

Papers of Mrs V M Ayres of Reading, mainly relating to local Methodism, c.1891-1999.

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## PAPERS OF MRS V M AYRES

[Valerie May Fisher was born on 6 June 1918, and spent most of her life at 38 Catherine Street, Reading. She was educated at Wilson Primary, Senior and Central Schools, Wilson Road, Reading. She married John S Ayres in 1949. She died in Reading on 13 August 2007.

Mrs Ayres had a lifelong interest in local Methodism and Methodist history. She was a member of Oxford Road Wesleyan Methodist Church, Reading, and its successor Emmanuel Methodist Church, and served as Reading (later Reading and Silchester) Circuit Archivist from the 1970s until 2002. A copy of her history of the circuit (*As Stupid as Oxen*, with Keith J Sanders (privately published, 1988)) may be found in the Berkshire Record Office library.]

## PAPERS OF MRS V M AYRES

Papers relating to MethodismReading Wesleyan Methodist Circuit[For official circuit records, *see* D/MC 1.]

1/1-12	<i>The Reading Circuit Record</i> (circuit magazine), January [1894]-December 1904. (February 1901 issue missing; August 1904 issue mutilated.)	1 bdl	1894-1904
2/1-4	Circuit bazaar handbooks. 1 Old Normandy Fête and Fancy Fair, held at Reading Town Hall, 21-23 April 1903. 2 Spanish Bazaar, held at Reading Town Hall, 11-14 April 1905 : handbook. 3 <i>The Bazaar Tatler</i> (supplement to the Spanish Bazaar handbook), 12-14 April 1905. 4 Old Abbeys and Castles Bazaar, held at Reading Town Hall, 20-23 October 1908. (Includes notes on the circuit, the churches and their history.)	1 bdl	1903-1908
3/1-3	"Who's Who" : notes on Reading Methodists, compiled by Mrs Ayres from D/EX 1638/2 and 41.	1 bdl	n.d. [20 cent.]
4	Programme for Young People's Day at the Abbey and Castles Bazaar, 22 October 1908.	1 doc	1908
5/1-2	Circuit year books and blotters, 1926/7 and 1927/8.	1 bdl	1926-1927

Reading Primitive Methodist Circuit[For official circuit records, *see* D/MC 2.]

6/1-2	Circuit yearbooks and blotters.	1 bdl	1928-1929
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Reading combined Methodist Circuit(s)[For official circuit records, *see* D/MC 5.]

7	Souvenir programme commemorating the union of the Methodist Churches.	1 doc	1932
8/1-2	<i>The Reading Methodist</i> , vol. 1 nos 1-2 (July and August) 1938. (Magazine of combined circuits.)	1 bdl	1938
9/1-3	Circuit plans and directories, April-June 1955, April-June 1958, and June-August 1979.	1 bdl	1955-1979

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Papers relating to MethodismReading combined Methodist Circuit(s) (cont.)

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|----|--|-------|-------------|
| 10 | Album of photographs of Reading (mostly Methodist) nonconformist churches, collected by Mrs Ayres, most early 20 <sup>th</sup> century.<br>[For a detailed list, <i>see</i> Appendix I.] | 1 vol | c.1904-1999 |
| 11 | Circuit Women's Day programme.   | 1 doc | 1979        |

Silchester Methodist Circuit

[For official circuit records, *see* D/MC 3.]

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|----|---|--------|-----------|
| 12 | Schedules of documents in the circuit safe. | 1 file | 1973-1980 |
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Reading and Silchester Methodist Circuit

[For official circuit records, *see* D/MC 6.]

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|--------|--|-------|-----------|
| 13     | Notes on the history of Methodism in Reading and Silchester circuits, compiled by "H.W.H." at the union of the circuits. | 1 doc | 1982      |
| 14/1-9 | Special orders of service.   | 1 bdl | 1982-1999 |
| 15/1-9 | Papers relating to the celebration of the 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Wesley's conversion.                     | 1 bdl | 1988      |

Gosbrook Road Methodist Church, Caversham

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|--------|--|-------|--------------------|
| 16/1-2 | Photocopies of letter and press cutting relating to a gift of £1200 from an American church towards the Gosbrook Road renovation fund. | 1 bdl | 1982               |
| 17     | Text of leaflet advertising activities at the church.  | 1 doc | n.d. [early 1980s] |
| 18     | Church directory, 1985/6.  | 1 doc | 1985               |

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Papers relating to MethodismCaversham Heights Methodist Church

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|----|---|-------|------|
| 19 | Golden Jubilee souvenir handbook (history of the church).   | 1 doc | 1959 |
| 20 | <i>Caversham Heights Methodist Church : Origin and Early Days</i> , by Janet Maul.<br>(Written as coursework for a BA(Ed) degree at the University of Reading.) | 1 doc | 1994 |
| 21 | Booklet produced for the dedication of the new office and Wesley Lounge at the church.  | 1 doc | 1990 |

Trinity Church, Lower Earley

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|----|---|-------|---------------|
| 22 | Appeal leaflet for funds for the church building (in course of construction). | 1 doc | n.d. [c.1985] |
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Emmanuel Methodist Church, Reading

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|--------|---|-------|-----------|
| 23/1-5 | Special orders of service.<br>(Includes thanksgiving service for the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of Barbados, 1996.) | 1 bdl | 1996-1999 |
| 24/1-7 | Newsletters, July and September 1998, Lent, May, June/July, November and Christmas 1999.  | 1 bdl | 1998-1999 |

Oxford Road Methodist Church, Reading

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|--------|---|-------|-------------------------|
| 25     | Handbill advertising Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services.<br>(Includes brief account of the war service of the Revd William Rushby, minister of the church.) | 1 bdl | [1920]                  |
| 26/1-6 | Press cuttings relating to the history of the church.   | 1 bdl | n.d. [1920s]-<br>c.1956 |
| 27     | Photograph of some members of Mrs Dawes' class of girls at the Sunday Institute (most identified).<br>[For records of the Institute, <i>see</i> D/MS 1/7D/1-8.]     | 1 doc | 1921                    |
| 28     | Album of photographs of members of the Sunday Institute.  | 1 vol | n.d.<br>[c.1920s]       |
| 29     | Album of photographs of Sunday School outings.  | 1 vol | 1930s-1950s             |
| 30     | Album of photographs of Sunday School outings.  | 1 vol | n.d. [1950s]            |

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Papers relating to MethodismOxford Road Methodist Church, Reading (cont.)

[D/EX 1638/27-30 were given to Mrs Ayres by Connie Page, daughter of Mrs Dawes.]

31	Photograph of Sunday School Pageant of Service.	1 doc	n.d. [1920s-1932]
32/1-2	Photographs of Women's Bright Hour.	1 bdl	c.1960, 1973
33	Photograph of Arthur and Pearl Burch.	1 doc	n.d. [c.1963]
34/1-3	Papers relating to Mr A Fisher's membership of the League of Comradeship. (Includes reference [from] Oxford Road Methodist Church.)	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1930s?]
35/1-11	Special orders of service.	1 bdl	1957-1992
36/1-3	Newsletters, nos. 41-43 (September 1971-March 1972).	1 bdl	1971-1972
37	Newsletter, no. 73 (September 1979).	1 doc	1979
38/1-7	Newsletters, nos. 79-85 (January/February-August 1981).	1 bdl	1981
39/1-6	Miscellaneous papers relating to the rededication of the church after a fire.	1 bdl	1978-1979
40	Programme for church "Quiet Day" retreat at Silchester Methodist Church.	1 doc	1990

Wesley Methodist Church, Reading

41	Grand Jubilee Bazaar handbook, 1-2 May 1923.	1 doc	1923
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West Reading Methodist Church

42	25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure.	1 doc	1986
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Whitley Hall Methodist Church, Reading

43	Handbill advertising opening services.	1 doc	1906
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Papers relating to MethodismTilehurst Methodist Church

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|----|---|-------|--------------|
| 44 | History of the church.                      | 1 doc | 1979         |
| 45 | Leaflet advertising the church.             | 1 doc | n.d. [1980s] |
| 46 | Press cutting on the history of the church. | 1 doc | n.d. [1980s] |

Kentwood Methodist Church, Tilehurst

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|----|--|-------|------|
| 47 | 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary souvenir programme.             | 1 doc | 1987 |
| 48 | Order of service : 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. | 1 doc | 1987 |

Wokingham Methodist Church

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|----|--|-------|------|
| 49 | <i>Methodism in Wokingham 1817-1967</i> , by the Revd E Ralph Bates. | 1 doc | 1967 |
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Woodley Methodist Church

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|--------|--|-------|------|
| 50/1-3 | Order of service for the opening of the church with covering letter and handbill advertising the ceremony. | 1 bdl | 1963 |
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Silchester Methodist Church, Hampshire

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|----|------------------------|-------|------|
| 51 | History of the church. | 1 doc | 1989 |
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Tadley Common Methodist Church, Hampshire

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|----|---|-------|------|
| 52 | Order of service for stone-laying ceremony. | 1 doc | 1959 |
| 53 | Silver Jubilee souvenir programme.          | 1 doc | 1982 |

Woodcote Methodist Church, Oxfordshire

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|--------|--|-------|-------------------|
| 54/1-3 | Photographs of the church (one with steam engine outside). | 1 bdl | n.d.<br>[c.1980s] |
| 55     | Handbill advertising centenary services and events.        | 1 doc | 1986              |

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Papers relating to MethodismWoodcote Methodist Church, Oxfordshire (cont.)

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|--------|---|-------|------|
| 56/1-3 | Photographs of the launch of <i>The Church In The Woods</i> (centenary history of the church).<br>[For the publication, <i>see</i> D/MS 105/8/5.] | 1 bdl | 1986 |
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Stroud Green Methodist Church, Newbury

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|----|---|-------|------|
| 57 | Centenary handbook (including a history of the church). | 1 doc | 1974 |
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Southampton District

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|--------|--|-------|-----------|
| 58/1-2 | Synod directories.   | 1 bdl | 1972-1973 |
| 59/1-2 | Synod programmes.  | 1 bdl | 1973-1974 |
| 60     | Order of service for ecumenical "Wesley sing-in" at Southampton Guildhall, to celebrate the 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conversions of Charles and John Wesley. | 1 doc | 1988      |

Primitive Methodist Connexion

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|--------|---|-------|-----------|
| 61/1-3 | Catalogue of publications of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, 1898, with covering letter and envelope sending it to Mr E Higgs, 8 Hosier Street, Reading, 1901. | 1 bdl | 1898-1901 |
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Network

[Network is the Methodist Church's umbrella organisation for women's meetings.]

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| 62 | Order of service : 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. | 1 doc | 1997 |
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Photographs and postcards

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|---------|--|-------|-------------------|
| 63/1-60 | Postcards, mostly of Reading.<br>[For list, <i>see</i> Appendix II.] | 1 bdl | c.1900-1915       |
| 64/1-61 | Postcards of Reading.<br>[For list, <i>see</i> Appendix III.]        | 1 bdl | c.1900s-<br>1960s |
| 65/1-60 | Postcards from Reading.<br>[For list, <i>see</i> Appendix IV.]       | 1 bdl | c.1900s-<br>1950s |

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Photographs and postcards (cont.)

[For photographs of Methodist churches, *see* D/EX 1638/10.]

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|---------|---|-------|--------------|
| 66/1-54 | Postcards of various places.<br>[For list, <i>see</i> Appendix V.]    | 1 bdl | c.1904-1930s |
| 67/1-61 | Photographs of various places.<br>[For list, <i>see</i> Appendix VI.] | 1 bdl | c.1978       |

Reading printed miscellanea

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|--------|--|-------|--------------------|
| 68     | <i>The Pictorial Record : special local edition for Reading.</i> (Publication of the Specialty Publishing Co. Includes a description of the town and its amenities, with photographs of important buildings and a feature on the photographers Messrs S Victor White & Co.)<br>[For detailed list of contents, <i>see</i> Appendix VII.] | 1 doc | n.d. [c.1897-1899] |
| 69     | <i>Principal Events of a Three Years' Mayoralty</i> (pictorial supplement to the <i>Reading Standard</i> , 7 November 1903, issued to commemorate the mayoralty of A H Bull, 1901-1903.<br>(Includes list of important events, and reproductions of photographs.<br>[For list of contents, <i>see</i> Appendix VIII.]                    | 1 doc | 1903               |
| 70     | <i>Events in Reading and Neighbourhood 1904-5-6</i> (illustrated souvenir produced by the <i>Reading Standard</i> ).<br>[For list of contents, <i>see</i> Appendix IX.]  | 1 doc | [1906]             |
| 71     | <i>Events in Reading and Neighbourhood, 1907-8</i> (illustrated souvenir produced by the <i>Reading Standard</i> ).<br>[For list of contents, <i>see</i> Appendix X.]  | 1 doc | [1908]             |
| 72/1-3 | Programme for mayor's reception for Reading Sunday School teachers, with invitation in envelope addressed to Miss West, 18 Western Elms Avenue, Reading.   | 1 bdl | 1906               |
| 73     | Printed order of service for free churches in commemoration of George VI.  | 1 doc | 1952               |
| 74     | Order of service : Reading Free Church Women's Council [annual service].   | 1 doc | 1990               |
| 75     | 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary order of service of the Polish Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Reading, including brief history.   | 1 doc | 1998               |

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Photographs

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|--------|--|-------|---------------------|
| 76/1-3 | Photographs of family members.<br>(Includes class at Greyfriars School, Reading, including Mrs Ayres' mother Hannah Claridge, c.1891-1892; [Fanny Louisa] Warren's ham and beef stores, 371 Oxford Road, Reading, with staff members in doorway, including Hannah, [c.1904-1910, probably c.1909]; employees of Dunton & Sons, coachbuilders and wheelwrights, outside the workshop, Crane Wharf, Reading, including Mrs Ayres' father James Albert Fisher, n.d. [c.1900s-1910s].) | 1 bdl | n.d. [c.1891-1910s] |
| 77/1-3 | Photographs of staff at the Co-operative Dairy, Reading.   | 1 bdl | n.d.<br>[c.1930s]   |

## APPENDIX I

List of photographs in D/EX 1638/10

- 1 Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel, n.d.
- 2 Oxford Road Wesleyan Sunday School, n.d.
- 3 Oxford Road Wesleyan Church (interior), n.d.
- 4 Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel, n.d.
- 5 Elm Park Hall, n.d.
- 6-7 Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel, n.d.
- 8 Revd Mr Windross, minister at Oxford Road, seated at his desk, n.d.
- 9 Revd and Mrs Windross, son and maid outside the manse, 16 Western Elms Avenue, n.d.
- 10 Harvest thanksgiving display at Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel, 1913.
- 11 Oxford Road Wesleyan Sunday School harvest festival display, n.d.
- 12 Oxford Road Wesleyan Football Club (posed group), 1904/5 season.
- 13 Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel cricket team, n.d.
- 14 Oxford Road Wesleyan Chapel men's class (leader Mr Wells), 1913.
- 15 Circuit ministers, 18 February 1919.
- 16 Revd J Whitehead Clegg, n.d.
- 17 Revd A H Lowe, minister at Caversham Heights Wesleyan Methodist Church, n.d.
- 18 Stonelaying ceremony for Whitley Hall, n.d. [c.1904-1905].
- 19 Party going to tea at Wesley Methodist Church after the Whitley Hall stonelaying, n.d. [c.1904-1905].
- 20 Whitley Hall (interior) : opening service, 1905.
- 21 Stonelaying ceremony for Caversham Heights Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1909.
- 22 Tilehurst Wesleyan Chapel, n.d.
- 23 Wokingham Wesleyan Chapel, n.d.
- 24 Henley upon Thames Wesleyan Chapel, 1912.

25 Three Mile Cross Wesleyan Chapel, 1912.

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List of photographs in D/EX 1638/10 (cont.)

- 26 Trash Green Wesleyan Chapel, Burghfield, 1905.
- 27-28 Press cuttings showing former Trash Green Wesleyan Chapel, converted into a private house, 1999.
- 29 Caversham Road Presbyterian Church, Reading, n.d.
- 30 Wesley Methodist Church, n.d.
- 31 Elm Park Hall, n.d.
- 32 Whitley Hall, 1907.
- 33 Opening ceremony outside Elm Park Hall, 1905.
- 34 Interior of Elm Park Hall (opening service), 1905.
- 35 Friar Street Primitive Methodist Church, n.d.

## APPENDIX II

List of postcards in D/EX 1638/63

- 1 Reading Town Band (prehistoric) (caricature), 1908.
- 2 Reading Town Band (up-to-date) (caricature), 1908.
- 3 Prospect Park, Reading, in snow [mayor feeding his sheep], n.d.
- 4 Prospect Park, Reading, n.d.
- 5 Old Southcote House, Reading, (1907 or 1915).
- 6 Watch tower, Southcote Manor, Reading, (1907 or 1915).
- 7-8 Western Elms Avenue, Reading, n.d.
- 9 Edinburgh Road, Reading (with back entrance to Yokohama, Western Elms Avenue), 1911.
- 10 George Street, Reading, 1909.
- 11 Oxford Road, Reading, in floods, 1910.
- 12 Horse-drawn fire engine going through floods, Oxford Road, Reading, 1910.
- 13 Beresford Road, Reading, in floods, 1910.
- 14 Great Knollys Street, Reading, in floods, 1904.
- 15 Franklin Street, Reading, 1914.
- 16 Reading Barracks, n.d. (coloured illustration, not photographic).
- 17 Grovelands Baptist Chapel, Reading, n.d. [c.1900-1915].
- 18 Horse-drawn tram at terminus, Oxford Road, Reading, n.d.
- 19 Abery's shop ("wardrobe dealer"), 42 Oxford Road, Reading, c.1900.
- 20 Oxford Road, Reading [at corner with Cork Street?], n.d. [c.1900?].
- 21 [13-19] Oxford Road, Reading, including premises of Reading Dairy Company [at no. 17].
- 22 46-52 Oxford Road, Reading, n.d. [c.1900].
- 23 Tram terminus, Bath Road, Reading, in snow, n.d.
- 24 Coley Hill, Reading, looking towards Castle Hill, in snow, n.d.

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List of postcards in D/EX 1638/63 (cont.)

- 25 [Broad Street, Reading], in snow, n.d.
- 26 Waterworks, Bath Road, Reading, n.d.
- 27-28 Huntley & Palmers' premises, [Kings Road], Reading, n.d. [c.1901-1915].
- 29 Reading Industrial Co-operative Society premises, London Road, Reading, n.d.
- 30 Tram terminus, Wokingham Road, Reading, n.d.
- 31 Entrance to Palmer Park, Reading, n.d.
- 32 Reading Temperance Prize Band, n.d.
- 33 Pump at Whitley, Reading, 1909.
- 34-35 Grounds at Whiteknights, Earley, n.d.
- 36 Whiteknights Road, Reading, n.d.
- 37 Pepper Lane, Earley, 1912.
- 38 Entrance to Whiteknights, Earley, n.d.
- 39 Reading School, n.d.
- 40 H O Serpell's biscuit factory, South Street, on fire, 1904.
- 41 Ruins of the same, 1904.
- 42 Caversham Lock, n.d.
- 43 The Clappers, Caversham Lock, n.d.
- 44-45 Caversham Church and the River Thames, n.d.
- 46 Warren Lodge, Caversham, 1908.
- 47-49 The Warren, Caversham, 1904-[c.1908].
- 50 River Thames at Reading, 1909.
- 51 Children's Lake, New Promenade, Thames Side, Reading, 1909.
- 52 The New Promenade, Thames Side, Reading, 1909.
- 53 Caversham Lock and Recreation Ground, n.d.
- 54 Clappers footpath, Reading, in snow, n.d.

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List of postcards in D/EX 1638/63 (cont.)

- 55 Thames floods by moonlight, 1904.
- 56 Caversham [Bridge], n.d.
- 57 View of Reading from Caversham, 1906.
- 58 View of the Kennet valley from Whitley, Reading, 1912.
- 59 Weir Mills, Reading, 1910.
- 60 Mapledurham Ferry, Oxfordshire, 1910.

## APPENDIX III

List of postcards in D/EX 1638/64

- 1 Oxford Road, Tilehurst, n.d.
- 2 Forbury Gardens, Reading (non-photographic illustration), n.d.
- 3 Municipal Buildings, Reading (non-photographic illustration), n.d.
- 4 Reading scenes (Broad Street, Abbey ruins, Municipal Buildings and St Laurence's Church, Forbury Gardens, Abbey gateway, new promenade and bridge at Caversham, Sonning Bridge and Hôtel, and statue of Edward VII), 1910.
- 5 Caversham scenes, [c.1910].
- 6 Entrance to Palmer Park, Reading (non-photographic illustration), n.d.
- 7 Holy Trinity Church, Oxford Road, Reading, (non-photographic illustration), n.d.
- 8-10 Gates to Coley Avenue, Reading, n.d.
- 11-12 Coley Avenue, Reading, n.d.
- 13 Christ Church, Reading, n.d.
- 14 St Giles' Church, Reading, n.d.
- 15 The Promenade, Caversham, n.d.
- 16 Caversham Church from the River Thames, n.d.
- 17-18 Broad Street, Reading, n.d.
- 19 Statue of George Palmer, [Broad Street], Reading, 1909.
- 20 Employees leaving Huntley & Palmer's biscuit factory, n.d.
- 21-22 Oxford Road, Reading, n.d.
- 23 Reading West Station, Great Western Railway, n.d.
- 24 Tilehurst Station, n.d.
- 25 The White Hart, corner of West Street and St Mary's Butts, Reading, n.d.
- 26 [Entrance to the Forbury Gardens] in snow, n.d.
- 27-30 Bath Road, Reading, n.d.
- 31 Municipal Buildings with General Election results posted and insert of Rufus Isaacs, MP, 1906.

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- 32 Town House [later Mansion House], Prospect Park, Reading, n.d.
- 33 Kendrick Hill [later Kendrick Road], Reading, n.d. [1904?] (reproduction of 19th century scene).
- 34 The Old Pump, Whitley, Reading, n.d.
- 35 Broad Street, Reading, n.d. [1930s].
- 36 Broad Street, Reading, 1909.
- 37 Caversham Lock, [c.1919?].
- 38 Steamer [boat] on Thames at Reading, [1918?].
- 39 Tilehurst, n.d.
- 40 Employees leaving Huntley & Palmer's biscuit factory, Reading, n.d.
- 41 Old gate, St Mary's Hill, Tilehurst Road, Reading, 1908.
- 42 Reproduction of illustration of the entrance to The Oracle, Reading, in 1802, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 43 Reproduction of illustration of St Giles' Church, Reading, in 1802, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 44-45 Reproductions of illustrations of St Laurence's Church, Reading, in 1802 and n.d., [c.1900s].
- 46 Reproduction of illustration of St Mary's Church, Reading, in 1802, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 47 Reproduction of illustration of view of Reading from Caversham in 1793, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 48 Reproduction of illustration of view of Reading from Red Lane in 1823, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 49 Reproduction of illustration of Castle Street, Reading, in the 19th century, 1909.
- 50 Reproduction of illustration of London Road, Reading, in the 19th century (including flock of sheep), n.d. [c.1900s].
- 51 Reproduction of illustration of Hosier Street and St Giles' Church, Reading, in the 19th century, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 52 Reproduction of illustration of Duke Street and Bridge, Reading, in 1832, 1905.
- 53 Reproduction of illustration of King Street, Reading, in the 19th century, n.d. [c.1900s].

## APPENDIX III

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- 54      Reproduction of illustration of Reading School and playground in 1816, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 55      Reproduction of illustration of Reading Theatre in 1804, n.d. [c.1900s].
- 56      Reproduction of photograph of Market Place, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].
- 57      Reproduction of photograph of King Street, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].
- 58      Reproduction of photograph of Silver Street, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].
- 59      Reproduction of photograph of jubilee celebrations, St Mary's Butts, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].
- 60      Reproduction of photograph of Southampton Street, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].
- 61      Reproduction of photograph of the Town Hall, Reading, in 1887 (Reading Libraries reprint), n.d. [c.1960s].

## APPENDIX IV

List of postcards in D/EX 1638/65

- 1 Tilehurst [Road?] Hotel, 1910.
- 2-3 University College, Reading, n.d.
- 4 British Dairy Institute, Reading, n.d.
- 5 [Corner of Minster Street?], Reading, n.d.
- 6 Reading College [later Reading University], n.d.
- 7 Graduation ceremony [possibly at Reading College (later University)], n.d.
- 8-10 University College, Reading, 1909.
- 11 Birds-eye view of Reading College [later University], n.d.
- 12 The Lion, Forbury Gardens, n.d.
- 13 Forbury Gardens, Reading, 1904.
- 14 Entrance to Forbury Gardens, Reading, n.d. (non-photographic).
- 15-18 Forbury Gardens, n.d.
- 19-20 Crimean gun and cannon, Forbury Gardens, Reading, n.d.
- 21-25 Abbey ruins, Forbury Gardens, Reading, 1903-1910, n.d.
- 26 Memorial cross to Henry I, Forbury Gardens, Reading, 1924.
- 27 Forbury Road, Reading, n.d.
- 28 Bird's eye view of Reading, n.d.
- 29 Caversham Bridge, n.d.
- 30-33 Broad Street, Reading, n.d.
- 34 London Street, Reading, n.d.
- 35-37 Panoramas of Reading [possibly from St Laurence's Church tower?], 1905.
- 38 Reading Post Office, Friar Street, 1924.
- 39 Broad Street decorated with flags, n.d. [1910?].
- 40 Cross Street seen from Bread Street, Reading, in 1886 (reproduction), n.d.

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List of postcards in D/EX 1638/65 (cont.)

- 41 St Mary's Butts, Reading, in 1886 (reproduction), n.d.
- 42-43 War demonstration in Broad Street, Reading, 1915.
- 44 Site of the Arcade, Broad Street, Reading, n.d. [c.1900-1910].
- 45 The Arcade, Reading, 1910.
- 46 King Street, Reading, n.d.
- 47 Walsingham House, Broad Street, Reading [before 1905] (reproduction), n.d.
- 48 Underground coaching stables, Sun Inn, Castle Street, Reading, 1909.
- 49 St Mary's Butts, Reading, 1909.
- 50 Kendrick Road, Reading, 1909.
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- 52-53 Greyfriars Church, Reading, 1904, n.d.
- 54 Proclamation of George V at Reading, 1910.
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