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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
December 30th, 1929.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and my first experiences of Christmas in East Bridgford add to my confidence that during 1930 we shall ever be drawing closer to each other in the service of God.

I feel it important this month to say something about this Magazine, as we are starting with this issue on what we hope may turn out to be improved lines. I have come to the conclusion that it ought to pay its own way and estimates suggest that this is quite possible if you all support us. You can all help us by trying to appreciate the position. I would have you notice that its costs have to be defrayed by quarterly accounts; it is therefore desirable that monthly subscribers should continue to pay the 2d. on delivery, and that yearly subscribers should not delay the payment of their subscriptions in entirety to the end of the year. Again, if our costs are not to exceed our income, we must limit our local matter to two pages monthly; I ask therefore that any reports or notices forwarded for insertion should be as short and to the point as they can reasonably be made.

I said a word last month about the beauty of your Parish Church. Every Rector of East Bridgford in that long line of many centuries has doubtless felt, as I do, that, as the centre of all Church life in the parish and the spiritual home of the parishioners, it must be well cared-for. Now the Parochial Church Council find that the heating apparatus will certainly require a new stove and an overhauling before next Winter and that there is a growing desire that worshippers should have the advantages of electric lighting; there are also some minor requirements.

In short, the Council wish they had at least £120 available for these improvements, which cannot be indefinitely postponed. We have therefore decided to hold a Garden Fête on Saturday June 28th, which is a most suitable date being the Eve of Sunday June 29th, St. Peter's Day (the Patronal Festival of East Bridgford Church and the Feast Sunday). The Council hope to announce details later on and to suggest ways in which all of us can do "our little bit"; meanwhile we ask all of you to make a careful note of the date, Saturday June 28th.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

A Confirmation Service is to be held at Bingham Church, on Monday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. Classes in preparation will be held at East Bridgford by the Rector, commencing during the last week in January. It is proposed to hold these classes at the Rectory and it has been suggested that Wednesdays at 7 p.m. may be suitable for lads and young men, and possibly Thursdays at 7 p.m. for girls and young women. The Rector would, however, be glad to hear of any other suggestions and would also welcome any young people of suitable age at the classes, whether they desire to be confirmed this year or not. He is also willing to arrange for special instruction to any adults who may be thinking of Confirmation.

The Nursing Association announce that Nurse Pike hopes to commence her duties early in January.

A very interesting lecture on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society was given at the annual local public meeting in the Women's Institute on December 5th. We wish that all Christian people in East Bridgford had been present to hear what is being done for that world-wide work to which we are all pledged surely by the very name of "Christian."

TENNIS CLUB.—The General Meeting was held in the School on November 11th. The Balance Sheet shewed a credit balance of £5 15s. 5½d. Officers for 1930 were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Owen Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. Boyce; Joint Secretaries, Miss Butler and Mr. H. Fletcher; Committee, Mrs. Bateman, Messrs. Rhodes, Shipman and Pailing, Misses O. Boyce, R. Ingram and McHardy; Selection Committee, Messrs. Rhodes and Pailing, Misses Ingram and Butler. A Grounds Committee, to help the groundsman with the wire, &c., was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Rhodes, Ingram and Pailing. We hope to raise funds for a new pavilion before long, as the roof of the present shed is beyond repair. All new members will be welcomed; the subscription will be as usual, viz., 7/6 (for Juniors, 5/-). The Club is badly in need of funds.

As this Magazine is now to be printed locally, it will come from Nottingham by road and no longer by railway via Bingham. In view of the change it seems opportune to express the thanks of our readers to Mr. John Mills, who has for many years brought the parcel monthly from Bingham Station free of charge.

East Bridgford people have many reasons for being proud of their Day Schools, which are well worthy of their support. The cold weather in the early months of 1929 emphasised the fact that the heating of the Infant Department by one open fire is quite inadequate and both the Education Committee and the local Managers now feel that the room must be provided, like the other Department, with hot-water heating apparatus. We are bound to make a special effort for this object and the Managers appeal earnestly for subscriptions, large or small, to be sent to the Rector or to Miss Fox to meet the costs, which are estimated at from £25 to £30.

MOTHERS' UNION.—A well-attended meeting of the Branch was held at Mrs. Hadley's home on November 22nd; the new Rector and Mrs. King were both present. The former addressed the members on the sanctity of marriage as essential to civilisation and to the Kingdom of Christ on earth, Mrs. King also adding a few words. In the absence of Mrs. Claye, the President, the Chair was occupied by Mrs. Cartwright. The Committee for 1930 was duly elected.

THE BRITISH LEGION.—The local Secretary is asked to thank the public of this district for their increased gifts to the Earl Haig Fund. A total of £13 17s. 6d. was collected this time in East Bridgford itself (including an offertory in Church on Armistice Sunday of £4 7s. 10d.), and with the addition of offerings from Flintham, Hawksworth, Shelford and Kneeton, the total for the whole area exceeds £20. The membership of the local Branch of the British Legion is now over 100, and any ex-service men who are not yet members may well join for the opening of a new year. The Headquarters' Hut is now open every Tuesday evening.

BAPTISM.—December 15th. Meryl Mary Green.

BURIAL.—December 13th. Mary Gilleen Blagg, aged 2 years.

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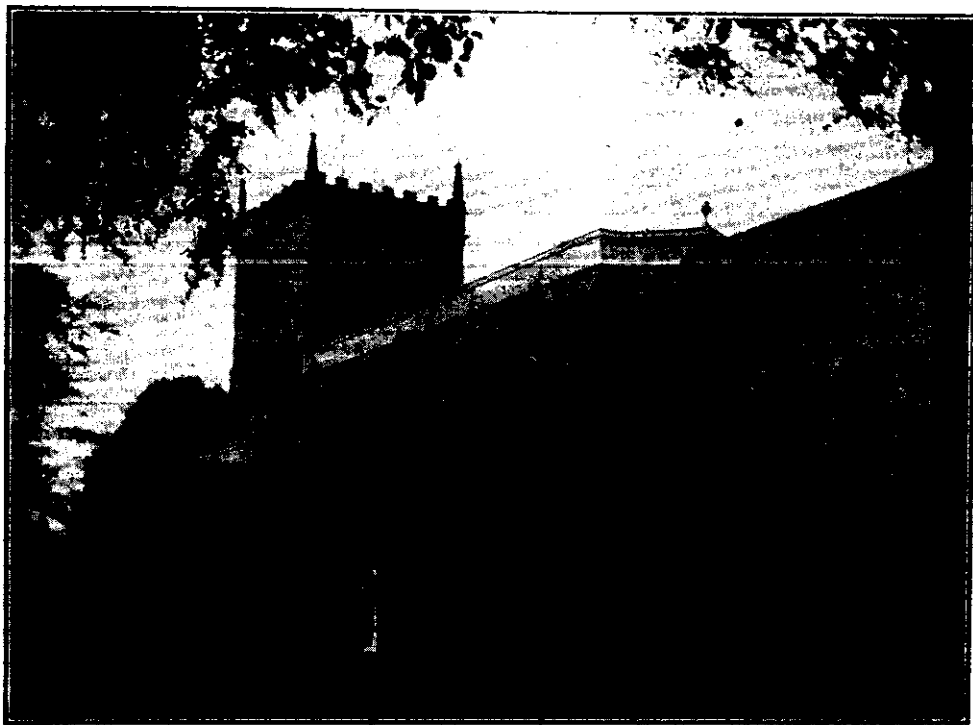
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
January 27th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

During the short time I have been in East Bridgford, I have noticed the opportunities available to you here in the spheres of religious and social life; these would compare favourably, I think, with those of any parish of its size.

You have a glorious Church, sanctified by the devotions of your forefathers for centuries past, and there are few winter evenings in which social gatherings of some kind are not being held.

With regard to the first, I would warn you, especially my brother *men*, of the danger of treating lightly the duty of regular public worship. After all, we are only here for a few years, and we only live our lives once. If prayer and public worship are the main factors in keeping our lives God-ward (and I personally believe them so to be), then prayer and worship have a first claim on us all. I know how easily we fall into dissolute habits with regard to both—how terribly easy it is to omit our prayers—how readily we find it “impossible” to go to Church at all—how on a wet day “it is too wet to go to Church,” and on a fine day “we must be out in the fresh air!” I know, too, how easily we can comfort ourselves that religious doubts prevent us from attending Church when we have never really taken the trouble to investigate our “doubts,” and our real complaint is spiritual indolence.

I know how easy it is to think that our week's work and anxieties justify a Sunday entirely of sloth or pleasure. But none of this shallow reasoning seems to me capable of “standing the fire.” It stands to reason that if we believe in the existence of the Father of Love behind Creation, then He has an entire claim on our lives and a right to demand that we both realise His presence and work His purposes. We cannot either realise His presence or work His purposes without prayer, and worship is a debt owed to the Creator by His creatures; moreover, in united worship, we *learn* to pray and *discover* His purpose for us, as it is revealed to us in Christ.

With regard to social gatherings I rejoice to find there are so many in this parish; they are a means of happiness to us all and are, therefore, to my mind very important. Only let us take care we do not spoil their usefulness by letting them interfere with higher interests. I am at the moment starting Confirmation Classes and am finding it impossible to fix dates suitable to *all* the candidates; parents can, however, help me very much by pointing out to young people that classes which may affect their whole future happiness must for a few weeks take precedence of social enjoyment.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

Our Sunday School Christmas-tide Gathering on January 2nd, in the Temperance Hall, proved a great success. After an excellent tea the children went home to bring many parents to join them at the magic lantern exhibition at 6 p.m., and, after some music by the

orchestra, a series of beautiful slides were shewn depicting the events of the early life of the Holy Child. The appropriate passages of Scripture were meanwhile read-out, and at intervals suitable hymns and carols were sung by the children. Combined hymn and prayer books, or other awards, were afterwards distributed to all scholars who had reached the necessary standard of marks during the Sunday School year. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and concluded with hearty cheers for the teachers.

All parishioners have felt regret at the serious illness of our Churchwarden, Mr. Edwin Hadley, which has deprived us all of his presence at the services and gatherings of Christmas and Christmas-tide. Our readers will all be glad to know that Mr. Hadley is now convalescent, and hopes to resume all his duties when he has had time for complete recovery.

The “Old Folks’ Tea” and Entertainment, given under the auspices of the Women’s Institute, on January 10th, to those parishioners who have reached the mature age of 70, promoted a very happy gathering with an atmosphere of friendship which all present were conscious of. It has been said that the civilisation of a community may be measured by its respect to advancing years; it would appear from the tone of this gathering that East Bridgford has little to be ashamed of in this respect.

Other important fixtures in January included the successful Social of the Women’s Institute on January 14th, and that held in the Temperance Hall on January 16th. We hope to hear that the last-named secured considerable profits in aid of the General Hospital.

The junior members of our Choir were entertained at the Rectory on January 15th, and after tea, games were merrily engaged-in for 2½ hours, during which “the ball kept rolling” very readily. The senior members and the bell-ringers in their turn visited the Rectory on January 17th, and, after having supper together, were entertained to good music by Sidney J. Burdett, Esq., of Nottingham, who brought with him one of his pupils in the person of Master Allan Burfitt, an Old Radford choir-boy. Master Burfitt has won important prizes for his singing at Carlton, Birmingham, Cannock and Blackpool, and broadcasted from 5G.B. quite recently; we were all glad to hear him at the Rectory, and were much obliged both to himself and Mr. Burdett.

We hope to publish a report of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in next issue.

By the time this Magazine reaches our readers the Confirmation Classes will have started, but new members will be welcomed during the first week in February. The times at which the classes will be held will be announced in Church each Sunday, and any further information will be gladly supplied by the Rector.

BAPTISMS.—January 12th. Eleanor Mavis Paling.
January 19th. George Warwick Ellis.

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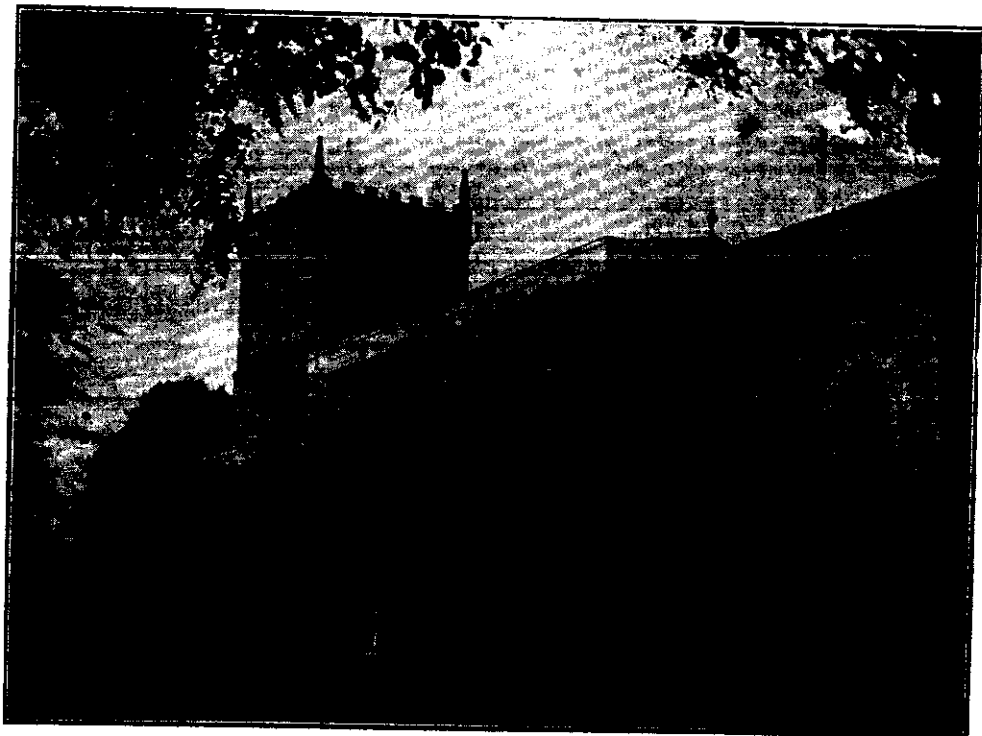
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The Lenten call of the Church to the faithful is quite clear; here we are outside all differences of party. Through the centuries of the Christian era she has called her children to mark the forty days by definite arrangement of the duties of self-examination, repentance, self-denial and prayer. There is no question about the need of these factors in the Christian life if any spiritual progress is to be made at all. It is indeed true that these duties are binding on Christ's followers *at all times*, but "human nature is weak and God blesses means. And that for which there is no *special* time fixed, and of which therefore there is no *special* call to remind us, is very apt to be forgotten altogether." And so the annual call comes round again; many will no doubt disregard it as usual to their own spiritual loss, while those who accept it will find themselves closer to the Master and more deeply interested in His Kingdom. You will read below of some arrangements made in this parish for Lenten services, which may prove helpful; I earnestly ask all who can to give them a trial.

Then there is the matter of good resolutions. Those who are faithful to the call of Lent seldom find much difficulty in framing their resolutions; the healthy struggle is to keep them. But some may desire suggestions; here is a very simple one:—Make very definite rules for yourself now for your attention during Lent to (1) The Holy Communion; (2) Daily prayer; (3) Reading the Bible; (4) Public worship; (5) Self-denial and offerings.

With regard to the last-named, self-denial is more welcome when we know that its fruits are definitely given to Christ. I am, therefore, making arrangements by which any offerings, however small, which we save by foregoing any pleasure or luxury, during Lent, may be sent directly to the support of a Christian Medical Mission in Persia. Of this I hope to say something in Church, and please see below.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

LENTEN SERVICES.—*Ash Wednesday* (March 5th), Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m. *Each Friday during Lent*, 10.30 a.m., Litany and a Devotional Reading; 7 p.m., Evening Service with Short Address. The sermons on Sunday evenings during Lent will consist of a course on the subject: "Does the Cross save?"

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held in the Schools on Wednesday, January 29th, at 8 p.m., the Rector presiding. The Electoral Roll, as revised up-to-date, was formerly accepted by the meeting. The Chairman summarised the work of the Council during 1929, and the Church accounts for that year were presented by Mr. Beaumont. The Statement, which has already been printed and circulated at Church, shewed a balance in hand of £1 14s. 11d. on the Churchwardens' Account, of £5 16 10½d. on the Special Collections Account, and of £3 11s. 2d. on the New Churchyard Fund respectively. The Statement was unanimously adopted. The elections for 1930 resulted as follows:—Representative on Diocesan Conference, Miss Fox; Representatives on Ruri-decanal Conference, Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Beaumont; further Representatives on Parochial Church Council, Messrs.

C. Allwood, E. Coyille, H. Curtis, W. Lander, C. Millington, and N. Rhodes; Mistresses C. Allwood and C. Millington; Misses Huskinson, Millington and M. Robinson. The Churchwardens (Messrs. Hadley and Beaumont) are members of the Council, *ex-officio*. The eight Sidesmen were re-elected, *viz.*:—Messrs. C. Allwood, H. Curtis, T. Jesson, W. Jones, W. Lander, C. Millington, G. Moor and W. R. Sharman. The Rector reported on the good condition of the Fabric of the Church, and after some minor business the meeting closed.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—A very heavy fog seriously affected the attendance, both of performers and audience, on the occasion of the entertainment given by the "Epperstonians," on January 30th, and we congratulate the performers on getting through with credit despite the unexpected difficulties. They were good enough to repeat the performance the next evening, when everything went off splendidly, in the presence of an appreciative audience. On account of the regrettable accident to Mrs. Owen Taylor, the promoter—an accident which we all deplore and are thankful to know has not resulted in permanent injury—the accounts of the entertainment are not yet quite completed; but we are already assured that the two good causes of the Nursing Society and the British Legion will each benefit to the extent of approximately ten pounds.

That the popular "Whist Drive and Dance" has not yet lost its hold received further evidence on Feb. 13th, when no less than 132 players sat down at the tables in the Temperance Hall, for the opening of what proved a most enjoyable evening. In asking the Rector to present the prizes for Whist at "half-time," Mr. R. H. Swain pointed out the advantages to our lads of the Boys' Brigade movement, in aid of which the entertainment had been organised, and a hearty vote of thanks to the donors of prizes was given on the proposition of Captain Bullers.

MISSIONARY EFFORT.—In the year 1898 the Church Missionary Society's Medical Missions Auxiliary opened a Hospital at YEZD, in Persia, and shortly thereafter it was in charge of a small staff under the leadership of Dr. Henry White, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. The progress of the work over long years among the Fire-worshippers and Mohammedans of Persia, the gradual triumph over opposition and the preservation of the workers amid danger, form a very wonderful and interesting story. The Hospital is now a great institution with a large number of beds, an operating theatre in which many a life is saved from pain and death week by week, and an out-patients' department where the visits run into an annual tale of many thousands. To all these patients "the Gospel is preached," and many are the stories of converts who have stuck to their faith heroically in face of persecution. Here surely is the practical fulfilment of Christ's command to "preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick." After giving the best years of his life to this work, Dr. Henry White is now in London working at a Medical Mission in a crowded area, and giving up his leisure in speaking on behalf of Missionary work, especially appealing for support of the work of his successors at Yezd. To the work at Yezd, East Bridgford Church people are invited to give self-denial offerings during Lent, and boxes into which anonymous offerings may be placed will be obtainable from the Rector before Ash Wednesday. There is, we are glad to say, a prospect of Dr. White being able to visit us about Easter, to thank us for our offerings and to tell us all about the work at Yezd.

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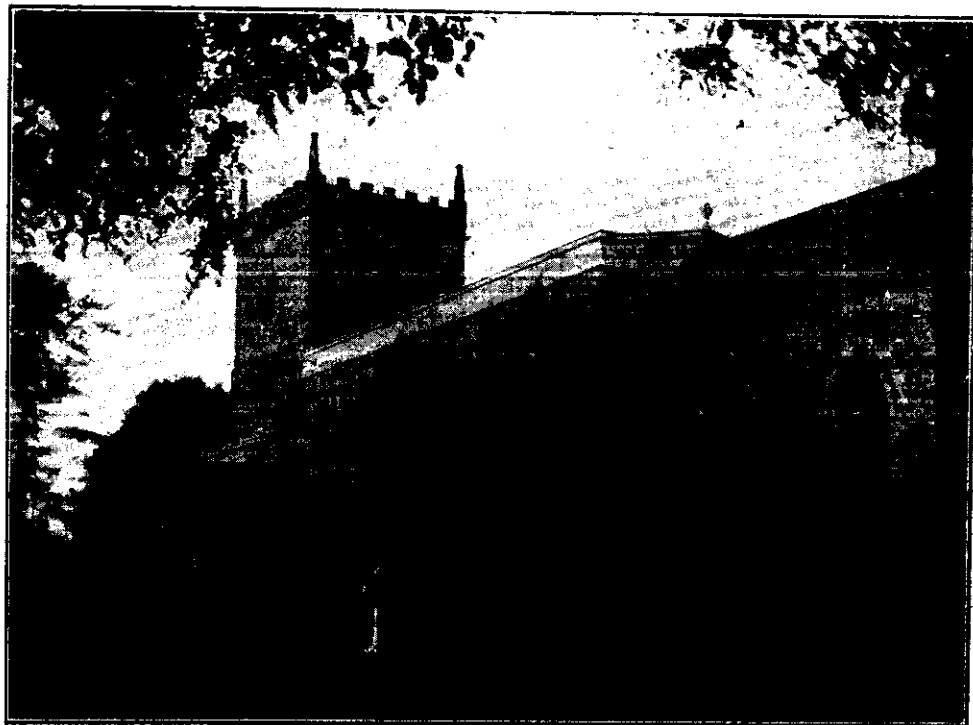
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Those of us who remember the saintly life of some great friend now at rest always remember three things about him every year; we remember his birthday, the day of his death, and his last wishes. We may often forget him in daily life, but these three memories are always recalled. Are we all really true in this way to the Great Friend Unchanging?

There is a sense in which none of us forget His Birthday, for we all willingly accept, on Christmas Day, at least the earthly rejoicing consequent upon His Birth; but one fears this does not always lead to that personal rededication to which Christmas calls the true Christian. Now are we willing to properly observe the day of His Death? Do we enter on Good Friday into solemn sympathy with His sufferings for us, or do we just accept it as a holiday without really thinking *what that holiday cost?*

I imagine that those who only treat Good Friday as a holiday cannot really have the real Easter joy two days later.

And -what about His last wishes? What was the commission He specially entrusted for all time to the circle of His friends that night before He suffered? "This do in remembrance of Me."

And so when Easter Day comes with its glorious message of His Resurrection, all of us who are faithful communicants surely desire to shew Him how anxious we are to carry out His command. Let us, therefore, prepare in earnest for our Easter Communion.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Candidates from East Bridgford will be presented for Confirmation at Bingham Church on Monday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made for their transport by special omnibus leaving East Bridgford Church Gate at 6.10 p.m., and again leaving Bingham Church at 8.30 p.m.

On Palm Sunday (April 13th), Dr. Henry White, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Yezd Hospital, Persia, will visit East Bridgford. Dr. White is licensed as a Diocesan Lay Reader by the Bishop of London, and by the permission of our own Bishop will give an address at both the Morning and Evening Services in East Bridgford Church. His visit provides an opportunity for all who sincerely desire the Redemption of the World to hear something of what is actually being done in an important corner of the Mission Field. We are glad so many Lenten boxes in aid of the work at Yezd have been taken out by members of the congregation. These boxes should be handed-in at Church or at the Rectory not later than Easter Day.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Holy Week there will be short services each day at 10.30 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. At the morning service in each case the Ante-Communion for the day will be read, and on the Thursday it will be followed by the Holy Communion itself. The service on Tuesday evening (April 15th) will consist of a rendering of Stainer's Oratorio, "THE CRUCIFIXION," by the members of Arnold Church Choir, and on Wednesday evening (April 16th) there will be a short address in preparation for the EASTER COMMUNION.

On Good Friday, the Ante-Communion will be read at 8 a.m. there will also be morning and evening services at the hours of 10.45 and 6.30, and a Service of Meditation from 2 to 3 p.m. on "THE STORY OF THE CROSS." The last-named service has been found to be very helpful in other parishes, and we specially advise those who have little time otherwise on Good Friday to make a strong effort to attend at 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19th (EASTER EVEN), Ante-Communion, 10.30 a.m. On EASTER DAY there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and Mid-day (after morning service).

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday in Easter Week (April 22nd) in the Schools.

On Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week (21st and 22nd) the Ante-Communion will in any case be read at 10.30 a.m., and if any parishioners desire the Holy Communion to be celebrated on either day will they kindly ask the Rector to arrange for it.

At their meeting on March 15th the Parochial Church Council decided, in view of the representations which had been made, to alter the date of the proposed Garden Fête (originally fixed for June 28th) to Whit Monday, June 9th, and arrangements are now in hand for that date. We are glad to announce that, through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. L. Owen Taylor, the Fête is to be held in the grounds of the Manor. The objects are briefly to raise money for the electric lighting of the Church and for necessary alterations and renewals in the heating arrangements of the Church and Church Infant School. We trust that all friends of East Bridgford Church will be with us on Whit-Monday and bring others with them. Contributions of any saleable articles will be most gladly received by any member of the Parochial Church Council. We have already engaged the services of the Bingham Brass Band for the afternoon, and the ladies of the congregation are already taking steps to make the stalls a success.

Further evidence of the efficient work done by the East Bridgford Boys' Brigade was certainly furnished at the Inspection and Demonstration in the Temperance Hall on March 18th. A better display by a B.B. Company must have been seldom seen; we heartily congratulate both officers and boys.

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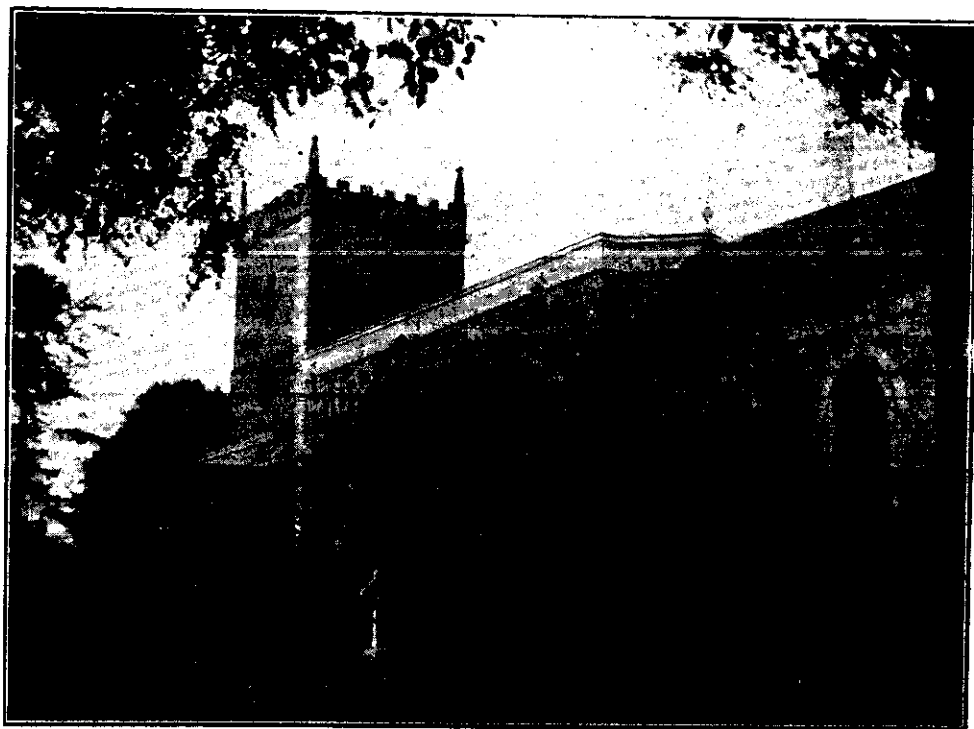
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
April 28th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The joyous nature of our Easter services was very encouraging. Despite unseasonable weather the surroundings of the Church and village of East Bridgford seemed full of the Easter message, which was perhaps best realised by those who had tried to observe the Lenten season faithfully. Our Church had been beautifully decorated by faithful workers, and the Choir led the singing very well indeed. The communicants on Easter Day numbered 148 and the congregations, especially the evening congregation, were large.

Now the Resurrection of Our Lord was the beginning of His glorification, which however would not have been complete without His Ascension. If we think this out we shall find that Christians who appreciate the Easter message must logically think of His Ascension with great joy.

I earnestly ask you to observe the Ascension Day, which falls on Thursday, May 29th; a list of the services will be found below.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The rendering of Dr. Stainer's Oratorio, "The Crucifixion," by Arnold Church Choir, on April 15th, helped many of us in the solemn thoughts of Holy Week; our Arnold friends were gratified by the attendance and attention of some 250 parishioners of East Bridgford.

On Ascension Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at 10.30 a.m.; there will be a service for children at 9 a.m. (to which adults are also invited) and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.

The visit of Dr. Henry White on Palm Sunday will, we hope, prove to have given distinct stimulus to our interest in the Missionary work of the Church overseas. His addresses in Church, which were full of earnest conviction, were listened to with attention by good congregations, while his words to the Parochial Church Council in the afternoon made it clear to us that the Church can, if she will, break down the barriers of Mussulman prejudice by steady and self-sacrificing work. To have heard first-hand such convincing accounts of the work in one of the hardest corners of the Mission field throws upon us all an additional responsibility; for we are apt to forget that it is precisely upon the attitude of ordinary worshippers in our parishes that the progress of World Redemption depends. It is absolutely true that every Christian is pledged to do his part in the evangelisation of the world, and when all Christians realise it, then the kingdoms of this world may rapidly become "the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

We are glad to be able to record a considerable response to the appeal for Lenten offerings to the work of the Missionary Hospital founded by Dr. White, at Yezd, Persia. A complete statement of the amounts collected by Lent boxes will be found at the Church door. At the moment of writing one box is still to be returned, and the total contained in the others amounted to £5 4s. 4d.; the addition of £3 6s. 9d., offertories on Palm Sunday, and a subscription of 2/6, suggests that we shall be able to forward a complete total of about £9 to the Medical Missions Auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society for the support of the Hospital at Yezd.

The number of eggs collected in East Bridgford during "Egg Week," for the General Hospital, reached the large total of 1,740, which seems a very praiseworthy response from a parish of under 800 population.

At the impressive Confirmation Service held at Bingham Church on April 7th, the following candidates from East Bridgford were confirmed by our Bishop:—Wilfred Smith, Charles Norman Whyley, Bernard William Peatman, Anthony William Freestone, Alice Mary North, Lucy Bailey, Joyce Marjorie Summersgill, Sybil Curtis, Mavis Hilda Freestone, Edna Cox, Hilda Pailing, Kathleen Bennett, Kathleen Shipman, May Fernley.

At the Easter Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens, on April 22nd, Mr. Beaumont was nominated by the Rector, and Mr. Hadley was nominated on behalf of the people. Both gentlemen, we are glad to say, were unanimously appointed, as well as being heartily thanked for their services during the past year.

At an interesting little service in Church, on April 23rd (St. George's Day), the colours presented to our Girl Guides' Company in memory of Miss Upton as a gift from her relatives, were formally handed over and dedicated.

The Rector desires to express his gratitude to Parishioners for the Easter offerings.

All members of the congregation are asked to help to make the Garden Fête on Whitmonday a great success. The ladies have matters well in hand so far as their part is concerned and it is now up to the men to make suggestions and offer help in any way they can. To that end all men in the congregation are cordially invited to meet in the Schools on Thursday, May 8th, at 8 p.m.

WEDDING.—April 19th, Ernest William Mills to Kathleen Emma Fox.

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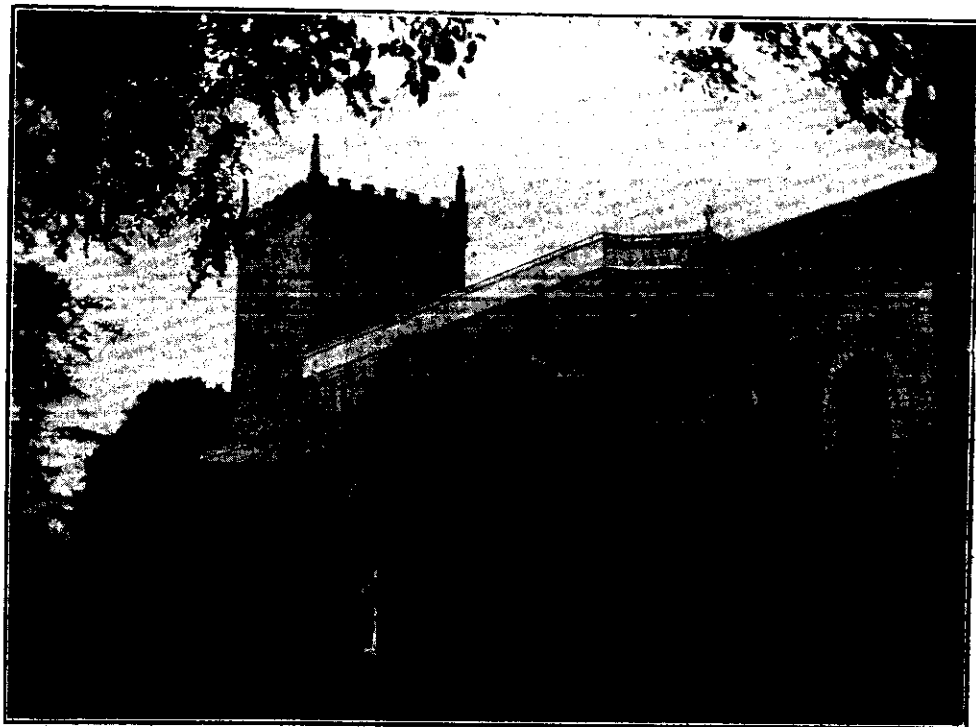
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
May 26th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Whit-Sunday is the Birthday of the Church, for by that outpouring at Pentecost the Risen and Ascended Lord not only knit into One Body the band of true disciples He had chosen and prepared for the purpose, but also filled that Body with His Own Divine Life, so that it became the Divine Society.

In his recent Pastoral Letter our Bishop reminds us that each baptised Christian belongs to that greatest of all Societies and is thus pledged to promote its object, *viz.*, the extension of the Kingdom of God, an object in which, if we be true, we are bound to play our part.

Dear friends, we owe our own knowledge of everlasting salvation to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Church at Jerusalem 1,900 years ago, and without the blessing we inherit from that outpouring we cannot fulfil our part. Surely then on Whit-Sunday all faithful Churchpeople will desire to join in the Holy Communion full of thanksgiving for God's gift of the Holy Ghost and full of yearning prayer that fresh outpourings of that gift may come upon their own lives.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Mr. Arthur Euerby, who was buried at East Bridgford on May 10th, lived the greater part of his life in this parish and was well known to parishioners. Born at Tythby in 1850, he came here with his parents at an early age and later, as a young man, served in the Army, his military duties taking him to India for a period. Thereafter he became groom and gardener to the late Dr. Lamb, of Arnold, and 38 years ago he returned to East Bridgford to serve in a similar capacity to other gentlemen, including the late Mr. Clough and the late Dr. Duff. In July, 1927, having retired from active work, he went to reside with his daughter at Mansfield, where he passed away on May 7th. He revisited East Bridgford as recently as January of this year. His wife (née Crossland) predeceased him in 1916. There are three surviving children, of whom the eldest (Mr. Arthur Euerby, Junior) resides at Lowdham.

On Whit-Sunday (June 8th), Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and also at Mid-day. On Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week (9th and 10th), the Ante-Communion Service will be read at 8 a.m. On Wednesday, June 11th (Festival of St. Barnabas), there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

On Sunday, June 29th (St. Peter's Day, the Patronal Festival of East Bridgford Church and the Feast Sunday), there will be the usual Memorial Service at the War Memorial at 3 p.m. On this occasion the new banner, which has been presented to the local Branch of the British Legion, will be formally dedicated and handed over to the Branch.

The GARDEN FÊTE in aid of the Electric Lighting of the Church and other Church purposes is now so well advertised in East Bridgford and surrounding villages that it seems hardly necessary to do more than remind our readers that it is to be held at East Bridgford Manor on Whit-Monday, June 9th, and will be opened by Lady Bowden at 2.30 p.m. All we want now is good weather and a full attendance, and we all hope for the best. In the event of very bad weather we have decided to still "carry on," as the teas, stalls, &c., &c., could be provided in the Schools and other Halls; in view of the fact that catering and other arrangements will have been made, full postponement would lead to considerable loss.

The 64th Annual Show of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society will be held in marquees in Mr. J. Allwood's field, on Feast Tuesday, July 1st, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Southwell Diocesan Missionary Festival is to be held at Southwell on Thursday, June 12th; there will be services in the Minster at 11.45 a.m. and 3 p.m., the preachers being the Bishops of North Queensland and Mombasa. Arrangements have been made for Luncheon at 1.15 p.m. in the Hall of the Bishop's Manor, and also for Tea at 4.30 p.m. Luncheon or Tea tickets must be obtained before July 7th. Handbills of complete arrangements may be obtained from the Rector.

The amount raised by house-to-house collection in East Bridgford, in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, totalled £14 6s. 4d. This does not, of course, include subscriptions given to the cause through other channels by residents in the parish.

It has been a great pleasure to all parishioners to again welcome the presence in East Bridgford of the Rev. A. D. Hill, who paid a visit to the scene of his former labours for a few days in May. We expected a large congregation when he preached on Sunday evening, May 18th, and we were not disappointed. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hill may see his way to re-visit us frequently in the future; he may be assured of an ever-ready welcome among all those to whom his long ministry here has meant so much.

The Bingham Deanery Branches of the Mothers' Union will hold a United Service in East Bridgford Church at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, June 24th. The East Bridgford Branch is arranging for its Members to have an afternoon outing to Lincoln on Tuesday, July 15th, the return fare from East Bridgford by special omnibus being 3/6. Members of other Branches of the Deanery are invited to join the party. The names of all Members who wish to attend this outing must reach Mrs. Beaumont, East Bridgford, on or before July 7th.

At a Service in East Bridgford Church on Monday, May 26th, six new Members and one Associate were admitted to the G.F.S.; at the same Service the new Banner of the Bingham Deanery Branch was formally Dedicated.

BAPTISM.—May 18th, Arthur Ellis.

BURIALS.—May 7th, Ann Ellis, aged 77 years.

May 10th, Arthur Euerby, aged 79 years.

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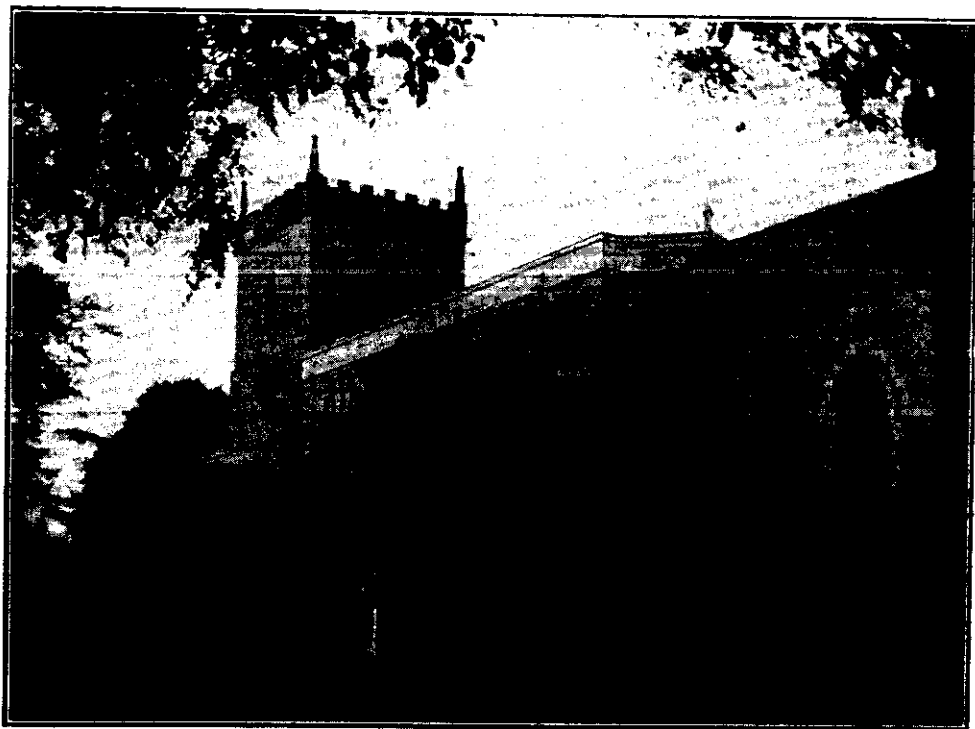
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I hear of many who, during the next few weeks, will be having a holiday, if only for a few days. May I venture to point out one important aspect of a holiday which in these days we are all liable to forget? A holiday affords us a chance of quietly thinking over the whole of life; for we can be detached for a brief period from the stress of our accustomed occupations and survey our life as it were from the outside. Here is undoubtedly a great opportunity; sit alone by the sea, the river or in the forest, and ask yourself—am I making the best of my life? Half-an-hour's thought in this direction in the presence of God's work in nature may send you home a better and happier man or woman. On the other hand, forgetfulness of God while on holiday, or the neglect of God's House simply because you are not in your own parish, is quite likely to have the contrary effect.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

Friday, July 25th, is the Festival of St. James, Apostle and Martyr; there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Members of the East Bridgford Company of the Boys' Brigade who were fortunate enough to be able to join the B. B. Camp at Skegness at Whitsuntide had indeed a memorable time. Some rain during the first day or two, which did not penetrate our excellent bell-tents, only served to freshen up our surroundings and we had continuous fine weather with much sunshine during the rest of the period. The deluge in Nottingham district on Friday night, June 13th, did not visit Skegness, where we had a comfortable and deep sleep as usual for our last night, and we all returned home feeling much the better in every way for the healthy exercise, regularity, discipline, fellowship, and spiritual uplift of a happy week.

East Bridgford Church was the centre selected for the Bingham Deanery branches of the Mothers' Union, when the Southwell Diocesan United Services took place at 3 p.m. on June 24th. We were pleased to welcome 150 members at East Bridgford from our own and surrounding parishes, an attendance which made the service inspiring. The Mothers had a beautiful day, except for a short shower about the time of their departure, and took the opportunity of visiting gardens which were kindly opened to them.

No undertaking could have been more successful than our Garden Fete on Whit Monday. We owe grateful thanks in the first place to Dr. and Mrs. L. Owen Taylor for the use of the Manor grounds and for all the encouraging energy which they and their staff carried into the work of preparation, and Lady Bowden's kindness in coming to open the Fete was very much appreciated. We are next indebted to the enthusiastic efforts of our Parochial Church Council and those

many other helpers whose names are too numerous to mention. The 600 persons who attended the Fete were favoured with splendid weather and the surroundings for the Children's Maypole Dance (in which, thanks to Mrs. Rhodes' careful tuition, there was no hitch), for the music, the tennis and other fascinating amusements, seemed an almost perfect setting. The stalls, for which such careful preparation was made, did very well all day, and the tea-garden was so well patronised that our energetic workers found it difficult to keep pace with the business. Mr. Hadley announces that the total gross takings amounted to about £155, as will be shewn in the forthcoming Balance Sheet; the expenses are not likely to exceed £22, so that we look for a net total of some £133 to be available to the Parochial Church Council for the purposes they have in view. These purposes are fairly well-known, but those who are unaware of the position may be interested to know that while the first object is the electric lighting of the Church, including the laying of electric cable, there are the following objects in addition which the Council is being asked to consider:—

Repairs to masonry inside South wall of Chancel necessitated through damage by rain and defective spouting.

Renewal of stove in Church heating apparatus.

Repairs to four weather-cocks on Church tower, with readjustments to flag-pole.

Heating-pipes for the Church Infants' Schoolroom.

Cleaning of Chancel wall.

We understand that the Council will at least consider the claims of all these and perhaps other objects which are calling for help; all who worked for the Garden Fete will thus realise how opportune has been the success of their united endeavour.

The Ladies' tea parties which were held in furtherance of the interests of the Garden Fete proved themselves to have a value as social gatherings so enjoyable that many ladies have expressed a hope that similar parties may be held in the future. It may interest those who attended them that these gatherings produced profits included in the Garden Fete total, as follows:—March 18th, £1 16s. 1d.; March 27th, £2; April 10th, £2 7s. 3d.; April 24th, £2 15s. 0d.; May 8th, £2 15s. 1d.; May 22nd, £2 15s. 0d.; two donations of one pound each, £2; total, £16 8s. 5d. By using £4 0s. 10d. of this amount in the purchase of materials which were made up into articles selling for £8 7s. 6d., the Ladies thus added another net profit of £4 6s. 8d. to their total, so that we really have to thank them for £20 15s. 1d. in all.

An account of the Services on the Feast Sunday will appear in our next issue.

BAPTISMS.—May 28th, Elsie May Cooper.

June 15th, Gerald Walter Willis.

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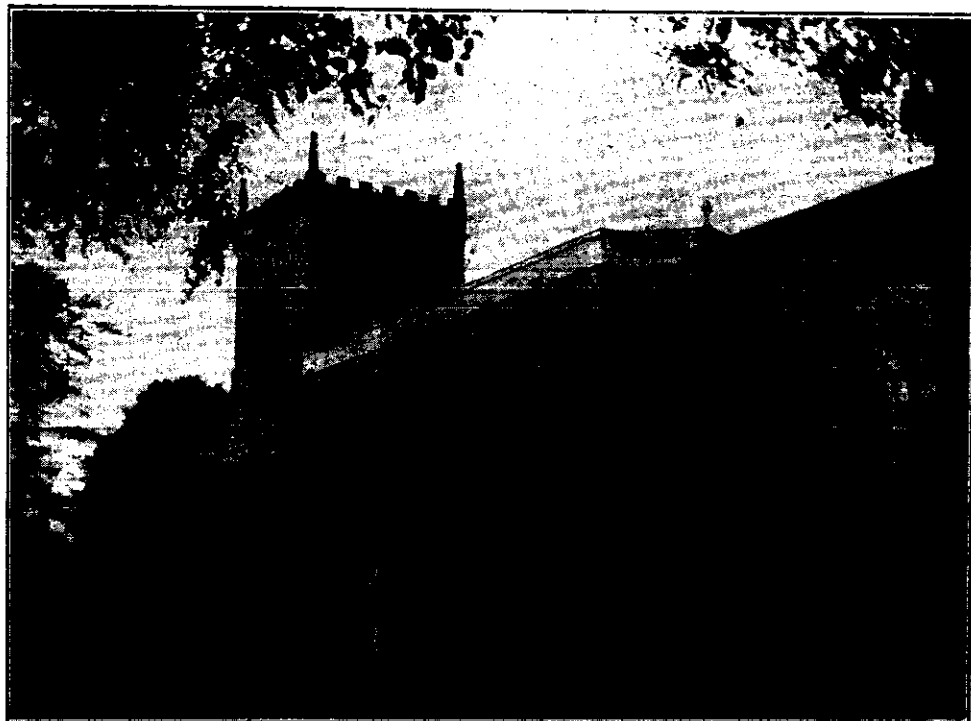
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We have prayers in Church just now on behalf of the Lambeth Conference, at which 300 Bishops of the Anglican Communion the world over are now sitting in London. The time is now upon them when they have to make decisions on problems vital and important to the Church in the future. All thoughtful people realise that these decisions are bound to carry enormous weight, and our Bishop therefore asks us to try and surround the Conference with an atmosphere of intercession.

I suggest that from now until August 11th we all add to our daily prayers a fervent petition for God's guidance in the decisions of the Conference.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

Glorious weather prevailed on the Feast Sunday (June 29th). Our morning congregation was swelled by the welcome presence of some 50 officers of the Nottingham Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, who happened to be in Conference here, and paraded to Church accompanied by the boys of the East Bridgford and Lowdham companies and headed by a Bugle Band drawn from our own and the Beeston companies.

The rebuilding of the fallen portion of the wall on the road in front of the Memorial Cross, and the work of members of the British Legion in tidying up the Memorial and its surroundings for the customary afternoon service, helped to make the scene one to be remembered. The Choir, the Band, the British Legion, Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides, G.F.S., and a large congregation, all did their part in what proved a very impressive service, which included, on this occasion, the solemn dedication of the new banner presented to the local branch of the British Legion.

At the evening service in Church our thoughts were turned to the work of our Parish Church through the long centuries, and our Choir rendered Elvey's appropriate anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the House of the Lord." Could we but get back the old religious fervour that once characterised the Feast, the Church would be crowded on the Feast Sunday.

The death of Mrs. May Fletcher (née Milner) at the age of 62, has caused regret throughout our parish, and we all sympathise deeply with Mr. John Fletcher, his family and relatives.

Mrs. Fletcher, whose early home was at Kirklington, entered the domestic service of the late Rev. A. A. Barker, at East Bridgford, about the year 1886, and continued a trusted servant at the Rectory until his death in 1897. Later she was married at Kirklington to Mr. Fletcher, who had also been in Mr. Barker's service as groom and gardener for 17 years. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher had their home at Ollerton at first, but thereafter returned to East Bridgford, where, as

we all know, Mr. Fletcher has successfully pursued the occupation of a market-gardener. They resided for some time at the Toll-bar and elsewhere, until in 1917 they became the occupants of "The Bungalow," on Fosse Road, the home at which Mrs. Fletcher passed away. Mrs. Fletcher was a devoted Churchwoman, and was responsible for much unobtrusive Church work; some of our elder parishioners may specially remember her as a reserve Sunday School teacher. She was also of exemplary devotion to her home life, and her departure is a serious blow to Mr. Fletcher and his three sons, who desire us to thank that large circle of friends who have expressed their helpful sympathy and those who sent floral tributes for the interment. The large congregation at the funeral service on Sunday, July 6th, was evidence of the widespread esteem in which Mrs. Fletcher was held, and to some of us the meaning of the service was intensified by the remembrance of that clear faith with which she bore her cross of suffering.

The members of the Arnold Mothers' Union who visited East Bridgford on July 10th (in number about 100) very much enjoyed their outing. After a service in Church at 3 p.m., tea was served in the Women's Institute, and the mothers afterwards spent a happy evening. The Church and Rectory were visited, and the fascination of walks by the river-side proved very attractive. The ladies were also very much interested in the gardens thrown open to their inspection, and have asked us to express their gratitude to the owners and to all those who worked to make arrangements for their visit.

Even those of us who are least qualified in horticulture could not fail to recognise the excellence of the exhibits at the East Bridgford Flower Show on July 1st, and even strangers could perceive the happiness of its social atmosphere. The programme of attractions this year included a most effective display of dancing and acrobatics by our own and visiting members of the Boys' Brigade.

Members of our G.F.S., who attended the Diocesan Festival at Southwell on June 28th, were present at a memorable gathering. Tea was provided in large marquees in the field at the Bishop's Manor, while open-air plays were given, for those who had to wait, in the garden of The Residence. The various branches, headed by their Deanery banners, afterwards marched into the Cathedral to take their part at 5.15 p.m. in a most impressive service at which the Bishop preached. A little later the branches paraded outside before Lady Cunliffe, the Central President, to whom purses were formally presented containing the contributions from the branches towards liquidating the debt on Townsend House, the central headquarters of the Society in London.

Twenty-two members of the East Bridgford Mothers' Union attended the Bingham Deanery outing to Lincoln on July 15th. On arrival, by special omnibuses, the party had tea at St. Michael's Hall, and afterwards attended service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4.30. The evening was occupied by a journey round the Cathedral with a competent guide, and a stroll round Lincoln. The day was a happy one and the weather proved favourable.

BURIAL—July 6th, May Fletcher, aged 62 years.

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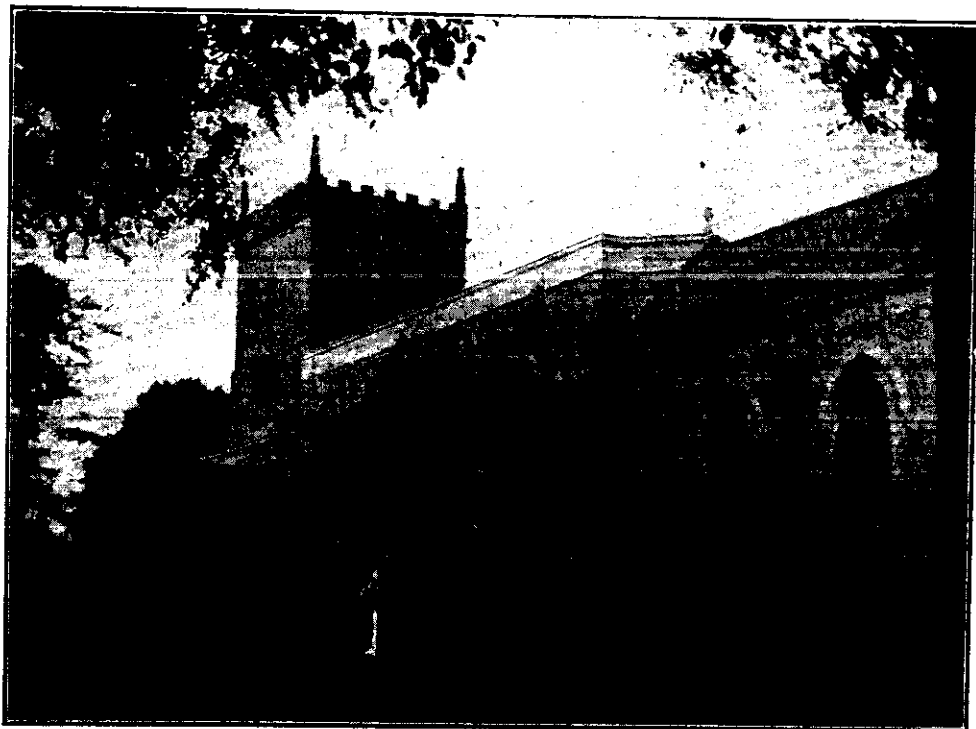
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
August 30th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

At the time of harvest our Lord asked His disciples to look upon the harvest and think of "the harvest of the World."

The world position to-day is such that no Christians worthy of the name can escape responsibility for their attitude towards the question of World Redemption; we are in close touch with all quarters of the earth as none of our forefathers have ever been. Moreover, the great heathen races of the world are awaking to the advantages of civilisation and mean to have them. Is the civilisation of the future going to be *Christian* civilisation or only the disastrous growth of a blind materialism? That depends on the Church, and it behoves every member of the Church, first of all, to know something about the task before her and to which she is called.

In pursuit of the duty of making the needs of the world known to Christian people a small Missionary Committee of our Parochial Church Council have evolved a simple scheme by which some missionary literature will be available for reading free to all who take this Magazine month by month. We hope to start with the October issue, and I wish at this stage to ask you very earnestly that you will read it as it comes round, and pass it on each month as will be directed on the cover. To do this simple service faithfully will be in itself a help to the great cause of Christ.

In this way, it may be, we shall better realise the call of the Redeemer of the World to His servants, and be moved to pray more earnestly for its fulfilment; then we may be willing to make the sacrifices to which He is calling us. Certainly He is saying in these days to all who profess to follow Him, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The Festival of St. Matthew the Apostle (September 21st) falls this year on the 14th Sunday after Trinity; Holy Communion on that day will be at mid-day.

Monday, September 29th, is the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas Day); there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

We propose to hold our Harvest Festival Services on the dates which have been customary during recent years, viz., on the second Sunday in October and the preceding Thursday; these dates this year are Thursday, October 9th, and Sunday, October 12th.

We were all kindly welcomed at East Bridgford Hall on Monday evening, August 25th, to hear an address on "The World Call," by Mrs. Vernon Smith. Despite the fact that many of our men were busy at harvesting there was a very good attendance, and many of us were

deeply interested. Mrs. Vernon Smith has been in close contact with missionary work in South India, and her vivid description of the sight of Indian peasants coming in crowds to ask for Christian teachers and for baptism certainly helped us to realise a little of what is meant by the assertion of so many missionaries that "India is calling for Christ."

Our Parochial Church Council are giving most careful attention to the works for which we raised the money at our Whitsuntide Garden Fête. With regard to the electric lighting preliminary visits were made to another Church in which it has been effectively installed, and a smaller party also voluntarily visited Southwell Cathedral to see the lighting there. Our decisions are now made, and Messrs. J. & S. Farr, Ltd., will shortly be at work with the installation in East Bridgford Church, now that the electric power is at last getting near to the building.

A definite start has been made towards repairing the damage to the south wall of the Chancel by repairing the cracked cement on the ground level outside, the cracks having been partly responsible for the admission of damp. We are also providing for the repair of the heating apparatus. On taking down the flag-pole we find that an entirely new pole is required, and the matter is in hand. Efforts to set the weather-cocks in order by repeated doses of paraffin are being made, and we hope they may prove effective in the near future.

We are asked to announce that a Ladies' Tea-party, on the lines of those held earlier in the year, will be held in the Women's Institute on Thursday, September 18th, at 4 p.m. We hope it will be well attended. Any profits are to be devoted to the expense of training our Choir, and from what we hear from members of our congregation generally this object has already proved itself well worthy of support.

A beautiful evening favoured our Sunday School on the occasion of the Summer Tea and Treat on July 31st. After an excellent tea in the Temperance Hall, the elder boys joined issue with visiting boys from Bingham in a cricket match, at which East Bridgford boys proved victorious. Meanwhile all the other children had marched in procession to the grounds of the Hall, where they spent a very happy time with their teachers, sports and games being pursued until it was time to go home. A pleasant evening of this kind should do much to help the spirit of our Sunday School in which very good work is being done by the teachers for our children. Now that the holidays are over, we trust that all parents will back us up to the full by remembering that the vital interests of a Sunday School depend on the punctuality and regularity of scholars and teachers.

The Children's Flower Service on Sunday afternoon, August 10th, proved such a successful innovation that we hope to repeat it in future years. The flowers presented by the children looked very beautiful when they were massed on the Altar, and they were carried direct to the General Hospital next day. The House Governor of the Hospital has asked us to thank the donors of the flowers, and he adds that at the Hospital "Gifts of flowers are always most acceptable."

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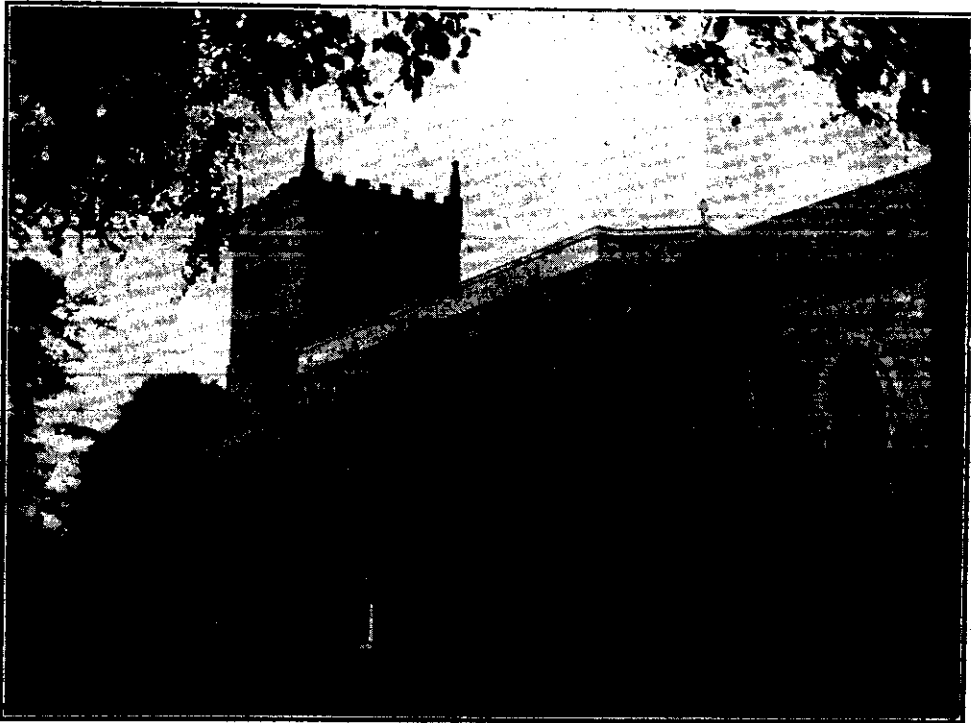
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
September 30th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We all feel sympathy with the farmers; everybody who knows the pain of labour in vain and the worry of financial straits can appreciate the disappointment of the farmer at the end of a bad season.

It is sometimes thoughtlessly suggested that because the harvest in certain quarters of Great Britain has been seriously affected by rain, therefore Harvest Festival Services are out of place. Such an argument appears almost as superficial as it would be to suggest that because a man has had an illness he should cease to believe in the love of God; apart from its utter want of faith the argument only needs a little thought to shew its absurdity.

We all know the temper of the spoilt child. What dreadful beings we should all be if we were always prosperous in everything to which we set our hand, always free from difficulty, never suffering any pain, always obtaining without effort everything we wanted! If it is true that beauty of character is built upon suffering, it is also true that without trial character is ruined; hence the Christian view that it is of God's mercy He sends us trial, even if it takes the form of bad weather.

But are our trials as bad as we make them out? Is it, for instance, at all likely that, because the harvest in various parts of England has been poor, any of us will starve during the next twelve months?

The world harvest as a whole has been such that for the vast majority of us our food is again safe; therefore, let us come to God's House and praise His Holy Name for this and *all* His mercies.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Our Harvest Festival Services will begin on Thursday, October 9th, at 7 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. A. A. Kerridge, Vicar of Scarrington and Hawksworth, who first came to the Midlands in 1910 to work at Arnold with the present Rector of East Bridgford. On Sunday, October 12th, the Harvest Services will be at the usual hours; there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The Rector will preach at the morning service, and in the evening the preacher will be the Rev. Canon E. J. Bardsley, M.A., Rector of Barton-in-Fabis. In the afternoon, at 2.30, there will be the customary service for children, at which harvest gifts may be presented. Gifts of corn for the decoration of God's House will be gladly received at the Rectory on Monday, October 6th; gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers should be sent to the Church not later than 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 9th, so that the decorators can start work at 10 a.m. All such gifts as are suitable will be afterwards sent to the patients in our hospitals.

Saturday, October 18th, is the Festival of St. Luke, and Tuesday, October 28th, is the Festival of Saints Simon and Jude; there will be Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

The attendance at the Ladies' Tea-party on September 18th was somewhat affected by other engagements of the same date. We are asked to announce that another will be held in the Women's Institute on Tuesday, October 28th, and that the hour fixed on this occasion will be 4.30 p.m. The promoters hope for a good attendance as there are certain matters with regard to the furnishings of the Church which we are anxious to discuss.

Many of our elder parishioners will regret to hear of the death on September 8th of Miss Henrietta Swanwick, formerly of East Bridgford. Miss Swanwick, who was 64 years of age, passed away at 37, Oak Grove, Cricklewood, London, N.W., after a long illness. Her late father, Mr. R. Swanwick, was a very earnest Churchman and, it will be remembered, served efficiently as Churchwarden of East Bridgford for several years, being first appointed to that office at the Easter Vestry, 1905, after having previously served some years as a sidesman; his colleague as Rector's warden on that occasion was Mr. J. Turner, who had already held office by that time for a year or two, also after some years as a sidesman. We mention these particulars because it may help our younger Churchpeople to be reminded that it is through the work of earnest people, not only of the distant but also of the immediate past, that their glorious heritage has come down to them unimpaired.

By the time this Magazine reaches the hands of our readers, our Church will have been lit by electric light, so that the first fruits of our Garden Fête effort are now to hand. The care of our Parochial Church Council (and of our Churchwardens in particular) in the matter of the lighting deserves to be recognised. Details, even down to the appropriate lamps, have been most carefully thought out with the help of skilled advice; this is as it should be, for any permanent improvement to a beautiful Parish Church should be in strict harmony with the building.

During October readers of this Magazine will find the missionary literature we mentioned last month come into their hands for the first time. We earnestly hope, as already stated, that readers will not only read it themselves but will pass it on faithfully without undue delay as will be directed on the cover of each item when it is sent to them. This little duty, regularly and conscientiously accomplished, may do much for the Kingdom of God.

We would like to assure Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allwood that our parishioners deeply sympathise with them in their bereavement by the sudden death on Sunday, September 28th, of their son, Ralph Allwood (aged seven), who was a member of our Sunday School.

The Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society shews that the Society distributed over eleven million copies of the Scriptures during the year 1929, and that the Holy Scriptures have now been translated, in whole or part, into 624 languages. No other literature in the world has a record to compare in any way with this; those whose lives are devoted to the work of the Kingdom of God have every right to the encouragement which is to be derived from the fact that the Bible is always the world's "best seller."

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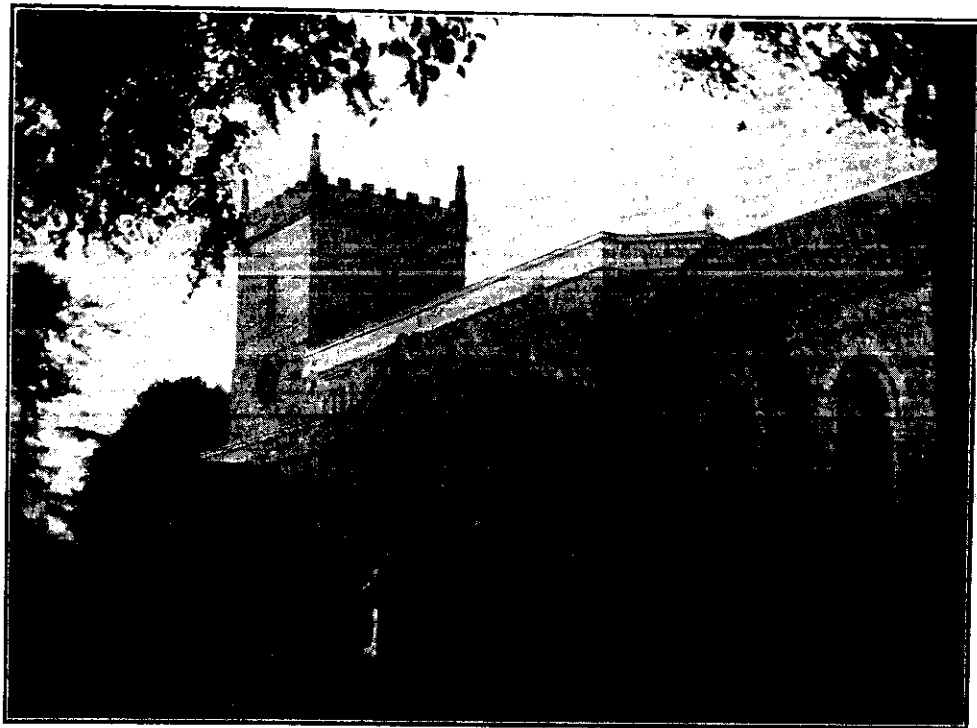
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The last Sunday in November will open for this year the season of Advent, in which our Church asks us to centre our thoughts on the Coming of our Lord in His Kingdom. Amid all the mystery that surrounds the thought of what we call His "Second Coming" there are certain promises He has clearly made to us and certain commands He has clearly given us; He promises us quite clearly the final triumph of His Kingdom over all evil and He commands us quite clearly to pray for it, to work for it, and to hasten it, by our own unceasing warfare against evil and by conscious effort in spreading the news of the Kingdom throughout "all the world." Do we really believe the promise? Do we really obey the command?

During my first year among you I have, dear friends, frequently spoken to you, as I said I would on my first Sunday here, about the promise and the command; for the Church in any parish in these days of world movements is not alive unless its members have some conception of both. I brought among you in Lent one of those Missionary servants of God whose mind is fully convinced of the promise and whose life has been (and is) entirely devoted to the fulfilment of the command; I feel sure Dr. White convinced many of you.

Last month, in order that you may "keep in memory" that conviction, I asked you to read the Missionary literature we are now circulating with this Magazine (and more of which will shortly be obtainable in Church); for unless we have the need in mind we cannot pray for it.

Now I am going to ask you, in the light of that knowledge, to pray every day for the work, from this Advent henceforth. It is the Master's command to His disciples:—"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest."

And then I am going to suggest that in each of the homes of Churchpeople there should be always a missionary box into which offerings, *however small*, can be placed. Let me say I am not personally concerned with the amount of such offerings; they should (and can be) given to God in secret. The very presence in the home of a missionary box is a constant reminder to all the inmates that every Christian has a stake in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom; we all need that reminder.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Saturday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

The Festival of St. Andrew (November 30th) falls this year on Advent Sunday; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday falls on November 9th, and will doubtless be fully observed, as usual, throughout the British Empire. The local branch of the British Legion will parade with other bodies to East Bridgford Church for the service at 10.45 a.m., and the offertory at that particular service will be devoted to Earl Haig's Fund. It is

anticipated that the fund will have heavy calls upon it during the coming winter, very many ex-service men being unemployed, and we appeal strongly for support. We hope that *all* ex-service men and women in this district will be present at the service to seek fresh inspiration for the battle of life.

The Holy Communion on Remembrance Sunday will be at 8 a.m.; we appeal for a full attendance of communicants, and more especially of those who lost relatives or friends in the War.

On the Armistice Day, Tuesday, November 11th, there will be a short service for which those who can attend are asked to assemble in Church at 10.45 a.m. We hope to proceed from Church (at five minutes to 11) to the War Memorial, there to observe the two minutes' silence.

By the purchase of Earl Haig's Fund poppies for Armistice Day you help ex-service men who are in distress.

The heartiness of our Harvest Festival Services was beyond question. The congregation owe their thanks to the decorators and to those who provided offerings of flowers, fruit, corn and vegetables. These offerings were afterwards despatched to the General Hospital, and the Secretary of the Hospital asks us to express the gratitude of his Committee to all the donors. Our choir led the singing efficiently, more especially at the Sunday evening service. We are grateful to the special preachers who came to us and we hope that the Rev. Canon Bardsley's reminder of the duty of regular Sunday worship by all Christian people will be taken to heart by all parishioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allwood desire to express their thanks for the many expressions of sympathy which they received in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Clementina Kirkland, who died at West Bridgford on October 16th, at the age of 69 (and was laid to rest beside her husband at East Bridgford on October 20th), was the widow of the late Charles Kirkland, who predeceased her on March 16th, 1911, at the age of 45. Mrs. Kirkland was, therefore, sister-in-law of Mrs. C. Allwood. We desire to express our sympathy with members of the Kirkland family and other relatives.

We sympathise deeply with the relatives and friends of Mrs. Mary Hannah Upton, who died so very suddenly on Oct. 27th; for herself it was a very peaceful departure. Her devotion to her Church and her constant visits to the graves of her loved ones in the Churchyard tell of her firm faith in "the Gospel of the Hereafter." Born at Shelford, she first came to East Bridgford when her father, Mr. Newcombe, took over Springdale Farm; her friendly presence will be very much missed.

A Concert, in aid of our Choir expenses, is to be given in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday, December 11th. An attractive programme, in which our Choir will take part, is being provided. Please register the date.

WEDDING. October 25th.—Josiah Ernest Jacomb to Ethel Sarah Curtis.

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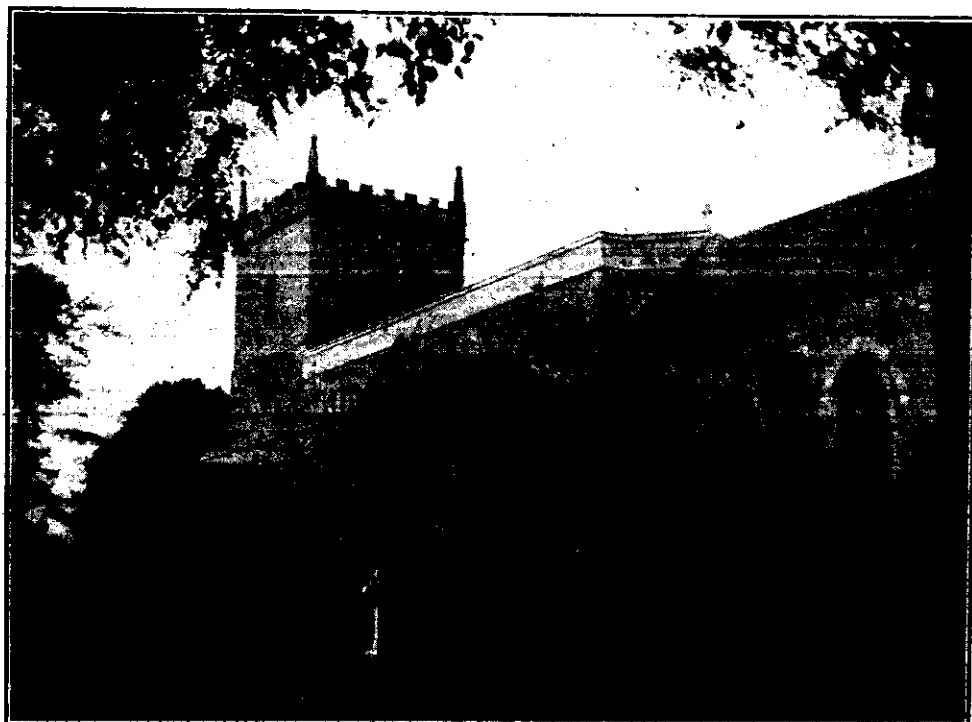
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. When the shepherds heard where in their village the Infant Prince of Peace was to be found, no weariness of the flesh could hinder them from hastening to the spot that first Christmas morning.

I suggest that the first impulse of all true worshippers of the Christ on Christmas morning should also be to hasten to that spot in their village where the very environment is such that they are most likely to find there the presence of the Holy Child—I mean, God's House.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

The Festival of St. Thomas (December 21st) falls this year on the 4th Sunday in Advent; there will be Holy Communion on that Sunday at Mid-day.

On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and also at Mid-day. Morning service will be at 10.45.

Friday, December 26th, is St. Stephen's Day, and Saturday, December 27th, is the Festival of St. John the Apostle; there will be Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

The Festival of the Holy Innocents falls this year on the Sunday after Christmas; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

This Magazine may be too late to announce the annual public meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the Women's Institute, at 7 p.m., on December 4th (Thursday), but we hope for a good attendance.

We again draw attention to the Concert, which is to be given under the auspices of our Choir, in the Temperance Hall on Thursday, December 11th, at 7.30 p.m. With the voluntary help of some kind musicians from Nottingham the Choir hope to present a very attractive programme. Reserved seat tickets cost 1s. 6d. and 1s.; these should be purchased beforehand from members of Parochial Church Council or from members of the Choir. Admission only will cost 6d., payable at the doors, which will be opened at 7.15.

The offertories at all services on Sunday, December 14th, will be on behalf of our oldest missionary society, viz., the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The sermons, morning and evening, will be preached by the Rev. Francis Boykett, M.A., Vicar of Walkeringham, who was colleague for 10 years at Arnold with the present Rector of East Bridgford.

The local Secretary of the British Legion reports that the total collected in this district at Armistice-tide for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £25 7s. 2d. (which shews an increase over the previous year's results of £2 10s. 0d.). The total includes the offertory in East Bridgford Church of £4 2s. 2d. The British Legion desires to express thanks to the public for their generous support.

Despite discussion as to their permanent value, the celebrations of Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice Day continue in a wonderful way to appeal successfully to the hearts and minds of the English people. Here, as elsewhere, there was a most encouraging turn-out of the members of the British Legion, Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides and other organisations at the service on Sunday morning, and the service was undoubtedly impressive. No less remarkable is the two minutes' silence of Armistice Day, which we observed at our own War Memorial here, while the same observances were taking place at thousands of similar memorials throughout our land as well as at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. There is something about it all which fills us with hope for the future of the British race.

The ladies who organise the tea-parties will be glad to know that the four guineas required for the Choir's tuition for the quarter ended October was successfully raised as follows:—September 18th, £1 11s. 4d.; October 28th, £2 8s. 8d.; per Rector, 4s.—total, £4 4s. 0d. We are very grateful indeed to the organisers.

The Girls' Friendly Society held a successful Jumble Sale on Saturday, November 1st, which resulted in takings of £9 5s. 0d. Of this amount £1 was sent as a donation to the G.F.S. Diocesan Extension Fund.

We all sympathise deeply with Mr. C. K. Allwood and family in their bereavement, and also with Mrs. Alvey. Following so closely upon the very sudden call of their deeply-lamented relative, Miss Emma Fox, this further trial comes upon the household at Prize Farm with particular severity. Mrs. Allwood had proved herself an exemplary daughter, wife, and mother, and her clear faith in the hours of sorrow, illness and death, will be a cherished memory.

MISSIONARY BOXES.—A missionary box in aid of the C.M.S. Hospital at Yezd, Persia, founded by Dr. Henry White, brings healing of body and soul to otherwise neglected sufferers, and assists to break down Moslem opposition to Christ in one of the hardest missionary fields in the world.

A missionary box in aid of the S.P.G. helps at this juncture to prevent the recall of keen missionaries from various parts of the world; these recalls fill converts with astonishment and despair.

A missionary box in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society helps to spread the Scriptures throughout the world to "every man in his own tongue." Missionary Societies could not do their work without the Bible Society.

Will you have one of these boxes in your home, the box being known by its number only and not by your name?

If so, please ask the Rector, stating which Society you desire to support in this way.

BAPTISMS.—Oct. 30. Grace May Johnson.
Nov. 2. Doris Irene Blagg.
Nov. 2. Mavis Marion Cox.

BURIAL.—Nov. 26. Frances Daisy Allwood, 37 years.