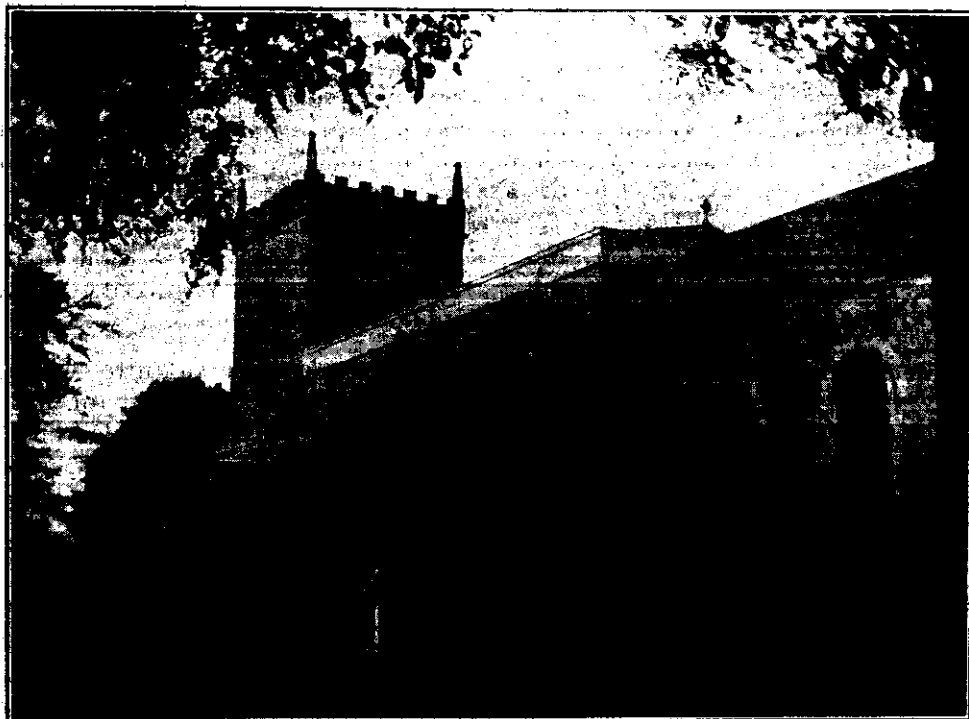


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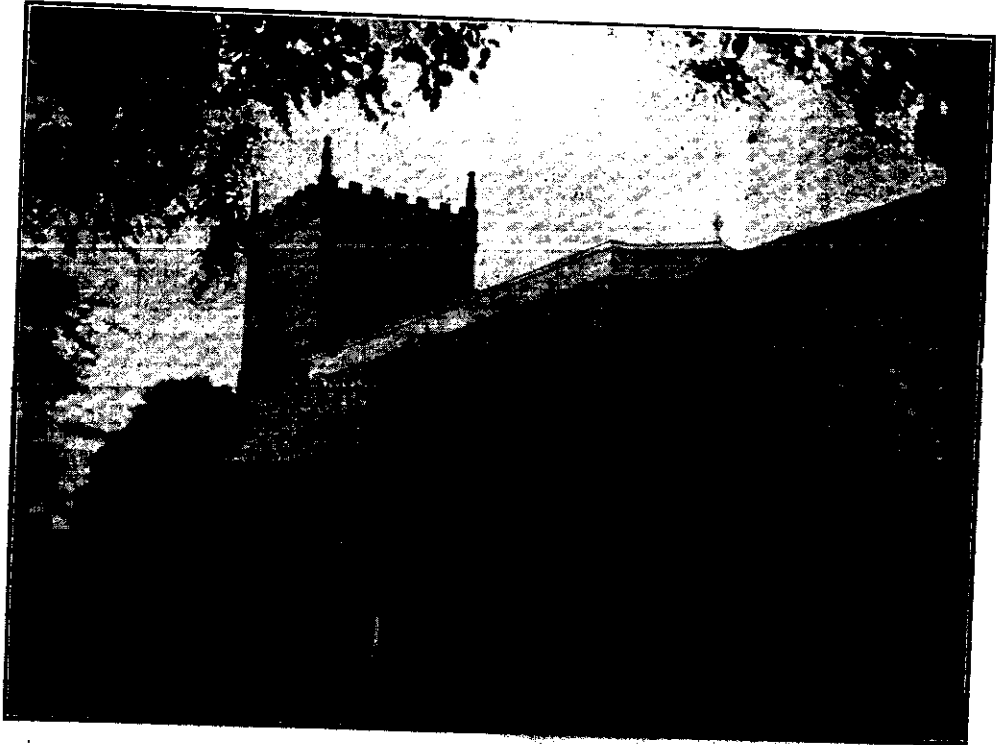
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
November 30th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The approach of Christmas this year should mean much to thoughtful people. The Disarmament Conference is upon us in the very near future and the prospects of the human race must turn largely upon the spirit behind that Conference. Are the nations going forward to lasting peace or to mutual extinction?

Our attention was drawn at the recent Diocesan Conference to an utterance of Lord Cecil who says that "if there were 10 per cent of Christianity in the international relations of the world, the difficulties of disarmament would vanish like mist before the sun."

If that utterance is in the main true, it means that if any considerable proportion of the civilised population of the world were true worshippers of the Prince of Peace, War could be no more.

The responsibility touches every one of us. Are we really after all giving up our lives to the Prince of Peace, or is our profession insincere? We are told that there are now distinct signs of a reaction from that materialism which has gripped our people since the War. If that is the case, then surely, in these important days just before the Disarmament Conference, the Birthday of the Prince of Peace offers to each one of us a great opportunity for that rededication of life to His service which is so necessary to the world's salvation and our own.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Monday, December 21st, is the Festival of St. Thomas; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. and at Mid-day. Morning service will be at 10.45 a.m.

Saturday, December 26th, is St. Stephen's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

The Festival of St. John the Apostle falls this year on the Sunday after Christmas; Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m.

Monday, December 28th, is the Holy Innocents' Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

The offertories at all services on Sunday, December 13th, will be on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, our oldest missionary Society. The sermons both morning and evening will be preached by the Rev. R. S. Marsden, M.A., Diocesan Organising Secretary for the S.P.G. and formerly of Vancouver.

The Armistice-tide collections on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund in the East Bridgford and District effort have amounted to over £30 as against £26 last year. The total includes a contribution of £4 from offerings in East Bridgford Church. The local branches of the British Legion ask us to express in this Magazine their sincere thanks to the local public for this gratifying response to the appeal which the late Earl Haig had so much at heart.

Nobody in this district has any doubt of the splendid work which is being done for our lads in the Boys' Brigade. Not only have we enthusiastic officers and boys in our own company, but the work in Nottingham and District has been placed on a high level through the life work of Mr. Swain and his assistants. This may not be an inopportune point at which to say how much we all regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Swain and their daughter from our midst; we are all very sorry indeed and will miss them. To come back to the Boys' Brigade, we must remember that the movement involves expenses which cannot all be borne by the boys themselves, and the Boys' Brigade week (November 29th to December 6th) gives us all an opportunity of doing our little bit. We shall be asked to subscribe during that week and few of us need send the collectors away without some subscription even though it be small. One-third of our gifts go to Headquarters and the other two-thirds to our own company.

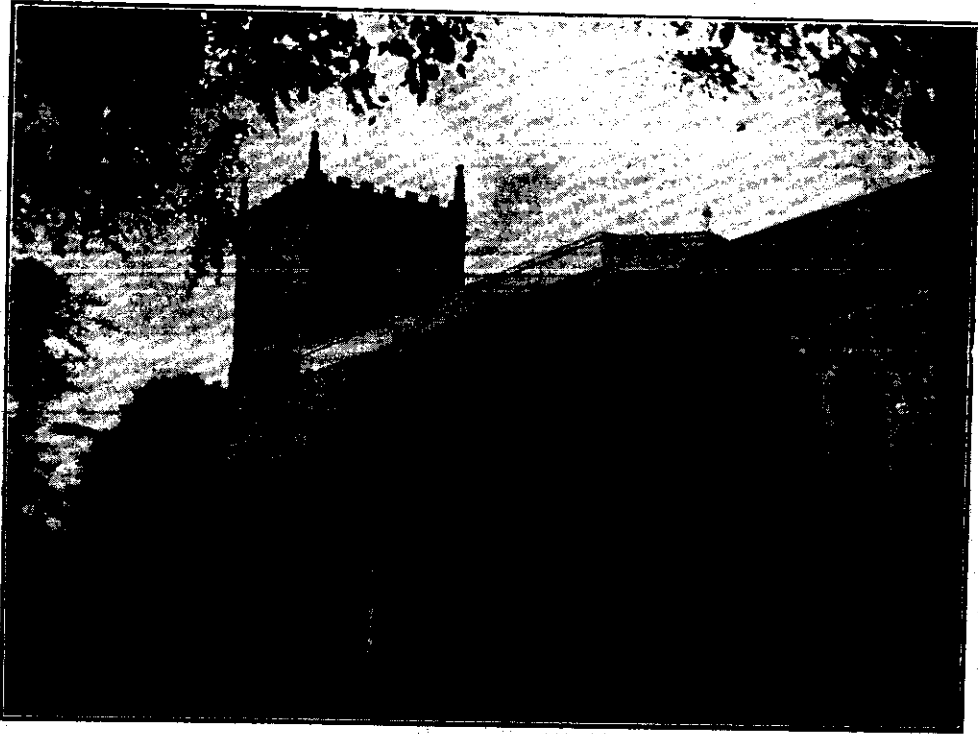
The observances of Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice Day were celebrated by the British race this year with an unanimity which shews no sign of the diminishing enthusiasm which pessimists predicted ten years ago or more. From London to the small village the customary and crowded services were attended by congregations of extraordinary size. In our own village the British Legion, Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides and other organisations turned out in force at the service on the Sunday morning which never fails to impress us all. On the Armistice Day we observed the two minutes' silence at our own War Memorial as usual, and we hear from various sources that the public generally in all parts of our land were never more faithful to the observance of those two minutes than they were this year.

His large circle of friends heard with deep regret of the sudden passing of Mr. Henry Gordon Moor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moor, on November 20th, at Salisbury Hospital, Rhodesia, following an operation for appendicitis; his parents, brothers and sisters may feel certain of the sincere sympathy of all parishioners here. The deceased gentleman was born in this parish 24 years ago and was baptised in East Bridgford Church.

Educated at Denstone College he became a keen Churchman, a very regular communicant, and a Sunday School Teacher and held office as a sidesman here at the time he decided, during the summer of 1930, to take up work in Rhodesia as near as practicable to his brother, Mr. C. H. Moor, who has been working in that colony for the past four years. Possessed of a lovable nature and attractive social qualities, Mr. Gordon Moor was very popular among his many friends whose pleasure in knowing that he was doing well in Rhodesia has now been so sadly curtailed by the news of his premature death. The Holy Communion was specially celebrated in his memory on November 25th at East Bridgford Church and we also remembered him at our Morning Service on the following Sunday.

HOLDERS of missionary boxes, whether for S.P.G., Yezd, or the Bible Society, are earnestly asked to hand in their boxes, either at Church or the Rectory, early in December for the half-yearly opening. However small the contributions may be they are urgently needed in the mission field and should be forwarded during the month to the respective societies.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
October 26th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

As I write we are in the midst of the excitement of the General Election which will be over by the time this Magazine reaches your hands. But we must remember that the mere fact of the election being over does not mean that the economic difficulties of our nation are over too; the time of sacrifice is yet to come with its effects, small or great, on the life of every citizen. Assuming however that the economic outlook were to become what we hope it will, is there no other question raised by the difficulties through which the world is passing? I feel much in sympathy with one of our Harvest Festival preachers when he said that behind the economic question is the moral question and that behind the moral question is God.

It is difficult to give a general answer to the question, "Is the nation forgetting God?" On the one hand you have all over our land, for example, great crowds ostensibly worshipping God on special occasions, such as Harvest Festivals or days of national observance; on the other hand you have apparently utter disregard of any *regular* religious observances by the vast majority and, one fears, the neglect of real prayer. It is hard to form a judgment. The average man does not disbelieve in the existence of God, but I wonder what his conception of God is like. Surely if we regard God as *only* the Great Giver of earthly blessings we are very far from the true knowledge of God. We clergy of this Diocese had recently two days of thought on "the holiness of God"; during those two days it became more clear to us than ever that the only conception of God which will conform to the considered demands of the mind and spirit of man is that of the Godhead as revealed in Jesus. It seems to me that we are to-day too apt to worship gods of our own making rather than the God of Jesus Christ, and that there the real trouble lies.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Sunday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day; Holy Communion at 10.45 a.m.

Monday, November 30th, is St. Andrew's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday falls on November 8th. The appropriate services will be observed as usual in all Churches. We hope for the usual Church Parade of the local branch of the British Legion and other bodies to the 10.45 a.m. service in our Parish Church, and the offertory at that service will be devoted to Earl Haig's Fund.

The Holy Communion on Remembrance Sunday will be at 8 a.m.; all communicants who lost relatives or friends in the War should make a special effort to be present.

On the Armistice Day, Wednesday, November 11th, a short service will be held 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.

We can look back upon our Harvest Festival services of 1931 with considerable satisfaction. The work of the decorators was carried out very efficiently and we thank them heartily. For the offerings of flowers, fruit, corn and vegetables, the General Hospital authorities desire to express their thanks; the number of these offerings at the Children's Service in the afternoon was exceptionally large this year. The congregations at all the services were large, that on the Sunday evening taxing the seating accommodation to its fullest capacity. Thanks to the hard work of our Choirmaster, Organist and Choir, the singing of hymns and psalms was very well led, and the Choir rendered Martin's anthem, "Bless thou the Lord," very effectively. We appreciate the kindness of the visiting preachers (Reverends M. F. Giles and C. W. Good), whose messages were listened to very attentively. The offertories on behalf of our Sunday School expenses amounted in all to £7 8s. 9d.

On Sunday, November 15th, the offertories will be devoted to completing the East Bridgford contribution, as apportioned, towards Diocesan and Central Church expenditure for 1931.

All our Sunday School teachers are specially asked to be present at the Holy Communion, at 8 a.m. on Advent Sunday, Nov. 29th, seeing that Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the Church's year, opens another year of their very responsible work.

Mr. James William Brewitt, who was buried in East Bridgford Churchyard, on Oct. 20th, was the eldest son of Mr. John Brewitt, of East Bridgford, and was born here 59 years ago. The deceased, who passed away just before completing his 59th year, was married some 37 years ago to Miss E. Rogers, of Holme Pierrepont, and has worked on the land for the greater part of his life. In that capacity he has been associated now for several years with the Machin family, first at Saxondale, and for the last seven years at Long Farm, Ruddington. Though his residence was at Ruddington, Mr. Brewitt died in the General Hospital at Nottingham, where he had been taken for observation in a very serious state of ill-health. He is survived by his widow and eight children; the eldest son was lost in the Great War. We desire to express our sympathy with his widow and family, also with Mr. John Brewitt, Mrs. Knight, and other relatives and friends.

THE JALLAND LIBRARY.—As most of our elder parishioners are aware, a small library was presented in 1891 by the late R. A. Jalland, Esq., to be held in trust for "the inhabitants of East Bridgford and the immediate neighbourhood thereof." For many years it was well patronised, but latterly the number of persons using the library has become very small indeed. Among other causes for this decline of membership there is doubtless the existence of other and greater facilities for book-reading. It is, however, obvious to the present Trustees that in the near future the expenditure on rent, insurance, &c., may exceed the takings derived from members' subscriptions, which form the only regular source of income. Under these circumstances the Trustees invite the attendance of "the inhabitants of East Bridgford and the immediate neighbourhood thereof" to meet them at the National School, East Bridgford, on Tuesday, November 17th, 1931, at 8 p.m., to discuss the advisability or otherwise of taking steps with a view to the work of the Library being brought to a close.

BURIAL (October 20th).—James William Brewitt, aged 58 years.

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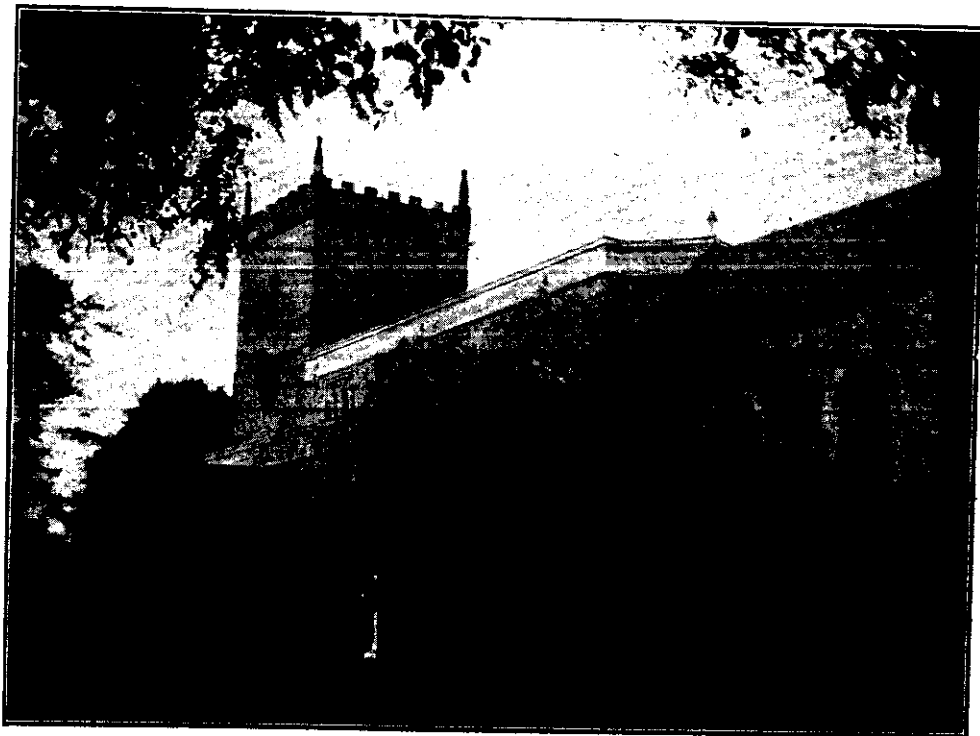
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Our country has passed through a disturbing month, and none of us now doubt that the national welfare has been in real danger. It must be admitted that the crisis took most of us by surprise, and that it was not until there came the formation of a National Government that we all realised there was something serious in the air. When we were first told that there was a real danger of our pound note falling in its purchasing power below the present value of a shilling, we simply did not believe it; but when we heard that the great men of all political parties and all the leading economists of the world were agreed that what had happened in other countries might happen here, we could no longer doubt it, and now we *know* that such *was* the case. Let us thank God that the danger is for the time averted, and then our thankfulness will help us to make with cheerfulness the sacrifices our leaders tell us are necessary to prevent its recurrence.

A Church Magazine is hardly the place to write about such questions as "Balancing the Budget," "Balance of Trade," "the Gold Standard," &c., &c. (matters, by the way, on which most of us must admit we knew practically nothing before); but there is something to say about the present situation which is not out of place here. It is that duty, as well as danger, calls us to make the sacrifices our National Government tells us are necessary in an unselfish spirit. The only truly Christian line to take is to make these sacrifices willingly, without any exaggeration of our personal hardships and without any refusal to recognise the hardships of others. For the stability of our country, and all that it means to the world, we are *all* called to some lowering of our standard of living for some months to come; our willingness, or otherwise, to respond is the measure not only of our patriotism but also of our Christianity.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Our Harvest Festival Services will begin on Thursday, Oct. 15th, at 7 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. A. Otter, M.A., Vicar of Lowdham. On Sunday, October 18th, the Harvest Services will be at the usual Sunday hours of 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Holy Communion will be celebrated at mid-day, after the morning service. The preacher at the evening service will be the Rev. C. W. Good, M.A., Vicar of Old Radford, Nottingham. 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 the Church will be gladly received at the Rectory on Monday, Oct. 12th; gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables should be brought to the Church not later than 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15th, 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. We would remind worshippers that the offertories at our Harvest Services are on behalf of the Sunday School and afford to parents their annual opportunity of practically expressing their thanks for the work our Sunday School does for their children, by making sure that the necessary expenses of the work are fully met.

The Festival of St. Luke (October 18th) falls this year on our Harvest Festival Sunday.

Wednesday, October 28th, is the Festival of Saints Simon and Jude; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Our Parochial Church Council having received an Architect's report on the subsidence of the south-east corner of the chancel wall decided on September 15th upon the insertion of tie-rods at an early date and to confer later upon the further steps that may be necessary for the permanent safety of the wall.

The Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has just been issued, shews that the number of languages into which the Society has, in 127 years, translated the Scriptures in whole or part, has now reached the figure of 638. The circulation for the year was over 11 million copies, of which the largest items were 1½ millions in English, 4½ millions in Chinese and over 1 million for India. But the care of the Society for small peoples may be illustrated by the fact that a version of the Gospels has just been printed in the tongue of the Worrorra aboriginal tribe in N.W. Australia; there are only 300 people in this tribe. Truly this Society, both in the magnitude and the detail of its work, is under God's hand one of the wonders of the world.

The death of Ernest Edward Coville on September 22nd, at the age of 59, filled us all with deep regret which was, however, mingled with thankfulness for his release from the suffering he had bravely borne in simple faith. Mr. Coville had been a staunch Churchman throughout his career, serving here as chorister, bell-ringer, sidesman, Church councillor, and in other offices with usefulness and zeal. His active interest in the social well-being of the community has left its mark, perhaps most of all in his years of work for the King Edward Club. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coville, he was born in Norfolk and brought by his parents to East Bridgford before he was a year old. On leaving school he became apprenticed to the late Mr. William Mason, tailor, and thereafter worked for a time at the trade in Lincoln. On his return to East Bridgford he started the tailoring business in which for the remainder of his life he served this neighbourhood with recognised efficiency. Mr. Coville's marriage to Miss Amy Marriott, of Knipton, took place in 1901, and at the time of his death 30 years of happy married life had just been completed. The deep sympathy of all parishioners will be extended to Mrs. Coville in her bereavement. A large number of friends were present at the funeral on September 25th, the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council, the King Edward Club, and the East Bridgford Football Club being among the bodies that were officially represented.

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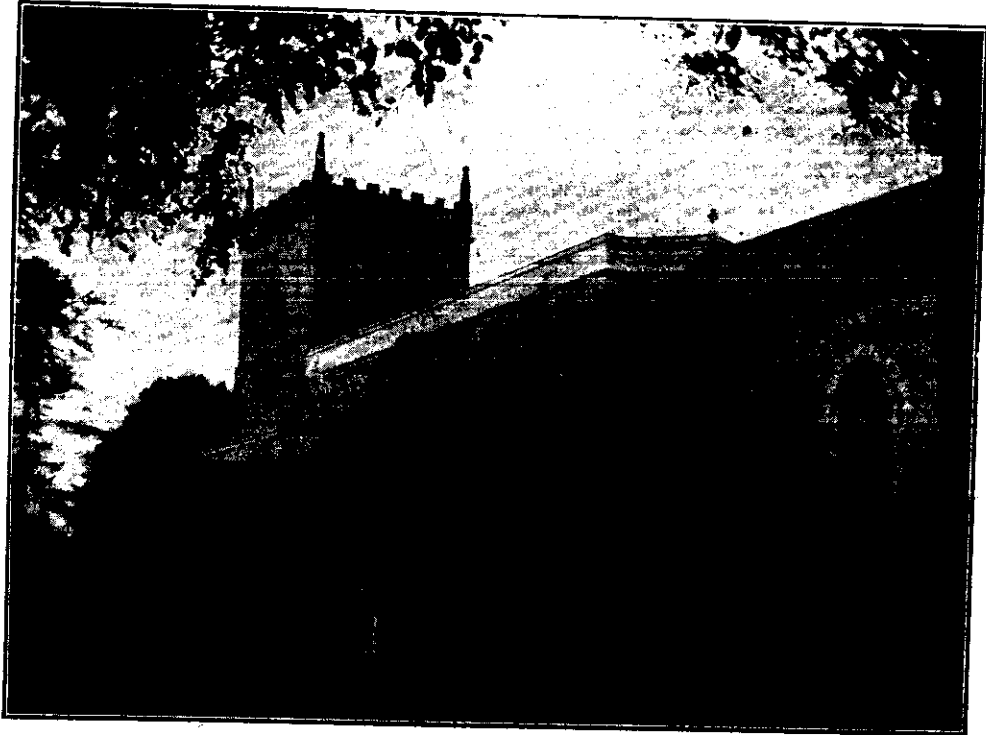
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
August 31st, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We had a very happy time during the visit of our Bishop on July 29th, and from our experiences here it is obvious to all of us that his Lordship's plan of visiting each parish in this way should prove a source of encouragement to Church work throughout the Diocese. It remains for us to ask ourselves how we may best follow the advice given to us and in what way we can make the Visitation bear practical fruit.

Now I venture to think that it should bring home to each one of us a sense of our personal responsibility to the work of the Church of Christ as a whole; for we are reminded by the visit of our Bishop that we are part of the Diocese, and therein a necessary part of the Whole. This lesson seems to me one that is sadly needed to-day in the vast majority of our parishes, and, perhaps, from the very nature of the circumstances, in our country parishes especially; for despite all our modern means of communication the Church of England has not yet learned to move as one in pursuing her share of the duty of world redemption. While the Master tells us that the purpose of His Cross is to "draw all men" to Himself, the members of His Church too often seem to confine their energies and, indeed, their religious outlook to their own immediate surroundings. The Master calls the attention of His disciples to the world's waiting harvest, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest," while the majority of His disciples of to-day will have little or nothing to do with the harvest.

And yet it is in the reaping of the harvest which He has sown that the Saviour promises us joy, "that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

Oh, how much of the joy of serving Christ we may lose by a narrow or selfish outlook!

I trust the Bishop's visit may have served to stimulate in us all a determination to take a greater interest in the problems which confront the Church of to-day, a greater interest in the Diocese and in the work of the Church throughout the world.

May I make a practical suggestion towards these ends? It is that from now henceforward all of us include in our daily devotions some prayers for the Diocese and for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among all the peoples of the earth.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Monday, September 21st, is St. Matthew's Day, and Tuesday, September 29th, is the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

On Sunday, September 6th, at 2.30 p.m., there will be the usual Monthly Service for Young People and Children. On Sunday, September 13th, the Young Men's Fellowship for sacred study will resume the study of the Gospel according to St. Matthew for the session 1931-1932. All young men who are over school age are welcome in the

Fellowship, and the opening of a new session provides a suitable opportunity for new members to join. There is no formality about the meetings, which are conducted simply and quietly in Church with the sole object of opening the minds of our younger men to the message which the Gospel has to the age in which we live.

We were, on the whole, favoured by the weather on the occasion of our Bishop's Visitation on July 29th, the rain fortunately holding off for the time just at the right moment. We feel sure that his Lordship's kindly visit has proved a source of great encouragement to all Churchworkers, and will be remembered by all who were present. The Bishop expressed himself as very pleased with the work of our Church School, and thought the children were obviously happy. In his interview with the Parochial Church Council our Bishop shewed himself very familiar with the difficulties of country parishes and gave us very helpful advice. At the Confirmation service which followed there was a large congregation, and the ceremony was certainly one which should give heart to our new communicants in their efforts to be loyal to Truth. Some of us who were present were witnessing a village Confirmation for the first time, and there appeared to us a peculiar fitness in the fact of all the candidates being personally known to all the members of the congregation who were praying on their behalf. It is well for us elder people to remember how much our young communicants are dependent upon our example. At the Social Gathering, which was held in the Rectory Garden afterwards, all of us had the opportunity of a few words with our Bishop, and much appreciated the kind words with which he brought the Visitation to a close. His Lordship expressed his appreciation of the careful arrangements which had been made for his visit, and in this connection we should like to thank the members of our Parochial Church Council and the ladies who assisted them for carrying through the programme and the catering without a single hitch.

The following were confirmed by the Bishop of Southwell in East Bridgford Church on July 29th:—George Barnett Frettingham, Edward Henry Foster, Betsy Greensmith, Nina Marion Allwood, Dorothy Ellen Plowright, Florence Mary Knight, Winifred Mary Pitt.

The great privilege of living amid beautiful natural surroundings, as we all live at East Bridgford, is perhaps brought home to one most forcibly by an occasional realisation of the more squalid conditions under which so many thousands, even millions, of our fellow-beings still live in this 20th century. The writer has just been looking at some of the most crowded parts of the great city of Glasgow, where thousands of little children see no grass or foliage, and smoke for ever hides or dulls the sunlight. And yet, within a few miles of this desolation, I sat the evening before on a mountain overlooking the Firth of Clyde, gazing upon other mountains coloured for fifty miles around by the crimson rays of the setting sun, which also tinged the surface of Loch Lomond and the Firth. The scene was heavenly. How one yearns to transfer all these little children from the slums to the uplifting influences of God's work in nature. Here is one of the great problems of our age; God grant that there may be found among the rising generation of to-day the men and women who will solve it.

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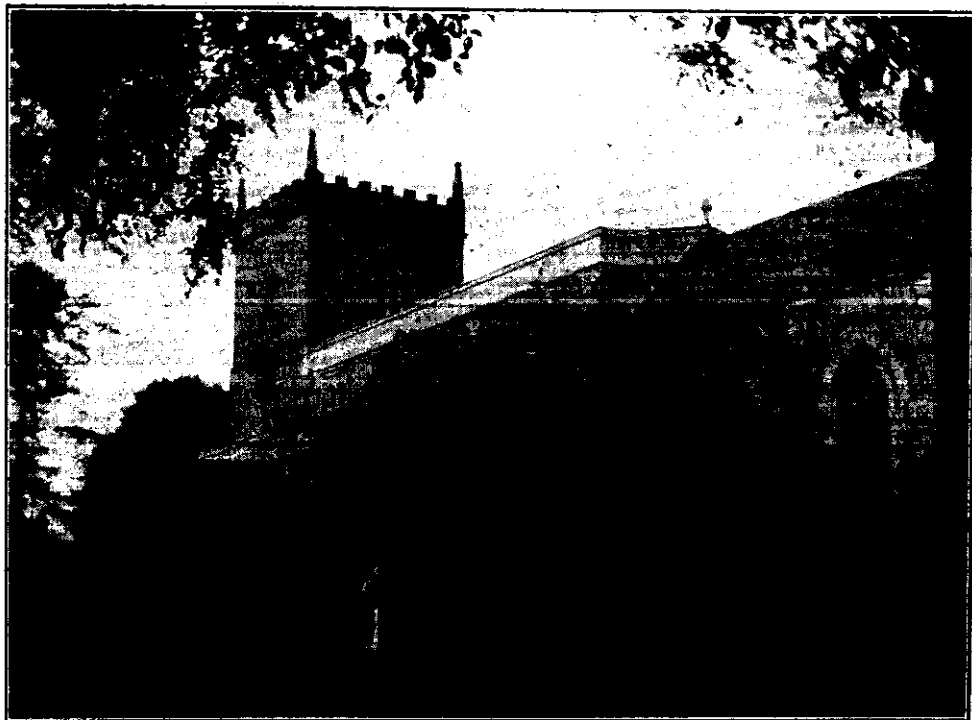
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
July 27th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The Rev. J. G. L. Swann, M.A., Chaplain of St. Mary's Training College, Bangor, will be in temporary charge of the parish of East Bridgford for the last four weeks of the month of August during my absence on holiday. Mr. Swann, with his two sons, will be in residence at the Rectory and he will be at your service in every matter in which he may be able to help you; I trust you will give him a hearty welcome and support him loyally by your attendance at Church. May I also remind those of you who are likely to have a holiday in August that the duty of public worship on Sunday is as binding upon Christian people during their days of leisure as in the ordinary routine of life; I have known Churchpeople who have first become lax in their worship during a holiday with disastrous after-effects on their spiritual life and I can accordingly assure you that the danger is not imaginary. No leisure is blest where God is forgotten.

As I write I have just received the architect's report on the cracks in the East wall of our Chancel, but have not yet had the opportunity of submitting it to our Parochial Church Council. It is not however too early to tell you that there is some trouble in the foundations of the south-east corner and that it appears as if some preliminary precautions should be taken at an early date and that within the next year or two we shall have to make a serious and combined effort to raise funds to make that corner of the building permanently secure. So much has been done within the last thirty years for the restoration of East Bridgford Church that the thought of a fresh outlay to meet trouble which no-one could foresee is undoubtedly a little discouraging; but I am encouraged by the knowledge that we have a Parochial Church Council and Congregation who love their Church.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Monday, August 24th, is St. Bartholomew's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

By the time this Magazine reaches our readers the Bishop's Visitation will have taken place; but, as our copy will be already in the printer's hands, a record of the event must be postponed until our next issue.

Glorious weather again favoured us on East Bridgford Feast Sunday and the gathering at the Memorial Service outside could not have been held under more favourable conditions. Through the kind offices of members of the British Legion the War Memorial and its surroundings shewed every sign of loving care and the sincerity of the worshippers could be felt by everyone present. This public witness to God's providence and the honour of our fallen brothers is much more wonderful and important than we can realise; for a few minutes at any rate we are all brought face to face with the things that really matter and reminded of our common brotherhood in the Eternal Christ.

The services in Church on the Feast Sunday were bright and happy and the congregations were if anything a little larger than last year. But we are still far from the enthusiasm of our forefathers in

the spiritual observances of the Feast. Time was when the ancient churches of our land were crowded on the Feast Sunday and no communicant would willingly have missed being present at the Lord's Table at the Festival; natives who had left their village tried to get home for the Feast in order that they might accompany their relatives to Church. It is impossible not to yearn for a whole-hearted return to these old usages of the Feast.

We are asked to announce that the Summer Outing of the branches of the Mothers' Union in the Bingham Deanery will take place on Thursday, August 27th. The destination is Newstead Abbey, the home of the poet Byron; readers are aware that the Abbey and its grounds have recently been presented to the Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham and are well worth seeing. Tickets for the grounds are obtainable at the Lodge on entering, at 6d. each, and a further charge of 6d. is made to visitors who desire to be taken round the interior of the Abbey. The tea costs 1/4 a head. There is, of course, the further charge for omnibus fare, which makes the expenditure a little formidable; but it is questionable whether an opportunity of visiting Newstead from East Bridgford is ever likely to occur under easier conditions. Mrs. Beaumont will be able to answer enquiries as to the cost of conveyance, and East Bridgford members of the M.U. who desire to join the party must give their names to Mrs. Pickford (Senior) on or before August 20th.

The Annual Flower Show was held in Mr. Buller's field, on June 30th. We were on the whole fortunate in the weather, though it was hardly an ideal June day. The uncertainty of the season possibly contributed to a fall in the gate receipts and consequent fall in the side-show takings. But the officials were able this year to effect certain economies, and it is not too early to announce that the accounts, now almost completed, are likely to leave the Society with a balance which improves on the previous year. The officials desire to express their gratitude to all the workers who strove to make the Show a success, including both our own and the visiting companies of the Boys' Brigade whose demonstrations of physical training were much appreciated.

The first news letter received from Yezd Missionary Hospital by the congregation of East Bridgford Church as "share-holders" in the work was read in Church on Sunday evening, July 5th. It was written by Miss Lloyd, the matron; the other members of the European staff in charge are Dr. J. V. Lart, Dr. Sarah Henriques, and Miss Nightingale. Miss Lloyd gives an interesting account of the medical and the evangelistic work and explains typical cases of patients who have come for release from pain. We can only hope that this work will be supported in earnest by the worshippers at East Bridgford Church, both in prayers and offerings, as we remember the solemn charge our Master has laid upon us all, viz., "Preach the Kingdom, heal the sick."

Those who knew him heard with deep regret of the fatal accident to Mr. William Sumner, of Gunthorpe. His widow, with whom we all sympathise, is connected with East Bridgford, and at her request the interment took place in our Churchyard, on July 8th.

BAPTISM—July 12th, Anthony Thomas William Caldicott.

WEDDING—July 18th, Philip Smith to Cicely Hannah Crossland.

BURIAL—July 8th, William Wood Sumner, aged 69 years.

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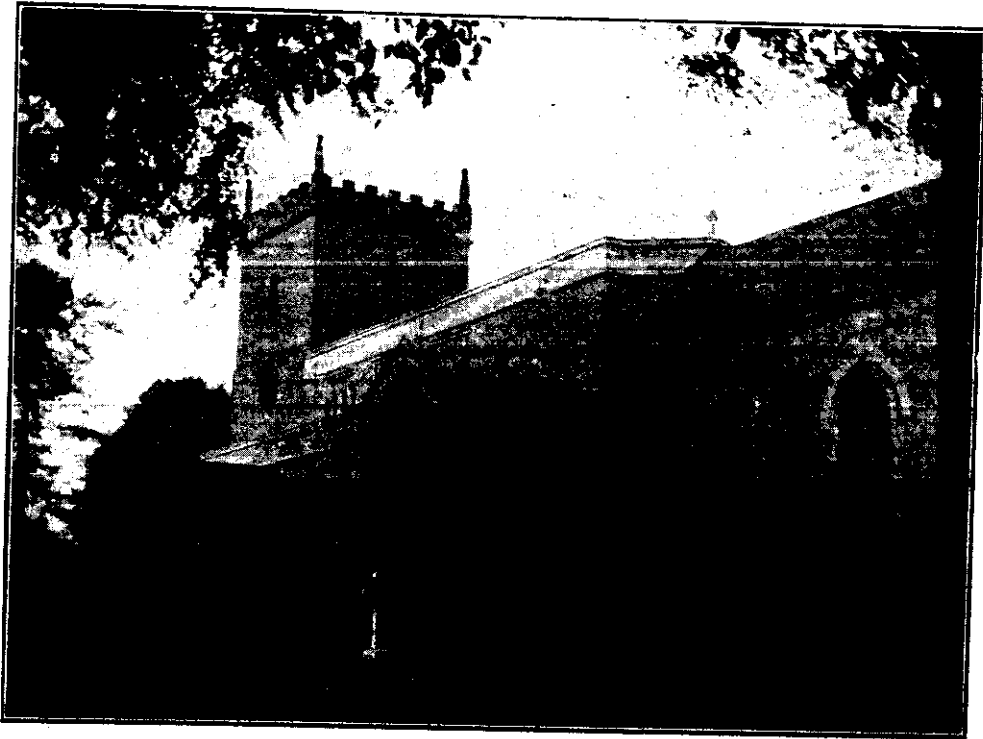
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
June 30th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The coming visit of our Bishop on July 29th is an important occasion in the life of the Church in East Bridgford; I trust that all Churchpeople will not only be present at the Confirmation Service at 7 p.m., but will also be present at the Rectory afterwards to meet the Bishop.

I have a word to say this month to worshippers about Church Expenses; the Sunday offertories to that Fund are at present insufficient to meet the running expenses of Church and Churchyard despite the economy of the Parochial Church Council as shewn to my mind by the Statement in the Church porch.

It may be true that offerings made largely for our own comfort in Church are hardly on the same spiritual level as self-sacrifice in the cause of Missions or public charity; but I cannot think these great causes need suffer through the discharge of our responsibilities to our own Church Expenses.

£3 each Sunday shared by the 250 people on the Church Roll, each according to his or her means, would not I imagine make overwhelming demands on our self-denial, but it would solve our present problem of Church Expenses; we are not nearly getting it at present.

While many give well, there may be also many who could do better, either by increasing their usual offerings or by joining the Free-will Offering Scheme which ensures their anonymous offerings however small, reaching the Treasurer even when they are absent from Church.

At any rate, dear friends, ask yourselves about it. It is often an eye-opener, even to those of us who are of humble means, to compare what we spend on ourselves each week with the amount we offer to God as thanksgiving for blessings received. Just think it over without criticising the gifts of others.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

The programme of the Bishop's Visitation on Wednesday, July 29th, is as follows. His Lordship will visit the Schools at 4 p.m.; he will be present at a short meeting of the Parochial Church Council at 6 p.m., and at 7 p.m. will hold a Confirmation Service in Church. Immediately after the Service there will be a Social Gathering in the Rectory and Garden, which all Churchpeople are invited to attend to meet the Bishop. Next morning at 8 a.m. there will be Holy Communion at which the Bishop will officiate.

All parishioners deeply regret the death of Mr. John Mills, at the age of 73, and feel deep sympathy with those who are bereaved. Mr. and Mrs. Mills were originally Nottingham people who came to Radcliffe some years ago; it is some 25 years ago since Mr. Mills was appointed agent at East Bridgford in the coal business of Mr. Gell, and accordingly moved from Radcliffe to this parish. During that period he earned the sincere respect of all parishioners by his sterling honesty of character and obliging manner. His patience during his last illness also furnished evidence of the vigour of his spiritual life.

Mr. Mills is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren, as well as by his widow; to all of them we extend our deep sympathy. Mrs. Mills desires to express, on behalf of them all, their deep appreciation of the kindness of friends during the period of trial.

Mr. Thomas Chapman, who died at Newark on April 20th, at the advanced age of 91, was born at East Bridgford on Dec. 28th, 1839, and, apart from the years he served as a soldier, he spent nearly all his life in this parish up to the time he left it a few years ago. The many parishioners who remember him will be interested to know that during his latter years he talked frequently of his old home and friends here and of the kindness of East Bridgford people. Mr. Chapman passed away at 65, Victoria Street, Newark, the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. Chester, and was buried at Newark Cemetery on April 23rd, in the same grave in which his son William had been laid to rest some years ago.

MISSIONARY EFFORT:—The Yezd Boxes produced £4 17s. 1d. for the half-year ending June 1st; we were glad to add two subscriptions of 10/- and 3/6 respectively; the total of £5 10s. 7d. has been despatched to the Society and is gratefully acknowledged in a letter which will be found in the Church porch beside the record of the amounts in each box. Our parish is now entitled to be certified as sharing in the work at Yezd Hospital and our certificate is also in the Church porch: under this plan we shall receive news of the work from time to time direct from Yezd itself. To the work of the S.P.G. we send offertories and subscriptions later in the year, and to the amount we have now 9/2 to add from two S.P.G. boxes. Three boxes on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society have produced £1 2s. 2½d. We are very pleased that a group of our people have thus put themselves into definite touch with the work of spreading the Gospel by becoming holders of missionary boxes.

We are indebted to the handiwork of a lady of the congregation for the green embroidered super-frontal, recently provided in the Chancel, as well as for the new white altar-cloth in the Side-chapel; for these very beautiful gifts we express our grateful thanks.

Heartly congratulations upon her marriage to Mrs. George Wallwin, whom we have known hitherto as Miss Mary Butler. Mrs. Wallwin has rendered excellent service here as a Church worker, more especially in the G.F.S. and as an ideal Magazine distributor. We are glad that her new home is not far away and we all wish every happiness to her and to her husband.

The parish of East Bridgford, as well as the Conference of B.B. Officers (who had such a happy time in camp at Mr. Swain's residence), owe a debt of gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.D., for his stirring and helpful addresses of Sunday, June 14th. The inspiring turn-out of the B.B. officers and boys at the morning service helped to fill our Church to its utmost seating capacity, and the evening congregation was also unusually large.

A record of the Feast Sunday services and of the Flower Show will appear in our next issue.

BAPTISM (June 23rd).—Charles Frederic Clark.

WEDDING (June 15th).—George Wallwin to Mary Butler.

BURIAL (June 4th).—John Mills, aged 73 years.

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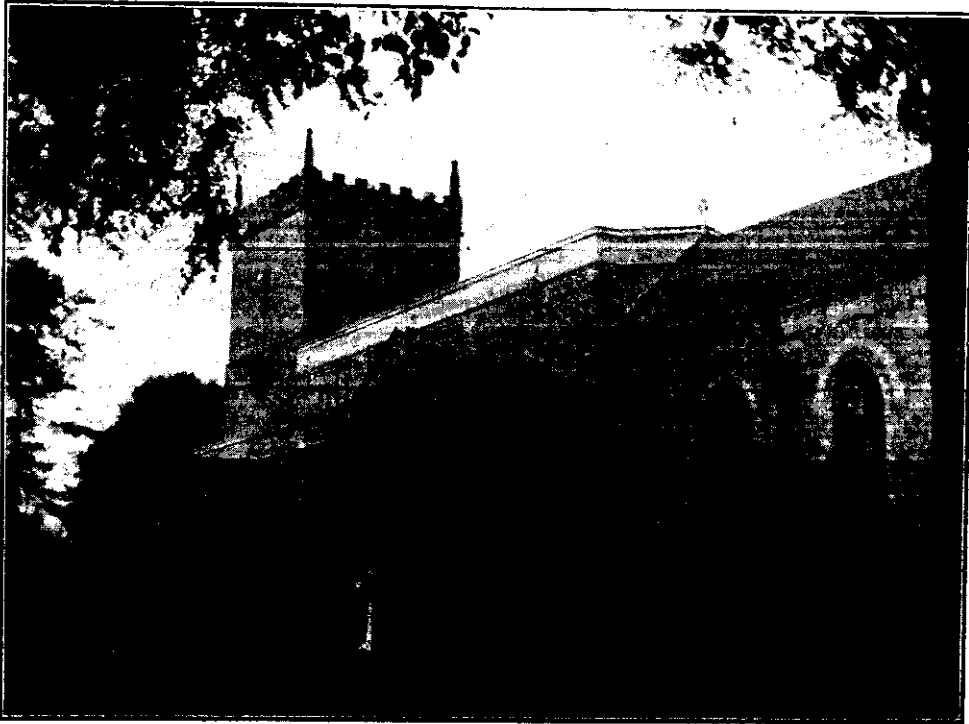
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
May 29th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

As we approach the Feast Sunday and St. Peter's Day, your thoughts as East Bridgford people may well turn to your glorious heritage in your beautiful ancient Parish Church of St. Peter. I am beginning to know a little more about its wonderful history, and I am also beginning to wonder whether all who live in East Bridgford realise its significance for themselves.

Mr. Hill, by devoted labours, was able to trace the foundation lines of a Saxon Church of the 10th century beneath the present building, and I am now told that there is little doubt that an earlier Church stood on the same spot in the 7th century.

Is it not then an inspiring thought to all Christian men and women who enter this sacred building, that here in prayer and Sacrament generations of East Bridgford people have approached the Throne of Grace for 12 or 13 centuries? If we cannot find the atmosphere of prayer amid such hallowed surroundings, where are we likely to find it? I entreat you to think of these things, and to reflect that in neglecting these priceless opportunities of feeling God's presence you may be setting at naught the one thing which makes life worth living. I feel the danger of such a course the more strongly because as I grow older I suspect more and more that the reasons commonly suggested to account for the modern neglect of Christian worship are mostly wide of the mark. The simple truth is that we live in a materialistic age and men don't want God. If half of the population of our country felt it the main object of life to serve Christ, then I believe our Churches would be packed out every Sunday; it is spiritual indolence and little else that keeps most men and women away from public worship.

I invite readers of these lines who do not join in public worship, and I invite others who are very irregular, to look right into their own hearts and ask if they really want God. And if the answer is No, remember then that God wants you and that the glory of an historic Parish Church like your own at East Bridgford is one of the clearest calls of the Master Himself to fill your life with prayer and the sense of His presence.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

Thursday, June 11th, is St. Barnabas' Day, Wednesday, June 24th, is St. John Baptist's Day and Monday, June 29th, is the Festival of St. Peter; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

On Feast Sunday, June 28th (the Eve of St. Peter's Day) Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. In the afternoon at 3 p.m. there will be the customary service outside at the War Memorial Cross, the British Legion and other organisations parading to the services as usual; we hope that this solemn remembrance of our fallen brothers may be favoured with the same beautiful weather as last year.

The Bishop of Southwell's visit to East Bridgford has now been definitely fixed for Wednesday, July 29th, and parishioners are accordingly asked to keep that evening free for the Visitation. Our Bishop will meet the Parochial Church Council early in the evening and will hold a Confirmation in Church at 7 p.m. After the service a Social will be held, at which the Bishop would like to meet all members of the congregation. Detailed arrangements are being considered

by the Parochial Church Council and fuller notice will be given nearer the date.

A number of names of intending candidates for the Confirmation to be held on July 29th, have already been given to the Rector, who now asks that all who desire to attend the preparation classes (whether intending to be confirmed this year or otherwise) should meet him in Church after the evening service on Sunday, June 7th, in order that arrangements for the classes should be made to suit all.

The Conference of the Nottingham Battalion Boys' Brigade Officers, who will be in camp at East Bridgford for the week-end, including Sunday, June 14th, will be honoured by the presence of the Right Reverend J. Taylor Smith, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.D., who was Chaplain-General of to His Majesty's Forces from 1901 to 1925, after being previously Bishop of Sierra Leone. Bishop Taylor Smith has kindly consented to preach at East Bridgford Church on June 14th, at both the morning and evening services. The B.B. Officers will parade to Church for the morning service.

The 65th Annual Show of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society will be held in Mr. Buller's field, Farmer's Road, on Feast Tuesday, June 30th, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Secretary of the Wants Department of the Church Missionary Society has written to express the grateful thanks of the Society for the dolls and other articles made by the East Bridgford G.F.S. Candidates and helpers for use in Yezd Hospital, Persia. These articles have now been despatched on their long journey to Yezd.

The proceeds of the Ladies' Tea-parties held in February and March (amounting to £4 3s. 0d.) have now been partially expended in the cleaning of the Altar-curtains and two white Altar-cloths, and in the purchase of 6 additional prayer-books and 7 hymn-books for the use of the congregation. This expenditure leaves £2 1s. 11d. in hand towards the fund for providing new hassocks. We are very grateful to the ladies.

All missionary boxes due to be handed in on June 1st for the half-yearly opening should be left either at Church or at the Rectory as near to that date as possible. The amounts received will be recorded on the notice board in the Church porch under the number of each box.

BOYS' BRIGADE.—It is doubtful whether our boys could find any form of holiday more productive of health, good spirits, true sportsmanship and happy memories than the Whitsuntide camping of the Nottingham Battalion Boys' Brigade at Skegness, which the East Bridgford Company joined as usual. There was, it is true, rain on Saturday and Sunday, though nothing like we had at East Bridgford; but Sunday evening opened a period of some days of glorious sunshine, in which everything and everybody were at their best. We congratulate Mr. Swain and his officers on having carried through another splendid camp; we know 200 boys who, like their parents, are very grateful indeed.

The atmosphere was full of the good wishes of all our parishioners when Miss G. E. Beaumont was married to Mr. R. F. T. Granger on May 28th. The Beaumont family have been intimately associated with East Bridgford for so many generations that the wedding was one of particular interest to the village and district. The service, which was fully choral, was certainly impressive, and the festivities went off without a hitch. We wish long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Granger.

BAPTISM.—May 3rd, Donald Eric Green.

WEDDING.—May 28th, Richard Francis Turner Granger to Gladys Eliza Beaumont.

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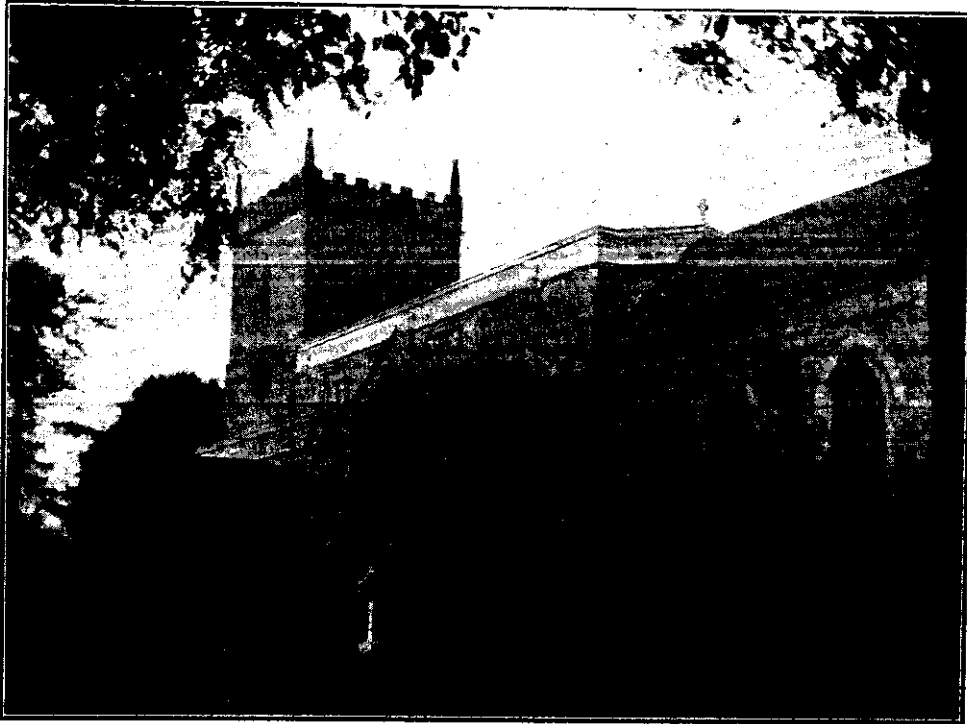
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
April 26th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Though a few communicants in our parish were absent from the Easter Communion without adequate excuse, we had a glorious Easter Day, which closed with a heartening and well-attended Evening Service. In these days between Easter and Ascensiontide we may well think of the meaning of the Christian outlook upon Death and the Hereafter. We sometimes think of Death as dreadful; do we ever reflect how terrible it would be if we had to live for ever in this World as it is? The prospect would indeed be dreadful. Yet equally dreadful perhaps to our human nature would be the prospect of everlasting oblivion, against the very thought of which the human spirit rebels. How glorious then is the message of Christ's Resurrection to that life of more untrammelled conditions upon which we muse in these post-Easter days.

But would the mere fact of a Resurrection to improved conditions upon the Earth itself be enough to satisfy us for ever? Surely not, for the prospect of ultimate boredom would remain.

What we really yearn for is a life of infinite possibilities, and that is just what the Ascension of our Lord stands for and pledges for His followers. He returned to the Infinite, but now carrying with Him our glorified human nature. The Infinite is open to us for He "has gone to prepare a place for us." Surely then we shall rejoice in spirit on the Ascension Day.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

The Rector desires to express to the members of the congregation his sincere thanks for their generosity in the matter of Easter Offerings.

On the Ascension Day (Thursday, May 14th) 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.

On Whit-Sunday (May 24th), Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and also at Mid-day. On Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week (25th and 26th), the Ante-Communion Service will be read at 8 a.m.

East Bridgford Feast Sunday this year will be Sunday, June 28th, that being "the Sunday of the week in which St. Peter's Day falls."

For the Hospital Egg Week East Bridgford contributed its record total of 2,020 eggs; this is splendid.

In view of the prevalence of illness the attendance at our Holy Week and Good Friday services was on the whole satisfactory, but we could have wished for a larger congregation, despite the weather, at the excellent rendering of Dr. Stainer's Oratorio, "The Crucifixion," on Wednesday, April 1st. The combined East Bridgford and Old Radford Choirs rendered the choruses with singular precision and effect; in one chorus particularly the rendering was of a very high standard. There was also evidence that under Mr. Burdett's instruction our Choir will in time be able to furnish soloists of considerable ability. The congregation also are to be congratulated on their singing of some of the beautiful hymns with which the Oratorio is interspersed; while these hymns were being sung one felt instinctively that the evening's effort was working its purpose of drawing a little nearer to the Cross of Jesus those who had come to Church willing to be so drawn.

At the Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens, held on April 7th, Messrs. Beaumont and Hadley were unanimously re-elected and a hearty vote of thanks for their services during the past year was carried with enthusiasm. In replying for the Wardens Mr. Beaumont mentioned the anxiety of the Churchwardens with regard to a subsidence in the East wall of the Chancel. That there has been some recent movement there will be obvious to any parishioner who will walk up to the Sanctuary step and look at the cracks on both sides of the East window and above it. We have been in communication with the Rev. A. D. Hill on this matter and are accepting his advice, *viz.*, that the position should be carefully examined by a competent Architect in the near future. When the Architect has reported, the whole matter will be discussed by the Parochial Church Council, and we feel quite sure that the Council will be supported by all lovers of East Bridgford Church in such steps as they find it necessary to take.

On Sunday, May 10th (Rogation Sunday), the collections will be made as usual in Churches throughout the Diocese in response to the Bishop's Appeal for the Apportionment Fund. The Bishops of the Church of England are in this respect hampered by the fact that the magnitude of the work of our Church is not appreciated by the average Churchman, who still fails to realise that endowments made some centuries ago are totally inadequate to meet the needs of the work in the 20th century, and the fact that vast areas are without Clergy and Churches is due to the lack of money. The task of meeting these gigantic needs can only be accomplished, even in part, by the united sacrifices of the Church of England as a whole, and upon the means of every baptised member of the Church of England God has a claim. It would be impossible to enumerate here the many needs to which our contributions on Sunday, May 10th, will go, but they include the following:--Grants to stipends of Curates and Lay workers, training of Clergy, expenses of Lay readers, Clergy Widows and Orphans, raising salaries of poor Benefices to £300 per annum, Religious Education in Day and Sunday Schools, Diocesan Mission Work, Rescue and Preventive Work, Dilapidations, Miscellaneous, Church Assembly Apportionment, Administrative expenses of the Diocese. For these and kindred needs the Bishop appeals for £6,701, to be raised by the Diocesan Apportionment Fund. This amount is 1/10 in the pound more than was asked for last year, but is nevertheless the minimum on which the Church's affairs can be run satisfactorily. East Bridgford has always paid its share, which last year amounted to £15 13s. 0d.; the rise above-mentioned makes our share this year £17 1s. 8d., calculated on the same Deanery basis as before. We appeal for hearty support on May 10th.

Our deep sympathies are with Mr. C. K. Allwood in his fresh bereavement; all of us, old and young alike, feel the loss of his son, Victor.

Four Yezd Missionary boxes were handed in at Eastertide and contained contributions, which are gratefully acknowledged, as follows:—No. 5, 2/3½; No. 12, 5/9½; No. 17, 2/9; No. 20, 4/2. All other boxes should be handed in on or before June 1st for the half-yearly opening.

BAPTISMS.—April 5th, George Henry Soles.
April 8th, Peter Hobbs.

BURIALS.—April 1st, Kate Agnes Blagg, aged 72 years.
April 18th, Victor William Allwood, aged 11 years.

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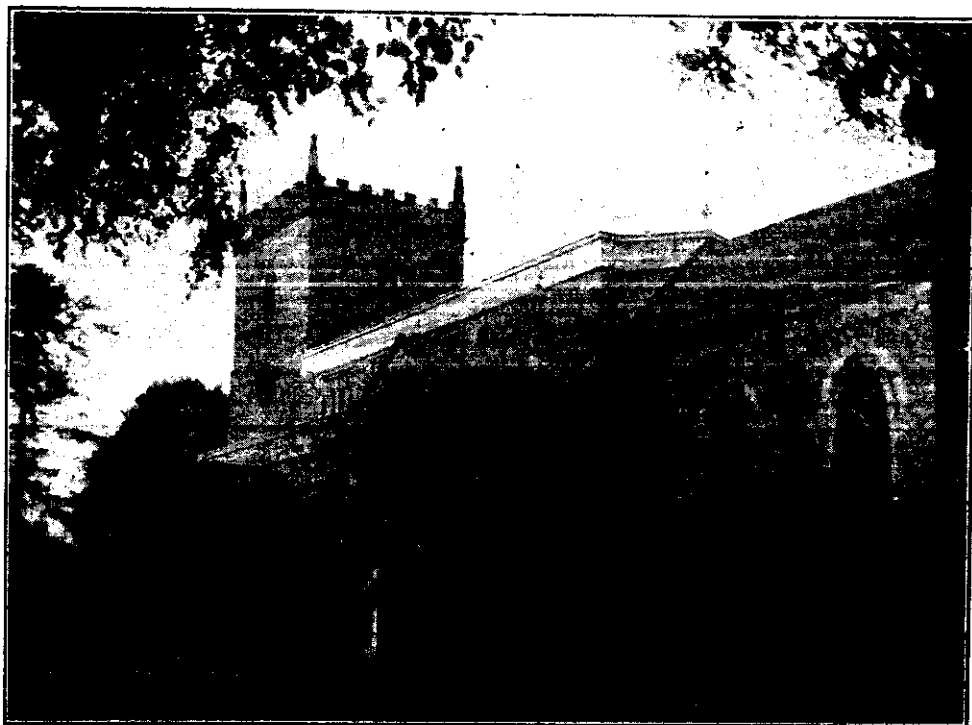
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
March 30th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The early Spring of 1931 will be remembered in East Bridgford for the extraordinary epidemic of measles and severe colds of an influenza type; old residents tell me that they do not remember illness being so widespread in the parish before.

But it is a matter for thankfulness that neither the measles nor the influenza has been of a virulent type; no single life has been endangered from either cause.

The prevalence of so much illness certainly made it difficult to carry on many of our organisations for some weeks; our school attendance reached its minimum, our Sunday School had to be closed, and our Choir had to carry on with sadly depleted ranks. The Officers of our Boys' Brigade ask me to explain that it was, of course, impossible to provide the usual Demonstration, which would under ordinary circumstances have been held in March; the "measles" casualties were so many that there were not sufficient members left to give a demonstration.

The attendance at Church during Lent was likewise affected, but under the circumstances the number availing themselves of the Friday services was larger than might have been expected. The village has now become convalescent, a few days of bright sunshine in March doing much to help the process, and we trust that Easter may find all our friends rapidly approaching complete restoration to health.

May I warn Churchpeople that there is a temptation after illness to postpone unnecessarily the return to the habit of regular worship? Such unnecessary postponement always does us harm.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

MISSIONARY EFFORT.—Dr. Lloyd, lately Medical Missionary at Omdurman, preached in East Bridgford Church on Sunday evening, March 1st, giving us a vivid and inspiring picture of the work among Moslems in the Soudan, and strongly commending to us the similar work of Dr. White's Hospital at Yezd, which many of us are helping to support by prayer and offerings. We only wish that the attendance on March 1st had not been so much affected by illness among our people. Among the missionary-boxes in the hands of members of our congregation a few were, we believe, taken out for the season of Lent only; holders of these boxes may leave them on the Missionary table in Church on Easter Day or any subsequent Sunday they desire. If, however, they prefer to keep them till June 1st (when the other boxes will be handed-in for the half-yearly opening), we shall, of course, be very glad indeed.

The Holy Week and Easter Day services were all announced in our last issue, and will be reported in our May issue.

The Annual Meeting for the ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS will take place at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday in Easter Week (April 7th) in the Schools.

On Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week (April 6th and 7th), 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 it.

Saturday, April 25th, will be St. Mark's Day, and Friday, May 1st will be the Festival of Saints Philip and James; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

The Ladies' Tea-party held in the Women's Institute on March 19th was affected, as regards attendance, by the illness of many who would otherwise have been present; the party was however very much enjoyed by those present. The net proceeds amounted to £2, of which £1 is to be used in buying a few additional prayer-books and hymn-books for the Church; the other £1 is to be set aside as the nucleus of a fund it is hoped to raise to provide kneeling-mats or hassocks for the pews in Church.

Seventy-five members of the Mothers' Union were present at the Gathering held in the Temperance Hall, on March 24th. The East Bridgford mothers were not in full force as so many were at home nursing young people with measles, but the attendance included also members from Flintham, Orston, Scarrington, Whatton, Aslockton, Car Colston and elsewhere. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Darwin, Diocesan President, who gave an inspiring account of the objects of the Mothers' Union, and the manner in which these objects were being promoted by branches in all parts of the World, including branches composed of black and coloured Christian mothers amid heathen surroundings. After the serious business, tea was partaken of and an hour's excellent music was provided by Miss Hamilton (Nottingham), Miss Stone (Nottingham), Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Fox.

Those who are interested in the history of old families may like to know something about the late Mr. Thomas Sulley, who died at East Bridgford on March 14th, at the age of 82, after a brief sojourn in this parish; he came to East Bridgford just after the death of his wife, at Nottingham, in August of last year. Mr. Sulley was born at Arnold, and happened to be a descendant of the oldest family in that town. As a matter of fact the first burial but one in the Arnold Registers is that of Joan Sulley, daughter of Thomas Sulley, who was ancestor of our late parishioner; Joan Sulley died in March, 1545. The descendants of this Thomas Sulley can be traced in the Registers for nearly four centuries, and many members of the family are resident in Arnold to-day. In 1681 a Mr. Thomas Sulley gave a substantial gift to "the Poore's money," which, however, was not distributed by the Churchwardens and Overseers until Christmas Day, 1683. Our late friend possessed in a marked degree that kindly outlook and faithfulness to tradition which we associate with those who know they have good traditions to guide them. At his own expressed wish he was laid to rest beside his late wife in Arnold Cemetery on March 19th, by the Rector of East Bridgford, lately Vicar of Arnold.

While there have been no deaths in East Bridgford from measles or influenza, there were nevertheless six deaths in March among parishioners or their friends. Following close upon the death of Martin Shortland there came news of the death, by accident at Wellow, of Mr. A. H. Faulkner, whose widow is connected with an East Bridgford family. Then the news of the sudden death of Mr. Owen Blagg was followed quickly by the death of Mr. Thomas Sulley, and very soon thereafter came news of the most sudden death of Mr. Robert Barlow, and lastly, Mrs. (William) Blagg passed peacefully to her rest. To all who have been bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy.

WEDDING.—February 28. Harold Middleton to Leah Guy.

BURIALS.—March 7. Frederick Martin Shortland, aged 26.

March 9. Henry Albert Faulkner, aged 40.

March 14. Owen Blagg, aged 37.

March 19 (at Arnold). Thomas Sulley, aged 82.

March 21. Robert Barlow, aged 62.

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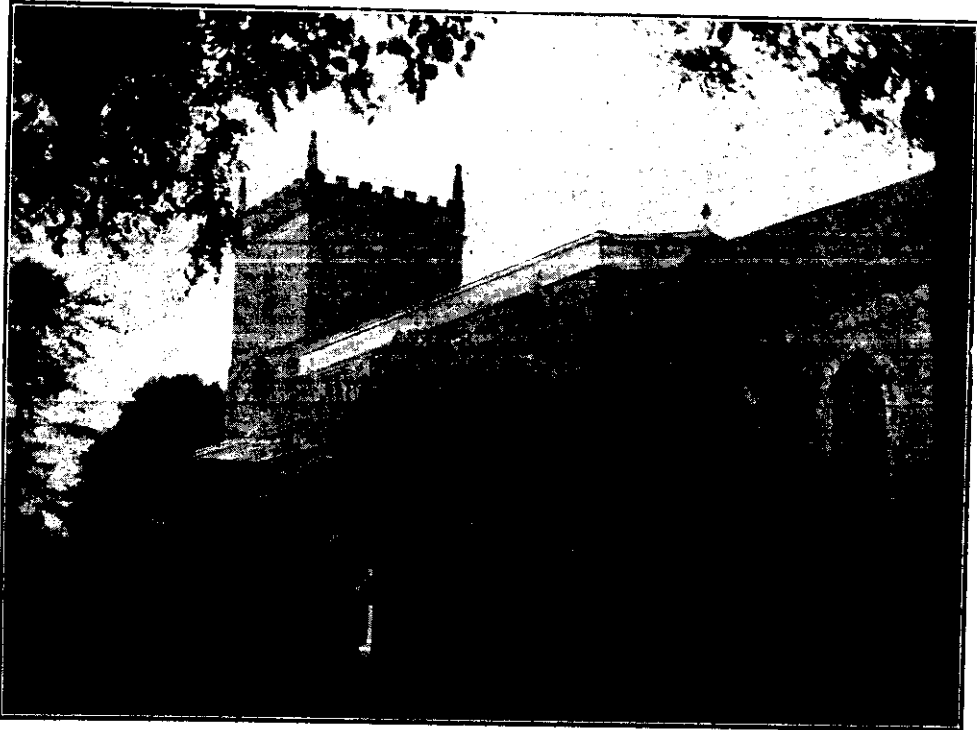
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
February 25th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Before our April Magazine reaches your hands, Holy Week will be upon us; I am therefore writing of Holy Week and Easter in this, the March issue. Those of you who are loyally observing the season of Lent will need little exhortation as regards Holy Week and Easter, but to all others I have something to say. Do you realise that your hope in the Resurrection depends on what you think of the Cross of Christ? "What think ye of Christ?" The question demands an answer; it cannot always be shirked, and whenever we glance at the Cross and turn away we are conscious that the escape is only temporary; some day and somewhere we shall have to look again into the face of the Suffering Christ and say whether we are His or not, and it will not be easier then than it is now. But upon the answer depends our hope in the Resurrection.

The number of Church people in East Bridgford who may be disloyal enough to neglect their Easter Communion is, I am sure, a very small proportion. But none of us can experience the true Easter joy to whom the events commemorated on Good Friday mean anything short of personal redemption.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

MISSIONARY EFFORT.—We are glad to notice that many members of our congregation are availing themselves of the free missionary literature provided at the Church door, for it can only be our ignorance of missionary effort that prevents us from realising that the purpose of the very existence of the Church of Christ is the Evangelisation of the World. We commend to the notice of readers some recent additions which bear on the work in Persia, copies of which are also free. Those who would like to study the value of Medical Missions in Moslem lands a little more carefully are advised to procure a copy of "the Approach to the Moslem," which costs 2d., is also obtainable at the Church door and can be paid for into the box provided. Christian people who are troubled by shallow objections to Foreign Missions will also find little books at 2d. each in which these objections are critically examined. Prayers on behalf of missionary work are now offered in Church every Sunday, and those who are willing to pray privately for the Great Cause can obtain copies of "Daily prayers for the Kingdom" free. There are now some 24 missionary boxes in the hands of Church people in the parish, and we hope many more will be taken out during this Holy Season of Lent. Dr. Lloyd, late of Omdurman, who holds our Bishop's Licence as a Diocesan Lay Reader will preach on Medical Missions in East Bridgford Church on Sunday evening, March 1st.

HOLY WEEK opens on March 29th (Palm Sunday). On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 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. At the service on the Tuesday evening (March 31st) there will be a short address in preparation for the

Easter Communion, and the service at 7.30 p.m. on the Wednesday Evening (April 1st) will consist of a rendering of Stainer's Oratorio "The Crucifixion," by the combined Choirs of East Bridgford and Old Radford Churches.

On GOOD FRIDAY the Ante-Communion will be read at 8 a.m.; there will also be morning and evening services at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and a Service of Meditation from 2 to 3 p.m. on the "Words from the Cross."

On Saturday, April 4th (Easter Even) there will be a short service at 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), as well as the usual services at 10.45 and 6.30. The 10.45 service will in this case begin with Matins (and *not* the usual monthly Choral Celebration) so as to provide the Easter Matins at the most convenient time.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held in the Schools on Tuesday, January 27th, the Rector presiding. Mr. Hadley summarised the work of the Council during 1930 and the Churchwardens' accounts were formally accepted by the Meeting. The Statement has been printed and is available in the Church porch; it shews a balance in hand of £4 15s. 11d. on the Church Expenses account, and on the Garden Fête Deposit account there was a balance in hand of £72 18s. 9d., out of which the bill for electric light equipment will call for £60, so that our true balance is really about £13. The elections for 1931 resulted as follows:—Representative on Diocesan Conference, Miss Fox; on Ruridecanal Conference, Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Beaumont; further representatives on Parochial Church Council, Miss M. Robinson, Miss S. E. Millington, Mr. E. Bullers, Mr. H. Curtis, Mr. C. Allwood, Miss Huskinson, Mr. Coville, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Lander, Miss M. Dexter, Mrs. C. Allwood, Mr. Hadley and the Rector. The following were elected Sidesmen:—Messrs. C. Allwood, H. Curtis, T. Jesson, W. Jones, W. Lander, C. Millington, W. R. Sharman and G. W. Beaumont. In reporting on the fabric of the Church the Rector drew attention to signs of subsidence in the Chancel walls, which will need treatment in the near future.

The Ladies' Tea Party on Shrove Tuesday was much enjoyed, though the attendance was affected by inclement weather. The proceeds of £2 1s. 0d. are to be devoted to the cleaning of the Altar curtains and the white Frontal. We are much indebted to the ladies for this useful help.

Mr. Henry Millington, who died at Farndon Fields on Feb. 13th, at the age of 70, and was interred at East Bridgford on Feb. 17th, was the third child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Millington, of this parish, where he was born and brought up. All parishioners will sympathise with the sorrow of the members of that respected family who live amongst us here or elsewhere. Mr. Henry Millington, who is survived by six other members of the original family of eight, had been for some time in poor health, and at last succumbed to a painful illness, which was patiently borne.

A short Service for Women will be held, at the suggestion of the Mothers' Union, on the Tuesday in Holy Week (March 31st) at 3 p.m.

WEDDINGS (February 7th).—John Higgs to Emily Allister.

Charles Sidney Smith to Gladys Allister.

BURIAL (February 17th).—Henry Millington, aged 70 years.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

December 29th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

A Happy New Year to you all! In making our fresh resolutions, do not let us lose heart on account of our past failures. "Fresh starts are the very law of the soul's progress. The life of the greatest saint is only a continual series of fresh starts." At the same time, a fresh start is of little avail until we have first examined the causes of our past failures. One reason why so many of us fail is that our good resolutions begin at the wrong end; we make rules for ourselves without ever asking where and how we are going to get the strength to keep them. I wish to point out that a resolution to lead a Christian life is no use unless we mean to keep in constant personal touch with Christ. And, I cannot help noticing the neglect by many Churchpeople here of the principal means Christ has appointed for us to keep in personal touch with Himself—the Holy Communion. Believe me, indifference in this respect, with its resultant half-heartedness, can nearly always be traced to a falling-off in the reality and regularity of our prayers.

A definite resolution as to our prayers and a definite rule as to how often and when we shall be at God's Altar would be for many of us the best resolutions we could make if we desire to be nearer the Master at the end of 1931 and know more of what is meant by "peace and joy in believing."

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The news that the Rev. A. D. Hill had been suddenly obliged to undergo an operation for appendicitis caused great anxiety in our parish a week before Christmas. During the trying days that followed Mr. Hill was certainly supported by the earnest prayers and affections of his former flock at East Bridgford, and we rejoice to know that his progress is being maintained as we go to press.

Our Bishop is holding a Visitation in every parish in his Diocese, and the turn of Bingham Deanery is to come for the period, July 24th to August 2nd, so that the Bishop will visit this parish on some day within that period. It is part of the Bishop's plan that he will, on his visitation, confirm candidates in their own Parish Church, so that no further confirmations need be arranged during his tour of the Diocese. We therefore propose to start classes about the end of May for candidates who desire to be confirmed this year.

Thursday, January 1st (New Year's Day) is the Festival of the Circumcision; Tuesday, January 6th, is the Festival of the Epiphany; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

The Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th) falls this year on the third Sunday after Epiphany; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The subscriptions to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel collected by Miss Huskinson for the year 1930 have amounted to £13 4s. 6d., which shews a slight increase over the previous year's total; the Society has gratefully acknowledged the amount. The offerings on Sunday, December 14th, for the same Society amounted to £4 4s. 3d.

The Ladies' Tea-party on November 25th was well attended and much enjoyed. The profits of £2 13s. 6d. were devoted to the purchase of new dark-blue linen coverings for the two altar-tables in Church. These were very much needed as their predecessors had been in use for many years. There are other similar requirements for which we hope to raise the cost at two other parties to be held in the early spring.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is fixed for Tuesday, January 27th, at 8 p.m., in the Schools.

Our congregation is much indebted to an anonymous parishioner for the relacquering of the beautiful brass eagle-lectern in Church, which was originally given in memory of Mrs. Matilda Challand, who died at the Manor House on December 20th, 1890.

Our Choir were a little unfortunate in having a very wet evening for their concert in the Temperance Hall on December 11th; the weather undoubtedly prevented many from coming any distance. That the performance itself was a great success and heartily appreciated none who were present are likely to gainsay. The items were varied, and there was not the slightest hitch in any of them. In one of their glees our Choir reached a high standard, which earned the enthusiasm of the audience. A special word of thanks is due from us to the musicians from Nottingham who gave their voluntary services, and, of course, we owe very much to Mr. Burdett. The proceeds of £5 13s. 6d. were all profit, because kind friends had defrayed expenses by voluntary subscriptions beforehand; thus the takings have been handed over entire to the Church Expenses Fund, so as to help the Churchwardens to meet the costs of the requirements of our Choir.

BAPTISMS.—Dec. 7. Margaret Chapman.

Dec. 7. Ruth Ida Pick.

Dec. 21. Donald Arthur George Smith.

WEDDING.—Dec. 6. John Roy Fletcher to Sarah Elizabeth Scarborough.

Readers may be glad to know that the Magazine Account for 1930, to be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will shew that our Magazine has paid its own way during 1930 with a few shillings to spare. For this result we have largely to thank the unselfish efforts of our voluntary distributors, whose task is very much lightened by subscribers' payments being kept up-to-date.

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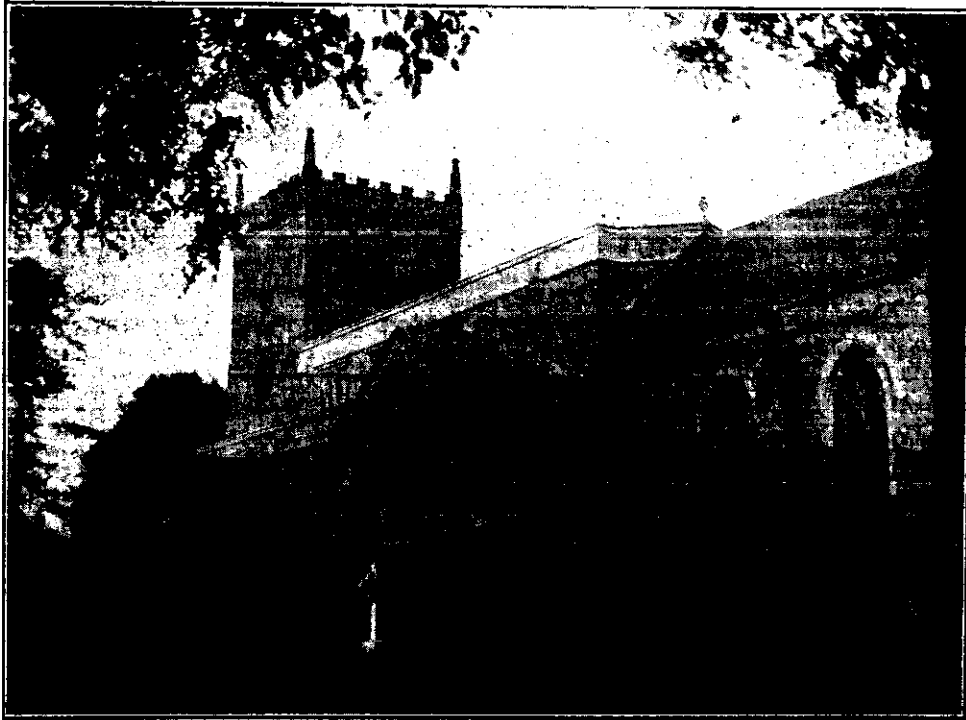
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Services.

HOLY COMMUNION :—

On the First Sunday in the Month : 10.45 (Choral) : (Matins at 10.).
On the Third Sunday in the Month after Morning Prayer.
On all other SUNDAYS at 8 a.m. SAINTS' DAYS, 10.30 a.m.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER :—

Sundays at 10.45 (10 on First Sunday in Month) and 6.30 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE :—First Sunday in Month at 2.30 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR SACRED STUDY :—
Sunday at 2.30 in Church, conducted by the Rector.

HOLY BAPTISM :—

First Sunday in Month at 3.30 p.m., or at other times by arrangement.

CHURCHING OF WOMEN :—At the time of Baptisms, or by arrangement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL :—At 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in the National School.

EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

January 27th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It is fashionable among a certain class of modern writers to minimise the danger of sin; some even go so far as to pretend that, if there is such a thing as sin at all, its dreadful power is at any rate grossly exaggerated. These empty suggestions are, however, flatly contradicted by the experience of every reformer, whether in the sphere of mankind's spiritual, moral, mental or material interests; he finds himself up against the fact of human sin in every effort for human advancement; it is indeed the one thing that hampers human progress in every direction. Sin is there and all our progress, all our peace, ultimately depend upon our victory over it. But we know it is still better by our own personal experiences; not only can all our plans, however good, be upset by the sin of others, but in our hearts we know that our own uplift is hampered at every turn by our own sin, as Saint Paul reminds us. Sin is a fact and the power of the Cross alone to conquer it is a fact too; how foolish it is to suggest that what the teaching of Lent asserts is in any way imagination!

The Holy Season begins again on Wednesday, February 18th, bringing once more its solemn call to Repentance, Prayer, Self-control and Self-sacrifice, so that we may be drawn closer to the victorious power of the Cross of Christ. Many will utterly disregard that call as usual; but the very existence of sin tells us plainly that if every call to the practice of these virtues is always disregarded, disaster follows inevitably in the long run.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

LENTEN SERVICES.—*Ash Wednesday* (February 18th), Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Children's Service, 9 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m. *Each Friday during Lent*, Children's Service, 9 a.m.; Litany and Devotional Reading, 10.30 a.m.; Evening Service with Short Address, 7 p.m.

MISSIONARY BOXES.—A number of missionary boxes have now been taken out by parishioners as a result of the appeal made in Advent. The Lenten call to share the work of the Saviour of the World may suggest to others that they should follow the example. Will you thus help either the C.M.S. work in Dr. White's Hospital at Yezd, or the S.P.G., or the British and Foreign Bible Society? No offerings are too small to be accepted by God so long as they represent sacrifice. Remember what our Lord said of the widow's farthing. Boxes taken out now should be handed in on or before June 1st for the first half-yearly opening.

Monday, February 2nd, is the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Tuesday, February 24th, is the Festival of St. Matthias. Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

The Rev. A. D. Hill has now been able to return from hospital to his own home, and, at the time of writing, is making steady progress. He expresses his deep appreciation of the prayers and enquiries that have been so readily forthcoming from all his friends in East Bridgford.

Parishioners will also be glad to hear of a considerable improvement in the health of Canon Bater, though his recovery is slow. In his last letter he desires to be remembered to all his friends in East Bridgford: he hopes to be able to return to England in February.

By the death of Mrs. Lois Abbott on January 15th at the age of 83, East Bridgford Church loses a most faithful worshipper and the village a resident whose quiet Christian influence went much further than most of us can realise. Mrs. Abbott came to East Bridgford 10 years ago (a few years after her husband's death) to live with her sister, Miss Millington, and her equable disposition made her a most desirable neighbour to those among whom she dwelt. She had six children, five of whom survive her. Her death, like her life, was peaceful and beautiful. She was interred at Doncaster on January 19th, where her husband and son were buried.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—The usual New Year Gatherings held in January were all successfully carried through, and there have been many other happy evenings. Among other events our Sunday School Tea and Entertainment on January 1st proved a conspicuous success, the little plays performed by the children themselves affording much enjoyment both to the young people and their elders. The Old Folks' Gathering on January 6th had been eagerly awaited, and the members of the Women's Institute, who promoted it, as usual, may rest assured of the gratitude of our elder parishioners; it was regrettable that the members of the Toc H Concert Party from Nottingham were prevented by fog from coming to give their entertainment, but we had talent in our own midst to fill the gap, and the hours passed very happily indeed. The Choirmen and Bellringers were entertained to supper and a musical evening at the Rectory on January 7th, and the younger choristers made merry for 3½ hours in the Rectory on January 9th. The Women's Institute Plays, given in the Temperance Hall on January 17th, were very enthusiastically received, and there is no doubt that our local artistes have deserved the favourable comments given them in the Nottingham press.

We are asked to announce that a Ladies' Tea-party on the usual lines will be held in the Women's Institute on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th at 4.30 p.m., the proceeds being devoted to Church objects.

The record of our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which is being held too late to be recorded in this issue) will appear in our March issue.

BURIALS.—January 14th, Thomas Smith, 81 years.

January 17th, Joan Hilda Straw, 4 years.

January 19th (at Doncaster Cemetery), Lois Abbott, 83 years.

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