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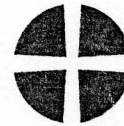
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Dear Mr Ash

Thank you for your letter of 18th November requesting information on three ministers.

I enclose copies of the obituaries for Revs Edward Smith, Owen Watkins and Robert William Bryant, as well as brief histories for Edward Smith and Owen Watkins. The book in which these excerpts are printed was published in 1900 after Robert William Bryant had died.

I hope that you will find this information of use.

Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

Bryan Tolhurst

2nd December 1994

Dear Mr. Tolhurst,

Revd. Owen Watkins

Thanks v. much for yr. letter of 29th Nov. and info. about Rev. Owen Watkins (1842-1915) and two other ministers.

The Rev. Owen Watkins whom I am concerned with would appear to have been serving in Leek on 13.9.1887 and later at Stafford and possibly also Wellington, Somerset, whereas in 1887 the Rev. Owen Watkins the subject of the obituary was then engaged on missionary work in S. Africa and later in Lancashire and Wales (pre-1900).

They may be one and the same person but it does seem open to doubt and I am wondering if you could possibly give me details of the Rev. Owen Watkins' post-1900 service or of any other Owen Watkins whose service included circuits in Staffordshire or thereabouts please.

I am v. much obliged for yr. continued assistance and enclose SAE for your use. Yours sincerely
Edward Ash

benediction. Thus he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on May 22, 1897, in the fifty-fourth year of his age and the twenty-ninth of his ministry.

(37) CHARLES E. WOOLMER: born at Reepham in Norfolk in February, 1822. His parents were rigid adherents of the Established Church, so that in his boyhood everything tended to prejudice him against Nonconformity, and especially against Methodism; but at the age of fifteen he left home to enter business at Manningtree, and there, a few years later, he was converted, and joined our Society. In 1846 he entered the Ministry, and continued to discharge its duties with fidelity and earnestness until 1884, when failing eyesight compelled him to retire. His preaching was instructive, and highly appreciated by the more thoughtful members of his congregations. He was a faithful Superintendent, and was very attentive to young men, especially to those who felt called to preach. In February 1897 he had a serious illness, but rested on the atonement, and quietly testified to the preciousness of the truths he had so long preached. On Sunday, May 30, 1897, he was seized by paralysis, and after lingering in a state of unconsciousness until June 2, quietly passed away in the seventy-sixth year of his age and the fifty-first of his ministry.

(38) THOMAS H. HILL: born at Stourbridge, July 29, 1818. He was convinced of sin under a sermon preached by the Rev. John Rattenbury, then in his first Circuit, and found peace with God in an open field after attending a class-meeting, whilst several of the members were praying for him. He was made a class-leader at the age of eighteen, and two years afterwards became a local preacher. When twenty-two he was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry, and after spending a year at Abney House Institution and two years at Richmond College, was for forty years engaged in Circuit work. His preaching was plain, earnest, and evangelical,

and was owned of God in the conversion of souls. He was kind and affectionate in disposition, and leaves behind him many memories of a saintly life. He became a Supernumerary in 1882, and settled at Stirling. His last illness was of a few days' duration only, and he passed peacefully away on Whit Sunday, June 6, 1897, in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the fifty-fifth of his ministry.

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(40) DAVID CALDICOTT INGRAM: born in Leominster, September 5, 1838, and brought up in Newport, Mon.; was the eldest son of eminently pious and devoted Methodists. Owing to the early death of his father, his training devolved upon his mother, for whom he cherished a reverent love. In childhood he was soundly converted to God. At the age of seventeen he became a local preacher, and in 1858 was accepted for the Ministry, and sent to Didsbury College. His ministry was attended with uncommon blessing. The young especially were his tender care, and rejoiced in his brightness and sympathy. Over young men he wielded a most helpful sway. Some erring ones revere his memory because of his deep solicitude on their behalf, and many gained from him their inspiration for Christian service. The aged, weak, discouraged, and those who were broken in spirit, soon found that they had in him a personal friend. He was specially gifted in correspondence, and with the "pen of a ready writer" cheered a wide circle of God's saints. As a preacher, he delighted to set forth that atoning love in the enjoyment of which he lived. His mind was consecrated to the study of the Scriptures, and his heart throbbed as he unfolded the word of life. No man felt the sins and sorrows of his fellows more deeply, or believed more firmly in the goodness and mercy of God, revealed in Jesus Christ. His genius for preaching and his simple, forcible style were fully cultivated; but the secret of his power was the consciousness that he was the messenger of God. He was peculiarly happy in prayer. In public worship, at business meetings, and in the homes of our people, the reverence, tenderness, and simple-trustfulness of his petitions were as remarkable as their felicity of expression. Before entering the Ministry he developed the business capacity and aptitude which became

so conspicuous in Connexional work. As an administrator, he had great facility in expounding and handling difficult questions. As Superintendent, Financial Secretary, Chairman of a District, and also as Secretary for the Northern Section of the Candidates' Examination Committee for eight years, and for thirteen years as Secretary of the Ministers' Children's Fund, he was conscientious, able, and conspicuously successful. Wherever he went he was greatly beloved. His personal qualities secured him abiding influence. With rare geniality and great unselfishness was united thorough independence. Unsuspecting and tender as a child, there occasionally burned in him a righteous indignation, before which the mean and cowardly bent in shame. He was a truly noble, chivalrous, and courageous Christian. In the towns where he lived he acquired a wide influence in matters affecting the moral and social welfare of the community, and was glad when the good resulting therefrom added lustre to his greatly loved Methodism. Without hesitation he gave his son Romilly for service in India; but the untimely death of the young missionary in the midst of so much usefulness and promise left its mark upon a frame already bowing beneath the weight of heavy Church and family cares, and in some measure prepared the way for the illness which in a few days closed the earthly service of one of our most loyal and devoted Ministers. He died at Blairgowrie on June 26, 1897, in the fifty-ninth year of his age and the thirty-seventh of his ministry.

(41) JOHN PHILP: born at Helland, near Bodmin, on August 19, 1807, passed to rest at Knowle, Bristol, July 4, 1897, having all but completed his ninetieth year. He entered the Ministry in 1830, and for nine years laboured in the West Indies. On his return, he was stationed for three years at Calais. The remainder of his active ministry was exercised in home Circuits, the last of which was Bristol (Langton Street), where also he spent twenty-five years as a Supernumerary. He took a leading part in the establishment

In all his circuits he paid careful attention to pastoral work, which was warmly appreciated. He was a tireless worker, and no thought of self could hold him back from exacting toil. Conscientious in all things, he was especially so in the labours of the Ministry. On the outbreak of the war, being then a Supernumerary, he sought and found opportunity of ministering to the spiritual needs of the men in training in the neighbourhood. During his later years his faith in God was assailed by occasional periods of physical weakness and mental depression: these, however, ceased for some months before the end, which he approached in serene trust and the full joy of the Gospel. He passed away at South Norwood, where his years of retirement had been spent, on December 18, 1915, in the sixty-ninth year of his age and the forty-fourth of his ministry.

(32) EBENEZER EDWARDS: born at Northiam, March 12, 1859. The son of godly parents, and brought up in a home which honoured the best traditions of Methodism, he early gave himself to God, and devoted himself to his Master's work. Accepted for the Ministry in 1880, he spent three profitable years at Richmond College. For nine years he laboured in the Bahamas and then returned to England. Both abroad and at home he gave full proof of his ministry, and rendered faithful and effective service. He was a good preacher, a diligent student, and perfectly at home in our discipline. Blameless in his life, faithful in his friendships, knowing well how to guide the perplexed and to comfort the sorrowing, his usefulness extended far beyond the pulpit, and endeared him to many. Failing health compelled him to become a Supernumerary in 1914, and for the short remainder of his life he exercised a quiet and helpful ministry at Kidderminster. On the day before he died he preached twice with all his usual power. The end came suddenly on December 20, 1915, in the fifty-seventh year of his age and the thirty-fourth of his ministry:

(33) JAMES R. IMISSON: son of Rev. John Imisson, born at Middleham, Yorkshire, September 26, 1847. His conversion took place during a revival at Colne, when he was sixteen years of age, and at once he gave himself zealously to the various activities of the Christian Church. He was accepted for the Ministry by the Conference of 1871, and after two years at Didsbury College was appointed to the Danby Circuit. He was a man of strong personality, straightforward, sincere, and chivalrous. He was a lover of men, and won ardent and abiding friendships in all his circuits. He had a genial disposition, a keen sense of humour, and great social gifts, which ensured him an eager welcome to the homes of our people. To those in sorrow and perplexity his pastoral visits were a benediction, and many young people were helped at critical times by his wise counsel. He had a thorough knowledge of our polity, and was a capable business man. Preaching was his greatest joy. His sermons were practical and evangelical, his delivery direct, forceful, and arresting, and many souls were won by his ministry. He was an effective platform speaker, and the missionary cause owed much to his advocacy. In 1906 a severe illness compelled him to retire, and for nine years he bore great pain with heroism and submission. Despite his suffering, he continued to preach until the last few months of his life. When the call came he was ready. He died in peace at Chorlton-cum-Hardy on December 20, 1915, in the sixty-ninth year of his age and the forty-second of his ministry.

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diately gave himself to Christian service, becoming in due time a local preacher. A few years later he became a lay missionary in the Sherborne Circuit. He was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry in 1874, and for twenty-one years he laboured as a District Missionary with consecrated zeal and remarkable success. Everything he possessed was subordinated to the supreme end of winning men and women for God, and under his ministry many hundreds were led to decision. He had a passionate love for preaching the Gospel, and in the days of his strength he proclaimed it with irresistible power and fervour. His last appointment was to Rye in 1897, where, after a year of strenuous service, his health broke down and he was compelled to become a Supernumerary. As strength and opportunity offered he still continued to preach, but gradually he was obliged to relinquish all work, and during the closing years of his life he patiently bore much physical suffering. He passed quietly to his rest on December 30, 1915, in the seventy-sixth year of his age and the forty-second of his ministry.

(36) W. HENRY THOMPSON: born in Chester in 1836. When seventeen years of age he was converted under the preaching of the Rev. Richard Green, then a Didsbury student. He soon showed promise as a Christian worker. In 1858 he was accepted as a Candidate, and sent to Didsbury, where he laid the foundation of those studious habits which continued with him to the end of a long life. He served forty-five years in the active Ministry, honoured and beloved by his brethren and the Methodist people. He was appointed Chairman of the Sheffield District in 1884. For seven critical years he ably administered the affairs of the Cornwall District, and for five years more those of the Bedford and Northampton District. In 1892 he was elected a member of the Legal Hundred. As an administrator he was sagacious, urbane, high-minded, and spiritual. Everywhere he won respect for his Church and himself by his gentleness, dignity, and ability. In 1904

(33) **GEORGE A. CURRIER**: born at Swinton, in Yorkshire, April 28, 1856. He had the inestimable advantage of a Christian parentage, his father being a local preacher. He never broke away from the gracious influences that thus rested upon him, and at a very early age joined the Church of his fathers. Before he was sixteen years old he began to preach, and then the call came to devote his whole life to the proclamation of the gospel. He was accepted as a Candidate, and spent three years at Richmond College. Two years of his early life were passed in South Africa, but his health would not allow him to remain there. He then returned to this country, and served with great acceptance in seven Circuits. He was an earnest preacher, a devoted pastor, a capable man of affairs, a kindly and genial colleague, a faithful servant of his Lord. His illness was only of a week's duration, but very painful. It was, however, borne with Christian fortitude. In his last hour of consciousness he gave a beautiful testimony to the nearness of Christ to him. He passed to his reward on April 30, 1902, in the forty-seventh year of his age and the twenty-third of his ministry.

(34) **FREDERICK HUGHES BAKER**: was received as a Candidate for the Ministry in the year 1896, and after spending two years at Didsbury College, was sent to supply the place of the late Rev. James Lewis, at Southport, where he rendered most acceptable service. At the Conference of 1899 he was appointed to Hither Green, and by his diligence and toil in the midst of unfavourable circumstances achieved great success in the establishment of that new cause. He was a young man of much promise, of a beautiful and devoted spirit, a faithful pastor, and possessed preaching gifts of a high order. Towards the close of his second year of labour he was taken seriously ill, and after several months of weakness died at Davos, in Switzerland, on May 7, 1902, in the twenty-eighth year of his age and the fourth of his Ministry.

(35) **JAMES M'TURK**: born at Birmingham in the year 1840. His parents were devoted Christians, and he was brought up in a truly Methodist atmosphere. The death of his father, during his fifteenth year, led him to more earnest thought about Christ. Some little time afterwards, whilst praying in his own room, the experience of pardon and peace came to his soul. Soon he became a local preacher, and was urged to offer himself for the Ministry. For many months he struggled against conviction concerning his call; but the sacred impressions deepened, until the command to give his life to the preaching of the gospel became irresistible. His was a noble type of Christian character, a beautiful development of the fruit of the Spirit—gentle, strong, real, and specially marked by modesty. He was loved by every minister who knew him, and his memory is precious in every Circuit that was blessed with his presence and work. His pastoral visits were gracious and fruitful in much spiritual good. In all matters pertaining to the administration of Methodism he was wise and faithful. To the work of preaching he gave his best powers. Many are the testimonies borne to his effective application of divine truth to reason and conscience. His knowledge of human need led him to preach the gospel only. Christ was the beginning and the end of his ministry. His personal experience of the Saviour was an abiding factor in all his private and public life. His departure to be with Christ came suddenly. An apoplectic seizure overtook him whilst holding a Trustees' Meeting on May 9, 1902, and the following day he entered peacefully upon the well earned rest of heaven, in the thirty-ninth year of his ministry.

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(37) JOHN THOMAS HARWOOD: born at Sneinton, near Nottingham, August 4, 1838, of godly Methodist parentage. Very early in life he gave evidence of true conversion, and began to preach when about seventeen years of age. In 1859 he was accepted by the Conference and sent into immediate work. He never ceased to regret that he had not the advantage of the Institution. He was a diligent student and a good theologian, who delighted in the doctrines peculiar to Methodism. His preaching was eminently practical and successful. Never physically robust, his health gave way while labouring in the Driffield Circuit, and at the Conference of 1874 he became a Supernumerary with the confident hope of being able to resume his ministry after a complete rest. This, however, was not to be. For twenty-eight years he suffered great physical distress and nervous depression; yet he never lost his consciousness of adoption, and always by his resignation and words commended the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. His influence for good was great, especially amongst young people, whom he delighted to have about him. During the last six years of his life he was able to preach occasionally. His deep piety, his intense love for God and the Scriptures, with his earnest longing for the conversion of his hearers, were conspicuous in every service he conducted. He was a real helpmate to the ministers in the Circuit, ever ready to cheer them when discouraged, as well as to counsel and advise. During the last few months of his life he had to bear much pain, and frequently asked the Lord to "finish His work, and cut it short in righteousness," but he always added, "Thy will be done." He passed peacefully away in the early dawn of June 7, 1902, in the sixty-fourth year of his age and the forty-third of his ministry.

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1893 Calais, <i>do., Sup.</i> 1														
SIMPSON, WM. B., B.A.														
1883 Institution 2														
1885 Madras Dist., <i>Ind.</i> 12														
1897 Birmingham, <i>Moseley-rd.</i> 3														
1900 Banbury 3														
SINZININEX, EDWARD.														
1872 Institution 1														
1873 Canton Dist., <i>China</i> 4														
1877 In England 1														
1878 Folkestone 1														
1879 Goole 3														
1882 Tadcaster 3														
1885 Leeds, <i>Wesley</i> 3														
1888 Birmingham, <i>Smethwick</i> 3														
1891 Exeter 3														
1894 Devonport, <i>Belmont</i> 3														
1897 Plymouth, <i>Ebenez.</i> 3														
1900 Nantwich 3														
SIRCAR, CHANDRA K. <i>Native Minister.</i>														
1891 Calcutta Dist., <i>India</i>														
SLACK, WILLIAM.														
1858 Airdrie 3														
1861 Aberdeen 1														
1862 Banff 1														
1863 Allendale-Town 2														
1865 Easingwold 3														
1868 Pateley-Bridge 2														
1870 Yeaton 3														
1873 Morley 3														
1876 North-Shields 3														
1879 Hull, <i>George-yard</i> 3														
1882 Manchester, <i>Oldham-road</i> 3														
1885 Ealing and Acton 3														
1888 Hammersmith 3														
1891 Sunderland, <i>Suns-street</i> 3														
1893 Sunderland, <i>St. John's</i> 3														
1894 Luton, <i>Chapel-st.</i> 3														
1897 Walsall, <i>Centenary</i> 2														
1899 Rotherham 1														
SLACK, WILLIAM D. L. <i>Institution.</i>														
1864 Driffield 2														
1866 Manchester, <i>Gravel-lane</i> 2														
1868 Leek 3														
1871 Guernsey, <i>Eng.</i> 3														
1874 Lancaster 3														
1877 Bolton, <i>Wesley</i> 3														
1880 Rochdale, <i>Wesley</i> 3														
1883 Luton, <i>Chapel-st.</i> 3														
1886 Lytham 3														
1889 Blackburn, <i>Clayton-st.</i> 3														
1892 Radcliffe 3														
1895 Manchester, <i>Regent-road</i> 3														
1898 Newcastle-on-Tyne, <i>Dilston-rd.</i> 3														
SLADER, THOMAS.														
1876 Institution 1														
1877 Chatteris 1														
1878 Daventry 1														
1879 Alderley-Edge, &c. 3														
1882 Northwich 3														
1885 Hartlepool 3														
1888 Newcastle-on-Tyne, <i>Elswick-road</i> 3														
1891 Dewsbury 1														
1892 Blackpool, <i>Sup.</i> 1														
1893 Ramsgate, <i>do.</i>														
SLATER, WM. F., M.A.														
1854 Institution 1														
1855 Allendale-Town 3														
1858 Newcastle-on-Tyne 2														
1860 Glossop 3														
1863 Sunderland 3														
1866 Harrogate 3														
1869 Barnsley 3														
1872 Cambridge 3														
1875 Leeds, <i>Brunswick</i> 3														
1878 Edinburgh 3														
1881 Liverpool, <i>Brnswnk.</i> 3														
1884 London, <i>Mildmay-ph.</i> 3														
1887 Didsbury, <i>Tutor in Bibl. Literature</i>														
SLATER, WILLIAM P.														
1843 Stokesley 1														
1844 Plymouth 1														
1845 Portsmouth 2														
1847 Manchester, <i>Oldham-street</i> 1														
1848 Blackburn 1														

1849 Teignmouth 3	1890 London, Stoke-Newington 3	SMITH, EDWARD (A). <i>Institution.</i>	1871 Headle 3
1852 Cheltenham 2	1893 York, <i>Wesley</i> 3	1874 Lincoln, <i>Dis. Mis.</i> 1	1875 Leeds, <i>Oxford-pl.</i> 3
1854 Pontypool 2	1896 Stratford 3	1878 Macclesfield, <i>Dis. Mis.</i> 2	1880 Manchester, <i>Cheetham-hill</i> 2
1856 Plymouth 3	1899 Sheffield, <i>Brunswick</i>	1882 Manchester, <i>Longsight</i> 3	1885 London Mission, <i>South</i> 1
1859 Swansea 2		1886 London Mission, <i>Central</i> 3	1889 London Mission 1
1861 Frome 3		1890 Bradford, <i>Eastbrk.</i> 2	1892 Manchester, <i>Irwil-st.</i> 3
1864 Taunton 2		1893 Manchester, <i>Pendleton</i> 3	1895 Clapham 3
1866 Taunton, <i>Wes. Col., Gov. and Chap.,</i> 19		1898 Cardiff, <i>Roath-rd.</i> 3	</

WANSBROUGH, CHAS. E.	1874 Buxton	1	WARDLE, WM. H., B.A.	1863 Hexham	3
1868 Institution	1875 Colchester	3	1866 Alnwick	2	
1869 South-Molton	1877 Great-Bentley	3	1868 Barton-on-Humber	3	
1872 London,	1878 Manningtree	3	1871 Barnard-Castle	3	
St. John's Wood	1879 Harwich	3	1874 Worksop	3	
1875 Reading	1881 Ryde, I. of W.	3	1877 Thirk	3	
1877 Ilfracombe	1884 Northampton	3	1880 Howden, Sup.	4	
1880 Bromley	1887 Hemel-Hempstead	1	1884 Hull, George-yd.,	7	
1883 Bristol, Clifton	1888 Chichester	3	do.	7	
1886 Alderley-Edge, &c.	1891 Walsall, Wesley	3	1891 Hull, Kingston, do.		
1889 London, Mostyn-rd.	1894 London, Sydenham,	1	WATCHURST, PERCY.		
1892 London, Sydenham	Sup.	1	Institution.		
1895 Leeds,	1895 Redhill, do.		1891 Supply	1	
Woodhouse-moor			1892 Cardiff, Wesley	3	
1898 Gloucester			1895 Leicester,		
WARBURTON, J.	WARD, JOHN.		Bishop-street	2	
OSWALD.	Institution.		1897 Leicester,		
Institution.	1892 Swindon, Bath-rd.	3	Humberstone-rd.	3	
1898 Loftus-Cleveland	1895 Southport,	2	1900 Newcastle-on-Tyne,		
3	Mornington-road	2	Elswick-road		
WARD, ANTHONY G.	1897 Liverpool Mis.	3	WATERHOUSE, GEO. E.		
Institution.	1900 Lincoln, High-st.		1880 Institution	1	
1859 St. Vincent, &c.,	WARD, JOHN JAMES.		1881 Queenstown Dist.,		
Dist., W. Indies	1875 Supply	1	S. Africa	9	
1864 Lincoln	1876 Institution	1	1890 Whitby	2	
1867 London, Gt. Qn.-st.	1878 Institution	1	1892 Diss	3	
1870 Filey	1879 Knighton	2	1895 Sunderland,		
1873 Bradford, Gt. Hortn.	1881 Oakham	2	Fawcett-street	3	
1876 Tunstall	1883 Uttoxeter	1	1898 Pontefract	3	
1878 Stourbridge	1884 Dereham	1	WARREN, GILBERT G.		
1881 Redditch	1885 Knaresborough	3	Institution.		
1884 Weymouth	1888 Airdrie	3	1886 Wuchang Dist.,		
1887 Dartmouth, &c.	1891 Wallacestone, &c.	3	China		
1889 Chatteris	1894 Arbroath	3	WARRINGTON, JOHN G.		
1892 Matlock	1897 Millom	3	1881 Institution	1	
1894 Highgate, Sup.	1900 Richmond, Yorks		1882 Antigua Dist.,		
WARD, ARTHUR W., B.A.	WARD, WALTER W.		W. Indies	5	
Institution.	1877 Institution	1	1887 South-Molton	3	
1883 Supply	1878 Belper	2	1890 Paulton	3	
1885 Williton	1880 Ulverston	2	1893 Barnstaple	3	
1886 Handsworth,	1882 Devonport	3	1896 Melton-Mowbray	3	
Pres. As.	1885 Sheffield, Norfolk-st.	3	1899 Mansfield		
1887 Nottingham, Wes.	1888 Finsbury-Park	3	WARTERS, EDMUND B.		
1890 Bristol,	1891 Sale	3	1834 Penrith	1	
Langton-street	1894 North-Shields	3	1835 Wigton	1	
1892 Bristol, Langton-	1897 Huddersfield,	3	1836 Middleham	2	
street Mission	Gledholt	3	1838 Bishop-Auckland	2	
1893 Newcastle-on-Tyne,	1900 London,		1840 Stokesley	2	
Clarence-street	Wanstead, &c.		1842 Edinburgh	1	
1896 Leeds, Chapel-			1843 Aberdeen	2	
Allerton			1845 Ayr	2	
1899 Chester	WARDELL, ROBERT J.		1847 Perth	1	
WARD, CHARLES H. H.	1888 Institution	1	1848 Inverness	3	
1870 Institution	1889 Tunbridge-Wells	3	1851 Patrington	3	
1871 Sheffield, Thornelf.	1892 Bradford, Eastbrook	3	1854 Driffield	3	
1872 Jersey, English	1895 Stockport, Trinity	3	1857 Pickering	3	
1873 Torquay	1898 Birmingham,		1860 Ripon	3	
	Belmont-row	3			

1861 Grassington	3	WATKINS, OWEN		
1864 Bingley	2	SPENCER.		
1866 Northallerton	3	Institution.		
1869 Richmond, Yorks	3	1896 Malta, Garrison	4	
1872 Snaith	3	& Naval Port		
1875 Whitchurch, Salop	3	1900 South Africa, with		
1878 Cheltenham	2	Army		
1880 Stonehouse, &c.	2	WATKINSON, JOSEPH.		
1882 Williton	3	1866 Reeth	2	
1885 Okehampton	1	1868 Wellingborough	3	
1886 Newton-Abbot	3	1871 Northampton	3	
1889 Plymouth, King-st.,		1874 Market-Drayton	3	
Sup.		1877 Snaith	3	
WATERS, WILLIAM.		1880 Wisbech	3	
1868 Arbroath, &c.	1	1883 Andley	3	
1869 Wallacestone	2	1886 Wigan	3	
1871 Ketley-Bank	1	1889 Glossop	3	
1872 Ossett & Horbury	1	1892 Bakewell	2	
1873 Wellington, Salop	3	1894 Knighton	3	
1876 London, Spital-flds.	3	1897 Merthyr-Tydvil	3	
1879 Newcastle-on-Tyne,		1900 Bourne		
Brunswick	3	WATKINSON, WM. L.		
1882 Manchester,		1868 Supply	1	
Radnor-street	3	1869 Oldbury	3	
1885 London, Lambeth	3	1862 Hinckley	3	
1888 Luton, Waller-st.	2	1865 Tipton	3	
1890 Croydon	3	1868 Wednesbury, Wes.	3	
1893 London, Peckham	3	1871 Bacup	3	
1896 London,		1874 Nottingham,		
Peckham, Sup.	1	Halifax-place	3	
1897 Portsmouth, Wes.	3	1877 Bolton, Wesley	3	
1900 Richmond, Surrey		1880 New-Barnet	3	
WATERWORTH, HERBT.		1883 London, Sydenham	3	
Institution.		1886 Harrogate	3	
1890 Supply	2	1889 Manchester,		
1892 Edinburgh		Cheetham-hill	3	
1893 Edinburgh,	3	1892 London, Hinde-st	1	
Nicom-sq.		1893 London, Confer-		
1895 Lerwick, &c.	1	ence Office, Editor		
1896 Bulth	3	[President in 1897].		
1899 Kirkby-Stephen, &c.		WATSON, ALFRED J. J.		
WATKINS, OWEN.		1900 Lerwick, &c.		
Institution.		WATSON, A. PERCY.		
1864 Holsworthy	3	Institution.		
1867 Aylesbury	1	1873 Supply	3	
1868 Tavistock	1	1874 Bury	3	
1869 Alderney, Eng.	3	1876 Macclesfield	3	
1872 Portsmouth	3	1879 Leek	3	
1875 Bath	1	1882 Wrexham	3	
1876 Natal Dist., S. Afr.	3	1885 Runcorn	3	
1879 Transvaal, &c.,		1888 St. Helen's, &c.	3	
Dist., do.	14	1891 Preston, Lune-st.	3	
1893 Warrington	3	1894 Hartlepool, &c.	3	
1896 Llandudno	3	1897 Bradford,		
1899 Cardiff, Wesley		Eastbrook	3	
		1900 Keighley		