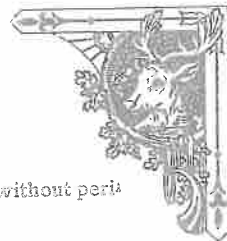
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