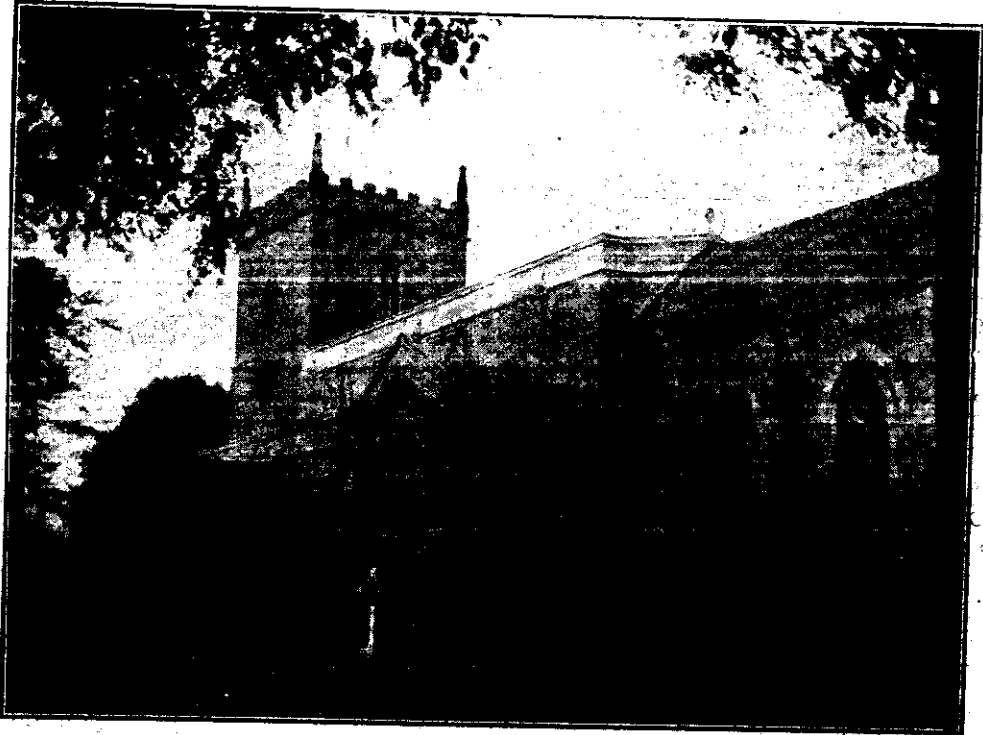


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TO OUR READERS.—We are glad to say that the success of our Magazine is sufficient to justify the inclusion of a slightly more expensive inset than that now in use. Accordingly our January 1934 issue will for the first time include the magazine known as "Home Words," which is regarded by many of us as the best monthly inset of its kind; with each copy of the January issue the publishers of "Home Words" will, we understand, present a motto card (with picture) for the New Year.

EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

Nov. 27th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I wish you all a Happy Christmas. The World is still struggling after Peace; we all yearn for its certainty, but find it difficult to secure. Are we all making the greatest contribution we can, viz., whole-hearted devotion to Him Who was born at Bethlehem to be "The Prince of Peace"? Come and worship Him on His Birthday: "O come, let us adore Him." When His Birthday falls on a Monday I have noticed weak Christians sometimes give up their Christmas Day worship on the ground that they were at Church the day before. How inconsistent they are! How thoughtless! Christmas is indeed the Festival of the home, but it loses all its significance as a home festival unless it first includes our kneeling, as the shepherds did, at the feet of the Holy Child. Even our children know this and many of them silently pass judgment accordingly on their parents' attitude to Christmas worship.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

TO CHURCH PEOPLE.—Please keep the evening of Thursday, January 25th, free for the Gathering of the Congregation.

Thursday, Dec. 21st, is St. Thomas's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

We hope to include Carols at the evening service on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th.

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

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

Holders of Missionary boxes for S.P.G., Yezd, or the Bible Society, are earnestly asked to hand in their boxes either at Church or the Rectory, on or before December 16th for the half-yearly opening. The contributions, however small, are urgently needed.

All our offertories on Sunday, December 10th, will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, our oldest Missionary Society, and the preacher at the evening service will be the Rev. J. Reay, B.Sc., M.C., Rector of Bingham. We hope that our

parishioners are not forgetting the fact that unless our country's contributions to missionary work this year shew an increase of 10 per cent over last year's, then some missionaries will have to be withdrawn. This disaster can be quite well averted by our giving to the cause a fraction of what most of us spend on personal pleasure or luxury. Let us in East Bridgford, at any rate do our part by adding something to our "missionary box" or "collection" contributions in December.

All of us heard with sorrow of the death of Mr. Clarence S. Widdison, whose genial presence will be very much missed in our village. Clarence was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Widdison, of East Bridgford; four of his brothers and one sister survive him. We all feel sympathy with his widow (née Miss Eliza Ann Smith, whom he married on January 24th, 1910) and with his family of seven children. It is quite probable that the strain of his faithful service in the War has in some measure hastened his departure from us, and we were glad to see his comrades of the British Legion so well represented at his funeral and also at Church, with the Widdison family, on the Sunday morning afterwards. The deceased was for some years in the service of Mr. R. H. Swain and has latterly been for 11 years in the service of Mr. W. E. Claye; his employers have much valued his services and his friendship.

Our Mothers' Union had a happy meeting at the Rectory on November 16th, when Mrs. Kingston (of Barton-in-Fabis) spoke to the members impressively on the subject of "Peace." The next meeting is to be held at the Rectory at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th, when our Choirmaster, Mr. Sidney J. Burdett, A.R.C.O. (who is a Probation Officer for Notts. County) will speak to the mothers on "Growing boys."

As a result of an effort made at the Hall, on October 26th, the amount of £3 14s. 0d. was raised towards the East Bridgford contribution to Diocesan and Central Church expenses for 1933. The offertories on Sunday, November 19th, produced a satisfactory result of £5 3s. 0d. A small contribution still to come will bring in another 10/-. These items, added to the £9 6s. 0d. raised in the summer, bring up our total to £18 13s. 0d., leaving 33/- only to be raised before the end of the year in order to complete the £20 6s. 0d. apportionment asked for from this parish. We should be glad of any small contributions from any worshippers who were not present on Sunday, November 19th.

The Boys' Brigade will be having their annual "Collection" days during the period December 1st to December 10th, and we hope our parishioners will all give some help, however small. The Brigade continues to do splendid work in our midst and deserves our support in the necessary expenses.

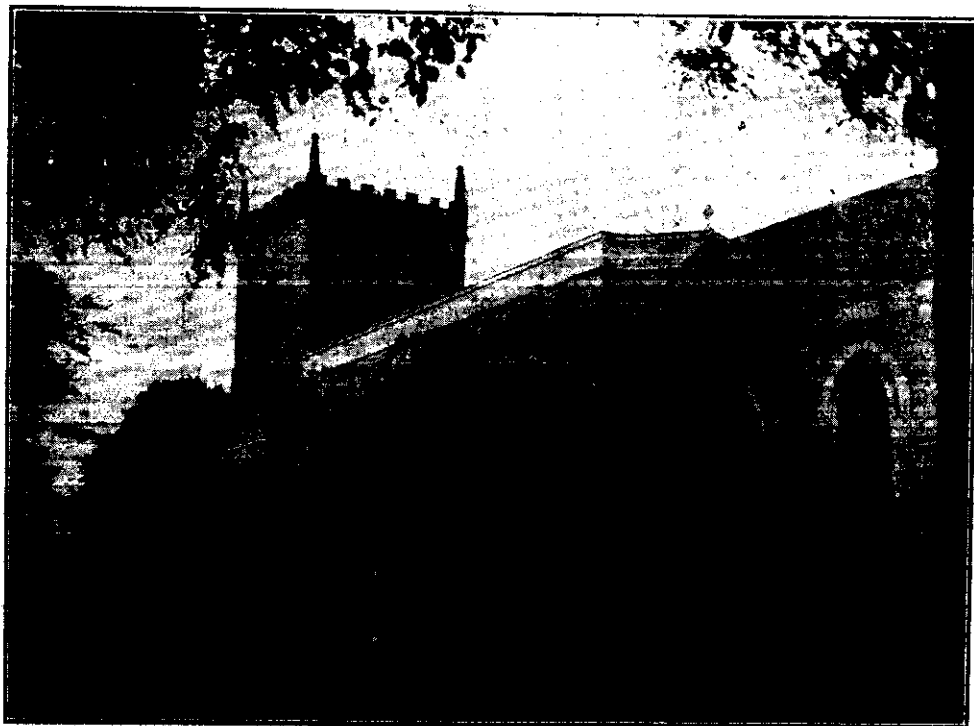
There were 93 present at the Men's Service in East Bridgford Church on Sunday afternoon, November 26th, the subject of the address was "The Problem of Pain."

BAPTISMS (November 5th).—Gladys Mary Smith.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
Oct. 30th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It has been hinted to me that what I wrote last month, about the Summer temptations to forget God, went home to some of our readers, who say they realise the truth of what I ventured to say. Let me then press the lesson home.

While our Churches are not so badly attended as some newspaper writers suggest, there are undoubtedly many thousands of people in our land who once worshipped regularly but have yielded to modern temptations more and more, so that they now seldom or never worship God.

Now, if the counter-attractions of Summer have in this way been too much for some of our readers (and they *know* in their heart of hearts that they *ought* to be regular worshippers), then the beginning of Winter is the easiest time to make a fresh start.

Let me ask those of you who neglect God's House, is it always to be so to the end of the chapter? Are you really making the best of life by despising all your national and age-long Sunday traditions? Are you really satisfied without the definite and combined worship of God? Face these questions now and face them frankly. There is such a thing as being "too late."

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

Remembrance Sunday is to be observed on November 5th. On that Sunday the Holy Communion will be celebrated in East Bridgford Church at 8 a.m. (*not* at 10.45 a.m.) 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 (Saturday November 11th) a short service will be held in Church at 10.45 a.m. We hope to proceed from Church (at five minutes to 11) to the War Memorial, there to observe the two minutes' silence.

It is hardly necessary in these days to say that a Harvest Festival was a success; *all* Harvest Festivals now-a-days are successful so far as crowded and enthusiastic congregations can provide an index of their value. Our own services this time were as well patronised as ever and we owe our sincere thanks to the decorators, the visiting preachers, our choir, organist and choirmaster and to the kind donors of corn, fruit, vegetables, flowers and other gifts. The gifts offered at the Children's Service were more numerous than ever so that a larger hamper reached the General Hospital, for which the House Governor has written a message of hearty thanks.

Mr. Thomas Hand, lately our organ-blower, desires to thank parishioners for the eight pounds recently handed to him in kind appreciation of his services. The large number of the subscribers proves to him that he is surrounded by kind friends and that thought is of great comfort to him. He asks us to express his deep gratitude to them all.

Miss M. Janet Lloyd writes to thank our Church people for so kindly receiving her on October 22nd; she says that her visit has also been a source of great encouragement to herself, and that when in Persia she will always realise that there are East Bridgford Church people who are thinking of the work at Yezd. We hope that Miss Lloyd's words both to the Sunday scholars and to our congregation may have brought home to the minds of all of us the terrible need in Persia for the work of Christian Medical Missions, a work which all of us can assist, if we will.

Twenty-four members of our branch of the G.F.S. were present at the gathering in the Nottingham Albert Hall, on October 19th, when the Diocesan Branch celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Nottingham G.F.S. Hostel. The gathering represented a determined effort to pay off the debt on the Hostel. Our Bishop took the Chair and Mrs. Arbuthnot, the Central President, received purses which, added to the amount given at an afternoon meeting, produced the splendid total of £232 Os. 10d. An excellent programme followed, including displays of dancing and physical exercises, singing by a mixed choir of 160 voices and some dramatic items accompanying a recitation on events in the career of "Robin Hood."

Our Mother's Union had a successful meeting in the Rectory, on October 17th. A short address was given by Mrs. King and the members afterwards proceeded to elect five members to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, viz., Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. I. Wilkinson and Mrs. T. Wilkinson. The next meeting is to be held on November 16th, when Mrs. Hingston, of Barton, will be the speaker.

The Ladies' Tea-party on October 19th raised in all £3 5s. 0d. for East Bridgford Church Fabric Fund. These parties (of which the next is to be held on November 9th) not only appear to fulfil a useful part in the social life of our parish but are one of the mainstays of the Fabric Fund. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the responsibility of maintaining a beautiful ancient building like our own Parish Church demands that the Fund should always be kept in hand; repairs are needed every now and then, and the old adage of "a stitch in time" could have no more obvious application.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH GATHERING.—Thursday, January 25th, 1934,
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The Offertories on Sunday, November 19th, will be towards the East Bridgford share of Diocesan and Central Church expenditure for 1933.

BAPTISM (October 15th).—Celia Blagg.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
Sept. 26th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I wrote last month of the glorious summer through which we have just passed. May I now suggest that to some Christians it brought an old temptation in an aggravated form, viz., the temptation to forget God on Sundays?

Only those who are fighting for Christ's Kingdom know the heartbreaking difficulty of countering this widespread tendency. Week after week during the summer professing worshippers pointed to the fine weather as a wholly sufficient reason for neglecting even half-an-hour's corporate worship (possibly, during the Winter, they will point to wet weather as an equally good reason for the same neglect). I don't think we preachers are likely, except to a trifling extent, to meet this Summer difficulty by adopting the newspaper advice that we should leave our Churches on Sunday and preach at the roadside to such passing motorists, cyclists and hikers as can be persuaded to stop and listen; for these run-about days are quite different from the early Victorian era and still more different from the East of Our Lord's Day. We need a more radical cure; we must frankly tell our people that combined Sunday worship has rightly been regarded as an essential of Christian living from the days of the Apostles.

And let us rid ourselves in Summer from the hypocrisy of saying we worship God in a motor or a swimming-pool as well as we could in Church. In Winter likewise let us cease to pretend that listening on the wireless (while we perhaps smoke!) to other people worshipping in London is better than joining with our neighbours in Church for the adoration of God.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Our Harvest Festival Services will begin on Thursday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. C. H. Weller, M.A., M.C., Vicar of All Saints', Nottingham. On Sunday, October 8th, the Harvest Services will be continued at the usual Sunday hours, viz., Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Morning Service at 10.45, Evening Service at 6.30 p.m., and in the Afternoon, at 2.30, there will be the customary service for children, at which harvest gifts may be presented. The preacher at the services on Sunday will be the Rev. Hermann B. Ferris, L.Th., Vicar of Tweedmouth (and brother of the Vicar of Car Colston). Gifts of corn for the decoration of the Church will be gladly received at the Rectory on Monday, October 2nd; gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables should be brought to the Church not later than 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5th; 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.

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

The monthly service for young people and children will not be held on October 1st, but is transferred to October 8th, the Harvest Festival Sunday. The Sunday School will meet in the Schools on Sunday afternoon, October 1st.

The return to Greenwich time takes place in the early hours of Sunday morning, October 8th, our Harvest Festival Sunday. This will, no doubt, facilitate the attendance at the Holy Communion, at 8 a.m., of all those worshippers who wish to give God thanks for earthly blessings in the way Our Lord would most desire.

Our Parochial Tea, Meeting and Social Gathering have already been fixed by the Parochial Church Council for Thursday, January 25th, 1934, at 5.30 p.m., in the Temperance Hall. We are giving this early notice in order that all Churchpeople may be able to arrange their Winter engagements accordingly, so that we may even improve upon our success of last January.

MISS M. JANET LLOYD, Matron of the C.M.S. Men's Hospital, at YEZD, PERSIA, will be in East Bridgford on Sunday, October 21st. We hope she will speak to our Sunday School in the afternoon, and after the evening service (which will be shortened on that occasion) there will be a short meeting of all members of the congregation in the nave of the Church, at which Miss Lloyd will give us a short account of the work at Yezd. We appeal to all our people to make a point of being present.

We are asked to announce that a Ladies' Tea Party, in aid of the Fabric Fund, will be held in the Women's Institute on Thursday, October 19th, at 4.30 p.m.

Beautiful weather favoured the marriage at East Bridgford Church, on September 16th, of Miss Mary Hadley to Mr. John H. C. Godfrey, Solicitor, of Nottingham. The surroundings of a beautiful Church and village like ours, with glorious sunshine to complete the effect, are indeed an ideal setting for a happy wedding and add to the joy of those who come to shew their good wishes to the happy couple. And Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey have indeed the sincere good wishes of many friends both at East Bridgford and Nottingham. The latter especially appreciate the work the bride has done for the poor boys and girls of the City, and a very pleasing feature of the wedding ceremony was the attendance of some forty members of her Girls' Club. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey long life and happiness with further useful public service.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Rectory on Tuesday, October 17th, 1933, at 3 p.m.

In accordance with the Archbishop of Canterbury's decision that "the Sunday before Armistice Day" shall be observed as Armistice Sunday, our Bishop directs that Armistice Sunday shall be observed in this Diocese on Sunday, November 5th.

BAPTISM (Sept. 24th).—Alan Curtis.

WEDDING (Sept. 16th).—John Hugh Cecil Godfrey to Mary Hadley.

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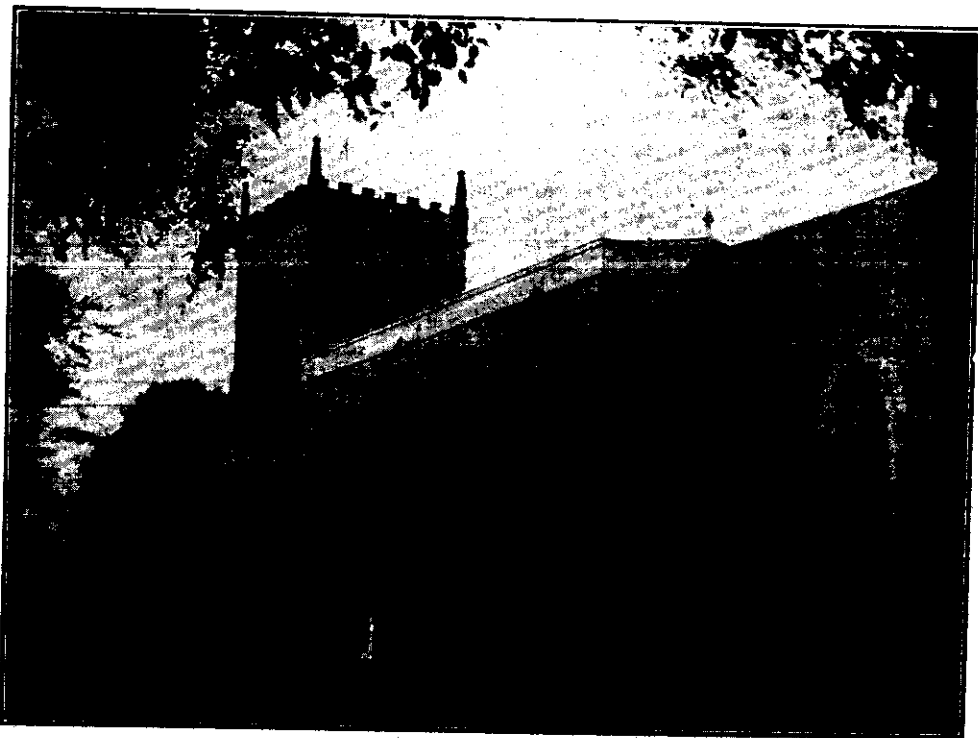
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

Aug. 26th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We are drawing towards the close of one of the most wonderful summers within living memory, and we may well at the moment realise our privileges here in living amid beautiful surroundings. To us in East Bridgford the days of cloudless sunshine (despite a trifling inconvenience from the heat) have served to bring out the full beauty of the scenes around us and have been succeeded almost invariably by lovely evenings in which parishioners of all ages have enjoyed the healthful open-air to the full. Do we realise how thankful we ought to be? For a hot summer means a very different story to thousands of our brethren who dwell in the smaller streets and alleys of our large towns and one really wonders whether we in the country should not be doing something more than we do to respond, for instance, to those pathetic appeals from the Clergy in the slums of London for help to enable them to give slum children a short holiday in the fresh air. Moreover we all know that the harvest is good this year and many of us may have cause for special thankfulness in that direction. Surely the call of God is that we should take a more heartfelt interest in that "harvest of souls" of which our Lord tells us the earthly harvest is a picture. In this connection I wish to tell you that Miss M. Janet Lloyd, the Matron of the Men's Hospital at Yezd, Persia (a work in which we Churchpeople here take an interest), is now in England on a well-earned furlough, and she hopes to visit us in the near future to tell us about the work. When she comes I hope all of us who can will show our appreciation of her work by giving her a hearing.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

On Sunday, September 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., there will be the usual monthly service for Children and Young People. On Sunday, September 10th, the Young Men's Fellowship will re-open in Church at 2.30 p.m., for the Session 1933-1934. Membership of the Fellowship is open to all young men who are over school age, and the re-opening day is a very convenient day for new members to join us.

Our Harvest Festival services are being arranged to commence on Thursday evening, October 5th, at 7 p.m., and will be continued on Sunday, October 8th. The special preachers will be announced in our next issue.

Our Sunday Scholars had a very pleasant Summer Gathering on Thursday, August 3rd, when the evening, though warm, was in other respects perfect. We assembled at 5 p.m. in the Women's Institute for tea, and we are grateful to the ladies who catered for their excellent arrangements. After tea we walked by way of the Cricket Field to the Hall Gardens where, under the guidance of Mr. Rhodes

and the Sunday School Teachers, a very successful programme of games and other sports was carried through with a fervour which the warmth of the weather only seemed to heighten. The evening was indeed heartily enjoyed both by the children and their elders and we all desire to specially thank our good friends at the Hall to whose kindness and generosity we owed the opportunity for such pleasant entertainment.

Old scholars and friends of East Bridgford Church Day Schools will be interested to learn that our offertories on June 11th amounted to £5 10s. 3d. (which was double the amount given in 1932) and that, in further response to our appeal, subscriptions have reached the Treasurer to the amount of £4 1s. 0d. The Managers are very grateful for this help which is at any rate a step towards that extra £30 a year which is so much needed. Are there any old scholars who, having succeeded in life as a result of their education at East Bridgford School, would like to give an average of half-a-crown per annum towards the maintenance of their old school? If they would all respond to this appeal, we imagine the future of their old school would be fairly safe.

Lack of space in our last issue prevented us from writing a note about the late Miss Mary Elizabeth Wood, who died at Sydenham at the age of 78 years, and whose ashes, after cremation in London, were interred in East Bridgford Churchyard, on July 17th. Miss Wood was, we believe, the last surviving child of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, whose residence in Kneeton Road may be remembered by some of our older parishioners. We understand she originally had five brothers and one sister; Miss Marion Wood, of Main Street, East Bridgford, is her niece. The ashes were interred in the grave in which her brother, William, late of Bournemouth, was buried in 1903, his wife having been previously buried here in 1893 in that same grave.

The Reports read at our Diocesan Conference, as well as an article in last issue of the Church Assembly News, have impressed upon us again the great importance of raising our quota of the Diocesan Apportionment this year. The tremendous need makes us regret all the more that our offertories on Diocesan Sunday, as compared with last year, fell from £8 5s. 2d. to £6. Doubtless this was partly due to many absences from Church on May 21st, but we sincerely hope that the loss may be made up somehow, so that our parish record of "no default" in this important matter may be maintained as usual.

We are asked to remind our lady readers that the series of lectures arranged by the Red Cross Society on the subject of "How to keep well" will open on Monday, Sept. 11th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Women's Institute.

WEDDING (Aug. 5th).—Arthur Edward Cox to Joyce Mary Wilkinson.

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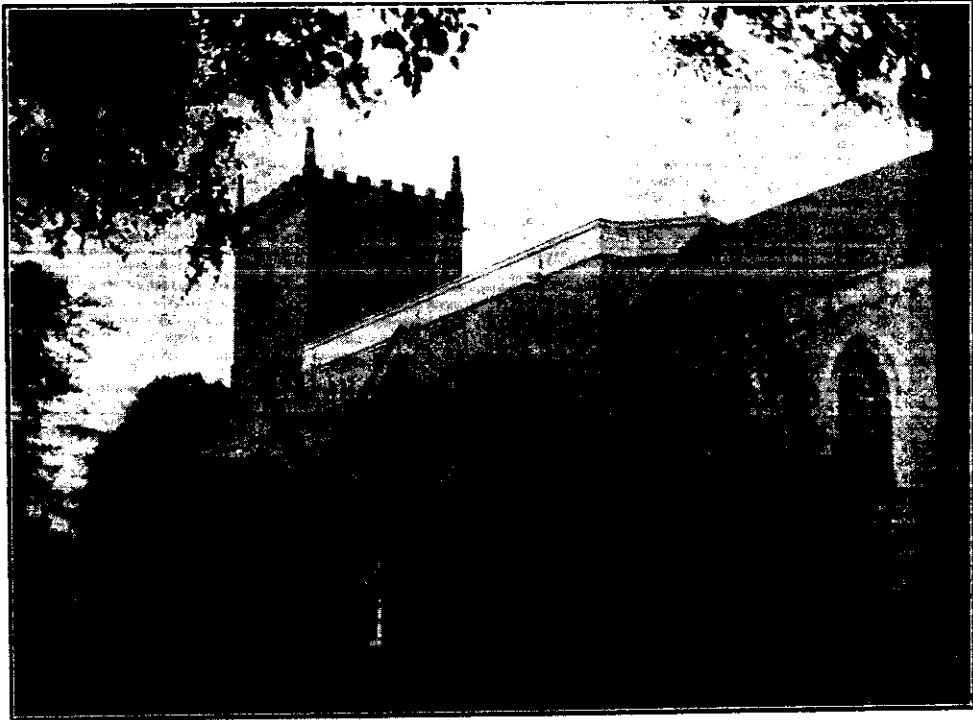
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
July 31st, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The reality of our Christian profession as members of the Church is indeed being put to the test by the present position in the mission field. This is very evident from "the Unified Statement," entitled "With One Accord," recently published by the Church Assembly at the request of our 104 Bishops overseas. The Archbishop of Canterbury asks very earnestly that "every loyal member of the Church" will read the book, and that we all try to increase our offerings to Missions by at least 10 per cent. for 1933. It is obvious that unless we can meet the situation, not only must we refuse to send teachers to the many stations overseas, where the natives are asking for them, but more missionaries will have to be withdrawn in considerable numbers at a time of unprecedented opportunity; this would indeed be terrible.

"Remember," writes our Archbishop, "it is not only the possibility of winning new ground that is at stake, it is the possibility of holding ground patiently, often heroically, won. So let us put our backs to the wall and, God helping us, do our utmost."

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Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The Sunday School Treat arranged for Thursday, August 3rd, will commence with Tea in the Temperance Hall at 5 p.m. On account of the cleaning of the Schools and the absence of some of the S.S. teachers on holiday, our Sunday Schools will close for the three Sundays, August 13th, 20th and 27th, and will re-open on Sunday, September 3rd. On the three Sundays in question, the scholars' stamps will be given in Church just before the commencement of Morning Service.

We are asked to announce that the Red Cross Society is sending a lecturer to give a course of seven lectures in East Bridgford on the subject of "How to keep well." These lectures are to be given in the Women's Institute Hut on Monday afternoons commencing on Monday, September 11th. While the lectures are free, each person attending the course will be asked for a subscription of 2s. towards the expenses. Further particulars may be obtained from Mrs. Rhodes, The School House.

The Secretary of the General Hospital, Nottingham, has sent us two letters of thanks. The first expresses the gratitude of the Hospital for the £2 4s. 9d. collected in our district on the recent Flag Day, and the second tells of the appreciation, both by patients and staff, of the flowers sent from our Flower Service on July 2nd. The Hospital is certainly deserving of the offerings and subscriptions coming from our parish in return for what it does for our people. For instance, during the year 1932, the Hospital treated 11 In-patients and 6 Out-patients sent from East Bridgford, and the total cost to the Hospital funds of the treatment of these 17 patients was £96 2s. 0d.

The accustomed sunshine did not fail us on the occasion of our Feast Sunday Services on July 25th, and the Memorial Service outside was thought by many to be more impressive than ever. The Flower Show on June 27th was more successful this year in two respects, viz., there were more entries and a slightly larger "gate." Unfortunately, however, the list of subscriptions shewed a fall, while the increased entries meant increased expenditure on prizes, and we fear that the Balance Sheet, which will shortly be presented to the Society's meeting, will shew some reduction in our balance in hand.

Managers, teachers and scholars at East Bridgford School, were all dismayed to hear of the fatal injury through a gun accident to George Cuddy, of Kneeton, a scholar at our School. George was popular at school and the tragedy cast a gloom over all who knew him. We assure his parents of our deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Splendid weather favoured the outing of the Radcliffe and East Bridgford Branch of the G.F.S. to Edwinstowe, on July 22nd. The service in Church, conducted by the Rev. F. C. Day-Lewis, proved very helpful, and the same can certainly be said of the address given to the members by Lady Sybil Argles afterwards. The drive through Sherwood Forest shewed everything at its best and the catering for tea gave every satisfaction.

All of us heard with deep regret of the death at Millgate House, on July 21st, of Mr. Wootton Butler, in his 65th year, and all who knew him sympathise deeply with Mrs. Butler and her two children (Mr. Thomas Butler, of Stanton-on-the-Wolds, and Mrs. Wallwin, of Barnstone). Mr. and Mrs. Butler were both natives of Clifton, but spent the greater part of their married life farming at Whatton-in-the-Vale for 19 years, thereafter going to Derbyshire for 8 years and ultimately retiring to East Bridgford in March, 1928. It is regrettable that Mr. Butler's years of rest among us have been marred by frequent ill-health, which, however, he bore with patience and without letting it interfere with the geniality of his friendship with us all. A keen Churchman, he had served in his healthier days as Churchwarden of Whatton for several years and as Churchwarden of Weston, Derbyshire, for four years. Among the consequences of his ill-health, that which has lately troubled him most was his inability to attend East Bridgford Church with regularity; he was at Holy Communion with us a week or two ago in considerable pain and we suspect he had in his mind the possibility of that being his last attendance at Church. The end of his sojourn on earth came at last with some abruptness, as he walked and talked with some of us only 24 hours before he passed into what *we* call unconsciousness. We have all appreciated the sincerity of his Christianity, love and friendship, and are glad to think he has been laid to rest in our Churchyard here.

BAPTISM (June 23).—Daphne Caroline Granger.

BURIALS (July 17).—*Mary Elizabeth Wood, aged 78 years.
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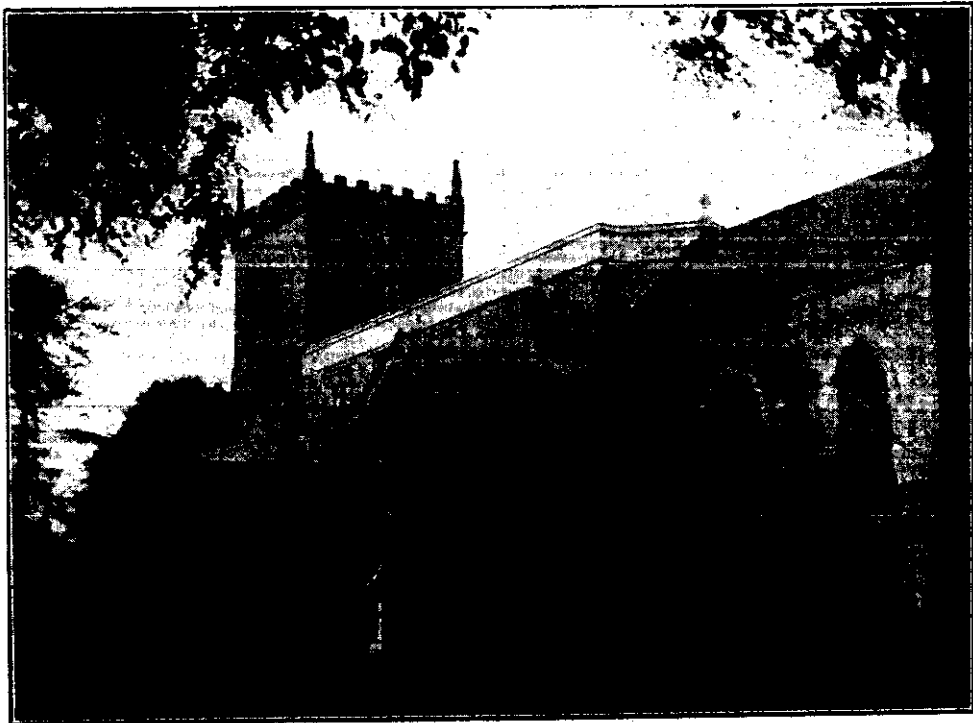
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
June 26th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to comment adequately in the limited space available here on the Oxford Movement of which the Centenary will be celebrated on Sunday, July 9th; there will undoubtedly be much written about it, in our newspapers and elsewhere, which may well be read and studied by all thoughtful people. I sometimes feel that those of us who claim to be faithful to the Anglican tradition without allying ourselves to any one party are in a good position to appreciate the true value both of the Oxford Movement and of the Evangelical Movement which preceded it. And I have no doubt that, while we largely owe to the Evangelical Movement our sense of personal devotion (which it revived after a period of gross materialism), it is to the Oxford Movement of 100 years ago that we to-day owe much of the order and beauty of the services in our Parish Churches and our faith in the Church itself. While not necessarily agreeing with all the views or practices of some of the adherents of either cause, we venture to say that the Church of England could not have been the power she is to-day without both movements.

Let us then in our prayers on Sunday, July 9th, thank God for all the blessings He brought to our Church of England through the saintly John Keble and his associates.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The record of East Bridgford Feast services and other events is unavoidably postponed to next issue.

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

A complete record of missionary contributions received in June will be found in the Church porch. Missionary boxes produced £1 17s. 5d. for Yezd, 7s. 3d. for S.P.G., and 7s. 7½d. for the Bible Society. To the Yezd offerings must be added the Lent offerings of £2 14s. 6d. already acknowledged and the £1 12s. 0d. given by the G.F.S. Candidates at their Festival on June 14th, as mentioned elsewhere in these columns; our total for Yezd for the half-year is thus £6 3s. 11d., which is not unsatisfactory and has been gratefully acknowledged by the Church Missionary Society.

The School Managers are very grateful for the increase in offertories made on June 11th, and for the subscriptions which have come in since; these additions do much to lighten the burden resting on the Managers though not, we fear, to entirely remove it. All help, however small, will be most welcome.

The Exhibition of Early Nottingham pottery and other antiques which was held in Holly Cottage and Daffodil Cottage on June 10th was visited by many friends both of our own parish and from outside. Through the kindness of friends who defrayed the cost of printing and provision for tea, the profits of £15 15s. 0d. were given entire to the Southwell House Moral Welfare Work.

On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ruth Moor to Mr. John Rayner Hodder, on June 10th, it was pleasant to see so many parishioners present and anxious to give the happy couple their good wishes. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Hodder for her Church work here in her home parish, more especially in the morning Sunday School, where she has gained the real affection of her pupils. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hodder every happiness.

The G.F.S. Candidates' Festival of the Bingham Deanery Branch was held at East Bridgford in glorious weather, on Wednesday evening, June 14th, when the Candidates, to the number of 50, met for tea in the W.I. Hut and afterwards walked in procession to the Hall Grounds, where members of the G.F.S. and their friends were kindly invited to witness a little Missionary Play given by the East Bridgford Candidates and entitled "Missionary Pennies." The gathering numbered over 100 persons and we were privileged to have with us the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Daws, missionaries in Nigeria, who belong to Nottingham and are at present home on furlough. Both of them spoke to us, to our intense interest, describing their work in Nigeria; they really brought home to our hearts and minds what it means to be fighting for Christ right in the front line against heathenism and the dreadful worship of evil spirits. Mr. Daws estimates that there are half-a-million heathen in his gigantic parish, but it already contains 80 little Christian Churches mostly built of mud, 20 of which he and Mrs. Daws have been instrumental in building. Though the work at present only touches the fringe of the population, it nevertheless is full of tremendous opportunity and promise, for the response of the converted Nigerian is wonderful. But the rapidity of the work in Africa, as elsewhere, must of course depend on the prayers and offerings of Christian people here at home. After the meeting on June 14th a little stall of articles made by our Candidates on behalf of the missionary cause was visited by many of those present and the proceeds, added to the coppers paid by adults as gate-money, produced a net profit of £1 12s. 0d. which has been sent to the C.M.S. Yezd Hospital Fund as a G.F.S. contribution. The remainder of the evening was devoted to enjoyable games and sports in the Hall grounds.

BOYS' BRIGADE. In this Jubilee Year of the B.B. Movement it was particularly fortunate that the 300 officers and boys of the Nottingham Battalion who were able to go into camp at Skegness for the Whitsuntide holidays had the finest camp experiences within their memory. Glorious sunshine and blue sky, with a gentle sea-breeze were the rule by day and glorious moonlight by night fell upon the 54 tents in which healthy youth slumbered peacefully after the day's activities. We shall not easily forget those scenes of disciplined happiness, the precision with which 300 good plain meals were served four times daily in the giant marquee, the laughter and good feeling, the strenuous sports, the excellent behaviour of all the boys, and, above all, the obvious sincerity in the little services held after supper each night and into which every man and boy entered with unaffected earnestness. All these happy experiences may serve to tell for what the B.B. stands and by the time this reaches the hands of many of our readers they may have realised a little more about it all at the Jubilee Demonstration to be held on the Notts. County Football Ground at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st.

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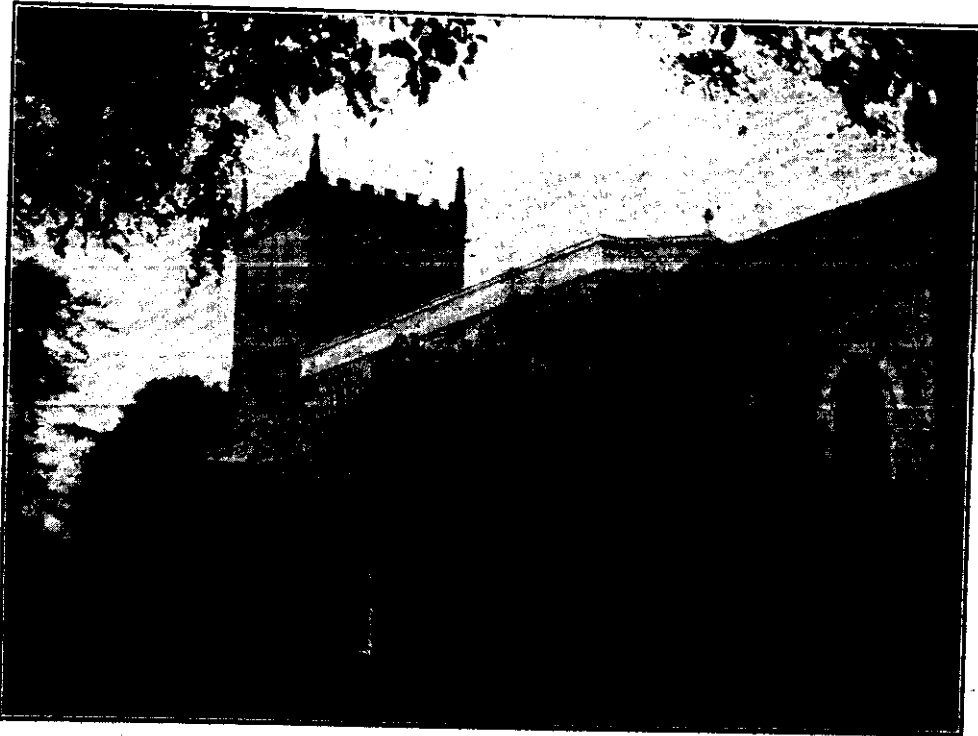
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The approach of Whitsunday again reminds us that human life, if it is to attain its real and lasting happiness, must be guided by the Holy Spirit from beginning to end. That is why we are so anxious about the religious education of the young; the children, if we want them to be really happy and useful, must be taught the love of God from their earliest years.

I venture to say that our children in this parish are in an advantageous position in this respect, because all of them attend a Day School which was founded with the very object of making religious instruction its first concern; I believe that religious instruction to be efficiently given and that it is reaping definite results in the children's happiness, and I find our children, as a rule, very much attached to their teachers and their school. We want to preserve this desirable state of things; we want to keep our Church schools. In the July, 1932 issue of our Magazine I explained to you the position pointing out that, in return for the privilege of guiding the religious instruction and possessing the buildings, the Church in East Bridgford must be responsible for "landlord's repairs." For any improvements we wish to make we can occasionally make a special effort as we did recently for the electric lighting and water supply; but the ordinary repairs, painting, &c., which are constantly needed, require some regular little income for which we can only look to voluntary contributions. I hear that a few years ago there were some regular annual subscriptions; perhaps it is through trade depression that they are not forthcoming in these days. But I would like all our people to know that, while our School has no endowments, the cost of maintaining it is small compared to the vast majority of Church Schools. Another £30 a year would, generally speaking and so far as I can see, keep the Managers out of difficulties. East Bridgford Churchmen of the past made real sacrifices to provide a Church School here for their successors; I cannot think that their successors would be justified in sacrificing the religious privileges thus handed-down to them for the sake of saving £30 a year. Our offertories in Church on behalf of our Day Schools have usually been fixed for Whitsunday; as we find many of our people are now-a-days absent from home on that day, the Parochial Church Council have decided that this year these offertories will be asked on TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH. The Managers appeal very earnestly for full support and for a return to the old custom of annual subscriptions where it is possible.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

On Whitsunday, June 4th, there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and also at Mid-day; there will not be the usual monthly Choral Communion at 10.45, so that the special psalms and lessons may be heard by all at Morning Service.

The Festival of St. Barnabas falls on June 11th under ordinary circumstances; but (as that date coincides this year with Trinity Sunday) the Festival is transferred this year to Tuesday, June 13th, when there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Saturday, June 24th, is St. John Baptist's Day, and Thursday, June 29th, is St. Peter's Day: Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, June 25th, is East Bridgford Feast Sunday; there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. In the afternoon at 3 p.m., there will be the customary service outside at the War Memorial Cross, when we hope to have the usual parade of the British Legion and other organisations.

The 67th Annual Show of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society will be held in Mr. Buller's field, Farmer's Road, on Feast Tuesday, June 27th, commencing at 3 p.m.

We are asked to draw attention to an Exhibition of Early Nottingham Pottery, which is to be held in Holly Cottage and Daffodil Cottage, East Bridgford, on Saturday, June 10th, and will be open from 3.15 to 6.30., admission 1s. There will be interesting lectures on the Nottingham Pottery by Mr. Alfred Parker. The Exhibition, being in aid of Southwell House Moral Welfare Work, deserves the patronage of our readers.

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

Miss Harriet Kirkland, who died on April 27th, at the residence of her niece (Mrs. Watson, Kneeton Road), aged 85, came from Fishpool to live in this parish in 1918, so as to be near her brother, the late Mr. Charles Kirkland (Mrs. Watson's father). Mr. Kirkland however died here in 1926 and was buried in East Bridgford Churchyard having been predeceased by his wife, who was an East Bridgford lady. Miss Harriet Kirkland was of quiet and kindly character and we shall not easily forget the calm resignation and clear faith of her last hours amongst us. She, too, has been laid to rest here, the burial taking place on April 30th, as mentioned in our May issue.

The death of Mrs. Edith Coddington, of Kneeton, in the Nottingham General Hospital, after many weeks of suffering, was, alas, inevitable; all our readers know the details of the serious burning accident which befel her in the course of her home duties. We can only hope that the sympathy which has filled the hearts of all who knew Mrs. Coddington has helped those dear to her to bear the strain of their long anxiety and ultimate bereavement. Certainly, all of us in her old home parish of East Bridgford have felt deeply for her husband, for her parents (Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham), and, perhaps, most of all for her young children in the loss of such an excellent mother. Mr. Coddington, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham, and family, desire us to thank all the kind friends whose sympathy has supported them in their sad trial, and to express their gratitude for the floral tributes received on the day of burial.

Mrs. Fossey, late of East Bridgford, writes from her home at Farnsfield, asking us to say how much she appreciates the kindly thoughts of her late husband's friends here who subscribed to the beautiful memorial vase they have forwarded to her.

Ninety-six of us were present at the Men's Service, held in East Bridgford Church, on Sunday afternoon, May 28th.

BURIAL (May 10th).—Edith Coddington, aged 41 years.

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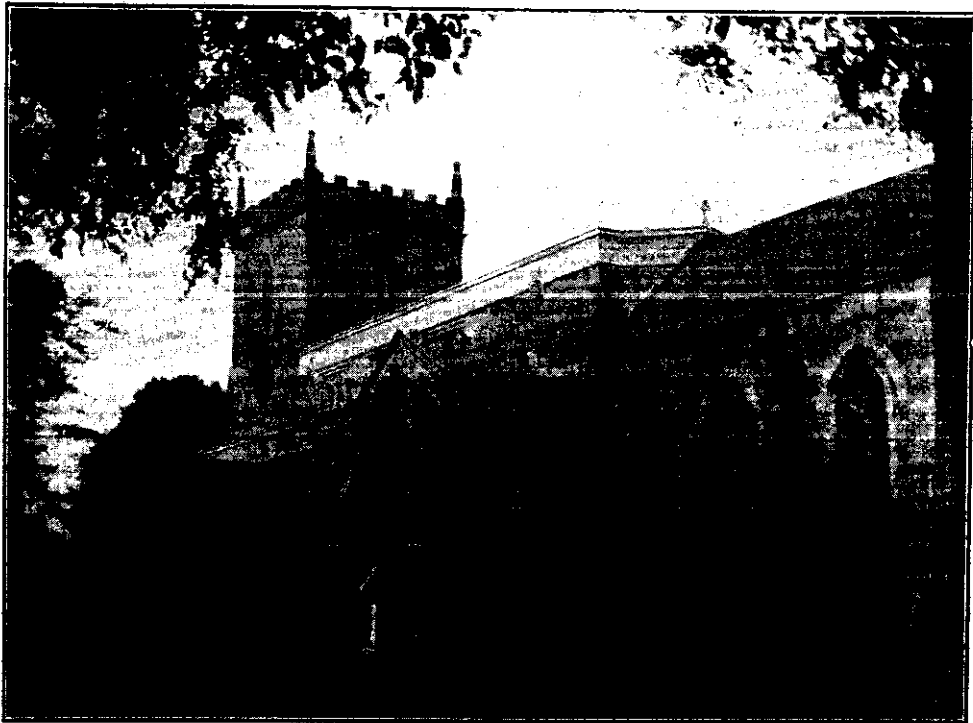
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

There has been much to encourage in our Lent and Easter services, noticeably in the hearty response to the revival of Mothering Sunday, some improvement in the observance of Good Friday and a slightly increased number of Easter Communicants. Now the summer is upon us, I would have those who are irregular in their worship to ask themselves these questions:—Are the beautiful Sundays of Summer to be marked by forgetfulness of God? *Is it true* that we worship Jesus best in all-day Sunday excursions in which the hour of Christian worship plays no part at all? Are they really our best friends who, when they visit us on Sundays, thoughtlessly keep us from the House of God? Am I going to let all those beautiful early mornings of Summer pass by without my attendance at the Early Communion on certain fixed Sundays?

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Monday, May 1st, is the Festival of Saints Philip and James; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

On the Ascension Day (Thursday, May 25th) there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.; there will also be a Service for Children at 9 a.m. (to which adults are also invited), and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.

The following Candidates from East Bridgford were confirmed by the Bishop of Southwell at Radcliffe Church, on April 3rd:—Edward Christopher Bateman, Edwin Bonner, Leslie Hand, Gordon Hemphrey Smith, Gladys Mary Collishaw, Edith Emily North.

Messrs. Beaumont and Rhodes were re-elected as our Churchwardens on Tuesday, April 18th.

BOYS' BRIGADE.—Our boys have created a new record in collecting 2,526 eggs in this district for the Hospital Egg Week, and followed this success with another in their Handicraft Exhibition in the Temperance Hall, on March 27th, subsequently gaining honours at the Battalion Handicraft Exhibition for exhibits of Cane-work, Sea-grass Stools, Raffia-work and Fretwork. At the Annual Demonstration at East Bridgford, on April 10th, Captain Swain and Captain Brown spoke in high terms of the work of our Company, going so far as to use the word "model." Mr. Bullers and his subordinate officers are to be highly congratulated and we hope that many of our boys may be able to join them in camp with other Companies of the Nottingham Battalion from June 3rd to June 10th, at Skegness, where Capt. R. H. Swain will again be in command.

All of us heard with deep regret of the death at Farndon of Mr. Henry Abbott, who had just left this parish a few days before to enter upon a well-earned retirement. It is not granted to many to continue in working activity to the age of 84; but Mr. Abbott left us in apparently excellent health and our parishioners, who had an affectionate regard for his sterling character, were startled to hear of

his sudden decease. Mr. Abbott came here from East Stoke about 20 years ago to enter the employ of Dr. and Mrs. Duff, having previously been in the service of the latter's father. He continued with them when they moved to the Old Hall and remained to continue his work as gardener under their present successors, Mr. and Mrs. C. Farmer, up to the day he retired. Mr. Abbott has been laid to rest in the same grave as his partner, Mrs. Abbott, who predeceased him in 1924.

Mr. Henry Burrows, who passed away on April 12th, was born at East Bridgford on April 4th, 1858, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burrows. He started work in life at Mr. Richardson's farm; later, he worked elsewhere and, after his marriage at Lowdham in 1899, to Miss Mabel Jane Elmer, went into business at Gunthorpe, principally as proprietor of conveyances which were well patronised in this district before the advent of the motor. About ten years ago he returned here to spend his retirement. Mr. Burrows was of a gentle and kind disposition and his many friends will not forget the patience and faith in which he bore his last long illness. All of us sympathise with Mrs. Burrows in her bereavement.

The tragic burning accident at Arnold, through which Mrs. Goldston (wife of Mr. Henry Goldston, formerly Schoolmaster at East Bridgford) lost her life, came as a great shock and sorrow to all who knew her here, especially to those who owe their early education to her work as a teacher. And all of us feel very deeply for Mr. Goldston, his son and daughter (Mrs. Doyle). The particulars of the painful tragedy are by this time well known to our readers and need not be repeated here. Mr. and Mrs. Goldston, since they retired to live at Arnold, have made a large circle of new friends who appreciate Mr. Goldston's work as a School Manager and were aware of the patience with which Mrs. Goldston bore her trial in the gradual loss of her sight; all these friends, too, have been full of sympathy at the sad occurrence.

The list of Lenten contributions for Yezd Hospital, Persia, totalling £2 14s. 6d., will be found in the Church porch. In thanking the contributors may we also ask that they will not forget to pray frequently for those who are working for Christ out there amid great difficulties and occasional dangers. They ask for our prayers.

Her old friends at East Bridgford heard with great regret of the sudden death at Radcliffe, on April 20th, of Mrs. Rose Chamberlain, two days after she had paid one of her customary visits to her relatives and friends here, all of whom regarded her with respect and affection. Mrs. Chamberlain, who had reached the age of 71, was one of the seven daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Manchester, of this parish, was born, baptised and married here, and had a deep affection for her native village. We desire to express our sympathy with her husband, Mr. J. Chamberlain, her three surviving sisters (Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Bakewell and Mrs. Gregg), and her other relatives.

The Rector expresses his grateful thanks for the Easter Offerings.

BAPTISM (April 27th).—Kenneth Philip Smith.

BURIALS (April 1st).—Henry Abbott, aged 84 years.

(April 15th).—Henry Burrows, aged 75 years.

(April 30th).—Harriet Kirkland, aged 85 years.

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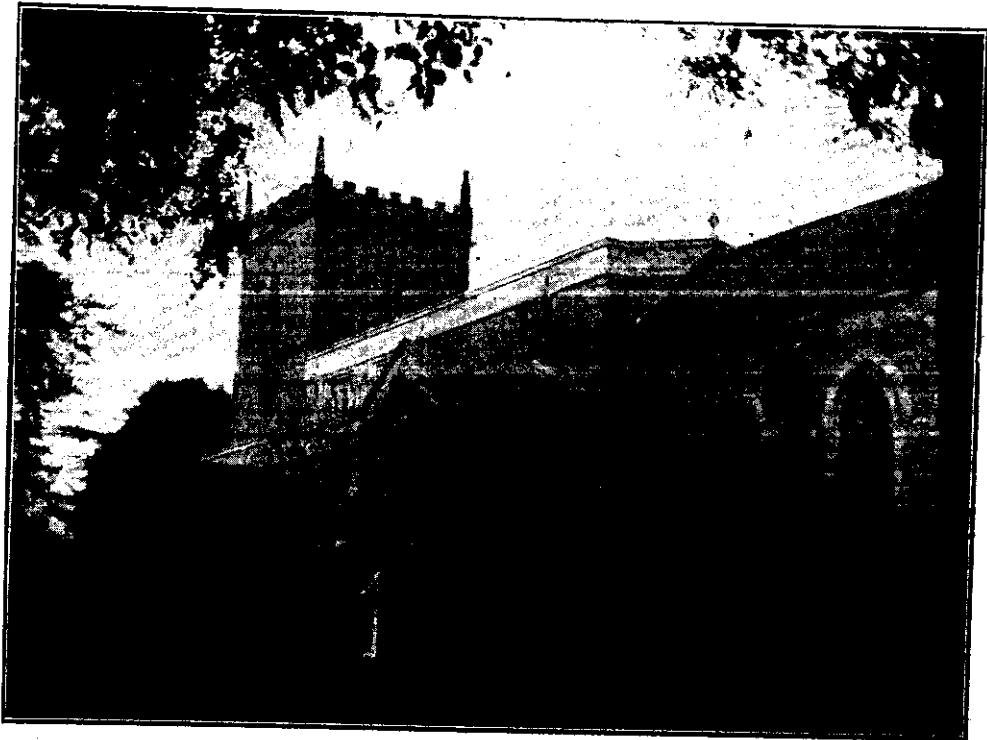
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
March 28th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In preparation for Easter last year I wrote you a letter in these pages suggesting that at Easter we again make sure that our spiritual life is the first thing that matters with us. My space this month is limited, but I want us all to ask this Easter the simple question, Which is really first with me, God or the World? We should face the question without shirking in our preparation for the Easter Communion. The years pass on, Easter follows Easter, and our opportunities for cultivating the Resurrection life are passing too.

The Easter Communion may serve to remind us that the danger of personal indifference to the things of God can be overcome by our regular use of the Holy Sacrament; indeed I know that Christ meant it to be the principal reminder of Himself and of all that He has done for us. I do most earnestly appeal to the young and healthy that when they come to their Easter Communion they will make a resolution that on definitely-fixed Sundays, say once a month, they will never fail in their Communion. It is my humble opinion, that there is no Communion like the Early Communion for those who can attend. Oh, that all of us knew the real joy of that half-hour of the early morning spent in the contemplation of the Passion and Resurrection of our Redeemer and in our receiving Him.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

All of us heard with deep regret of the death at Bournemouth on March 21st, after a long illness, of the Rev. Canon A. B. Bater, lately Rector of East Bridgford. Canon Bater had a long and distinguished career as a religious educationalist. Graduating at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1888 he was ordained the same year and accepted an appointment as Assistant Chaplain and Tutor at Exeter Training College. From Exeter he passed to Warrington Training College in 1893 where he was Chaplain and Lecturer until 1898. In the latter year he became Principal Chaplain and Secretary of the Derby Training College, where for 29 years he did the great work of his life. In addition to his College duties there, he found time to publish notable works on the religious training and instruction of the young and lectured voluntarily on these subjects in many parts of the Midlands to both Day and Sunday School Teachers; his work thus proved of great value to the Church and has left its impress on many of our Midland Schools. It was tiring work and we fear that from about the date of his appointment as Rector of East Bridgford in 1927 he found himself in much impaired health, so that his ministry here was a short one and he ultimately felt himself compelled to resign in 1929. Those who in that comparatively short period came to know him well realised in him the character of a cultivated Christian gentleman, whose death we all deplore. Messages of our deep sympathy have been sent from this parish to Mrs. Bater and family, and a wreath from the members of our Parochial Church Council was sent to the funeral at Bournemouth on March 24th.

The Confirmation Service at which East Bridgford Candidates will be presented, takes place at Radcliffe Church on Monday, April 3rd, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday) marks the opening of Holy Week; Holy Communion on that Sunday will be celebrated at 8 a.m. 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 (April 12th) there will be a short address in preparation for the Easter Communion.

On GOOD FRIDAY (April 14th) 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 Seven Words from the Cross."

On Saturday, April 15th (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 (April 17th and 18th), the Ante-Communion Service will be read at 8 a.m. each day. If any parishioners desire it, the Holy Communion will be celebrated on the Tuesday at 10.30 a.m., and any requests for it should be made to the Rector before the day.

The Annual Meeting for the ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS will take place in the Schools at 8 p.m., on the Tuesday in Easter Week (April 18th).

Tuesday, April 25th, is St. Mark's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

For many of our older parishioners the death of Mrs. Annie Case, at the age of 83, severs a link with the distant days of early childhood; for with the exception of a short absence in earlier life, Mrs. Case lived all her days in this parish. A daughter of the late Joseph Husbands, she was baptised here in May, 1850, and was married here on Christmas Day, 1886, to the late William Case, who predeceased her in June, 1927, at the age of 74, after some years of the unfortunate affliction, which his friends will remember. The recollection of her husband's trouble was a constant sorrow to Mrs. Case in her later years, and undoubtedly affected her health so that she ended her days in long, though not always painful, illness. Her constant enquiries after her old friends and her deep interest in the affairs of her Church and village continued right up to the end, reflecting the inherent kindness of her character and her faith in God.

The death a few weeks ago of our aged parishioner, Mr. John Brewitt, has been followed, barely a month later, by the death at Ruddington of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Brewitt, widow of Mr. James William Brewitt, who died in October, 1931, at the age of 58, and was interred in East Bridgford Churchyard. Mrs. Brewitt, who has also been buried here, leaves a family of eight children, of whom four are married. We sympathise with them in the loss of both their good parents and indeed we sympathise with all the members of the family of Brewitt, who have now suffered three bereavements within a period of eighteen months.

BURIALS (March 6th).—Elizabeth Brewitt, aged 59 years.
(March 7th).—Annie Case, aged 83 years.

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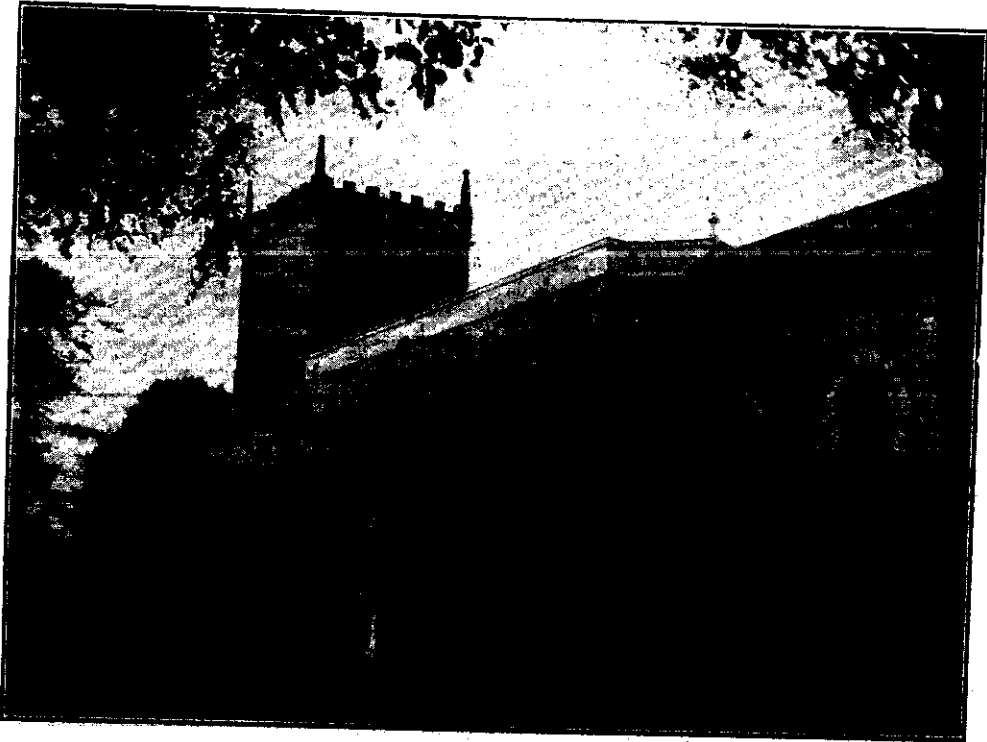
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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

February 28th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The call of Lent is a call to think more seriously of the most important of all our concerns, namely our own self-development as it affects the purposes of the Eternal Father; to suggest that such a call is ever out-of-date is obviously untrue. We cannot fulfil the true purpose of our life here unless we frequently meditate upon our relationship with God, and, human nature being what it is, we do need from time to time a special call to think of this great matter. We advance in years very quickly, but we are certainly not "advancing in grace" if we treat every call to draw closer to Christ as if it were no concern of ours.

And again the call of Lent has come; what about it?

The clergy are sometimes accused of being vague in their spiritual advice; I read the other day something to the effect that in advice as to conduct we do not readily "come down to brass tacks." Well, here are seven "brass tacks"; can you use any of them during Lent?

(1). Pray earnestly for five minutes extra each day.

(2). Read daily a text, if not a chapter, from the Gospel, and think of it during the day.

(3). Get up on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

(4). Never miss Church on Sunday.

(5). Give at least something to Jesus Christ. Many of His workers in the Mission field have now to be withdrawn because the majority of professing Christians will not give Him a penny a week to keep them there. Will you help to keep some of them there by taking a missionary box for the Season of Lent and putting into it at least twopence a week?

(6). Attend the little services in Church on the Fridays in Lent either at 10.30 a.m. or 7 p.m. or both, to the exclusion of more worldly enjoyment; thus you gain at least some extra meditation on the things of God.

(7). Read a really serious book.

These are simple suggestions and there are none of us who could not adopt some of them. And God blesses every definite effort we make to draw nearer to Himself.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Each Friday during Lent there will be a Children's Service at 9 a.m., Litany and Devotional Reading at 10.30 a.m., and Evening Service with short Address at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th, is the Festival of the Annunciation; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Sunday, March 26th, being the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is the Sunday formerly known as Mothering Sunday, and it happens this year that the Festival of the Annunciation falls on the day before (Saturday, 25th). We venture to hope that all members of the M.U. who have been confirmed will make an effort to attend Holy Communion either on the Saturday at 10.30 a.m. or on the Sunday at 8 a.m. At the Evening Service on the 26th we shall also remember it is Mothering Sunday.

WINTER EVENING PURSUITS.—The East Bridgford Players have made a considerable contribution to the pleasure of many of us in this parish and that their efforts are appreciated is proved by the crowded attendance at the plays in the Temperance Hall, on Feb. 16th. Humour which is pure is on occasion good for us all and it is possibly a healthy thing for our own characters that we should see weaknesses to which we are liable depicted in a manner which helps us to recognise their folly. Moreover their own efforts to portray human character have a broadening effect on the actors themselves. In this connection I have never forgotten the words of an experienced clergyman with whom I worked over 30 years ago; he said, "It is much better for us to spend our spare time in studying stage characters than it is to spend any of it in criticising the characters of our neighbours." I feel that he was right and that interest in amateur acting has some very good social results, so long as it does not interfere with more binding duties. I am assuming of course that the plays are, like those we saw on Feb. 16th, quite free from filth.

Equally valuable to those who have taken advantage of them have been the lectures on "World Problems" given on Friday evenings in the Schools, by J. Gulland, Esq., M.A., under the auspices of the Adult Education Movement. The course has just come to an end and perhaps a word of commendation here may persuade more parishioners to take advantage of the movement next Winter. Mr. Gulland's lectures have been given with a lucidity and a freedom from political bias which have made them refreshing and entrancing, and the impression left on one's mind is that if everyone could study World Problems in this way we should be delivered from much of the nonsense which is talked about them and get ahead with the formidable tasks of solution.

The late Mr. John Brewitt, who has passed to his rest at the age of 82, will be very much missed by our elder parishioners who have known him from early life, and none of us who knew him will easily forget the example of his patience and kindness amid the trials of his later years. It was a great joy to him that his daughter, Mrs. Bullick, happened to be home on holiday from Canada during his last days on earth. We sympathise with all the members of his family in their bereavement.

A very successful Ladies' Tea-party was held on February 21st, on behalf of the Church Fabric Fund. We are asked to announce that another will be held on March 21st, for the same object.

WEDDING (Feb. 25th).—Ernest Joseph Gardner to Agatha Mary Cuddy.

BURIAL (Feb. 3rd).—John Brewitt, aged 82 years.

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
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MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

A Happy New Year to you all. We in East Bridgford have had a great deal to be thankful for in 1932, and very few of us have suffered bereavement for we have had the lowest local death-rate on record. May all of us whose lives have thus been spared use to the full our opportunities in God's service during 1933, making now one of those fresh starts which are the very law of the soul's progress. The year before us starts in the midst of very great world depression and anxiety, and those who are most wanted are Christ's men and women.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W. KING.

AN EAST BRIDGFORD RECORD.—During the year 1932 our two oldest parishioners (Mr. R. D. Shardlow aged 95, and Mrs. Dinah Scarborough in her 90th year) were the only two persons to pass away in East Bridgford. Both of them were interred elsewhere which means that there have been no Burials here during the year. This is a most remarkable record, the more so when we find that the number of Burials in 1931, viz. 15, was just about the average for the last fifty years. We have examined the Register for the past 120 years and this record of no burials in the year has never been approached; and we venture to say that East Bridgford has *never* before had such a remarkably low death-rate and the parish is to be most heartily congratulated. Our good fortune could no doubt be used as an advertisement in many directions and there will be many speculations as to the root causes of our immunity. In the search for these causes one's mind turns rather naturally to the new water-supply; but when we remember that it did not reach us till half-the-year (and the drought with it) had past and that other villages with the same excellent supply have had nothing like our record, we hesitate to give the water more than its little share of credit. We can think of many causes which may have combined to make 1932 a healthy year in East Bridgford, and to those causes we must certainly add our exceptionally good fortune for which we may well feel thankful all round.

Sunday, January 1st (New Year's Day) is the Festival of the Circumcision; in order to give all Communicants the opportunity of starting the New Year with attendance at the Holy Communion there will be a Celebration that morning at 8 a.m. in addition to the usual monthly Choral Celebration at 10.45 a.m. Morning Prayer will be read at 10 a.m.

Friday, January 6th, is the Festival of the Epiphany and Wednesday, January 25th, is the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

Our Bishop intends to hold a Confirmation Service at Radcliffe on Monday, April 3rd. The preparation classes for Candidates from East Bridgford will commence early in February. It is not too soon

for names to be sent in now; all who desire to attend the classes are asked to meet the Rector in Church after the Evening Service on Sunday, February 5th.

There have been several entertainments during December of which we would like to write here if space permitted; we can only mention some of them. The Parochial Church Council are most grateful for the striking success of the ladies' tea parties, which has enabled them to pay off all existing claims on the Church Fabric Fund to date. Our own G.F.S., with the Radcliffe members, gave a happy and helpful entertainment on December 8th, which attracted a full attendance and deserved it. The younger Churchpeople to the number of over 60 had a really joyous party in the Women's Institute, on Dec. 15th, the games being preceded by some useful instruction on their future duties as Churchpeople, to which they gave most encouraging attention. As we are writing before Dec. 29th, the record of the Sunday School Gathering and Entertainment on that date must be postponed till next month.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—The record of boxes for the half-year will be found in the Church porch. It may interest readers to know that our total contributions to Yezd Hospital for 1932 amounted to £7. To the S.P.G. we have contributed offertories of £4 14s. 9d., donations collected by Miss Huskinson, £13 1s. 9d., and 10s. 4d. from boxes, making a total of £18 6s. 10d. Bible Society boxes handed to the Rector have raised £2 3s. 5d. during the year, which amount forms a part of the total contributed to the Society by Churchpeople and Nonconformists of this parish, viz., a total of £10 19s. 9d.

All Adults who regards East Bridgford Church as their regular place of worship are reminded that we are arranging this year for the members of our congregation to have tea together in the Temperance Hall on Thursday, Jan. 26th, at 5.30 p.m. As our children are being entertained this Christmastide in connection with the Sunday School the invitation for January 26th is to those who are over School age. The tea will cost 6d. per head and for the sake of the ladies responsible for catering we earnestly ask that tickets may be purchased at latest three days beforehand. Our Magazine distributors have kindly undertaken to go round to our readers offering tickets for sale about a week beforehand and tickets will also be obtainable from Miss Dexter, the Post Office. The tea will be followed at 6.30 p.m. by our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, which will probably occupy half-an-hour, after which we hope to spend an hour or so as a Social Evening with some music and games. We hope that nobody will be willingly absent; let us **all** get together for once in a way.

The Mothers' Union Tea and Social will take place on Friday, January 13th, at 5 p.m.

BAPTISMS.—Dec. 15th, James Collinwood Hayday; Dec. 21st, Audrey May Bradley.

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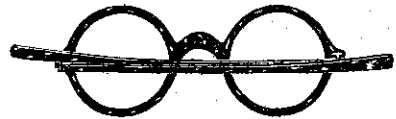
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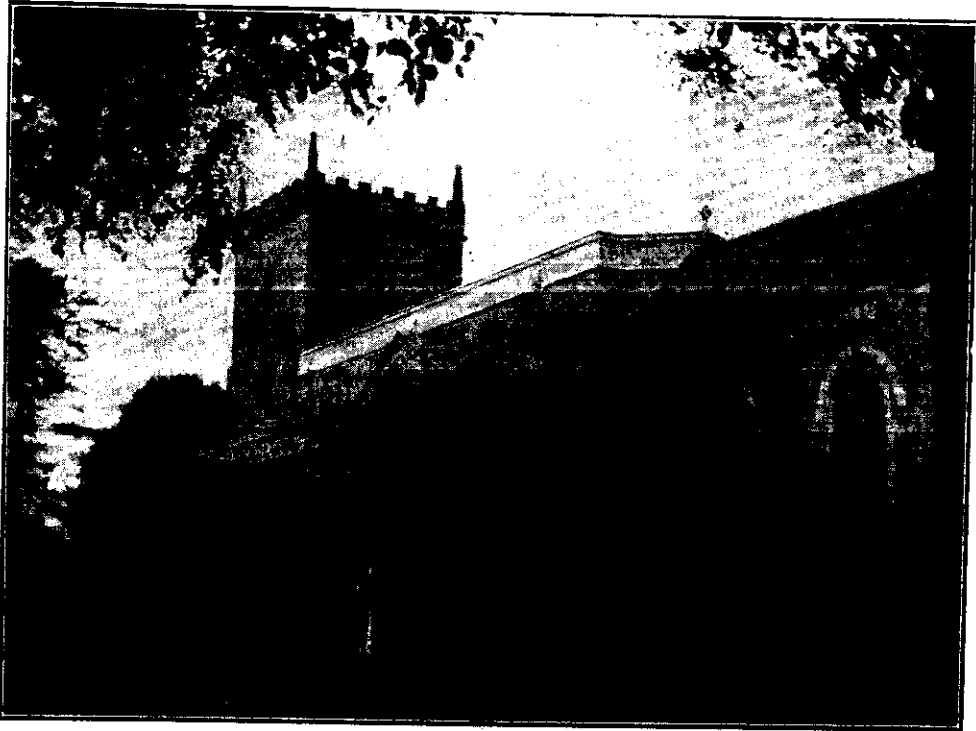
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CHURCHING OF WOMEN :—At the time of Baptisms, or by arrangement.

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

EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,
January 30th, 1933.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

All who knew him heard with sorrow of the sudden passing on January 21st of our Rural Dean, Rev. Canon H. R. M. Hutt, M.A., Rector of Bingham since 1910. To his earnest labours at Bingham Canon Hutt has for many years added the devotion of his business-like instincts to the interests of the Diocese, and the affairs of the Church of England as a whole. As a Proctor in Convocation, and accordingly a member of the National Assembly, he was singularly useful and many of the measures recently passed by the latter body bore some impress of his ability and careful foresight. As our Rural Dean he has laboured earnestly to make each parish realise itself as a living and responsible part of the Church Universal and in the pursuit of that object he has been ungrudging in his kindness and hospitality to both clergy and laity. The large attendance at the service at Bingham on January 24th, held prior to the interment in Norfolk, was some evidence that we recognise his devoted labours in the Master's cause and realise we have lost a large-hearted Christian friend. We desire to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Hutt.

Coming nearer home our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. Walter Lander and family in their bereavement. Mrs. Lander's sufferings were borne with exemplary patience and her faith was strong indeed, right up to her last moments of consciousness. Her gentleness and sense of duty will remain a happy memory in the lives of her relatives and friends.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Sunday, February 5th is HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

Thursday, February 2nd is the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Friday, February 24th is St. Matthias' Day. Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on March 1st; there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Children's Service at 9 a.m., Morning Service at 11 a.m., and Evening Service at 7 p.m. On Friday, March 3rd, and EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT, there will be Children's Service at 9 a.m., Litany and a Devotional Reading at 10.30 a.m., Evening Service with Short Address at 7 p.m.

All who desire to attend Confirmation Classes this year are asked to meet the Rector in Church on Sunday, February 5th, after the Evening Service; it is easy to make arrangements to suit all if all meet together for the purpose of making them. Otherwise we are liable to fix times which are inconvenient to some.

The next Ladies' Tea-party is arranged for Tuesday, February 21st, in the Women's Institute at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goodwin, of Rolleston, desire to thank all the East Bridgford friends who sent wreaths for the funeral of their late son, Henry Goodwin; they also express their gratitude to the subscribers for the beautiful memorial vase, for which Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Jackson very kindly collected the contributions.

Mrs. Catherine Horabin, formerly resident in East Bridgford, passed away at Morton on January 23rd, aged 88. The many parishioners who remember her kindly character will sympathise with her three surviving children. Mrs. Horabin was laid to rest in East Bridgford Churchyard on January 27th.

The Secretary of the Nottingham General Hospital asks that the Hospital's sincere thanks may be conveyed to the Carol Singers who raised the amount of £1 5s. 0d. for the Hospital by singing in East Bridgford at Christmas time. The Hospital is grateful to all those who contributed towards the amount.

After very happy Christmas services, and perhaps also through His Majesty's beautiful message on the wireless, the Christmas spirit seemed to be with us in its fulness longer than usual, and to permeate our social gatherings for a full month afterwards. The Nativity Play, beautifully given by Radcliffe players at our Sunday School gathering on December 29th, was followed with great attention both by young and old, and was a fitting ending to the enjoyable evening that marked the close of another year's Sunday School work. Our Choir-boys had a happy time at the Rectory on January 3rd, and the Old Folks' Tea given by the Women's Institute on January 6th was heartily enjoyed by all (despite the regretted absence through bereavement of the Institute President). At the Mothers' Union Social on January 13th the Mothers enjoyed entertainment by some of their sons and much appreciated the address on Children's prayers given by Miss Bartlett of Southwell. Our Choirmen, Bellringers and Young Men's Fellowship had supper at the Rectory on January 24th and spent a happy evening. Finally, everybody who was present recognises the great success of our venture on January 26th, when in spite of the prevailing influenza, over 100 members of our congregation had tea together, a still larger number were present at our Parochial Church Meeting an hour later, and the subsequent arrival of the Choir and other friends brought up our total to a very large company who thoroughly enjoyed a social evening in games, music, and dancing.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held in the Temperance Hall on Thursday, January 26th, the Rector presiding. The meeting began by passing a resolution recording their sorrow on the death of the Rural Dean, the late Canon Hutt. A report on the work of the Council during 1932 was read by the Parochial Secretary, Mrs. Cartwright, and an interesting report on the Fabric of the Church was given by Mr. Beaumont. Mr. Rhodes as Treasurer presented the Council's Accounts for the year, of which copies were handed round, and may also be obtained at Church; the Statement was unanimously adopted. The elections for 1933 resulted as follows:—Representative on Diocesan Conference (for 3 years), Miss Fox; Representatives on Ruridecanal Conference, Mr. Beaumont and Mrs. Cartwright; further representatives on Parochial Church Council, Mr. C. Allwood, Mrs. Baguley, Mr. H. Curtis, Miss M. Dexter, Mr. J. R. Fletcher, M. J. W. Hall, Miss Huskinson, Mr. W. Lander, Miss S. E. Millington, Miss M. Moor, Mr. G. Priestley. The Rector and Churchwardens (Messrs. Beaumont and Rhodes), and the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Representatives, are members of the Council *ex-officio*: the total number on the Council is thus 16.

The eight Sidesmen were re-elected, viz., Messrs., C. Allwood, H. Curtis, T. Jesson, W. Jones, W. Lander, C. Millington, W. R. Sharman and G. W. Beaumont.

BURIALS (January 27th).—Catherine Horabin, aged 88 years.
(January 31st).—Kate Lander, aged 58 years.

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