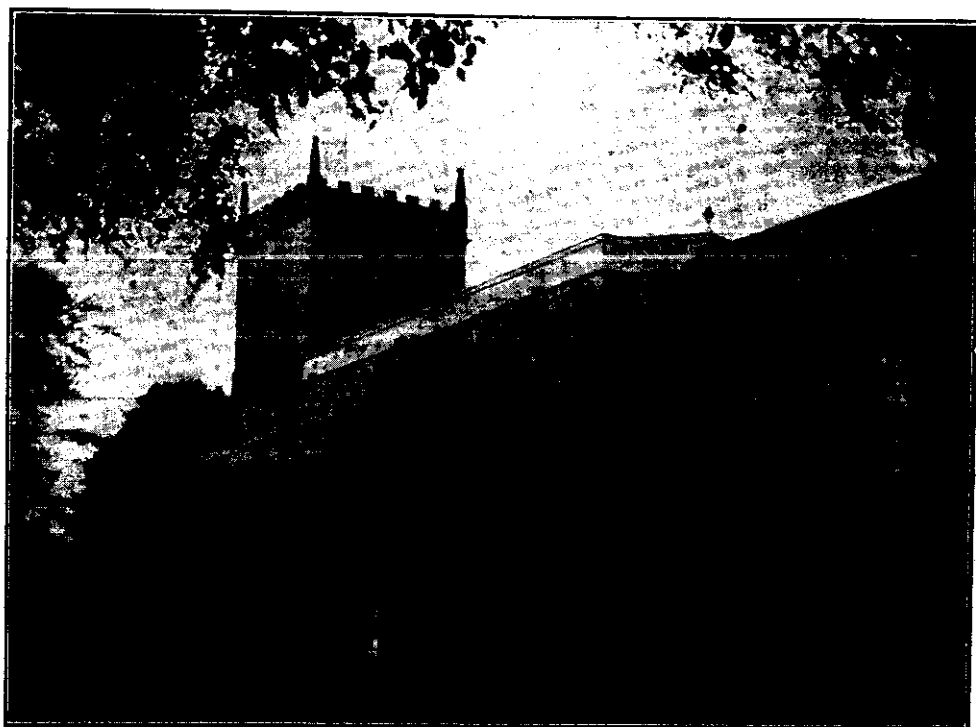


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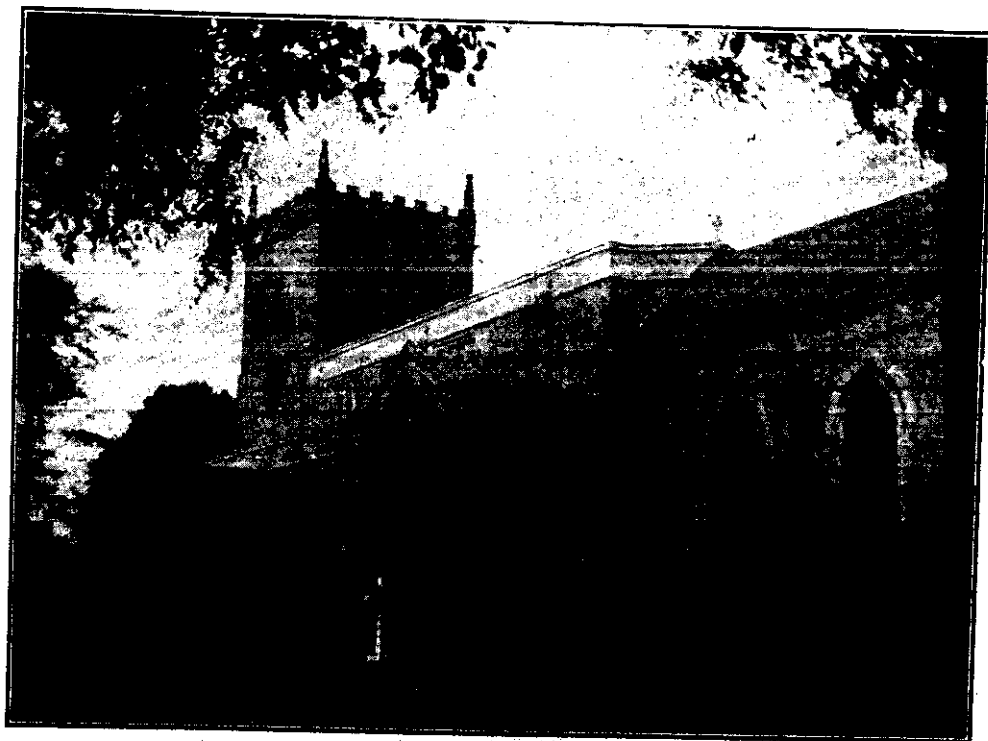
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MR DEAR PARISHIONERS,

"There was no room for them in the inn." Whenever as a child I heard this passage read I used to think what a shame it was. And it is rather dreadful to think that the shame continues in 1932; for the World seems still to be crowding Him out.

"The Prince of Peace"—He wants to come and put an end to War, and the World seems unwilling to have Him, "there is no room for Him."

And in so many individual hearts (even of many who profess to be Communicant members of the Church He founded) there is the same objection; they even crowd Him out on His Birthday, while pretending to themselves that they are honouring Him. He asks again for a place in our hearts on Christmas Day, and He offers to come in, especially in the service He Himself ordained for us—the Holy Communion. There He can be received. Have we no room for Him? Must we crowd Him out on His Birthday?

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

To Churchpeople—Please keep the evening of Thursday, January 26th, free for the Gathering of the Congregation.

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

Christmas Day falls this year on a Sunday. There will be Holy Communion both at 8 a.m. and also at mid-day, with the other services at the usual Sunday hours. We hope this year to include Carols at the evening service on Sunday, December 18th, and also at the evening service on Christmas Day.

Monday, December 26th, is St. Stephen's Day, Tuesday, December 27th, is St. John's Day, and Wednesday, December 28th, is the Holy Innocents' Day; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

We mentioned last month the Jubilee of the Boys' Brigade. The annual B.B. week will be from November 27th to December 5th, during which period the collectors will be round as usual. The Headquarters and also the local authorities of the Brigade ask that supporters will mark the Jubilee year, if possible, by extra good contributions. The work needs it and deserves it.

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 and should not be left idle. Box-holders really help the work abroad by sending in their boxes promptly.

The younger Churchpeople of the parish (and we had better say at once that we have in mind those who have left school, but have not attained the age of 30) are to be invited to a social evening in the Women's Institute Hut on Thursday, December 15th, at 8 p.m. The object is two-fold: First, the Rector wants to tell the young people about their privileges under The Enabling Act; secondly, we want to have a party for a couple of hours or so. As we hope to provide light refreshments at 8 p.m. it is necessary that we should know the number who hope to attend, and therefore our young friends are definitely asked to reply to the invitation that will be sent to them. We have no complete list of our young Churchpeople, still less a record of their ages! So will any who would like invitations, but have not received them by December 8th, please apply for them or send a message asking for them.

Parishioners heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. James William Fossey, lately Police Constable at East Bridgford, who retired in May of this year, and had just acquired for himself and his household a new home at Farnsfield. Mr. Fossey

joined the Police Force as a very young man, and we are informed that, though he had completed 25 years' service when he left East Bridgford, he was only 46 at the time of his death. Of the 25 years the last seven were spent here, where Mr. Fossey's manly, genial, and brotherly character had gained the affection of us all. Mrs. Fossey, her sons and daughter, all of whom are so well-known to us, may rest assured that the sympathy of East Bridgford people is indeed sincere.

Mrs. Scarborough, who passed away on October 31st, aged 89, at the home of her son, Mr. J. W. Scarborough, was our oldest parishioner, and in patient bearing of the Cross of suffering for two years has certainly shewn an example to us all of the power of a clear faith. Mrs. Scarborough was the widow of the late John Scarborough, of Shelford, and has been laid to rest in Shelford Churchyard, where her husband was buried a few years ago.

The offertories on Sunday, December 11th, will be for the purpose of completing the East Bridgford share of the Diocesan Apportionment.

Over 90 of the men of East Bridgford attended the special service for men which was held on Sunday afternoon, November 27th.

BURIAL.—Nov. 3rd (at Shelford), Dinah Scarborough, aged 89 years.

"EAST BRIDGFORD, the Story of an English Village,"

By the REV. A. D. HILL.

The publication in November of Mr. Hill's book will prove itself in time to have been a very important event in the history of our parish.

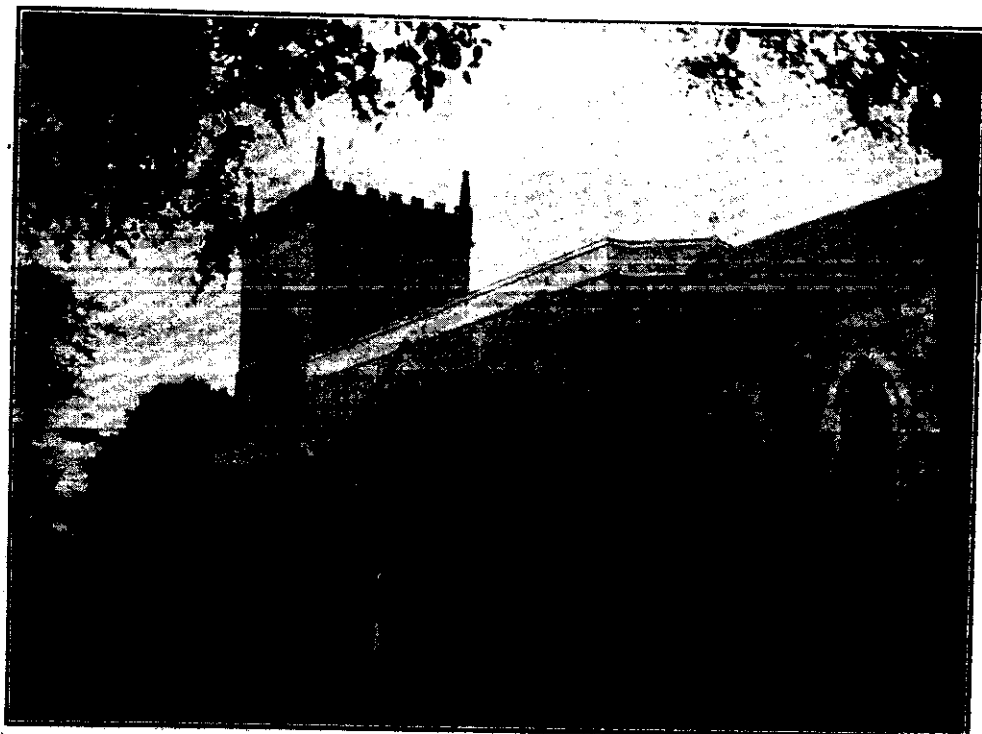
Our readers must, I fear, look elsewhere for a scholarly examination of the book; such will, no doubt, be found in our newspapers and literary journals. Here I can only say respectfully that Mr. Hill's ability to collect such a mass of interesting local information, and to set it out in an accurate and attractive form, fills me with admiration and gratitude. I have not yet read half of the book, but already, in my morning walk, I fancy myself meeting on "the Street-way" with Roman soldiers coming from Margidunum to the ford. And I walk up Kneeton Road now with a new interest, picturing the sites of present dwellings occupied by the dependents of an Anglian tribe 500 years before the Norman Conquest; in "Butt Close" I now picture the archers at their practice, and at "Lockwood's Corner" I think of Odinear in his "Great Hall" being dispossessed by the new Norman Lord, Roger de Busli. And when I come to read about the Lords of the Manor and those who followed them, I know I shall feel as if East Bridgford were peopled with the spirits of the families of Caltoft, Multon, Chaworth, Babington, Hacker, Brunt, Ragdale, Blagg, and all the rest. Later on I shall read with interest much of the more modern history of our village.

The nine chapters on our wonderful Parish Church deal exhaustively with its history for a thousand years, and what we learn should of itself fill us with reverence every time we enter the sacred edifice.

Mr. Hill's work in this book not only confers a boon upon us of this present generation; it will offer to all future generations of East Bridgford people the opportunity of finding in their own immediate surroundings a source of that inspiration which comes from the voices of the past to all who have the wisdom to desire it. I am inclined to think that by adding this labour of love to his long years of work as Rector, Mr. Hill has in fact done as much for East Bridgford as any of those 25 previous Rectors whose lives and work over seven centuries he has been able to trace and describe so fully in his book. Incidentally he has also added something more to that great reputation for fruitful scholarship, which has always been the glory of Magdalen College, Oxford, of which he is a member, and to which, as he shews in his book, East Bridgford has owed so much for four-and-a-half centuries. On behalf of the parish I beg to thank him most sincerely.

R. W. KING.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
November 1st, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It seems impossible that this month should mark the end of my first three years among you, but such is the case. Three years is long enough to give one some insight into the particular needs and difficulties of a parish, with guidance for the future. Among the needs I feel sure that an occasional gathering of all the adult members of our Church congregation as such, would be a very great help.

We meet in groups at the many happy gatherings held in East Bridgford, but we Churchpeople seldom or never *all* meet together socially as a congregation.

I have put this matter before our Parochial Church Council, and we have arranged to hold a gathering in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening, January 26th, 1933, for "all adults who regard East Bridgford Church as their regular place of worship." The programme, which will be fully announced later, will start with tea early in the evening.

I make the announcement thus early because I am most anxious that we should *all* keep the evening *free* from any other engagements, and regard this particular engagement as a duty to our Parish Church.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

An Address to Men on the subject of "OUR THOUGHTS OF GOD IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN DISCOVERY," will be given by the Rector in East Bridgford Church, on Sunday, November 27th, 1932, at 2.30 p.m. All men are invited.

Tuesday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day, and Wednesday, November 30th, is St. Andrew's Day: Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday this year is to be observed on November 6th. On that day the Holy Communion will be celebrated in East Bridgford Church at 8 a.m. (*not* at 10.45), and all communicants who lost relatives or friends in the War, should make a special effort to be present. At the service at 10.45, there will be the usual Church Parade of the local branch of the British Legion and other bodies, and the offertory at that service will be devoted to Earl Haig's Fund.

On the Armistice Day (Friday, Nov. 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.

The extraordinary popularity of Harvest Festival Services continues unabated; these festivals have again been crowded in all parts of our land and we are glad to say that our own services here were very well attended, especially on the Sunday evening. A crowded attendance certainly helps decorators, choir, organist and visiting preacher to realise that their special efforts are worth making and thoroughly

appreciated. Those who sent harvest offerings will be interested to know that the House Governor of the General Hospital has sent a letter thanking them for these gifts, and emphasising the fact that they are most acceptable to the patients. Our offertories for Sunday School amounted to £7 2s. 2d.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB. At their Annual Meeting on October 13th, the members of the Club elected the following officials for 1933:—President, Mr. W. R. Sharman; Vice-Presidents, Subscribers of 10s. or over; Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. V. Manchester and F. Collishaw; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. O. Green; Captain, Dr. G. O. Brooks; Vice-Captain, Mr. V. Manchester; Committee, Messrs. H. Foster, J. Kemp, N. Rhodes, and S. T. Wilkinson; Hon. Secretary of 2nd XI., Mr. G. Harrison; Captain of 2nd XI., Mr. F. T. L. Green.

VERGER AND SEXTON. The offices of Verger and Sexton of East Bridgford Church will become vacant at the end of the year. Applications for either or both of these offices may be made to the Rector or Churchwardens.

On Sunday, November 20th, the sermons and offertories at East Bridgford Church will be on behalf of the S.P.G. The preacher in the evening will be the Rev. C. Elwell, M.A., Rector of Wilford. Mr. Elwell has had personal experience of missionary adventure, having worked a few years among the Dyaks of North Borneo.

At their meeting on October 25th, the members of our branch of the Mothers' Union elected Mistresses Harrison, J. Pickford, Garrett, Priestley and Shipman (Newton), to serve on the Committee in place of the five now retiring by rotation. An interesting address on the Preventive Work of Southwell House, Nottingham, was afterwards given by Miss Birch, the matron of that Institution.

Our G.F.S. is to hold its meetings on Thursday evenings for this season, and opened in a promising way by an excellent social on Thursday, October 13th.

BOYS' BRIGADE. The Church Parade on October 30th, marked the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade. The jubilee year is being celebrated wherever the B.B. is at work, with special thanksgiving, and a most encouraging Jubilee Message has been sent to the Boys' Brigade by H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught. The success of this movement, started by William Smith, 50 years' ago, cannot be doubted; the organisation embraces 100,000 boys in this Country, apart altogether from companies formed in every part of the World. It is most encouraging to be able to record such success on the part of an organisation whose declared purpose is "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness."

The parents of our Sunday Scholars will help the teachers very much by encouraging their children always to bring their prayer-and-hymn books with them when they come to Church.

BAPTISMS.—October 16th, Charles Leslie Alliss.

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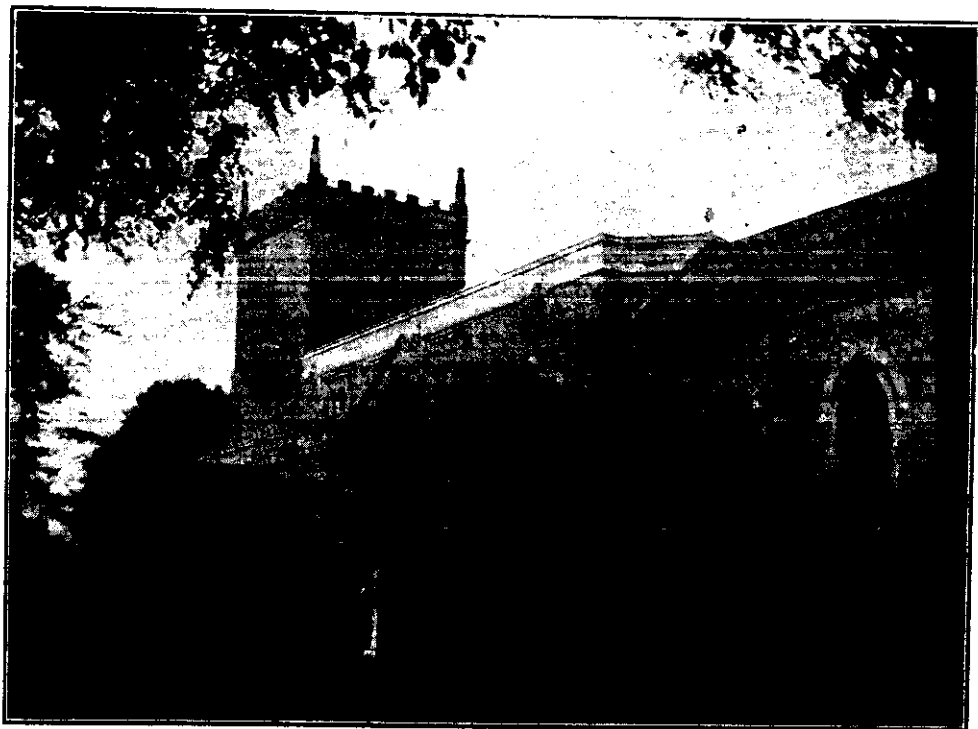
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I wish to leave space for a letter from your old friend, Rev. A. D. Hill, so that my own message this month will be short. I would remind you that this year's harvest, despite our anxieties, has been satisfactory and that the thanks we give to God in Church may well be sincere. Whenever our Lord mentioned the harvest He did so for the purpose of shewing its spiritual lessons, and to learn those lessons thoroughly is surely the thanksgiving that the Almighty and All-loving Father desires from His children. Let me also point out that the offertories at our Harvest Festival Services are to help the Saviour with His harvest in our own parish, viz. for our Sunday Schools.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

TO THE READERS OF EAST BRIDGFORD OCTOBER MAGAZINE.

I am now able to say that the publication of my book—*East Bridgford, the story of an English Village*—is promised at the beginning of November. My publisher tells me that it must be sold at 18s. to meet the cost of distribution, and the expenses of production. I am sorry that it should turn out so costly, but I considered that if it was worth doing, it should be done as thoroughly as I was able to do it.

I shall be glad to know if any more of my old friends at East Bridgford are going to order the book at the price I am still offering it, 13s. post free.

All orders should reach me not later than 25th October, or if more convenient, they may be given to Miss M. E. Robinson, at Kingswood, who has kindly undertaken to transmit those she receives.

I think I may say that those who take the opportunity of getting the book now for thirteen shillings, may feel assured that they have made a good bargain.

A. D. HILL.

ST. WINNOW,

DUDSWELL,

BERKHAMSTED.

Our Harvest Festival Services will begin on Thursday, October 6th, at 7 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. A. Otter, M.A., Vicar of Lowdham (who was to have been with us last year, but found it impossible). On Sunday, October 9th, the Harvest Services will be at the usual hours of 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. The preacher at the Evening Service on Sunday, the 9th, will be the Rev. M. F. Giles, Vicar of Arnold. In the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. 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, October 3rd; gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables should be brought to the Church not later than 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 6th; it is intended that these gifts shall afterwards be sent to the patients in our hospitals. The Harvest Festival offertories will be on behalf of our Sunday School, and we appeal strongly to all our people to support this good work. The Sunday School started this year with a debt of £4 16s. 7d.; that position is bound to be a little discouraging to the teachers. We hope that the Harvest Festival offertories will put the Sunday School account in a much stronger position.

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

SCHOOL GARDEN FETE.—Glorious weather favoured our Garden Fête on September 17th, so that full advantage could be taken of Mr. and Mrs. Claye's kind welcome to us at the Hill. We wanted £40 clear to pay for the School water supply, and we actually raised £44 2s. 6d., as will be seen from the detailed statement in the Church porch. It is impossible to name here the multitude of kind friends who gave gifts to the stalls and helped on the day; we thank them one and all. We also thank Mr. Hunt for free carting, and the men and boys who did the heavy work required before, during and after the Fête. The catering department was so well organised and worked by the ladies that everyone was satisfied with the teas. Thanks to the kind donors of prizes, the competitions and sideshows kept the afternoon lively, and between them all produced a considerable addition to our total. The Children's Pram Parade caused great enthusiasm, and the children's dances, for which they had been carefully trained by Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and the teachers, were most popular items. The gathering proved a very pleasant social event. Including 150 of our own children and others from outside, some 500 persons in all visited the Fête, and all of us alike felt that a happy and kindly spirit was abroad amongst us.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The Committee have decided, after careful consideration, that the meetings during the ensuing season shall be held on Thursday evenings. The opening meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13th, at 7 p.m., and will take the form of a "Pay-and-Play" Social.

The following paragraph from the magazine of a neighbouring parish is inserted here in the hope that it may be studied and taken to heart by many for whom it undoubtedly has a warning:—"The experience of all parish priests is that nearly all the boys and girls who stick to their religion and become faithful and useful members of their Church when Sunday School days are over are just the boys and girls whose parents are regular Church-goers and practising Christians themselves; on the other hand those children who in later years fall away and are lost to religion nearly always come from homes where the parents set no example in these matters. And so, many parents by their sheer slackness and indifference are driving their children away from the influence of Christ and His Church. How terrible will be the responsibility of such parents at the judgment day.

You know there are two ways of directing your child to its true destination. You may say: 'My child, there's the goal, and there's the road to it; now off you go along it,' and you stay behind whilst they make the attempt. On the other hand you may say: 'My child, I am going along this road to that goal, will you come with me?' The first method is very risky and often fails. The second method is the only sure way of helping your child to reach his journey's end."

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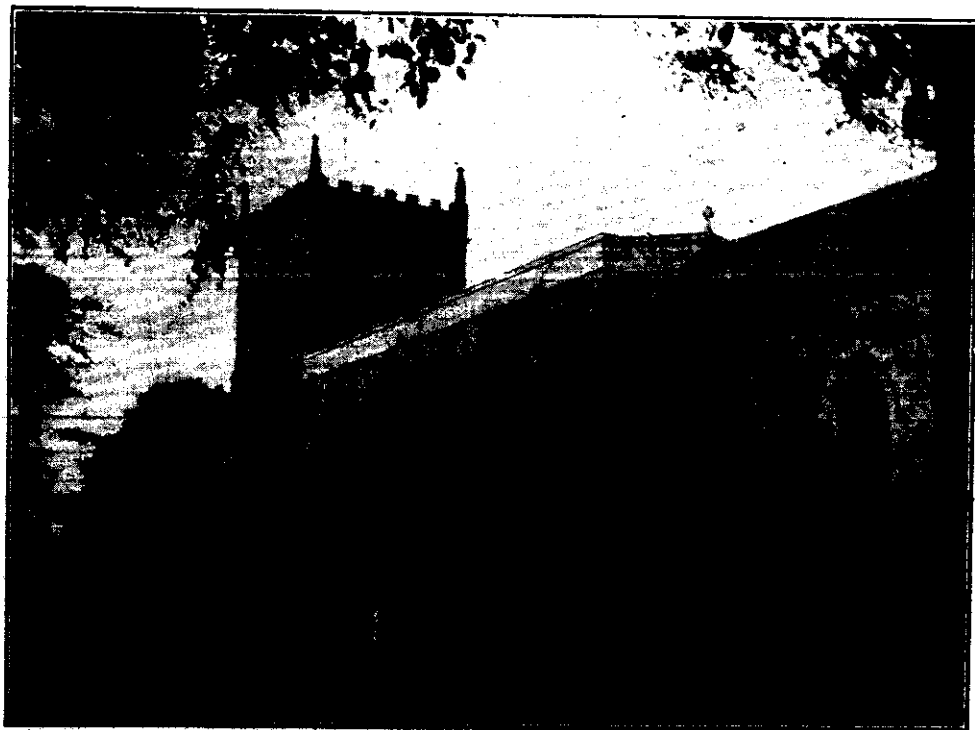
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
August 29th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It has interested me very much to hear, on the authority of one of the leaders of the bookselling world, that the two "best-sellers" just now are books about religious experience,—that the public taste for unsavoury sex-novels is beginning to die, and that there is a growing demand for really interesting and instructive books. The two "best-sellers" referred to are, I understand, entitled—"For Sinners Only" and "What I owe to Christ." I have not yet read these books, so that I am not qualified to comment upon them; but this change-over in the public taste, if it is really coming, will be of tremendous encouragement to all who are anxious for the Kingdom of Christ.

For surely it is evident to all that the last thing most people have been worrying-about lately is their "religious experience"; and if it is true that any large and intelligent section of the community is now becoming sick of a gross materialism and is really asking for something higher, we may well thank God. Let us hope that the bookseller's expectations may turn out to be justified. If there are any readers of these lines who were once confirmed and are conscious that they have troubled very little of late about their spiritual life but now feel some new desire for higher things and "religious experience," may I point out to them that the way Christ has specially appointed, viz., The Holy Communion, is open to them every Sunday at East Bridgford Church (as advertised on the cover of this Magazine). Bestir yourself, and come back!

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

On Sunday, September 4th, at 2.30 p.m., there will be the usual monthly service for Young People and Children. On Sunday, September 11th, the Young Men's Fellowship will re-open in Church at 2.30 p.m. for the Session 1932-1933. The re-opening is a very convenient opportunity for new members to join up; membership is open to all young men who are over school-age.

Harvest Festival services are arranged for Thursday, October 6th, and Sunday, October 9th.

CHANCEL ROOF.—In our February issue we referred to the condition of the Chancel walls and roof. Our Church Council recently came to the conclusion that the replacement of the perished tiles should no longer be postponed, and accordingly arranged to recover the roof with suitable grey slates without delay. The work has been proceeded with, and it is a comfort to know that the Chancel roof will at last be watertight before the winter begins. Our Fabric Fund now stands at £36, but the account for recovering the roof will considerably exceed that amount; it may, therefore, be realised how welcome are all contributions to our Fabric Fund, especially as repairs to the East window tracery and adjoining cracks are yet to come later on.

We desire to express our sympathy with those members of our congregation who are bereaved by the death, on August 20th, at Newton, of Mr. George Todman, who passed peacefully to his rest at the ripe age of 91. Mr. Todman was born in Sussex, but has lived in the Midlands for nearly all his working life, 28 years of which were spent under the late Earl Brownlow, at Belton Park. In 1906 Mr. Todman became a widower, and for the last 25 years he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Plowright, of Newton. He was a keen Churchman at heart, and was well-known some years ago as a regular worshipper at Shelton and later at Bingham, though of late years infirmity has prevented his attendance. He has been laid to rest in Belton Churchyard, amid marks of respect which shew that his memory is much honoured by the elder tenants and his contemporary workers.

We are asked to report that the recent envelope collection in East Bridgford on behalf of the St. Dunstan's work for blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen produced a total of £4 18s. 4d. Mr. Knight, of Gunthorpe, the voluntary collector, has received a letter from the St. Dunstan's Representative for the East Midlands (H. Seely Whitby, Esq., J.P.) thanking him for his work and also thanking all residents in East Bridgford who were good enough to subscribe, thus shewing that they "have still a warm place in their hearts for those who gave their sight in the service of their country."

SCHOOL GARDEN FÊTE.—In our July issue we pointed out that the responsibility of our Managers for the School Buildings is practically the responsibility of "landlords." Landlords all over East Bridgford just now are being urged to put in the new water supply, and School Managers are being told by parents and others, with some truth, that the Schools need the water more than any other buildings in the parish. It has been further urged that we should get the work done during the summer holidays and not wait till Christmas. Accordingly we managers have taken our courage in both hands and have put the water in at an approximate cost of £40, relying upon our people to help us out of the debt at the Garden Fête on September 17th. A handbill about the Fête is inserted in this Magazine. We hope to raise sufficient to pay for the water supply and also for the outside painting work which is now seriously needed to make the outside worthy of the inside painting that has been carried through during the holidays by our "tenants," the Notts. Education Committee. As tenants the Notts. Education Committee will, of course, pay the quarterly water rate just as they already pay the electric lighting rate and the District rates. We appeal earnestly for all our readers to help the Garden Fête; articles for sale should now be sent in as directed in our last issue. We hope for a fine day and a happy time; please turn up. If it *should* be very wet, we will move to the Temperance Hall and make the very best of it that we can.

FLOWER SHOW ACCOUNTS.—A fall in the gate-takings on June 28th, made it impossible to avoid a slight loss on the day's working, amounting to approximately £2 15s. 0d. But, as the Treasurer's Statement will shew that the Society has still nearly £18 in hand, there is no need for discouragement. We feel we shall do better next time.

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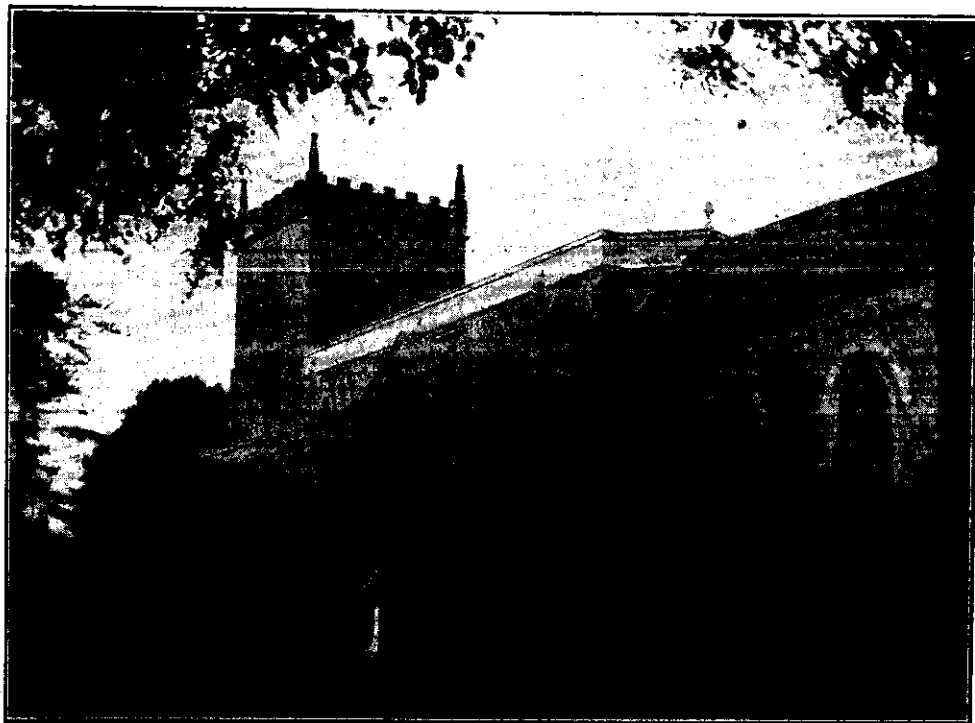
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
July 25th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Dr. Lart, who is in charge of Dr. White's Hospital at Yezd, writes to those who support the work "to give an account of his stewardship." He tells us how they are at present making great efforts to improve the Hospital garden, so that in those periods of very hot weather for which Yezd is known the patients may have the advantage of some green and shade. His letter goes on to state that they had an increase of 100 patients last year over the year before, and look like having a further increase this year, and it concludes, "For a few months the Hospital Staff was a bit disorganised—our chief assistant was away qualifying as a doctor. I was absent for two months with paratyphoid, and came back to find Miss Lloyd had gone to Kerman, but in all our troubles Mrs. Sharp came to our rescue and did an immense amount of work for us. We cannot be too thankful to her, and to you, too, for all your help and prayers. We rely upon them more than you imagine probably, and it is because of them, we feel, that God has been most wonderfully good to us in this last year."

It is well for those of us in East Bridgford, who have the privilege of helping the work at Yezd, to know how much God's workers there rely on our prayers and offerings.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Wednesday, August 24th, is the Festival of St. Bartholomew; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

The Garden Fête in aid of the repair of our School buildings is to be held, through the kindness of Mr. Claye, in the grounds of "The Hill" on Saturday, September 17th, commencing at 3 p.m. The Committee are enthusiastic and their arrangements include numerous side-shows and competitions, displays by the children, &c. Teas will be provided and there will be music and dancing. The stalls will be as follows:—Refreshment stall, "Pound" stall, fancy and miscellaneous stall, second-hand stall. Gifts for the "Pound" stall may be sent to Miss C. Robinson or Mr. Rhodes, for the fancy stall to Miss Fox, for the refreshment stall to Mrs. Widdowson or Mrs. Pickford, and for the second-hand stall to Miss Miriam Ellis or the Rectory. Any offers of provisions for tea would be very thankfully received by Mrs. A. H. Smith, Mrs. W. Ellis or Mrs. King. We appeal to all parishioners who are interested in our School to give at least something towards the stalls or provisions; we feel sure all realise that our School here is worth a little sacrifice. Further particulars will be given next month.

BOYS' BRIGADE.—Our Company was represented in the Guard of Honour inspected by the Prince of Wales on his recent visit to the Albert Hall, Nottingham. The Brigade is holding a Garden Fête at Edwalton Hall, by kind permission of Mrs. O. W. Hind, on Saturday, August 27th. The East Bridgford and Lowdham Companies are responsible for the produce stall, for which any gifts will be gratefully accepted.

We were again fortunate in the weather for the impressive service at our War Memorial on the afternoon of Feast Sunday (June 26th), as the rain, which threatened us at mid-day, cleared-off before

the time for service, leaving the air comfortably cool, with sunshine. It was generally admitted that the service was more successful than ever before. The attendance of members of the British Legion was larger than ever, the singing was splendidly led by our Choir and the Legion Band from Newark, and the proceedings went without a hitch. Wreaths were laid on the Memorial by representatives of the following organisations:—The British Legion, the Women's Section of the British Legion, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Girl Guides, the Mothers' Union, and the Women's Institute.

Parishioners heard with deep regret of the fatal accident to Henry Goodwin, Messrs. Pickfords' young assistant, at the age of 20. Those of us who are old enough to remember our peaceful country roads cannot but feel horror at the increasing sacrifice of useful lives, now at the rate of 18 lives per day. Henry, who was cousin to Mrs. Cecil Pickford and has been employed here for six years, was a young man whose quiet, obliging and straightforward demeanour earned the affection of his friends. We shall all miss him very much and sympathise deeply with his bereaved parents and other relatives at Rolleston, and also with the Pickford family. East Bridgford Cricket Club, of which Henry was an enthusiastic and useful member, was represented at the large funeral at Rolleston.

Dr. E. Lloyd, of Southwell, Diocesan Lay Reader, has written expressing his great regret at his inability to be present, as arranged, for the service in East Bridgford Church on Sunday morning, July 10th. An hour before service time the Doctor received a sudden and urgent summons for his professional attendance which made it quite impossible to fulfil his engagement here. Efforts were made by telephone and otherwise to obtain a substitute, but it was found impossible to do so on so short a notice. Dr. Lloyd much regrets the inconvenience caused to members of our congregation, but there was no way out of the difficulty.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Twelve G.F.S. Candidates from East Bridgford, under Miss Millington, joined the Radcliffe Candidates in spending a happy afternoon at Radcliffe on Saturday, July 9th. A short service in Church, at 3 p.m., was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Homer, and the whole party had tea in the Church Room afterwards. Games in the Vicarage grounds occupied the evening.

It is a matter for deep thankfulness that the memorial tablet which fell from the North wall in Church on Sunday, July 17th, did not do so until after the Evening service was over. Had it fallen 15 minutes earlier some members of our congregation must have been seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. This Memorial was erected in 1809 to the memory of Mrs. (Edward) Heathcote, and apparently its fastenings of iron and cement had suffered with the advance of time. The Parochial Church Council immediately arranged for the thorough examination of the adjoining memorials on the same wall and decided that, until that examination was complete and had proved satisfactory, the pews near that part of the North aisle should not be occupied.

The Secretary of the Nottingham General Hospital writes to thank East Bridgford Church Sunday School for the flowers sent from the Flower Service on Sunday, July 3rd. His letter concludes: "I can assure you that the flowers have given great pleasure to the patients here."

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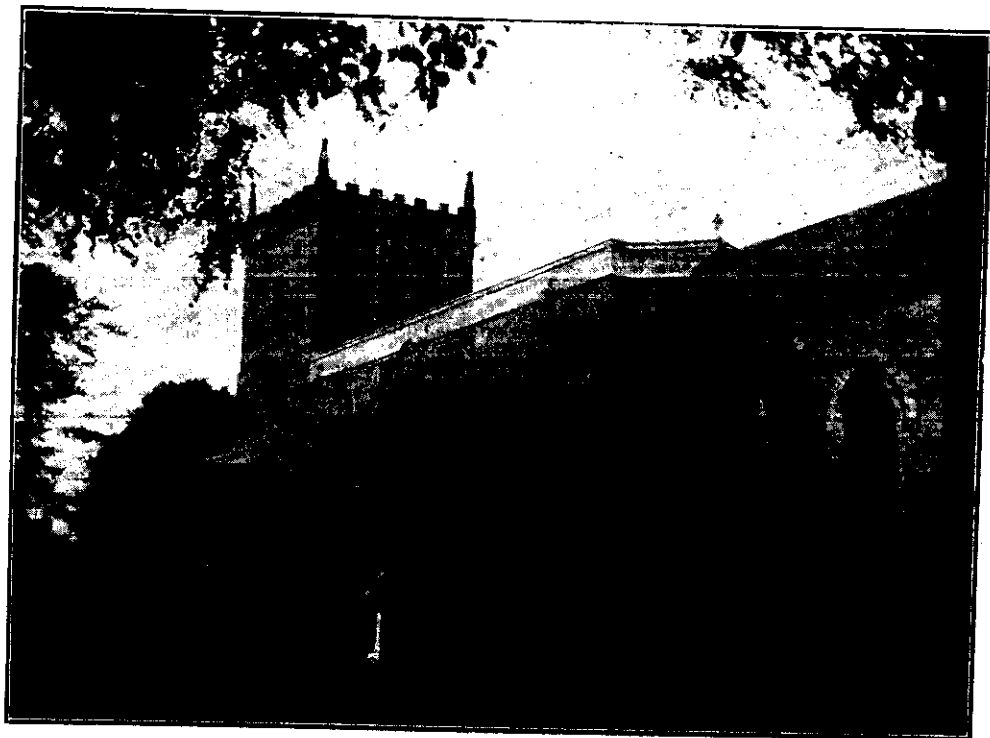
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
June 27th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The neglect of Sunday worship is a subject which is inevitably mentioned at every Church Conference to-day; it is a very serious question and it is well that we should be clear as to the purpose of Sunday observance. To begin with, we must get rid of the idea that the Christian Church asks for a return to Jewish Sabbath observance, for that is not the case.

Since our Lord and Saviour rose from the dead on the First Day of the Week, His followers in all ages have used that day weekly as the special day for cultivating the Resurrection life; in other words, from the time of the Apostles Christians have used Sunday as primarily a day for spiritual uplift, promoted by united worship, especially in the Holy Communion. Christian civilisation has depended upon Christian Sunday observance, and many of us feel sure that if that observance should come to an end then Christian civilisation would be in real danger. If any reader doubts the likelihood of the neglect of Sunday ending in complete materialism, I would ask him to watch the effect of this Sunday neglect in the individual life.

None of us need go far to notice friends who were once regular worshippers of Jesus Christ and consequently had the Christian outlook on life, but have now grown quite cold. Why? Because they gradually yielded to the new fashion of a heathen Sunday. It began perhaps with "going for a walk instead," which later became a regular "day's outing" in which worship plays no part at all, and to-day they almost entirely neglect their Church and have no heart-felt interest in Christ's Kingdom.

What is still more serious is that many parents are deliberately setting this example to their children, even dragging them away when the child's instinct is to worship God. Stupid people still continue to write to the newspapers blaming the clergy for the irreligious outlook of many young people; but the clergy and teachers are as a rule helpless against the bad example of the parents. It is the parents who have given up their devotion to God that are most to blame, and the clergy are "up against it." After all, the children soon realise that father and mother don't trouble about God, and what can we expect? The Church rightly protests against the secularisation of Sunday and all Christ's people may well be warned against the danger.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

The Children's Flower Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, at 2.30.

We are asked to state that for the convenience of parishioners local orders for Mr. Hill's History of East Bridgford may be handed, with subscriptions, to Miss M. Robinson (Kneeton Road), who is authorised to receive and forward them.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Between 30 and 40 of our members joined other branches from the Bingham Deanery in a delightful afternoon at Orston on Wednesday, June 8th. An audience of 200 assembled in the Village Hall to hear Miss Sarabji speak on the work of the C. E. Zenana Missions. She vividly depicted the contrast between the homes of India and Britain, as shewing the freedom and blessings brought to home life with the coming of Christianity, especially in the lot of young widows. An excellent tea was afterwards served and our grateful thanks are due to the Orston Committee for arranging it at such moderate charges. In the evening the visitors enjoyed the privilege of wandering round the beautiful gardens of Orston Hall.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—The following were received during June:—S.P.G. box No. 1, 3/1; Bible Society, No. 1, 2/- and No. 2, 18/2; Yezd Hospital boxes, No. 1, 5/6; No. 2, 1/4; No. 3, 4/0½; No. 4, 4d.; No. 5, 3/9½; No. 6, 6/7; No. 7, 2/9; No. 8, 1/5; No. 9, 2/4; No. 10, 4/-; No. 11, 2/-; No. 13, 4/8½; No. 14, 1/11½; No. 15, 2/6; Church box, 3/-; Subscription, 5/-. The contributions to Yezd, when added to those already received this year, enabled us to send on the amount of £4 10s. 5d. to the work of that Hospital for the half-year ended June. A complete list of contributions will be found on the board in the Church porch.

EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH SCHOOL.—It is not generally realised that, in the case of a Church School, while the County Authority bears the entire expense of furnishing and running the School, it is the duty of the local Managers to keep the School buildings in repair. For these buildings are the possession of the Church and as such can be used by the Church at all times out of day-school hours for Sunday School gatherings, practices and meetings of all kinds. The position indeed might be summarised as follows:—In return for the privileges of directing the religious instruction and possessing the buildings the Church is responsible for "landlord's repairs." As there are no endowments at East Bridgford for the upkeep of the School buildings the cost of repairs must be met by special effort. At this moment the managers are faced with the work of repainting the school outside, repairing playground, laying-in of new water supply, sundry repairs to school buildings and the School House, &c. It is anticipated that £50 at least will be required for these purposes, and kind friends are going to help by holding a Garden Fête, in order to raise funds, later in the summer. We ask for the support of all who are interested in our School.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—A large party of our members journeyed by special motor to Southwell on Saturday, June 4th, on the occasion of the G.F.S. Diocesan Festival; 17 banners were in the procession round the Cathedral, which was filled for the service at 3 p.m., when the Rev. M. F. Giles, Vicar of Arnold, gave the address. Our Bishop was present and gave the Blessing. Tea was afterwards served, the large number of members being distributed in different halls in the town. Thereafter there followed the folk dancing, singing and dramatic competitions and the afternoon's enjoyment included visits to the gardens of the Bishop's Manor and the Residence.

We gratefully acknowledge £26 13s. 4d. for the Church Fabric Fund from the British Legion's Whitmonday Gymkhana.

BAPTISMS.—(June 12).—Leah Margaret Curtis. (June 19).—Kathleen Mawer.
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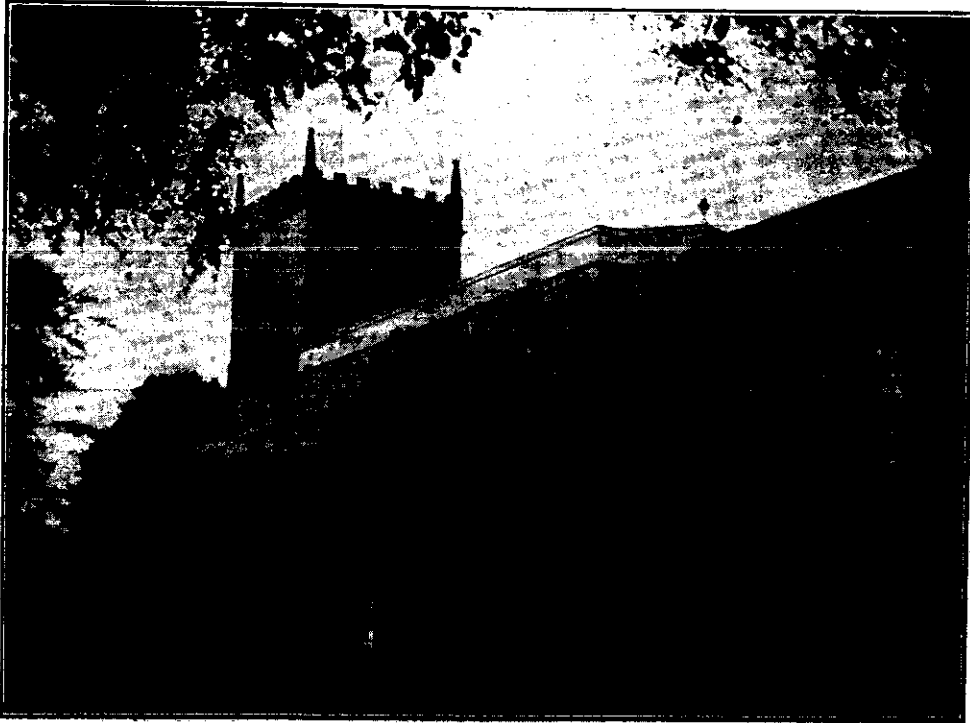
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
December 28th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

A Happy New Year to you all! We are warned that the year 1932 may prove to be a year of tremendous importance to the human race. To quote our Archbishop "The civilised world is approaching one of the turning points in its history. Beyond question the International Conference on Disarmament, which is to meet at Geneva next February will be the most momentous assembly which has taken place since the Peace Conference at the end of the War. It has been truly said that its decision will probably determine whether the ideals which underlie the League of Nations are to prevail, or whether Europe is going to return to the old system of an armed balance of power which would be the certain prelude to another world war. And who can doubt that in another world war, civilisation itself might finish?"

These, dear friends, are solemn words, and it behoves us all to ask what our personal contribution to the cause of peace can be?

I venture to say that sincere devotion to that cause must begin with fresh resolutions as to Prayer and Communion. The words "Thy Kingdom come" must cease to mean nothing to us. Whenever you utter them, pray that the Kingdom may come in your own heart and in the world at large. You, reader, have a definite contribution to make to the coming of the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Sunday, January 3rd—Day of National Prayer.

Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day) is the Festival of the Circumcision: Wednesday, January 6th, is the Festival of the Epiphany; Monday, January 25th, is the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

A Confirmation Service is to be held in Bingham Church on Monday, March 14th, at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Southwell. We hope to present candidates from East Bridgford, and the Rector would be glad to have names, without delay, of those who desire to attend classes for the necessary instruction. All who desire to attend are asked to meet in Church on Sunday, January 17th, immediately after the evening service, in order that the classes may be arranged to suit the convenience of candidates as far as possible.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Schools on Tuesday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. All persons who are on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend and use their power of voting to the full. The Electoral Roll will be exhibited in the Church porch three weeks beforehand, and all baptised members of the Church of England, over 18 years of age, who worship at East Bridgford Church, should make sure their names are on the Roll. Any person who fails to find his or her name thereon should ask the Hon. Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mrs. Cartwright) for the necessary form, which is to be signed and returned.

The Christmas season was shadowed by bereavement for several parishioners. On December 22nd we laid to rest Mrs. (Walter) Curtis, whose long illness had been borne with characteristic patience and prayerful faith. Mr. Curtis and his daughter (Mrs. Jacomb) have our deep sympathy. On the same date there also took place in our Churchyard the funeral of Mrs. Pritchett, widow of the late William Pritchett, of Newton, who passed away in 1927. Mrs. Pritchett died in Nottingham after a comparatively short illness, and is survived by four daughters and three step-children, to all of whom and to the many friends who enjoyed her kind and genial friendship, we tender our deep sympathy. Miss Mary Sugars, who has been a faithful servant at East Bridgford Hall for six years, and passed away in Doncaster Hospital on December 23rd, will be very much missed by all who knew her and appreciated her goodness; such will join sincerely in the sorrow of those to whom she was dear.

The Annual Meeting of the East Bridgford Cricket Club was held in the Schools on November 13th. The record for 1931 shewed 6 matches won, 6 lost, and 9 abandoned owing to bad weather which has seriously affected the season's play. The members desire to thank all subscribers for their kind support; the Balance Sheet, which was duly adopted, shewed Receipts of £41 16s. 8½d., against an Expenditure of £30 9s. 2½d., leaving a balance in hand of £11 7s. 6d. The following officials were elected for 1932:—President, Mr. W. R. Sharman; Captain, N. Rhodes; Vice-Captain, V. Manchester; Treasurer, F. O. Green; Committee, T. Wilkinson, G. Harrison, J. Kemp, A. Ellis, E. W. Millington; Joint Hon. Secretaries, F. Collishaw and R. F. Chapman; 2nd Eleven Captain, F. T. L. Green; 2nd Eleven Secretary, G. Harrison.

Entertainments of a wholesome kind are fortunately frequent in our parish, and it would be impossible to comment on them all in these pages. But we cannot help congratulating the members of the Women's Institute upon their Concert in the Temperance Hall on December 17th. The singing was carried through with a tone and finish that reflected much credit, both on singers and instructor; this was perhaps especially noticeable in the beautiful carol "We saw Him sleeping," composed and conducted by the instructor himself, Mr. L. Gordon Thorp.

Missionary contributions in boxes held by Churchpeople for the past half-year have been as follows:—S.P.G., 10s. 2d.; Bible Society, 18s. 3d.; Yezd C.M.S. Hospital, Persia, £2 12s. 6d. Yezd Hospital has also received a collection of 12s. 2d. from Boys' Brigade Service on October 25th. The subscriptions to the S.P.G. collected by Miss Huskinson for the year 1931 amounted to £12 15s. 10d., and our offertories to the same Society on Sunday, December 13th, totalled £4 14s. 6d. We hope in a future issue to summarise all our contributions to Missionary effort for 1931.

BAPTISM (Dec. 13). Mary Pickford.

BURIALS (Dec. 22). Mary Matilda Curtis, aged 60 years.
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
January 29th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The call of the Holy Season of Lent is again upon us, and I ask you earnestly to take advantage of the opportunities suggested below for its due observance.

We desire parishioners to understand the present position in regard to the Chancel walls of our Parish Church. The Church Council have had iron tie-rods with wall plates inserted as recommended across the Chancel; this work, involving the expense of scaffolding both within and without, has undoubtedly given additional security to the North and South walls. There remains the question of repairing the tracery of the East window and the adjoining cracks; but before proceeding to that work it appears desirable to watch the walls carefully for a few months until we can be assured that some fresh repairs to the foundations (an expensive matter) are not first necessary. Meanwhile it has unfortunately been discovered that a large proportion of the red tiles on the Chancel roof are perishing, which accounts for the damp condition of part of the South wall that has long been troubling us. The tiling has now been patched in its worst places and is watertight for the moment.

The work already done has cost £37, an account which, thanks largely to efforts made by our lady-workers and a balance from the Garden Fête of 1930, we hope to discharge very shortly. But for the future work above-mentioned we ought to be building up a "fabric fund," and all efforts made to that end will certainly be more than welcomed by the Parochial Church Council.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY. By decision of the Hospital Sunday Committee the annual offertories for Hospitals this year will take place throughout Nottingham and the County on Sunday, February 7th.

A converted negro recently wrote—"Dear Sir, do send us more missionaries like Mr. ———, men who count all things but loss for Jesus Christ's sake." Similar calls are coming in from all parts of the World to-day, and as the veteran missionary Bishop Montgomery says, the Master calls "Help Me to save the world." Will you help during Lent, by holding a box in support of Yezd or the S.P.G., or the British and Foreign Bible Society? No offerings are too small to be accepted by the Master so long as they represent sacrifice. Boxes taken out for Lent only should be handed in at Easter; other boxes should be handed in on or before June 1st for the half-yearly opening.

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

LENTEN SERVICES. *Ash Wednesday* (February 10th), 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.

The death on January 19th of our oldest parishioner, Mr. Robert Daniel Shardlow, at the age of 95 years and 9 months, has fulfilled the "Nunc Dimittis" of a long and useful Christian life. Born in Nottingham in April, 1836, Mr. Shardlow began work at an early age, and became a highly-skilled mechanical engineer; during his many years of activity he helped in the building of machinery which varied from locomotives to lace-machines and to bicycles, his duties including two years' work in America and periods in Ireland and elsewhere. He was baptised and confirmed at St. Mary's, Nottingham, where he was also married in 1861 to Miss Mary Crich. Mr. and Mrs. Shardlow eventually settled in Lenton, and upon Mrs. Shardlow's death in 1913 her saintliness of life was duly recognised in the parish of Lenton. There were 10 children of the marriage, of whom 7 are living (including our respected friends at East Bridgford) to all of whom and to Mr. Shardlow's grandchildren we extend our sympathy. Mr. Shardlow's earnest Church work at Lenton, which included many years in office as a sidesman and a Sunday School teacher, has left its mark; his regularity and devotion at public worship were continued at East Bridgford from the moment that the family settled here just before the War in 1914 until advancing years no longer permitted it. His gentleness and patient faith were conspicuous to the end, and, while his passing cannot but cause sorrow to those to whom he was dear, we may well congratulate them upon possessing the permanent memory of a noble example. Mr. Shardlow was laid to rest beside his wife in Lenton Churchyard on January 22nd.

NEW YEAR GATHERINGS in our parish during January were many and cannot all be recorded in these pages. They commenced on New Year's Day with our Sunday School Tea and Party. Our Choir-boys had a good time at the Rectory on January 5th. The Women's Institute provided a splendid evening for "the Old Folks" on January 8th. On January 14th, the Senior members of our Choir joined the Bellringers and Young Men's Fellowship in supper at the Rectory. On the same date our Senior Girls' Class were joined by our female choristers to be kindly entertained at East Bridgford Hall.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held in the Schools on Tuesday, January 26th, the Rector presiding. After a Report on the work of the Council for the year, Mr. Hadley presented the accounts which shew a small balance in hand and were formally adopted. The Statement has been printed and copies are available at Church. The elections for 1932 resulted as follows:—Representative on Diocesan Conference, Miss Fox; Representatives on Ruridecanal Conference, Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Beaumont; further representatives on Parochial Church Council, Miss M. Robinson, Miss Millington, Mr. E. Bullers, Mr. H. Curtis, Mr. C. Allwood, Miss Huskinson, Mr. C. Pickford, Mr. N. Rhodes, Mr. Lander, Miss M. Dexter, Mrs. C. Allwood. The Rector and Churchwardens (Messrs. Beaumont and Hadley), and the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Representatives, are members of the Council *ex-officio*; the total number on the Council is thus 16.

BAPTISM (Jan. 17th)—June Margaret Smith.

WEDDING (Jan. 23rd)—Arthur Samuel White to Norah Pailing.

BURIAL (Jan. 22nd, at Lenton)—Robert Daniel Shardlow, aged 95 years.

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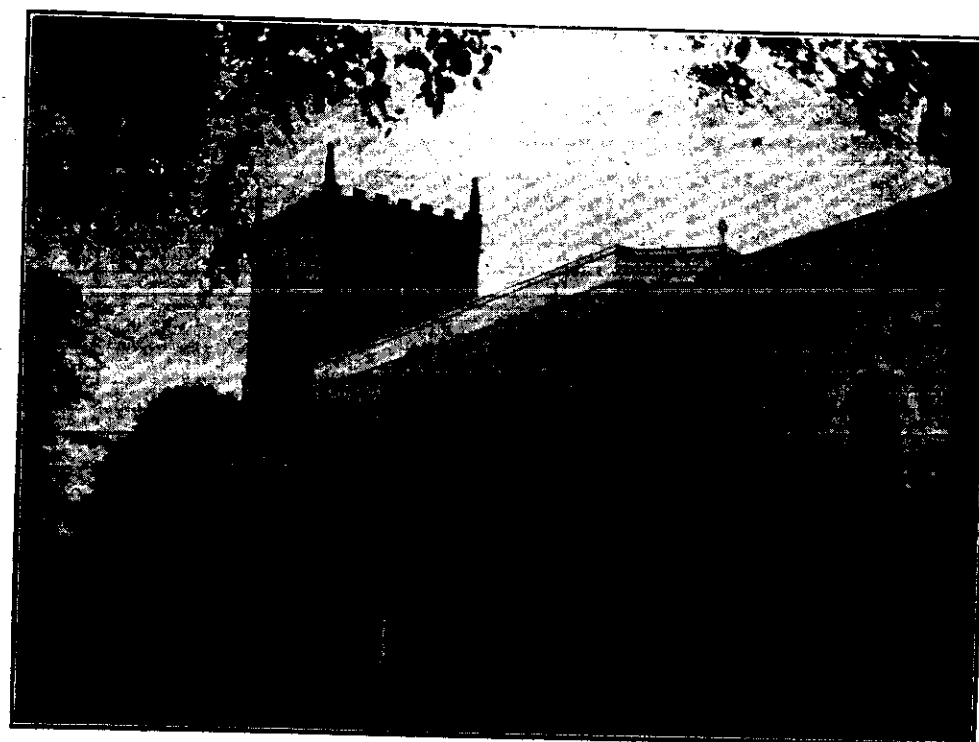
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
February 29th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In an address to a University Literary Society the Bishop of Ripon points out the danger of modern machinery enslaving its creator, man. "Both brain and character are at a discount—superannuated by the fool-proof machine." He points out how in every sphere of our civilisation we are beginning to rely on the machine rather than our own initiative. Even in politics we rely on "the party machine," and many would like to "turn a nation from a responsible self-determining social organism into a mechanism centrally controlled." He goes on to point out how we are inclined to worship the machine for the benefits it confers, or is supposed to confer, and, by way of illustration, says, "The Sunday programme of many a modern family reveals the family motor-car sitting in the place of God," and he points out that even in our search for World Peace it is suggested that the League of Nations, instead of relying on human ideals and human honour, should form itself into a super-State with super-bombers!

All this makes one think. We are so often told that we live in an 'enlightened age full of the desire for "self-expression" and "self-development," that it is rather staggering to be told the contrary, viz., that we are becoming the abject slaves of new discoveries.

We think we are free; possibly we are unconsciously the slaves of our environment more than any preceding generation. All this has a bearing on the question of religion. Victorians are constantly accused by the irreligious of having attended Church in youth because they were the slaves of fashion. To which it may possibly be answered that many a man to-day cannot develop his religious instincts because he is the slave of these amenities which modern machinery has brought into his life. The motor, the gramophone, the wireless, &c., &c., all splendid in their place, have enslaved him so that he cannot shake himself free to kneel down and pray, much less to go and seek the inspiration which undoubtedly comes, as promised, in united worship to all who are in real earnest. The boasted freedom may after all be the sacrifice of one's soul to machinery. "The individual will recover his mastery of circumstance by claiming his intended union with God."

This last is the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the great annual opportunity for recovering our mastery of circumstance, for re-kindling in our souls the life which soars above our environment, our trials, our temptations, death itself. The human spirit has still its unquenched passion for the ideal; our true nature is always calling for something which will raise us to unselfishness and a higher life. And the spirit of man can find the fullest response in linking itself fully with the events commemorated on Good Friday and Easter Day. Those who spend these two days only as opportunities for enjoying the modern amenities of earthly existence do not keep Easter.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

HOLY WEEK opens on March 20th (Palm Sunday). On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be short services each day at 10.30 a.m. and 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 Wednesday evening (March 23rd) 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 be a short service for children at 9 a.m., and the usual morning and evening services at 10.45 and 6.30. In addition there will be a Service of Meditation from 2 to 3 p.m. on "The Story of the Cross."

On Saturday, March 26th (Easter Eve) 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.

On Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week (March 28 and 29) 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.

The Annual Meeting for the ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS will take place at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday in Easter Week (March 29) in the Schools.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Children of our members delighted their elders by giving a little play in the Women's Institute on January 28th, entitled "Violets," which set forth the beautiful thoughts connected with the old customs of "Mothering Sunday." Another meeting of the M.U. was held on February 23rd, when Mrs. Dolby gave an interesting address on the history of the Book of Common Prayer. Will members please note that in their interests we are holding a short Service for Women at 3 p.m. on the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 22nd); also that, as March 25th falls on Good Friday, the observance of the Festival of the Annunciation is transferred to Tuesday, April 5th, when there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

We really must find space to congratulate the Women's Institute on their dramatic entertainment of February 6th. All three plays were delightful, and we cannot remember anything of its kind more pleasing than "Mr. Sampson," even on the professional stage.

MISSIONARY EFFORT.—The total subscribed by East Bridgford Church people to missionary effort during 1931, as per returns made to the Church Assembly, amounted to £36 7s. 3d., made up of contributions from offertories, subscriptions and missionary boxes, as follows:—S.P.G., £18 9s. 8d.; C.M.S. (Yezd Hospital), £8 15s. 3d.; S.P.C.K., 10s.; Southwell Missionary Studentship Association, 12s. 6d.; Missions to Jews, £1 6s. 0d.; British and Foreign Bible Society, £6 13s. 10d. These particulars do not, of course, include the contributions made to missionary work by our Nonconformist brethren.

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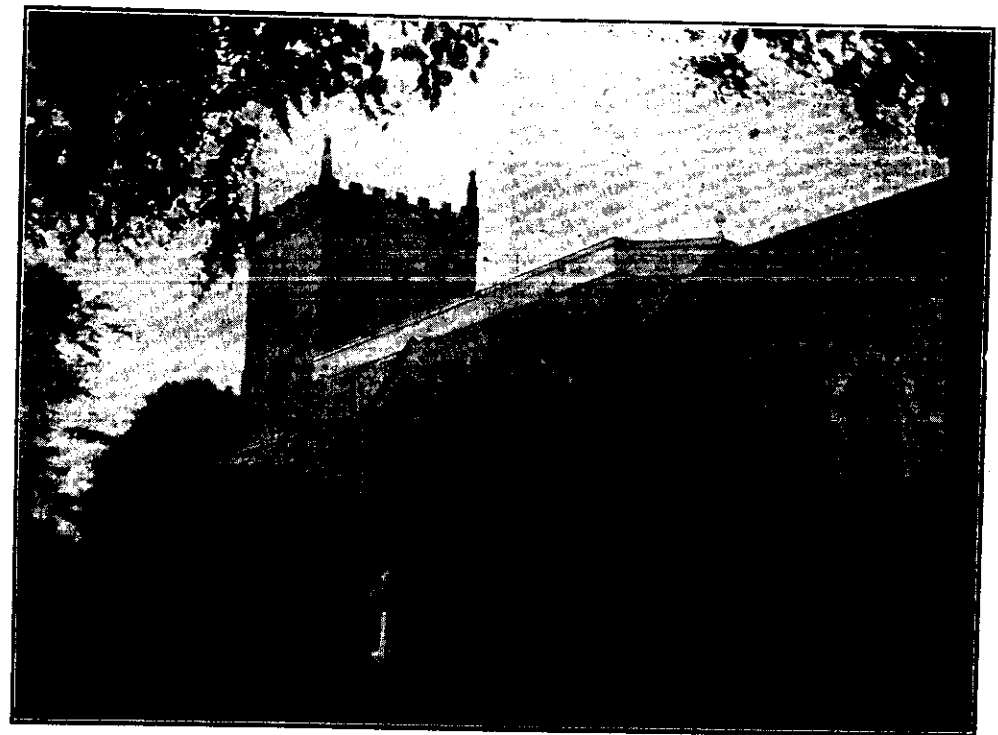
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
March 23rd, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I am writing this in Holy Week and so cannot speak of our Easter services, at which I trust every confirmed person in health in the parish will have joined in the Holy Communion, as promised at the time of Confirmation.

As I write the rain has just come down, and I do not suppose rain has ever been more welcome at East Bridgford, for we look back at a drought which for the time of the year has been unprecedented in this district. The men who are laying water-pipes between Nottingham and this part have lately become very important people, and as we pass them in the bus we all crane our necks to see how they are getting on.

A mild winter is all very well, but after all there is something weird about a hopeless drought so early in the year. The thing is not normal and we begin to dread lest the seeds should bear no fruit because they are sown in parched ground.

There is many a life like this and no preacher of the Gospel can fail to notice it. There are far too many who are more anxious to pass the years of life under a stormless sky than to suffer the rain from Heaven to fall upon the seeds which are meant to bring forth fruit unto life eternal. The ground of their hearts is dead to every spiritual call, dry and parched. The man is wise in his own conceits, content "just to rub along," "doing nobody any harm," but totally unresponsive to the call of Christ and consequently with no impulse to noble living. But from God's point of view this is not normal, and something is needed to moisten the ground and to give "the good seed" a chance if the life is to fulfil its purpose and bear good fruit. Is there any reader conscious of this parched life? "He would have given thee living waters"; but it is not too late to ask Him.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The Festival of the Annunciation (March 25th) fell this year on Good Friday; as is usual in that event, the observance of the Festival was postponed to Tuesday, April 5th, on which date there will accordingly be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Monday, April 25th, is St. Mark's Day; the hour of service on that day will be announced beforehand in Church.

The Venerable W. J. Conybeare, Provost of Southwell and Archdeacon of Nottingham, will preach in East Bridgford Church, on Sunday morning, April 24th, at the 10.45 service. We trust that members of the congregation will make a point of being present; we understand that our Archdeacon will tell us something about the needs of the Diocese for which the usual offerings will be made a week later.

At a Confirmation held at Bingham on Monday, March 14th, the following candidates from East Bridgford were confirmed by the Bishop of Southwell:—Gordon Bateman, Walter Claude Fernley.

Dr. Stella Henriques, of the C.M.S. Hospital at Yezd, Persia, writes to tell us of the difficulties which beset the work at the moment. Articles which are needed for the Hospital and which come out from England are now subjected by the Persian authorities to exorbitant customs duties at a rate which is 130 per cent. higher than two years ago. Hence she explains that it is better to subscribe in money just now than to send the hitherto most welcome parcels for which "substitutes after a sort" can be bought at Yezd, so avoiding the customs charges which the Hospital cannot afford to pay. Dr. Henriques ends:—"What can one do? One thing you can do—no customs duty can stop it—and that is, pray for us, don't forget us—pray for us all that we may be able to shew Christ in our lives and behaviour before our patients." We trust that this appeal for the prayers of East Bridgford people will be fervently responded to by our parishioners.

Worshippers of East Bridgford Church will be sorry to learn of the departure of our organist, Mr. George B. Frettingham, who now leaves this district to work for his firm in Scotland. During his year with us he has attained an efficiency which we hope may be recognised by his appointment as organist in some Church of the Episcopal Communion in Scotland. Mr. Frettingham has moreover gained the affection of our choristers, who much regret his leaving. Mr. George Shipman, who has acted as our deputy organist and is under Mr. Burdett's tuition, has been offered the appointment here, and, we are glad to know, has accepted it.

WANTED—MEN'S VOICES for East Bridgford Church Choir. We very much need a few volunteers for this useful service, both tenors and basses. It is often imagined that for Choir work one is bound to have a very good voice indeed. This is not the case; while one is bound, of course, to have a voice of some kind, the other essentials are an ear for time and tune and a willingness to undergo tuition at the practices. Attendance at the practices is obviously essential to good work, for no singer, however efficient individually, can hope to do his part in blending with the others unless he practises with them. But if a man with even a moderate voice is willing to be taught and to practise with the others, he will soon find singing in the Choir to be one of the happiest of pursuits; above all, he will be serving Christ in a definite work.

HOSPITAL EGG WEEK. April 4th to 11th; Collectors, The Boys' Brigade.

CHURCHWARDENS. We all regret that Mr. Hadley and family will be leaving East Bridgford this year, and that he accordingly was obliged to decline re-election on March 29th, to the office of Churchwarden, which he has held for three years to the complete satisfaction of all worshippers. We welcome in his place Mr. Rhodes, who, like Mr. Hadley, will be fortunate in having Mr. Beaumont as his colleague.

The Rector is deeply grateful to parishioners for their generous Easter offerings.

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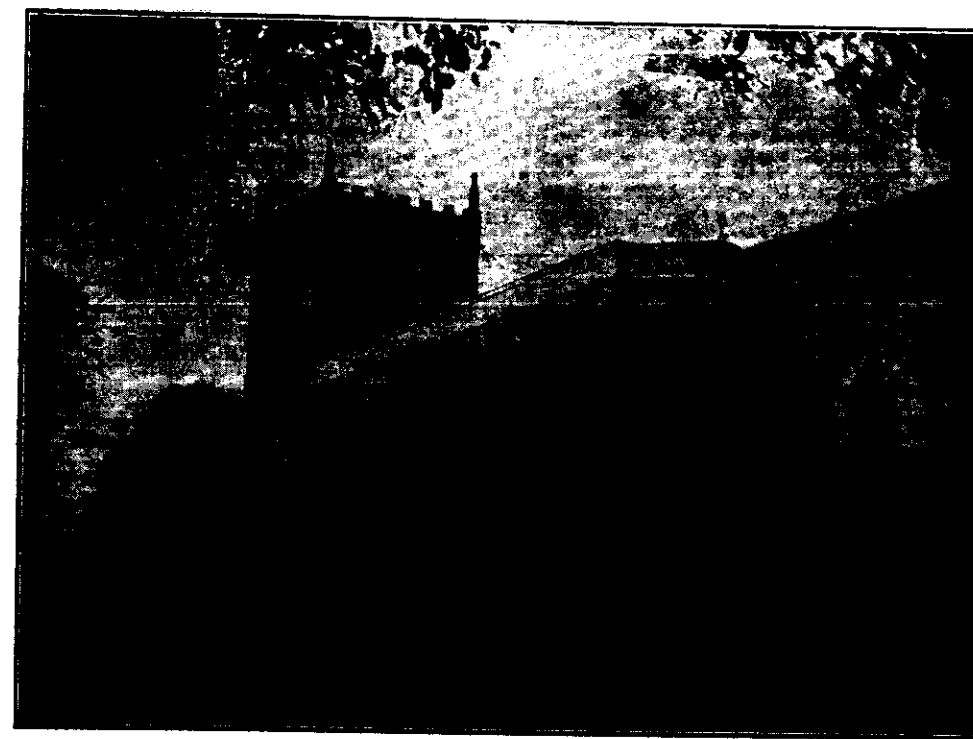
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Thursday, May 5th, is the Ascension Day, and if we could but realise what the Ascension of Our Lord guarantees to us Christians we could not let the Festival pass without heart-felt thanksgiving; for His Ascension would mean to us all that it meant to the Apostles.

It is always difficult to discuss the nature of Our Lord's Body after His Resurrection, because our finite minds find it well-nigh impossible to think of having what St. Paul calls "a spiritual body,"—a body no longer subject to the limitations of place and time. Yet the Body of the Risen Saviour was no longer subject to those limitations, and the Apostles realised the change as they met with Him and conversed with Him. And after He had "ascended into Heaven" they knew that He had gone into the Infinite with no loss of His personal identity: indeed they felt His presence and power were with them more fully than before His Ascension.

And His Ascension is the guarantee of ours, if we are true to Him. Ascension Day means that for us too there is a glorious future in the Infinite, a future in which our personal identity will remain. I wonder how many of us professing Christians really take Christ's word for it and live in the conviction. How happy might be this life here if it were all lived in such a hope, how much easier to face our trials and do our duty, how peaceful our outlook even in the midst of strife. Shall we not try to realise all this when we sing, "Hail the day that sees Him rise"?

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

On the Ascension Day (Thursday, May 5th) there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 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 15th) Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and also at Mid-day. On Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week (16th and 17th), the Ante-Communion Service will be read at 8 a.m.

East Bridgford Feast Sunday falls this year on June 26th.

The customary Branch Social of the East Bridgford and Radcliffe members of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in the Temperance Hall on Thursday, April 14th, and the members certainly spent a very happy evening. Plays were given which were of the right type, both entertaining and helpful; and two processions of members in fancy dress shewed so many examples of taste and ingenuity that the responsibility of the judges in awarding prizes was no light one. The certificates for long service were presented by Mrs. Hayman, formerly of Edwinstowe, and now of Thornhill Rectory, Dewsbury, who, as a former G.F.S. worker in the Diocese, spoke a few encouraging words to the gathering.

For the Hospital Egg Week East Bridgford contributed a total of 2,520 eggs, which is a record for our parish and 500 more than the high figures of last year. This total is excellent testimony to the interest of our people in the Hospital and to the ability of the Boys' Brigade as collectors.

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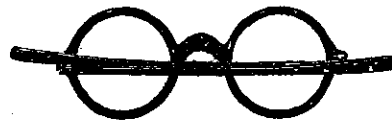
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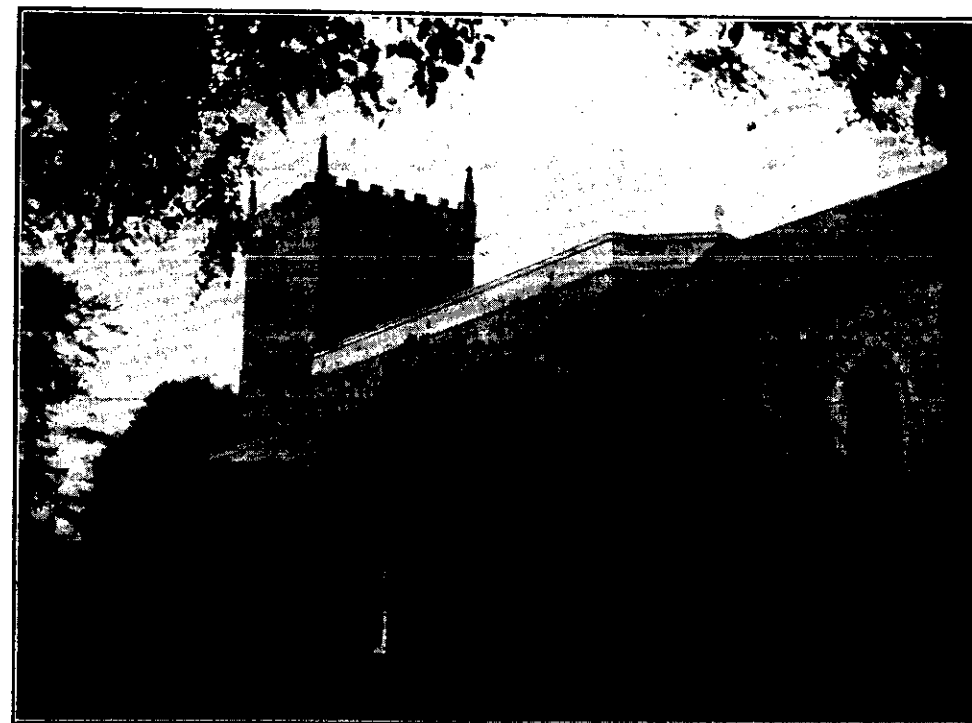
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
May 26th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Sunday, June 26th, will be the Feast Sunday. The month of June in all its glory must always bring back to East Bridgford people, wherever they may be, the thoughts of the annual Village Feast.

Perhaps if we understood more of the wonderful history of our village, and especially of our Parish Church, the Feast would have for all of us a deeper significance still. Here in East Bridgford we live in an environment which is full of historical interest, and one fears sometimes that, just because of our want of knowledge in local history, we are losing a source of inspiration which is otherwise ready to hand; for everybody realises now-a-days that an intelligent knowledge of the history of our own surroundings can be a help in the battle of life.

It is precisely to provide that knowledge for the people of East Bridgford (both ourselves and those who are to follow us) that your former Rector, Mr. Hill, has now been working for some years on the History of East Bridgford, which is shortly to be published as announced by a leaflet sent out with this Magazine. The cost of publishing such a work (which can only have a limited circulation) is necessarily very high, and we cannot expect to buy it at a negligible figure; but I know enough of these matters to know that the offer made on the leaflet is a generous offer, which I advise all who can do so to accept. I also know much of Mr. Hill's ability in this work, and that the book will be one which every real lover of East Bridgford will be anxious to possess.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

On FEAST SUNDAY, June 26th, 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, and we hope to have the usual parade of the British Legion and other organisations at the service, and that the beautiful weather of previous occasions will again smile upon us.

The 66th Annual Show of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society will be held in Mr. Buller's Field, Farmers Road, on Feast Tuesday, June 28th, commencing at 3 p.m.

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

The Managers of East Bridgford School, desire to thank all who helped to make a success of the Jumble Sale, held a few weeks ago, in aid of the School Funds. The amount handed to the Treasurer

as a result of the effort, was £8 15s. 0d., which is not only very welcome indeed, but is also a very considerable sum to raise in a small village by this means.

THE JAILLAND LIBRARY.—With the consent of His Majesty's Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have now handed over the remaining books to the British Legion (local branch) to form the nucleus of a library for members of the Legion, while the small balance in cash has been handed to East Bridgford School for the purchase of a work of reference for the permanent use of the Scholars. This arrangement comes at the end of correspondence with the Charity Commissioners which has extended over a period of six months, during which the Trustees also explored every avenue that seemed to promise the possibility of keeping the Library going under the old Trust. The entire correspondence, with complete records of the steps which have led up to the new arrangement, has been deposited for safety in the Church safe. No-one who cares to read through that correspondence is likely to imagine that any other course than that taken was open to the Trustees.

BOYS' BRIGADE.—For their Whitsuntide Camp at Skegness the Nottingham Battalion Boys' Brigade enjoyed splendid weather almost throughout the full week under canvas. Bad trade doubtless helped to reduce the number of boys whose parents were able to send them to camp this time, but the camp has been one of the most successful yet organised by Mr. Swain and his brother officers. Members of the East Bridgford Company came home thoroughly browned and reporting that they had "had a better time than ever."

In contrast with the experiences of Skegness, this part of Notts. is likely to remember Whitsuntide week, 1932, for its deluges of rain which seemed as if they would never cease. Whitsunday itself was showery and unsettled, and although the weather on Whitmonday seemed fairly promising when our friends of the British Legion opened their Gymkhana on behalf of our Church Fabric Fund, at teatime it began to be wet. A day or two after there began that three days' deluge which produced these memorable floods, of which many of our readers would probably wish to hear no more!! We must, however, express the sympathy of East Bridgford people with their neighbours at Gunthorpe, to whom the floods have meant very serious inconvenience and in many cases very serious loss.

The Rector and Mrs. King desire to express their appreciation of the kindness of parishioners in connection with their daughter's marriage. The obvious good wishes of ALL parishioners, the large attendance at the wedding service, the presence of our kindly Bishop, and sunshine just at the right moments,—everything combined to make the day one of the happiest memories for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adam.

BRITISH LEGION.—Our hearty thanks to the British Legion for their Whitmonday effort; we hope to announce the results in our next issue.

BAPTISM (May 1st)—Mary Rose Goodwin.

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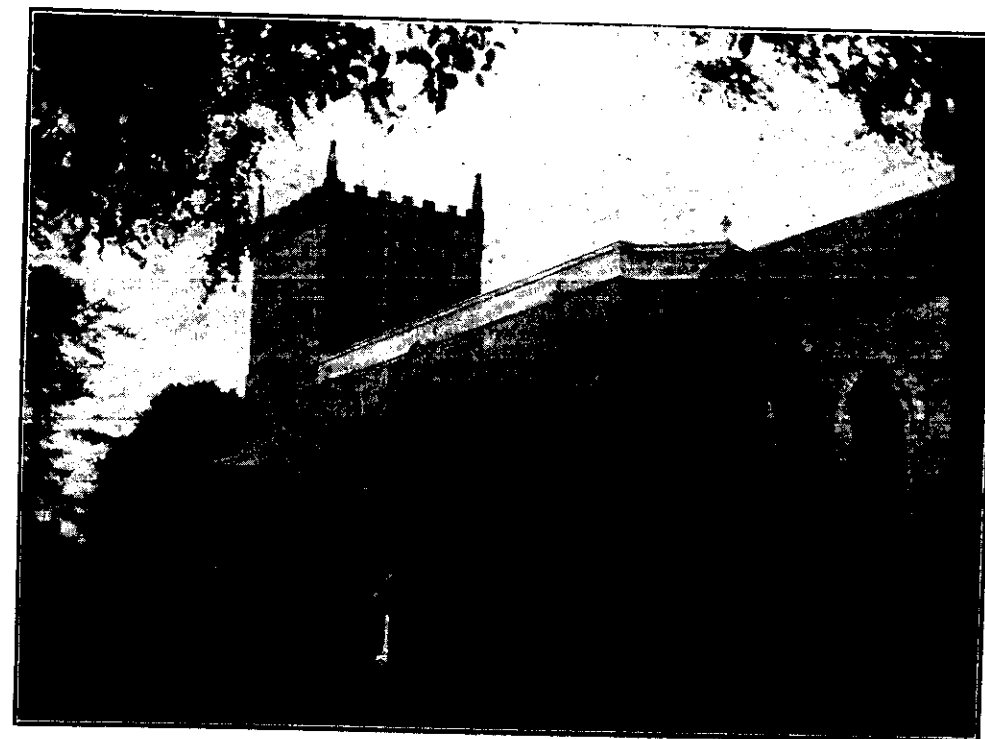
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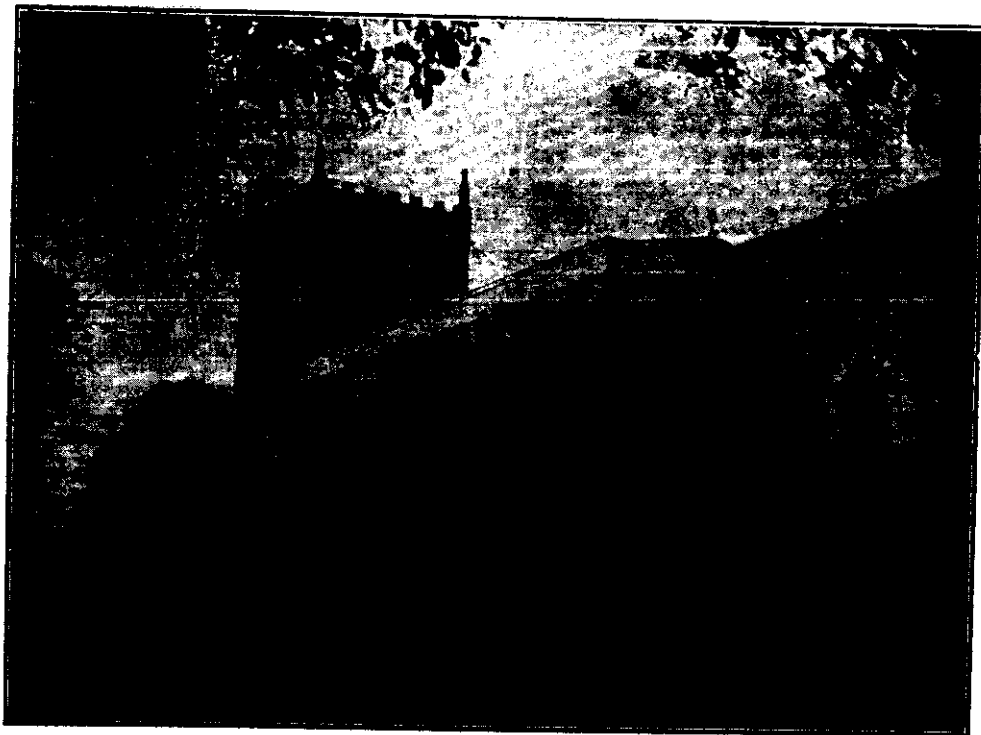
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Thursday, May 5th, is the Ascension Day, and if we could but realise what the Ascension of Our Lord guarantees to us Christians we could not let the Festival pass without heart-felt thanksgiving; for His Ascension would mean to us all that it meant to the Apostles.

It is always difficult to discuss the nature of Our Lord's Body after His Resurrection, because our finite minds find it well-nigh impossible to think of having what St. Paul calls "a spiritual body,"—a body no longer subject to the limitations of place and time. Yet the Body of the Risen Saviour was no longer subject to those limitations, and the Apostles realised the change as they met with Him and conversed with Him. And after He had "ascended into Heaven" they knew that He had gone into the Infinite with no loss of His personal identity: indeed they felt His presence and power were with them more fully than before His Ascension.

And His Ascension is the guarantee of ours, if we are true to Him. Ascension Day means that for us too there is a glorious future in the Infinite, a future in which our personal identity will remain. I wonder how many of us professing Christians really take Christ's word for it and live in the conviction. How happy might be this life here if it were all lived in such a hope, how much easier to face our trials and do our duty, how peaceful our outlook even in the midst of strife. Shall we not try to realise all this when we sing, "Hail the day that sees Him rise"?

Yours faithfully,

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On the Ascension Day (Thursday, May 5th) there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 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.

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East Bridgford Feast Sunday falls this year on June 26th.

The customary Branch Social of the East Bridgford and Radcliffe members of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in the Temperance Hall on Thursday, April 14th, and the members certainly spent a very happy evening. Plays were given which were of the right type, both entertaining and helpful; and two processions of members in fancy dress shewed so many examples of taste and ingenuity that the responsibility of the judges in awarding prizes was no light one. The certificates for long service were presented by Mrs. Hayman, formerly of Edwinstowe, and now of Thornhill Rectory, Dewsbury, who, as a former G.F.S. worker in the Diocese, spoke a few encouraging words to the gathering.

For the Hospital Egg Week East Bridgford contributed a total of 2,520 eggs, which is a record for our parish and 500 more than the high figures of last year. This total is excellent testimony to the interest of our people in the Hospital and to the ability of the Boys' Brigade as collectors.

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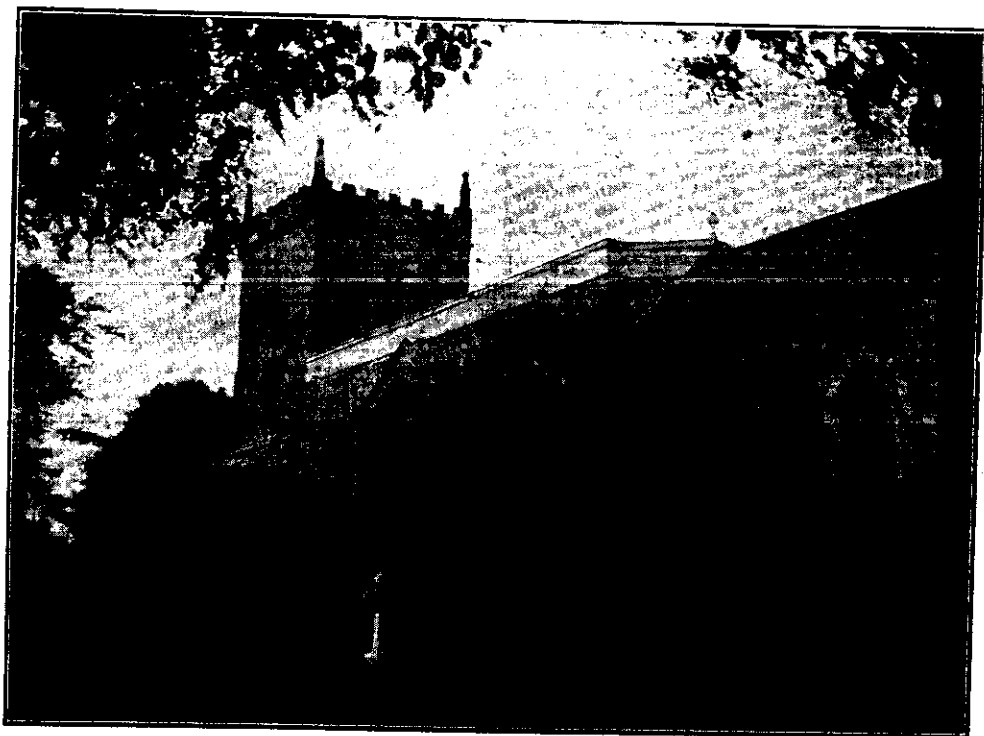
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

March 23rd, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I am writing this in Holy Week and so cannot speak of our Easter services, at which I trust every confirmed person in health in the parish will have joined in the Holy Communion, as promised at the time of Confirmation.

As I write the rain has just come down, and I do not suppose rain has ever been more welcome at East Bridgford, for we look back at a drought which for the time of the year has been unprecedented in this district. The men who are laying water-pipes between Nottingham and this part have lately become very important people, and as we pass them in the bus we all crane our necks to see how they are getting on.

A mild winter is all very well, but after all there is something weird about a hopeless drought so early in the year. The thing is not normal and we begin to dread lest the seeds should bear no fruit because they are sown in parched ground.

There is many a life like this and no preacher of the Gospel can fail to notice it. There are far too many who are more anxious to pass the years of life under a stormless sky than to suffer the rain from Heaven to fall upon the seeds which are meant to bring forth fruit unto life eternal. The ground of their hearts is dead to every spiritual call, dry and parched. The man is wise in his own conceits, content "just to rub along," "doing nobody any harm," but totally unresponsive to the call of Christ and consequently with no impulse to noble living. But from God's point of view this is not normal, and something is needed to moisten the ground and to give "the good seed" a chance if the life is to fulfil its purpose and bear good fruit. Is there any reader conscious of this parched life? "He would have given thee living waters"; but it is not too late to ask Him.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The Festival of the Annunciation (March 25th) fell this year on Good Friday; as is usual in that event, the observance of the Festival was postponed to Tuesday, April 5th, on which date there will accordingly be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Monday, April 25th, is St. Mark's Day; the hour of service on that day will be announced beforehand in Church.

The Venerable W. J. Conybeare, Provost of Southwell and Archdeacon of Nottingham, will preach in East Bridgford Church, on Sunday morning, April 24th, at the 10.45 service. We trust that members of the congregation will make a point of being present; we understand that our Archdeacon will tell us something about the needs of the Diocese for which the usual offerings will be made a week later.

At a Confirmation held at Bingham on Monday, March 14th, the following candidates from East Bridgford were confirmed by the Bishop of Southwell:—Gordon Bateman, Walter Claude Fernley.

Dr. Stella Henriques, of the C.M.S. Hospital at Yezd, Persia, writes to tell us of the difficulties which beset the work at the moment. Articles which are needed for the Hospital and which come out from England are now subjected by the Persian authorities to exorbitant customs duties at a rate which is 130 per cent. higher than two years ago. Hence she explains that it is better to subscribe in money just now than to send the hitherto most welcome parcels for which "substitutes after a sort" can be bought at Yezd, so avoiding the customs charges which the Hospital cannot afford to pay. Dr. Henriques ends:—"What can one do? One thing you can do—no customs duty can stop it—and that is, pray for us, don't forget us—pray for us all that we may be able to shew Christ in our lives and behaviour before our patients." We trust that this appeal for the prayers of East Bridgford people will be fervently responded to by our parishioners.

Worshippers of East Bridgford Church will be sorry to learn of the departure of our organist, Mr. George B. Frettingham, who now leaves this district to work for his firm in Scotland. During his year with us he has attained an efficiency which we hope may be recognised by his appointment as organist in some Church of the Episcopal Communion in Scotland. Mr. Frettingham has moreover gained the affection of our choristers, who much regret his leaving. Mr. George Shipman, who has acted as our deputy organist and is under Mr. Burdett's tuition, has been offered the appointment here, and, we are glad to know, has accepted it.

WANTED—MEN'S VOICES for East Bridgford Church Choir. We very much need a few volunteers for this useful service, both tenors and basses. It is often imagined that for Choir work one is bound to have a very good voice indeed. This is not the case; while one is bound, of course, to have a voice of some kind, the other essentials are an ear for time and tune and a willingness to undergo tuition at the practices. Attendance at the practices is obviously essential to good work, for no singer, however efficient individually, can hope to do his part in blending with the others unless he practises with them. But if a man with even a moderate voice is willing to be taught and to practise with the others, he will soon find singing in the Choir to be one of the happiest of pursuits; above all, he will be serving Christ in a definite work.

HOSPITAL EGG WEEK. April 4th to 11th; Collectors, The Boys' Brigade.

CHURCHWARDENS. We all regret that Mr. Hadley and family will be leaving East Bridgford this year, and that he accordingly was obliged to decline re-election on March 29th, to the office of Churchwarden, which he has held for three years to the complete satisfaction of all worshippers. We welcome in his place Mr. Rhodes, who, like Mr. Hadley, will be fortunate in having Mr. Beaumont as his colleague.

The Rector is deeply grateful to parishioners for their generous Easter offerings.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
February 29th, 1932.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In an address to a University Literary Society the Bishop of Ripon points out the danger of modern machinery enslaving its creator, man. "Both brain and character are at a discount—superannuated by the fool-proof machine." He points out how in every sphere of our civilisation we are beginning to rely on the machine rather than our own initiative. Even in politics we rely on "the party machine," and many would like to "turn a nation from a responsible self-determining social organism into a mechanism centrally controlled." He goes on to point out how we are inclined to worship the machine for the benefits it confers, or is supposed to confer, and, by way of illustration, says, "The Sunday programme of many a modern family reveals the family motor-car sitting in the place of God," and he points out that even in our search for World Peace it is suggested that the League of Nations, instead of relying on human ideals and human honour, should form itself into a super-State with super-bombers!

All this makes one think. We are so often told that we live in an enlightened age full of the desire for "self-expression" and "self-development," that it is rather staggering to be told the contrary, viz., that we are becoming the abject slaves of new discoveries.

We think we are free; possibly we are unconsciously the slaves of our environment more than any preceding generation. All this has a bearing on the question of religion. Victorians are constantly accused by the irreligious of having attended Church in youth because they were the slaves of fashion. To which it may possibly be answered that many a man to-day cannot develop his religious instincts because he is the slave of these amenities which modern machinery has brought into his life. The motor, the gramophone, the wireless, &c., &c., all splendid in their place, have enslaved him so that he cannot shake himself free to kneel down and pray, much less to go and seek the inspiration which undoubtedly comes, as promised, in united worship to all who are in real earnest. The boasted freedom may after all be the sacrifice of one's soul to machinery. "The individual will recover his mastery of circumstance by claiming his intended union with God."

This last is the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the great annual opportunity for recovering our mastery of circumstance, for re-kindling in our souls the life which soars above our environment, our trials, our temptations, death itself. The human spirit has still its unquenched passion for the ideal; our true nature is always calling for something which will raise us to unselfishness and a higher life. And the spirit of man can find the fullest response in linking itself fully with the events commemorated on Good Friday and Easter Day. Those who spend these two days only as opportunities for enjoying the modern amenities of earthly existence do not keep Easter.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

HOLY WEEK opens on March 20th (Palm Sunday). On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be short services each day at 10.30 a.m. and 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 Wednesday evening (March 23rd) 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 be a short service for children at 9 a.m., and the usual morning and evening services at 10.45 and 6.30. In addition there will be a Service of Meditation from 2 to 3 p.m. on "The Story of the Cross."

On Saturday, March 26th (Easter Eve) 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.

On Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week (March 28 and 29) 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.

The Annual Meeting for the ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS will take place at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday in Easter Week (March 29) in the Schools.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Children of our members delighted their elders by giving a little play in the Women's Institute on January 28th, entitled "Violets," which set forth the beautiful thoughts connected with the old customs of "Mothering Sunday." Another meeting of the M.U. was held on February 23rd, when Mrs. Dolby gave an interesting address on the history of the Book of Common Prayer. Will members please note that in their interests we are holding a short Service for Women at 3 p.m. on the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 22nd); also that, as March 25th falls on Good Friday, the observance of the Festival of the Annunciation is transferred to Tuesday, April 5th, when there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

We really must find space to congratulate the Women's Institute on their dramatic entertainment of February 6th. All three plays were delightful, and we cannot remember anything of its kind more pleasing than "Mr. Sampson," even on the professional stage.

MISSIONARY EFFORT.—The total subscribed by East Bridgford Church people to missionary effort during 1931, as per returns made to the Church Assembly, amounted to £36 7s. 3d., made up of contributions from offertories, subscriptions and missionary boxes, as follows:—S.P.G., £18 9s. 8d.; C.M.S. (Yezd Hospital), £8 15s. 3d.; S.P.C.K., 10s.; Southwell Missionary Studentship Association, 12s. 6d.; Missions to Jews, £1 6s. 0d.; British and Foreign Bible Society, £6 13s. 10d. These particulars do not, of course, include the contributions made to missionary work by our Nonconformist brethren.

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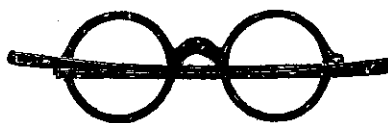
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
December 28th, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

A Happy New Year to you all! We are warned that the year 1932 may prove to be a year of tremendous importance to the human race. To quote our Archbishop "The civilised world is approaching one of the turning points in its history. Beyond question the International Conference on Disarmament, which is to meet at Geneva next February will be the most momentous assembly which has taken place since the Peace Conference at the end of the War. It has been truly said that its decision will probably determine whether the ideals which underlie the League of Nations are to prevail, or whether Europe is going to return to the old system of an armed balance of power which would be the certain prelude to another world war. And who can doubt that in another world war, civilisation itself might finish?"

These, dear friends, are solemn words, and it behoves us all to ask what our personal contribution to the cause of peace can be?

I venture to say that sincere devotion to that cause must begin with fresh resolutions as to Prayer and Communion. The words "Thy Kingdom come" must cease to mean nothing to us. Whenever you utter them, pray that the Kingdom may come in your own heart and in the world at large. You, reader, have a definite contribution to make to the coming of the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Sunday, January 3rd—Day of National Prayer.

Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day) is the Festival of the Circumcision: Wednesday, January 6th, is the Festival of the Epiphany; Monday, January 25th, is the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

A Confirmation Service is to be held in Bingham Church on Monday, March 14th, at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Southwell. We hope to present candidates from East Bridgford, and the Rector would be glad to have names, without delay, of those who desire to attend classes for the necessary instruction. All who desire to attend are asked to meet in Church on Sunday, January 17th, immediately after the evening service, in order that the classes may be arranged to suit the convenience of candidates as far as possible.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Schools on Tuesday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. All persons who are on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend and use their power of voting to the full. The Electoral Roll will be exhibited in the Church porch three weeks beforehand, and all baptised members of the Church of England, over 18 years of age, who worship at East Bridgford Church, should make sure their names are on the Roll. Any person who fails to find his or her name thereon should ask the Hon. Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (Mrs. Cartwright) for the necessary form, which is to be signed and returned.

The Christmas season was shadowed by bereavement for several parishioners. On December 22nd we laid to rest Mrs. (Walter) Curtis, whose long illness had been borne with characteristic patience and prayerful faith. Mr. Curtis and his daughter (Mrs. Jacomb) have our deep sympathy. On the same date there also took place in our Churchyard the funeral of Mrs. Pritchett, widow of the late William Pritchett, of Newton, who passed away in 1927. Mrs. Pritchett died in Nottingham after a comparatively short illness, and is survived by four daughters and three step-children, to all of whom and to the many friends who enjoyed her kind and genial friendship, we tender our deep sympathy. Miss Mary Sugars, who has been a faithful servant at East Bridgford Hall for six years, and passed away in Doncaster Hospital on December 23rd, will be very much missed by all who knew her and appreciated her goodness; such will join sincerely in the sorrow of those to whom she was dear.

The Annual Meeting of the East Bridgford Cricket Club was held in the Schools on November 13th. The record for 1931 shewed 6 matches won, 6 lost, and 9 abandoned owing to bad weather which has seriously affected the season's play. The members desire to thank all subscribers for their kind support; the Balance Sheet, which was duly adopted, shewed Receipts of £41 16s. 8½d., against an Expenditure of £30 9s. 2½d., leaving a balance in hand of £11 7s. 6d. The following officials were elected for 1932:—President, Mr. W. R. Sharman; Captain, N. Rhodes; Vice-Captain, V. Manchester; Treasurer, F. O. Green; Committee, T. Wilkinson, G. Harrison, J. Kemp, A. Ellis, E. W. Millington; Joint Hon. Secretaries, F. Collishaw and R. F. Chapman; 2nd Eleven Captain, F. T. L. Green; 2nd Eleven Secretary, G. Harrison.

Entertainments of a wholesome kind are fortunately frequent in our parish, and it would be impossible to comment on them all in these pages. But we cannot help congratulating the members of the Women's Institute upon their Concert in the Temperance Hall on December 17th. The singing was carried through with a tone and finish that reflected much credit, both on singers and instructor; this was perhaps especially noticeable in the beautiful carol "We saw Him sleeping," composed and conducted by the instructor himself, Mr. L. Gordon Thorp.

Missionary contributions in boxes held by Churchpeople for the past half-year have been as follows:—S.P.G., 10s. 2d.; Bible Society, 18s. 3d.; Yezd C.M.S. Hospital, Persia, £2 12s. 6d. Yezd Hospital has also received a collection of 12s. 2d. from Boys' Brigade Service on October 25th. The subscriptions to the S.P.G. collected by Miss Huskinson for the year 1931 amounted to £12 15s. 10d., and our offertories to the same Society on Sunday, December 13th, totalled £4 14s. 6d. We hope in a future issue to summarise all our contributions to Missionary effort for 1931.

BAPTISM (Dec. 13). Mary Pickford.

BURIALS (Dec. 22). Mary Matilda Curtis, aged 60 years.
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The call of the Holy Season of Lent is again upon us, and I ask you earnestly to take advantage of the opportunities suggested below for its due observance.

We desire parishioners to understand the present position in regard to the Chancel walls of our Parish Church. The Church Council have had iron tie-rods with wall plates inserted as recommended across the Chancel; this work, involving the expense of scaffolding both within and without, has undoubtedly given additional security to the North and South walls. There remains the question of repairing the tracery of the East window and the adjoining cracks; but before proceeding to that work it appears desirable to watch the walls carefully for a few months until we can be assured that some fresh repairs to the foundations (an expensive matter) are not first necessary. Meanwhile it has unfortunately been discovered that a large proportion of the red tiles on the Chancel roof are perishing, which accounts for the damp condition of part of the South wall that has long been troubling us. The tiling has now been patched in its worst places and is watertight for the moment.

The work already done has cost £37, an account which, thanks largely to efforts made by our lady-workers and a balance from the Garden Fête of 1930, we hope to discharge very shortly. But for the future work above-mentioned we ought to be building up a "fabric fund," and all efforts made to that end will certainly be more than welcomed by the Parochial Church Council.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY. By decision of the Hospital Sunday Committee the annual offertories for Hospitals this year will take place throughout Nottingham and the County on Sunday, February 7th.

A converted negro recently wrote—"Dear Sir; do send us more missionaries like Mr. ———, men who count all things but loss for Jesus Christ's sake." Similar calls are coming in from all parts of the World to-day, and as the veteran missionary Bishop Montgomery says, the Master calls "Help Me to save the world." Will you help during Lent, by holding a box in support of Yezd or the S.P.G., or the British and Foreign Bible Society? No offerings are too small to be accepted by the Master so long as they represent sacrifice. Boxes taken out for Lent only should be handed in at Easter; other boxes should be handed in on or before June 1st for the half-yearly opening.

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

LENTEN SERVICES. *Ash Wednesday* (February 10th), 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.

The death on January 19th of our oldest parishioner, Mr. Robert Daniel Shardlow, at the age of 95 years and 9 months, has fulfilled the "Nunc Dimittis" of a long and useful Christian life. Born in Nottingham in April, 1836, Mr. Shardlow began work at an early age, and became a highly-skilled mechanical engineer; during his many years of activity he helped in the building of machinery which varied from locomotives to lace-machines and to bicycles, his duties including two years' work in America and periods in Ireland and elsewhere. He was baptised and confirmed at St. Mary's, Nottingham, where he was also married in 1861 to Miss Mary Crich. Mr. and Mrs. Shardlow eventually settled in Lenton, and upon Mrs. Shardlow's death in 1913 her saintliness of life was duly recognised in the parish of Lenton. There were 10 children of the marriage, of whom 7 are living (including our respected friends at East Bridgford) to all of whom and to Mr. Shardlow's grandchildren we extend our sympathy. Mr. Shardlow's earnest Church work at Lenton, which included many years in office as a sidesman and a Sunday School teacher, has left its mark; his regularity and devotion at public worship were continued at East Bridgford from the moment that the family settled here just before the War in 1914 until advancing years no longer permitted it. His gentleness and patient faith were conspicuous to the end, and, while his passing cannot but cause sorrow to those to whom he was dear, we may well congratulate them upon possessing the permanent memory of a noble example. Mr. Shardlow was laid to rest beside his wife in Lenton Churchyard on January 22nd.

NEW YEAR GATHERINGS in our parish during January were many and cannot all be recorded in these pages. They commenced on New Year's Day with our Sunday School Tea and Party. Our Choir-boys had a good time at the Rectory on January 5th. The Women's Institute provided a splendid evening for "the Old Folks" on January 8th. On January 14th, the Senior members of our Choir joined the Bellringers and Young Men's Fellowship in supper at the Rectory. On the same date our Senior Girls' Class were joined by our female choristers to be kindly entertained at East Bridgford Hall.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held in the Schools on Tuesday, January 26th, the Rector presiding. After a Report on the work of the Council for the year, Mr. Hadley presented the accounts which shew a small balance in hand and were formally adopted. The Statement has been printed and copies are available at Church. The elections for 1932 resulted as follows:—Representative on Diocesan Conference, Miss Fox; Representatives on Ruridecanal Conference, Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Beaumont; further representatives on Parochial Church Council, Miss M. Robinson, Miss Millington, Mr. E. Bullers, Mr. H. Curtis, Mr. C. Allwood, Miss Huskinson, Mr. C. Pickford, Mr. N. Rhodes, Mr. Lander, Miss M. Dexter, Mrs. C. Allwood. The Rector and Churchwardens (Messrs. Beaumont and Hadley), and the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Representatives, are members of the Council *ex-officio*; the total number on the Council is thus 16.

BAPTISM (Jan. 17th)—June Margaret Smith.

WEDDING (Jan. 23rd)—Arthur Samuel White to Norah Pailing.

BURIAL (Jan. 22nd, at Lenton)—Robert Daniel Shardlow, aged 95 years.

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