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ROUND AND ABOUT HORWICH

## IT'S ALL A MATTER OF CONTROL

ANIMALS and road traffic like acquainted with the Rev. W. Pitson, vicar of Rivington Church at that time, and in an article in the Journal in 1941 he described the two as "venerable figures with their white beards. I often saw them chatting. Differing widely in politics and theology they were bosom friends, evidently finding a common brotherhood and a common denominator in the two first words of the Saviour's prayer, 'Our Father'."

"It was with Mr. Thompson that I was better acquainted," added Mr. Partington. "An ardent love for Nonconformity and Radicalism was only surpassed by Mr. Thompson by his ardent love for his fellow-men. He was Unitarian by conviction, not by birth for, as he told me, he was brought up in the faith of the Church of Scotland." Mr. Partington played his part in the bi-centenary celebrations, for a hymn composed by him was sung at one of the special services. Actually he composed two, one a "tame" one and the other containing several references to the penal laws relating to the dissenters. It was the "tame" one which he handed over to Mr. Thompson.

### It affects 3,000 Horwich people

### Dogs are a responsibility

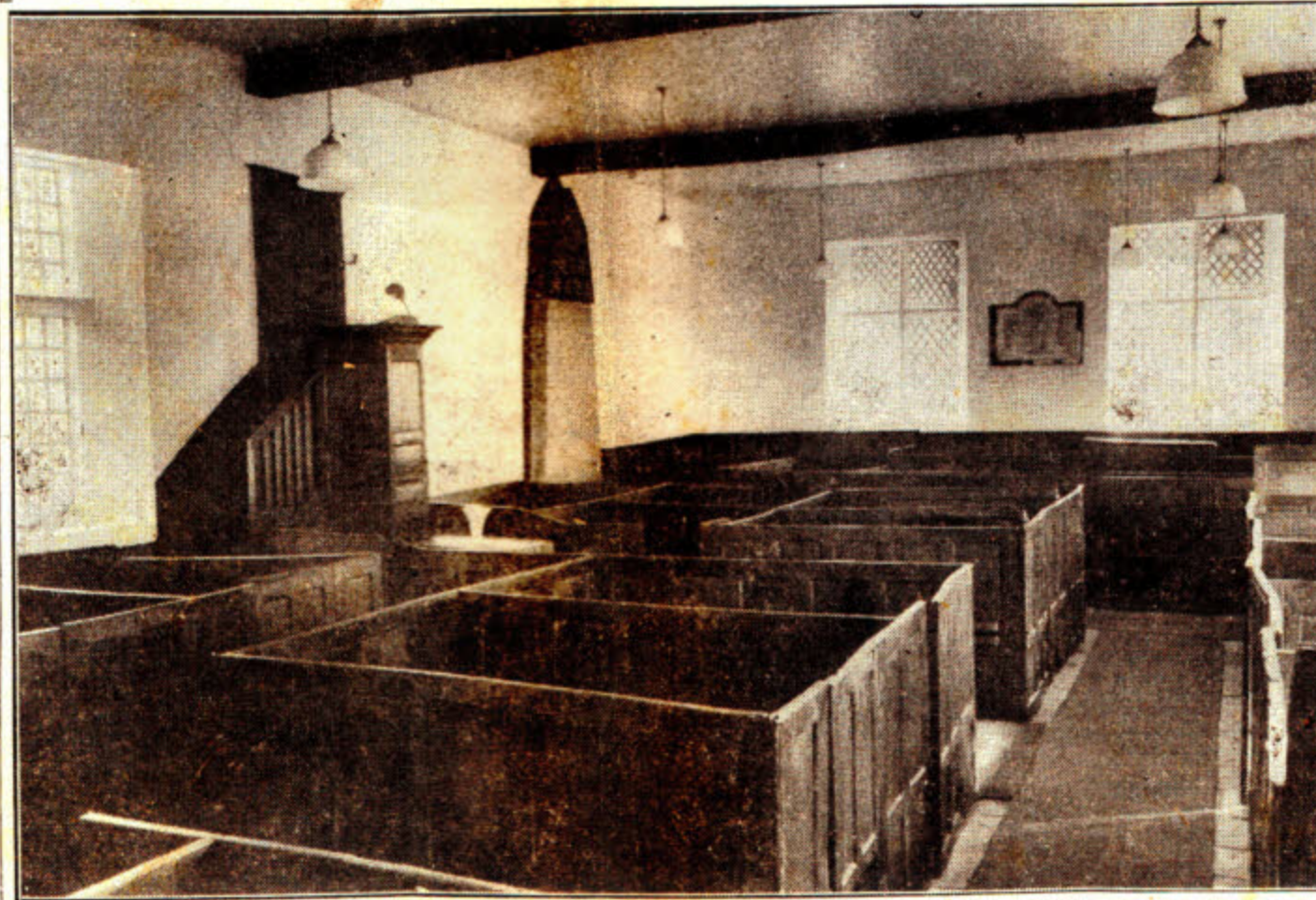
Cats are beyond all human laws, they are masters of their own fate, but the position of dogs is different. They are the responsibility of their legal owners and it is not unlikely that this responsibility, particularly in relation to their behaviour out-of-doors, may be more clearly defined. One of the recommendations in a report of the Committee on Road Safety, submitted to the Ministry of Transport, is that "further consideration should be given by the Ministry to measures for the control of dogs on the highway." Most people will agree that such consideration is long overdue, for the casualty figures continue to make a mockery of successive road safety campaigns, and the greater control of dogs would be a positive step towards the still far-distant solution of the problem.

It is perfectly true that a dog which is stupid in traffic is generally a reflection of its owner. Far too many people keep pets for the purely selfish purpose of bringing pleasure to themselves. They overlook completely, or are indifferent to, the fact that ownership of a dog

The results of a recent survey made by the Journal appear elsewhere in this issue, and from it one can gather many of the opinions of Council house tenants on a Government suggestion that they be allowed the chance of buying their houses. Its conclusions we hope will not be completely ignored by Horwich Council, which has yet to discuss the matter. At present the Council owns about one-fifth of the property in Horwich, so it seems safe to say the Government suggestion directly affects some 3,000 Horwich residents, apart from millions of people in other parts of the country. As far as most people are concerned, renting is a poor substitute for owning. In fact, the desire to own one's house seems almost as strong as the desire to own one's furniture.

Ancient chapel.

is now preserved for future



This picture, taken on Wednesday, shows the interior of Rivington Chapel. Recently renovated at the expense of a member, this ancient chapel, built in 1703, now combines the comfort of the 20th century — electric light, heating etc., with the dignity and charm of an earlier age.

PASSING WEEK IN WESTHOUGHTON

## DIVIDING THE WAGE PACKET

IF we were asked to pick out the most popular domestic subject discussed at conferences during the post-war era we should without hesitation suggest wages. In a country, in fact a world, of rising prices, such discussions are inevitable up to a point, and they are of such widespread interest that stories of wage claims and discussions almost invariably hit the headlines. They have in recent years become so frequent that unless one's particular interests are immediately concerned—we use the word "immediately" because it is all-too-often forgotten that in the long run our finances are bound to be involved—we are perhaps apt to shrug our shoulders and murmur: "What, another increase?"—then turn to something new which has attracted our attention.

### This is the evidence

So it was quite refreshing this week to find someone tackling domestic finance from a new angle—the angle of allocating the family income once it has been obtained. A woman lecturer in social science, discussing some of the reasons why so many wives go out to a daily job, "threw a spanner in the works" when she suggested quite bluntly that the evidence of recent surveys was that wages had risen more steeply than the amounts allocated by some husbands to their wives for housekeeping expenses. "In England," she said, "it is not unusual for the husband to give his wife a sum he considers to be adequate for the housekeeping and which may, or may not, reflect a just division of the wage packet." In the words of a well known broadcaster of recent years "it all depends on what you mean by . . ." Is there an English Husbands' Defence League prepared to take up the challenge which has been thrown down?

How about the husband who gives his wife the wage packet complete and intact as he receives it? Obviously he is exempt from this complaint of treating his obligations too lightly, but we

bliss and peace we are content to leave the whole subject at the point where the speaker said that most British husbands took their home responsibilities seriously. It will be a poor day for our country when they don't.

### Honour for local guild

We were also interested this week to learn by way of an address given in Westhoughton on Monday evening, that the Townswomen's Guild organization was more or less a direct product of the battle for women's suffrage. Many things have happened since the days of Emmeline Pankhurst, but one thing is certain, that the Townswomen's Guild movement has made remarkable progress. As the first "mere man" to attend a guild meeting at Westhoughton, one can with full justice say that equally remarkable progress has been made by the local branch. It was only last January that we were invited to the first of a series of preliminary investigation meetings, and though attendances in those days were sparse, it was

### WITH ALL GOOD WISHES

Whilst the attention of Westhoughton people to-morrow is focussed on the showground between White Horse and Chequerbent, two young people will be striving to win honour for their town in another sphere. Winners of all the cycle rallies held during the past few months in various parts of Lancashire will be meeting at Fleetwood for the county finals, and striving to bring the honours back to Westhoughton will be Rachel V. Sixsmith of 179, Newbrook-rd., Over Hulton (junior section), and Keith Campbell, 2, The Avenue (senior section). The good wishes of the Road Safety Committee members were extended to them at Wednesday's meeting.

## Horwich and Westhoughton Gossip

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