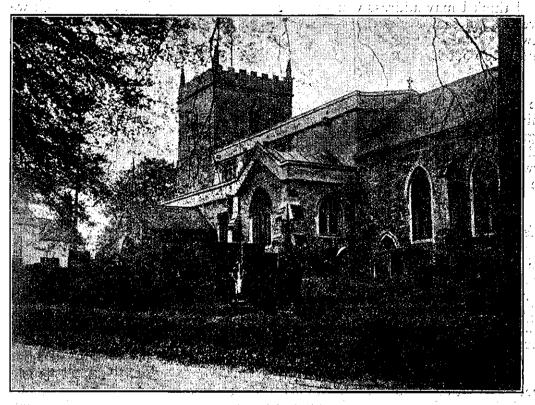
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MAGDALEN COLLEGE HOUSE,

I, OAKLEY SQUARE, N.W.I. December 10th, 1937.

My Dear Friends,

I think I may address you in this way without unreality, even though we have not yet seen each other. Friends, one may say, are people who have between them some bond which is not just purely an official one. I am soon to become your Rector, and I feel that this fact has already bound us together.

It was with the greatest possible pleasure that I learnt that you would like to have a letter from me, which would in some fashion serve as a pre-liminary introduction. The thought uppermost in my mind just now is one of great pleasure. Although I have made only two visits to East Bridgford, and those but short ones, I have quite fallen in love with your village. I look forward, I hope, to many years with you, serving you as God's priest with all the devotion and strength at my command.

No doubt, some of you have been told that I am coming from a parish different in many ways from your own. This is very true. For seven years I have been working in a poor district of London, where bad housing conditions and extreme poverty have made the profession of a Christian a difficult task for the people living there. Looking back now, I remember how often I have been humbled by their example of what can only be described as heroic virtue. I hope that the years spent among them will have endowed me with a sufficient fund of experience and sense of duty to ensure that my ministry among you will be fruitful and worthy of the vocation to which I am called.

Coming, as I am, from the Town to the Country, I will quite obviously meet different conditions from those I am accustomed to, and so I will crave your indulgence in my many shortcomings, and in the countless ways in which I may fall short of Mr. King.

My Institution and Induction are fixed for February 27th, at 3-30 p.m. This being a Sunday afternoon, I hope that as many of you as possible will attend, and that I may have an opportunity of meeting you all after the ceremony.

I will end this short letter with a request. Please remember me in your prayers at this time.

Yours ever in Christ,

LORIMER REES.

The Church Services during January will be as usual. The Rev. J. Clunes Wilson will take Duty at Matins and Evensong.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on January 27th in the Village Hall, at 6-30 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5-30. Tickets to be obtained from Members of the Church Council or Magazine Distributors.

The Mother's Union Annual Tea and Social will be held in the Women's Institute Hut on Thursday, January 13th, at 5 o'clock. Tea 6d.

Boy's Brigade. We are very grateful to all those friends, both in our own Village and the surrounding district, who gave us their kind support in our B.B. Week collection. The total amount received was £15 18s. od., a small increase on last year. One-third of the amount has been sent to our London Headquarters,

A Xmas Market was held by the Committee of the Village Hall on Dec. 3rd, which, in spite of inclement weather, was a great success. The Market was opened by Mrs. Shephard, of Elston Hall, and Dr. Brooks was in the Chair. The takings amounted to £51 15s. 3d., and the expenses were £4 5s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £47 9s. 7d.

On Tuesday, January 11th, the Women's Institute will hold their Social Evening, to which the old people of the Village are invited as guests. Tea at 5-30 in the Women's Institute Hut.

Mrs. Mussell wishes to thank all kind friends for the lovely floral Tributes and Messages of sympathy in her sad bereavement.

We sympathise deeply with Mr. and Mrs. George Crossland in the loss of their son, Leslie, and would say "Is it well with the lad? It is well! We must also express our deep sympathy with Mr. Cooper and family in their sad bereavement, which will, indeed, be a grievous loss to them all.

Praise God, the Shepherd is so sweet!
Praise God, the Country is so fair!
We could not hold them from His Feet,—
We can but haste to meet them There.

BURIALS.

Dec. 1—James Mussell, aged 78 years.

4-Charles Leslie Crossland, aged 30 years.

18-James Pride (from Kimberley), aged 83 years.

24-Emma Cooper, aged 62 years.

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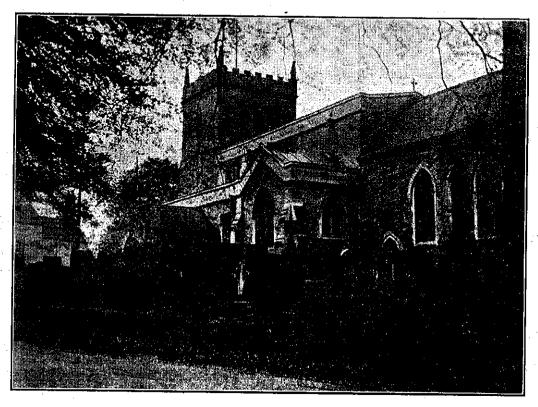
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London,

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My Dear Friends,

Looking ahead to the time when I shall come to be your Rector, I realise that it would be well if I wrote to you about the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is your custom, I have been told, to prepare and present candidates for Confirmation before Easter. Now, as I shall not be with you until the beginning of Lent, I would like to take this opportunity of reminding you of the importance of Confirmation, and of my earnest desire to prepare as many candidates as possible for this Sacrament.

Holy Baptism provides the foundation of Christian Life. We have to build upon that foundation. God provides for the needs of our souls at each stage of our spiritual life and growth after baptism. The Church admits us to the Sacraments one by one, as we have need of them for our soul's welfare. At our Baptism, we promise to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. We must keep that promise in any case, whether we are confirmed or not. But Confirmation provides us with what we need to strengthen us for this great task. It is like the arming of a soldier for the fight, says St. Paul.

The Holy Spirit has always been with us since the day of our Baptism, but when we are confirmed, He comes to dwell in our hearts and to make them His home. He comes to give us the gifts of His grace, more wonderful than any natural gifts which we may possess. It is these wonderful gifts which will make us fit to take our place in God's service.

The Prayer Book, as you know, says that we are to be confirmed as soon as we can say "the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments," and can answer the questions in the Catechism. Most boys and girls if properly instructed will be quite old enough to be confirmed between the ages of ten and twelve. The time after twelve years old is difficult and unsuitable in many ways. Boys and girls only too soon go out into the temptations of the world, and before they go, they ought to have acquired a regular habit of using the Sacraments and making their Communion frequently. Let us remember two things:—

The habit must have time to form.

The habit must grow in strength, otherwise it will be easily broken.

I hope that any of you who have children, yet unconfirmed, between the ages I have outlined, will seriously ponder the advisability of presenting them for confirmation this year.

Yours affectionately in Christ,

LORIMER REES.

The Rev. H. L. O. Rees will be instituted by the Lord Bishop of Southwell to the henefice of St. Peter's, East Bridgford, on Sunday, February 27th, at 3-30 p.m.

The Annual Church Meeting was held in the Village Hall, on Friday, January, 27th, at 6-15 p.m. It was preceded by a Sixpenny Tea, which was well attended. After a short report of the work of the Church Council during 1937, the Treasurer presented his Balance Sheet, which shewed a balance of 15s. 9d., and both Report and Balance Sheet were duly passed by those present.

The Sidesmen were re-elected en-bloc, with addition of Mr. Streets, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father-in-law, the late Mr. Jesson.

Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. Knight were appointed as delegates to the Ruri-Decanal Council with seats on the Church Council. The remaining members of the Council were then nominated, and declared duly elected: Miss Bates, Dr. Brooks, Miss Dexter, Mr. Roy Fletcher, Miss Fox, Mr. C. Hall, Miss Huskinson, Mr. Lander, Miss Millington, Mr. Streets, Mrs. Whyley and Captain Wing. After the meeting there was a most enjoyable Social with songs and dancing.

Mothers Union.—A pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, January 13th, when thirty of the members met in the Women's Institute Hut for the Annual Tea and Social. The next Meeting will be a Deanery Meeting, to be held in the British Legion Hall, Bingham, on Monday, February 21st.

A good company, a good band, and good humour combined to make the King Edward Club Whist Drive and Dance, held on Boxing Night, a happy and successful event. Thanks are tendered to all friends of the Club, who assisted in any way.

We are asked by Miss Boobbyer to insert the following notice: C.M.S.—A Child Welfare Overseas Exhibition will take place under the auspices of the C.M.S. Medical Mission Auxiliary, in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, from Tuesday, May 10th until Friday, May 13th. This auxiliary work is responsible for the maintenance of some 68 Hospitals and Branch Hospitals, with Leprosy Clinics and Welfare Centres in all parts of the world. This Exhibition will not attempt to illustrate all the medical work of the C.M.S.. but chiefly one section of it, viz. the care of mothers and babies, a work which is of primary importance.

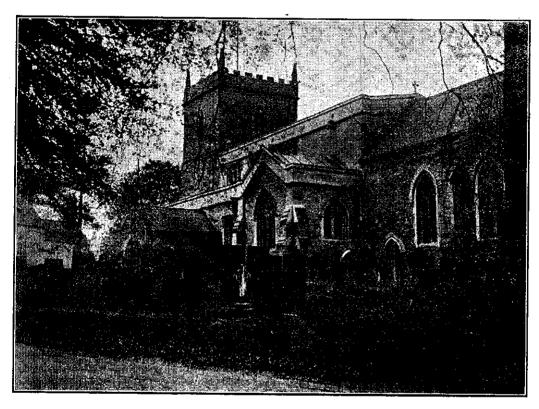
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PARISH NEWS.

The Service of Institution and Induction of the new Rector, the Reverend H. L. O. Rees, was held by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, on Sunday, February 27th, at 3-30 p.m. in the presence of a large and devout congregation of parishioners. The Rural Dean, the Reverend A. Chaplin, officiated as Archdeacon, in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Nottingham; and the Reverend J. Reay, of Bingham, acted as Bishop's Chaplain.

The Bishop gave a most beautiful and inspiring address on the urgent necessity for a spirit of generous and understanding Love, to fuse Parson and People into one harmonious Body, working for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom in the Parish.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN LENT.

Wednesday—9 a.m., Children Fridays—11 a.m., Readings.

7-30 p.m., Devotional Address.

MOTHER'S UNION.

Twenty-two of our members attended a Deanery Meeting at Bingham, on February 21st, to hear Mrs. Leonard Murray speak on the work of the Mothers' Union overseas.

On March 25th is Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; members of the M.U. especially are invited to attend Holy Communion at -7-30 a.m.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Boy's Brigade Funds resulted in a profit of £9 17s. 6d., and thanks are due to all those who helped to make the undertaking such a success.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At the February Meeting a delightful Lantern Lecture on Bird Watching was given by Mr. Wright, illustrated by his own beautiful photographs.

On March 8th, Miss Hicks, of the Milk Publicity Council, will give a Cookery Demonstration. A Women's Institute Choral Class under the able leadership of Mrs. Streets, has been started by Miss Garratt and Mrs. Wales.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

A joint Social was held at the Co-operative Hall, Radcliffe, on Thursday, February 24th, by the Associates, Members, and Senior Candidates of the Bingham Branch. A delightful Programme, provided by the Members, included a One-Act Play by the East Bridgford Members; Living Pictures by the Radcliffe Members; and a Keep Fit Display by East Bridgford Candidates. The Refreshments, provided by the Radcliffe Members, were greatly appreciated.

A most enjoyable Social was held in the Village Hall, on Shrove Tuesday, to welcome the new Rector and Mrs. Rees, when the Hall was filled to overflowing. There was a delightful programme of songs, games, and dancing, and grateful thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

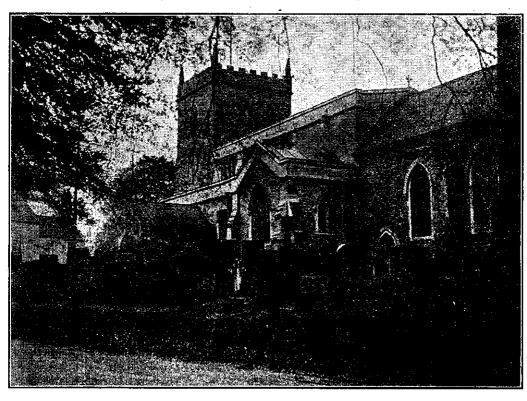
BURIALS.

February 5th-Agnes Jane Gregg, Aged 68 years.

At the time of going to press came the sad news of the death of Wilfred, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Poyntz Blagg. Deep sympathy is felt throughout the Parish for his parents and friends.

'Death will be to slumber in that sweet embrace, And we shall awaken to behold His Pace."





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The Magazine reaches you towards the end of Lent. This is very convenient. for there are two things made possible; firstly, I can remind you that the condition of a good Easter is a good Lent. How can I know if I have spent a good Lent? Is my Lent to be judged by the number of resolutions I have kept or not kept? No. You will know how you have kept Lent when you come to Church on Easter Day. If you can come to Church full of a burning desire to be united to our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion, then however many your failures in prayer or self-denial may have been, you will have achieved the main object for which Lent was ordained.

Secondly, I have an opportunity now of drawing your attention to certain details of the Services that have been arranged for Holy Week and Easter. On Maundy Thursday, at 7-30 p.m., the Service will take the form of Meditations upon "The Way of The Cross." To those of you who may not have done these previously I would explain that this is a method of following Our Lord with our mind's eye as He treads the path from Pilate's Judgement Hall to Calvary. The Meditations will be separated by short hymns and prayers, and the whole service should not last more than three quarters of an hour. I hope that many of you will make a special effort to be present at this Service, for it is of great value as a preparation for Good Friday. On Good Friday, the "Three Hours" Service is in commemoration of the three hours during which Our Saviour hung upon the Cross. I do not suppose that many of you will be able to find either the time or the energy to spend the whole of the three hours in Church. However I hope that you will all come at whatever time between noon and 3-0 that you can manage, and stay as long as you can. On Easter Day there will be a Children's Service at 10-0 a.m. This service is not designed exclusively for children and so if any adult should find the time more convient than any other, I hope they will come, and help to strengthen the feeling of corporate worship among the children.

A very happy Easter to you all, and may God fill you with all spiritual blessings,

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.

Monday, (April 11th) 11 a.m. Ante-Communion. G.F.S. Service 7-30 p.m.

Tuesday,

Wednesday,

Maundy Thursday, 10-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

7-30 p.m. Short Service. "The Way of The Cross."

Good Friday, 8-0 a.m. Ante-Communion.

9-0 a.m. Children's Service.

12-3 p.m. Service of Meditation.

Easter Eve (Saturday 16th) 9-30 a.m. Ante-Communion.

Easter Day

Holy Communion at 7-0 and 8-0 a.m.

Children's Service at 10-0 a.m. Shortened Mattins followed by Holy Communion at 10-45 a.m.

Evensong 6-30 p.m.

THE SCHOOL held a Social in the Village Hall on March 22nd. The performance which was excellent and very well supported by an enthusiastic audience, brought in the magnificient sum of £3 8s. 6d. The School is in need of more modern sanitary accommodation and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold a Garden Fete during the third week of July in aid of this cause.

THE MOTHERS' Union announce that there will be a "Quiet Hour" in Bingham Church, on Monday, April 4th, at 3-0 p.m. The bus leaves the Church corner at 2-30 p.m. The return fare is 8d.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will hold their Annual Service of Admission in Church, on Monday, April 11th at 7-30 p.m. All Associates, Members and Candidates are invited to attend.

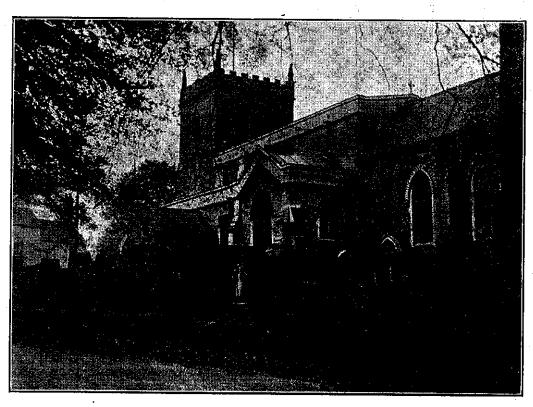
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On the 22nd, a tea was held in the Institute in aid of the Fabric Fund. The sum of £3 9s. 9d. was raised. Thanks are due to the ladies of Kneeton and East Bridgford for providing the tea and enabling this substantial profit to be realised.

At the April Meeting the Lecture will be on "Palestine and the Holy City," by Mme. Baildon-Smith.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB held its last fixture of the season when the Club from Bunny came over on March 14th. The Club reports that it has had a very successful season, both in the size of the membership and also in the results of matches. The Club will close for the summer on April 9th.





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SUNDAY SCHOOL: -At 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in the Church School.



East Bridgeord Rectory,

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The amounts collected in each parish of the Deanery, by house to house collections, in envelopes, which you will receive early in May, will be presented at the Altar at Evensong, at East Bridgford on May 25th. The proceeds will be divided between the S.P.G., C.M.S. and S.P.C.K. Offerings can be carmarked for other Missionary Societies if desired.

There will be no other collection on behalf of the Church Overseas during the course of this year in this parish, so I trust that you will all do what you can in this important branch of our almsgiving, during the month of May.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

PARISH NOTES.

ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS.—At a Meeting of the Vestry on April 19th, Mr. R. Wing was appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. M. Rhodes People's Warden. The Meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to Mr. C. Allwood for his services. Mr. Allwood has held the office of Rector's Warden since 1934, and it is very much to be regretted that owing to uncertain health, he has been obliged to relinquish it.

School Inspection.—This took place on April 6th. The Diocesan Inspector, The Reverend G. Bulley, in his report paid a handsome tribute to the work of Mr. Rhodes and his loyal staff. The following are extracts from the report:—

The Infants.—"The children have been helped considerably in various forms of expression work, and they were able to speak confidently of the Bible Stories which they had been taught. Memory work was also good."

Class I.—"Here there was a very fair response on the Bible and Prayer Book work, and the children reflected in their answers the methodical way in which the syllabus has been approached."

Class II.—"Here the teacher of the class questioned the children on the Old Testament section of their work, and the manner in which she did this revealed an admirable command of the subject. The children were exceedingly bright throughout the inspection. Their answers were accurate and thoughtful, and there were clear indications that the work had been done faithfully, and thus the interest of the children has been aroused."

Class III.—"Here again there was an excellent response. There could be no doubt that the progress which has been made is due to faithful and able teaching. A noticeable feature was that the answers were not restricted to a small section of the class. Most of the children answered freely, and their answers were accurate and thoughtful."

As a final note the inspector remarked that

"It is good to learn that the link between the Parish Church and the School is being considerably strengthened and that there is that happy association between Church and School without which much of that value of a Church is lost."

Women's Institute.—On May 10th there will be a Demonstration of Choral linging by Mrs. Otter and the Lowdam and Gunthorpe Choir. There will also an Exhibition of Cookery from Miss Hicks' recipes. Mrs. Kemp was appointed Delegate to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting in London on June 2nd.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The Annual Admission Service was held in the Monday in Holy Week, April 5th. The following Candidates we admitted in membership:—Audrey Goddard, Peggy Wightman, Hilda Hunt, Joan Gilbert, Violet Marshall, Vera Blagg, and Gladys Johnson. The Rector, who admitted them, gave a most inspiring address and Mr. Shardlow kindly presided at the organ.

BAPTISMS.

March 6th--Evelyn Curtis.
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April 3rd--Patricia Morris.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

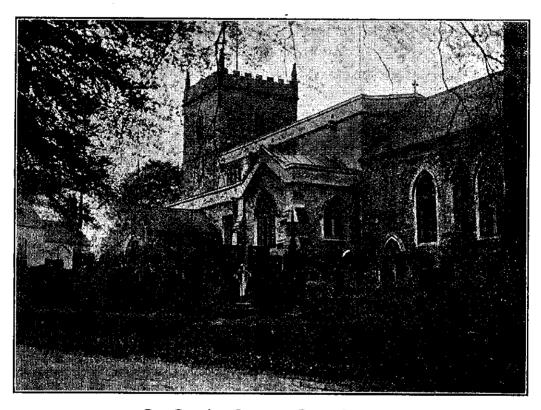
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The amounts collected in each parish of the Deanery, by house to house collections, in envelopes, which you will receive early in May, will be presented at the Altar at Evensong, at East Bridgford on May 25th. The proceeds will be divided between the S.P.G., C.M.S. and S.P.C.K. Offerings can be earmarked for other Missionary Societies if desired.

There will be no other collection on behalf of the Church Overseas during the course of this year in this parish, so I trust that you will all do what you can in this important branch of our almsgiving, during the month of May.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

PARISH NOTES.

ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS.—At a Meeting of the Vestry on April 19th, Mr. R. Wing was appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. M. Rhodes People's Warden. The Meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to Mr. C. Allwood for his services. Mr. Allwood has held the office of Rector's Warden since 1934, and it is very much to be regretted that owing to uncertain health, he has been obliged to relinquish it.

School Inspection.—This took place on April 6th. The Diocesan Inspector, The Reverend G. Bulley, in his report paid a handsome tribute to the work of Mr. Rhodes and his loyal staff. The following are extracts from the report:—

The Infants. The children have been helped considerably in various forms of expression work, and they were able to speak confidently of the Bible Stories which they had been taught. Memory work was also good."

Class I.—"Here there was a very fair response on the Bible and Prayer Book work, and the children reflected in their answers the methodical way in which the syllabus has been approached."

Class 11.—"Here the teacher of the class questioned the children on the Old Testament section of their work, and the manner in which she did this revealed an admirable command of the subject. The children were exceedingly bright throughout the inspection. Their answers were accurate and thoughtful, and there were clear indications that the work had been done faithfully, and thus the interest of the children has been aroused."

Class III.—"Here again there was an excellent response. There could be no doubt that the progress which has been made is due to faithful and able teaching. A noticeable feature was that the answers were not restricted to a small section of the class. Most of the children answered freely, and their answers were accurate and thoughtful."

As a final note the inspector remarked that

"It is good to learn that the link between the Parish Church and the School is being considerably strengthened and that there is that happy association between Church and School without which much of that value of a Church is lost."

Women's Institute.—On May 10th there will be a Demonstration of Choral Singing by Mrs. Otter and the Lowdam and Gunthorpe Choir. There will also be an Exhibition of Cookery from Miss Hicks' recipes. Mrs. Kemp was appointed Delegate to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting in London on June 2nd.

The Girls' Friendly Society.—The Annual Admission Service was held on the Monday in Holy Week, April 5th. The following Candidates we admitted to membership:—Audrey Goddard, Peggy Wightman, Hilda Hunt, Joan Gilbert, Violet Marshall, Vera Blagg, and Gladys Johnson. The Rector, who admitted them, gave a most inspiring address and Mr. Shardlow kindly presided at the organ.

BAPTISMS.
March 6th—Evelyn Curtis.
,, —Edna May Fletcher.
April 3rd—Patricia Morris.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

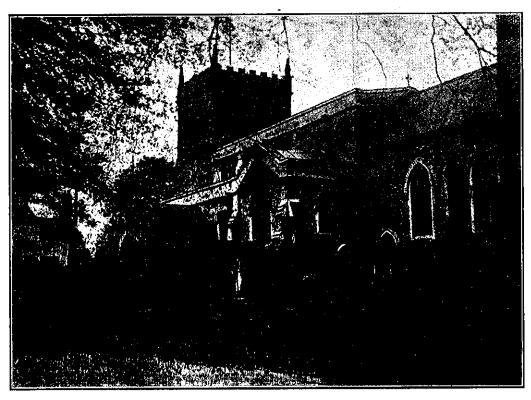
April 11th - Harvey Roy Stanton with Florence May Pykett.

BURIAL.
Samuel Selby, died April 6th, aged 73.
"May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace."

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EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

June, 1938

My Dear Friends,

I cannot help feeling regretful that the Feast is over. It was my first, and although I looked forward to it with great pleasure, it was not without some anxiety lest I should fail to do my part adequately. In spite of the weather which old in habitants tell me they can remember seldom being so bad, the Feast was well kept. I wish the people who cry down religion could have seen the magnificent large attendance at Church and especially the very moving service at the Memorial Cross. Services out of doors quite often leave much to be desired as regard reverance and recollection, but our Service was a perfect model of Commemoration and Prayer for the souls of the Faithful Departed who gave their lives in the Great War.

At last I have met your old Rector Mr. A. Du Boulay Hill. It was a great pleasure for me to meet him, and I was especially interested in the many things he told me about the Church and the Parish. Mr. Hill was here for a very short visit just before the feast, although he was able to look up some of his old friends I know he felt sorry that he could not see many more of you.

I will end this letter, which must be short this month, by asking you to keep your eyes open as you walk about the village. No, there is not an escaped lion in the path, but there should be in many places, notices of the Garden Fete to be held on July 16th in aid of the school. If only the weather will be reasonable, the Fete will be, I am sure, a good entertainment and a great help to the School.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector

LITURGICAL NOTE.

When do I stand, kneel or sit, during the Holy Eucharist? The custom of the Church is for the Congregation to kneel throughout the service, with the following exceptions: sit for the Epistle, stand for the Gospel and Creed and Gloria in Excelsis.

PARISH NOTES.

On Whit-Monday, a Garden Fete was held at Topley, in aid of the Real Cross Detachment. The proceeds which included £7 7s. 9d. from the Rummage Sale, came to £42 1s. 8d. Out of this very satisfactory total, a donation of £1, has been given to the Nursing Association. The Fete which was opened by M1s Rees, was a most attractive one and attended by an unusually large number of people.

On June 25th, the local detachment of the Red Cross attended the County Rally at Highfields. Teams were entered for each of the competitions, and we is encouraging for the detachment that they obtained second place for the Clifton Cup, which is awarded for the best aggregate in all competitions. The result is the more remarkable when we remember that our detachment is the latest formed in the County. It was only registered last January.

On June 18th, the Associates and Members of the Girls' Friendly Society spent a very happy afternoon at Highfields, where the Diocesan Festival took the form of a Gala and Country Fair, in aid of the Bishop's Appeal Fund. There were numerous sideshows and a team of our Members took part in a massed performance of Country Dancing. The afternoon was rather marred by a storm which drove everyone to shelter, but we understand that the Bishop's Appeal will gain about £100 as the result of this great G.F.S. effort.

The G.F.S. Candidates' Festival will be held at East Bridgford on Saturday, July 16th, when we hope that the Candidates will enjoy the numerous attractions of the School Fete.

St. Dunstan's Institution for the Blind gratefully acknowledge the sum of l_4 14s. 11d. from the people of East Bridgford. This satisfactory sum is largely due as much to the untiring labour of Mr. Thomas Knight who undertook the canvassing and collection, as to the generosity of the donors.

THE FEAST.

On Sunday, the Morning Service was attended by the Boys' Brigade. The Evening Service, which was followed by a Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Cross, was attended by members of the British Legion. The following detachments were present: East Bridgford, Orston, Bingham and the Women's Branch at East Bridgford. The Girls' Friendly Society and the Red Cross detachment also attended. The following wreaths were laid at the Cross:

Mothers' Union represented by Mrs. Sumner.

G.F.S. " " Miss Rose Waterfield.

Women's Institute ,, ... Miss Fox.

British Legion ,, Mr. Charles Allwood.

British Legion (Women's Branch) represented by Mrs. Baguley.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The weather on Tuesday, in Feast Week was very unkind both to the Cricket Match and the Flower Show. There was a very high wind throughout the day and a good deal of rain. The fact that more money was taken at the gate than last year speaks volumes for the keenness and loyalty of supporters. The standard of the entries was as high as usual, and a most exciting race in points for the cup resulted. The cup was won by Dr. Owen Taylor with 49 points. Mr. Claye and Mr. T. A. Lewis came close behind with 47 and 45 points respectively. The presentation of the cup was made by Mrs. Owen Taylor to Mr. Frank Oliver Green. The Rector in a short speech paid a tribute to those responsible for the organisation of the Show, and especially to Mr. Priestley the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Priestley should be gratified with the success of the Show, especially as it is his first year in office.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

June 11th-Ronald Blagg to Gladys Mary Collishaw.

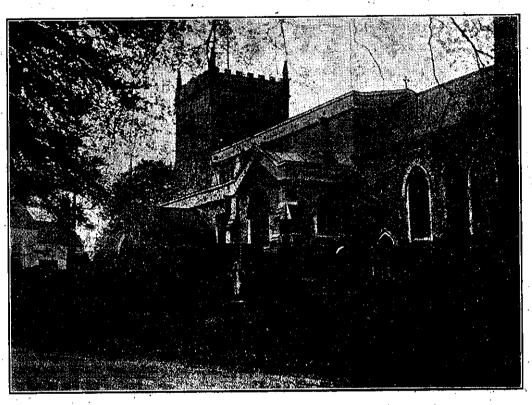
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June 30th—Thomas John Bailey.

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My Dear Friends,

I wish to make a special point in my letter this month concerning the Sung Eucharist. I think we ought to see more people present at this monthly Celebration. When we stop to consider that the Eucharist is the only Service actually founded by Our Blessed Lord, it must surprise us that so many faces familiar at other Services are absent at this one. I think I have discovered one reason why people stay away. They regard the Sung Celebration as a Service only for the Confirmed, and that you must make your Communion at it. In other words, it is only for the specialists in religion. This idea comes from a faulty knowledge of the Holy Eucharist.

The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving and the Service, while providing the great privilege of Holy Communion, is primarily a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. All religions deserving of the name have the core of worship in sacrifice. The Holy Communion is the Church's Sacrifice. It is not simply a "Service" like other Services, composed of Prayers, Hymns, Scriptures and Exhortations. It is a "drama," i.e., something done and not merely said. It is the Offering of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, once slain for mankind. The Sacrifice of Calvary is not repeated but it is re-presented in the Holy Eucharist. "What He never can repeat, He shows forth day by day." (Hymn 315). This hymn well repays careful study.

While Mattins and Evensong are a matter of Devotion, the Lord's Service is of Obligation, and no Christian should absent himself from it. Worship of God in the Holy Eucharist is worship in the way God has appointed. The Eucharist is the great Gospel Service, the only form of worship directly given by Our Lord. It is the Apostolic Service, identical with the Church's worship in the first days. Other devotions may bring the worshipper to the gates of Heaven, but only the Holy Mysteries of the Altar Lring him "Before the Throne."

The Holy Eucharist is for all, whether confirmed or not, although it is only the former who can make their Communion. In the case of the Sung Eucharist at 10-45 on the first Sunday in the month, it is expected that only the aged; infirm and those who cannot get to the earlier Celebration will communicate.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

PARISH NOTES.

On the 16th July was held the Garden Fete, the purpose of which was to raise sufficient money to enable the School Managers to install modern sanitary arrangements in the School. The figure aimed at was £100. That only half of this sum was raised was disappointing but not surprising considering the circumstances. The villain of the piece was the weather. A cold wind and at times drenching rain made things uncomfortable for those who came to the Fete, while it is certain that many were kept away, not wishing to brave the elements. The sale was opened by Mrs. Greenwood, who with a charming speech and by buying

at every stall and patronising every sideshow was a great encouragement to us all. The Rector, in introducing Mrs. Greenwood and explaining what the sale was in aid of, said he was glad to be able to thank publicly Dr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor for the loan of their beautiful garden and their ever-ready help. With reference to the sanitary arrangements needed for the school, he pointed out that the apparatus in question has been invented in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and that it seemed an amazing thing that we should have had to wait so long for it in the Day Schools. There were many enjoyable events. The Fancy Dress Competition produced some very beautiful and original costumes. It was pleasing to have so many entrants. In spite of the rain the performances of Country Dances, Keep Fit Display and Living Whist provided much pleasure and helped people to forget wet feet. It will be quite impossible to mention here all the Prize-winners, but as the Balloon Race was a novelty, perhaps we may single it out from among the other Sideshows. Mrs. Cartwright was the winner. Her balloon was picked up in a field five miles south-east of Stamford, having travelled forty-five miles. The Editor has been warned that he must not attempt to mention the names of all those who gave their services and help at the fete. In the first place they wouldn't like it, and in the second the list would be too long.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH—The Reverend A. Du Boulay Hill has presented to the Ringers and Rector a fine set of Hand-bells. They are provided with a rack on which is a silver plate commemorating the gift.

Mr. David Hadley has made, for use in the vestry, racks for the drying of Altar Linen. Mrs. Clay has given Linen Purificators.

Out of the Rector's Discretionary Fund a handsome pair of gilded wooden candlesticks has been provided for Our Lady's Shrine, and a gilded figure of Christ the King has been affixed to the Processional Cross.

It will not be out of place to record here how very grateful the Congregation is to those of its members who have so kindly decorated the Church with flowers, and put no little elbow-grease into cleaning of the Ornaments.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH—Among other things a medium-sized oak table to stand near the door upon which tracts and other Church literature can be placed.

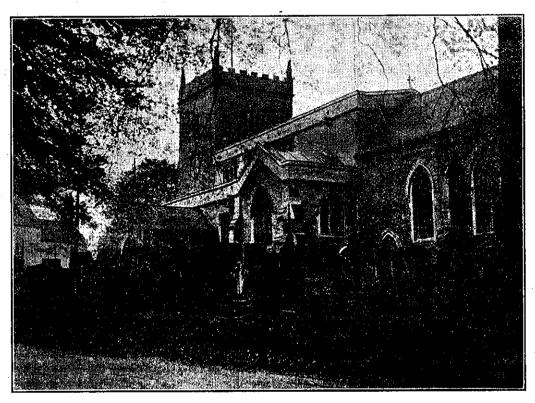
QUESTION AND ANSWER—Why is Lammas Lane so called? It probably has reference to the Feast of Lammas Day which is the nickname for the Feast of St. Peter's Chains. In the miraculous liberation of St. Peter from prison recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that the chains fell from his hands. These chains were brought from Jerusalem to Constantinople by the Empress Eudocia who sent them to Rome in 442 A.D. where a Church was built to receive them, The Feast day, August 1st, commemorates the Dedication of the Church. It was anciently called Lammas Day, the Anglo-Saxon for "Loafmas": when bread from the first fruits of the wheat harvest was offered at Mass.

BAPTISM-July 3rd, Ann Goodwin and Joyce Goodwin.

HOLY MATRIMONY—July 5th, Joseph Mills and Annie Morris.

Burials—July 25th, Joseph Vincent Baguley. (R.I.P.)





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EAST BRIDGEORD RECTORY.

September, 1938.

My Dear Friends,

You have heard me appealing in Church for volunteers for Sunday School work. Up to the present only two people have come forward. This is a disappointment, but no doubt with God's help we shall be able to manage. It is our duty as Christians to carry on the work of Christ which is the full Revelation to the world of the Nature of God. The careful teaching of children is a great part of that duty. In quite simple language, our work is to show the child what God is like. This involves much more than intellectual knowledge of the nature of God. It is clear that God desires a relationship with His Children, therefore we have not only to tell the children about God, but also through training in Prayer and Worship to bring them into actual touch with Him. Then again 1 like to think of our work as an effort to show the children how God's Will can be done on earth as it is in Heaven. This, we can easily see, involves the moral development of the children who make up the Kingdom. Therefore looking upon our work from this point of view, we have to do our best in the training of the character of each child, so that he or she may be able to be a worthy follower of Our Lord. All this sounds rather formidable when put down on paper, and perhaps many of you are saying:—"It is a good thing I did not volunteer to do all that," but I would like to make it clear that work in Sunday School by the teachers is done as a team when each one helps the other. If some of you are doubtful as to what you would be able to do, don't be put off, but come along, for I am sure that I would be able to use you. Just to have a number of grown-upp present is in itself a great help. I know that a great many of you who are parents are anxious that your children should be taught the Christian Faith. To you! promise that if you send your children to Sunday School, we will do our best to carry out your desire. And may I suggest, since example is such an important factor in the upbringing of children, that you make a special effort to come to the Church Services with your children.

Until further notice the Sunday School will be in the Day School, at 2-30 p.m. starting September 4th.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

QUESTION AND ANSWER—Last month the letters R.I.P. appeared behind the name of someone who was buried. What do they mean?

The letters stand for the Latin words "Requiescant in pace," meaning in English "May they rest in Peace." This of course refers to the soul of the departed person, which in company with the souls of all who have died in the Faith of Christ we pray may rest in peace.

God's Acre—The Rector, who is responsible for the Churchyard, intends to tidy it up a bit. There are a great many gravestones corroded by the weather, and in various stages of dilapidation, which are very unsightly. This has come about, of course, because the families connected with them have either died out or long since have ceased to reside in the parish. No one wilfully neglects a family grave. It is not seemly that what is indeed a "Bed of Hope" should be a disfigurement, so as the repair of all the memorials is out of the question, the best plan is to lay the gravestones down and keep the grass around them well mown. It is only proposed to deal in this way with the memorials which immediately surround the Church, and then only if no objection is raised.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL—This will be on Thursday, October 13th at 7 p.m. and will be continued as is the custom on the following Sunday. Gifts of flowers, fruits and vegetables will be gratefully received for the decoration of the Church, and they will be given to the Nottingham Hospital afterwards.

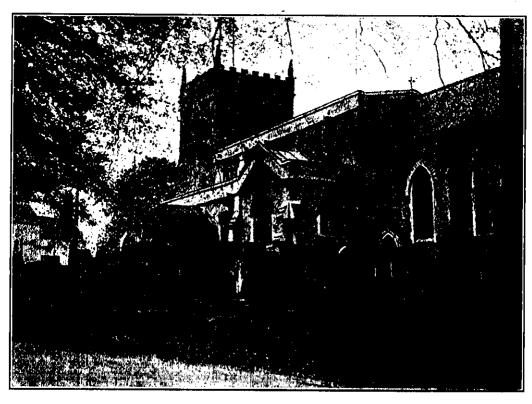
The Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. H. V. Turner, has promised to preach at Mattins on Sunday, September 11th. It is hoped that there will be a large congregation to hear him.

Church Heating—For a long time now the Church Council has been anxious about the state of the Boiler. There have not been lacking in recent years indications that all was not well in the stoke-hole. Although lately there have not been during the Services wild knockings and other alarming manifestations, and this is due largely to the skill of our Verger, it is quite clear that the boiler is in a dangerous condition. Engineers summoned to inspect the boiler recommend a mew one. It has been decided to install a new boiler, and not to run the risk of spending money on fruitless repairs. The Parable of putting new cloth into an old garment has a distinct bearing on the case. The cost of the boiler including a few minor repairs to the hot water pipes will be about £55. It is a pity that such a large capital expenditure should come again so soon after the Organ Fund and while we are busied with installing new sanitary arrangements in the schools. However, it is impossible to think of having the Church unheated, so the new boiler must be got, and we must set about raising the necessary money.

EXCERPT FROM THE TIMES WHICH THE EDITOR THINKS "HELPFUL."—
"The Northern Meeting Highland Gatherin gat Inverness, which celebrated the
story of its foundation to-day, was not favoured with good weather, and the
steendance for the first day was in consequence the smallest in the history of the
athering.

Very heavy rain fell, and the cold weather kept many away, including the ackintosh of Mackintosh, who, together with the King, is patron of the gathering."





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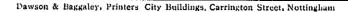
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I have put off writing this letter, probably for the same reason that you have put off many things during the last week, because of the unsettled state of affairs in Europe. For a whole week we have lived under a threat of a European War, and it has been a ghastly experience. It is a great relief to be able to say now that peace is likely to remain undisturbed. I feel sure that the prayers of Christian folk can claim here another triumph. Many of you will remember the broadcast of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in which he urged us not to rest upon our oars but to continue in our prayers, because by this alone could we safeguard our peace not only in the present but in the future. I would like to remind you of Tennyson's famous lines:-

" More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of.....

For so the whole round earth is every way Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

If only we could get the habit of prayer, we would be able to do so much more with the world we live in. Without a place for regular prayer in his life, a man cannot be said to be living a normal Christian existence.

We can now look forward to a happy Harvest Festival, and I hope that the Church will be crowded by worshippers come to thank God not only for the fruits of the Earth, but also for His abundant Mercies.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

OUESTION AND ANSWER.

Why do we have special Psalms on Sundays instead of the Psalms appointed for the particular date?

There are several reasons which recommend us to make use of the permission given by the Authorities to sing special Psalms on Sundays. Chief among them are these: In the list of special Psalms, care has been taken so far as possible to suit them to the season of the Church's year, and establish a harmony with the Lessons; also, under the old system certain Psalms were seldom sung and others repeated again and again, whereas now the whole Psalter can be recited during the year.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

This as announced formerly will be on October 13th, at 7 p.m. and continued on the following Sunday. Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables for the decoration of the Church will be gratefully received. The Rector will be in Church or close at hand all Thursday the 13th.

The special preacher on the Sunday evening will be the Reverend C. J. Vincent, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hoxton, London. There will be a Children's Service on Harvest Festival afternoon, at 2-30. Children are invited to bring fruit and vegetables, and these will be afterwards given to the Nottingham Hospital.

The Collections at the Harvest Festival Services will be for the Sunday School.

THE BOILER.

The Fund for the installation of a new boiler in the Church has already had a good start. Three handsome donations total £15 os. 6d. Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Cartwright have each given £5, and the East Bridgford Red Cross Detachment £5 os. 6d., the latter being the proceeds of a Treasure Hunt, which in spite of the weather was well attended and much enjoyed thanks to the admirable organisation of Miss Campion and Miss Richardson.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

An Enrolment Service will take place during Mattins on Sunday, October 30th, that being "Founder's Day."

The Rector hopes to be able to form a class for Boxing among the members. He also very much hopes that he hasn't forgotten what little he knew of the noble

THE KING EDWARD CLUB.

The Club opens its season on October 3rd. It is hoped that all old members will turn up, bringing with them recruits. The Club has entered again the South Notts. Games League, and as fixtures begin early in the season, it is important that members should get into practice as quickly as possible. Dr. Brooks is President, and membership is for all men between the ages of 16 and 160.

THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Society will recommence meetings starting October 6th.

BATS IN THE BELFRY.

This is hardly accurate, but they are in the Church. These tiresome creatures besides making a nuisance of themselves by giving spirited displays of aerobatics during the services, dirty the Church with their droppings. The Rector and especially Mr. Bateman would be grateful for hints on bat-hunting.

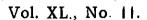
BURIALS.

Deborah Priscilla Ward, aged 76. September 28.

Mrs. Ward was born in the parish, and although she lived elsewhere was a frequent visitor, and had many friends among us. She was staying with Miss Millington and enjoying a happy holiday when quite unexpectedly she fell ill. Our sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

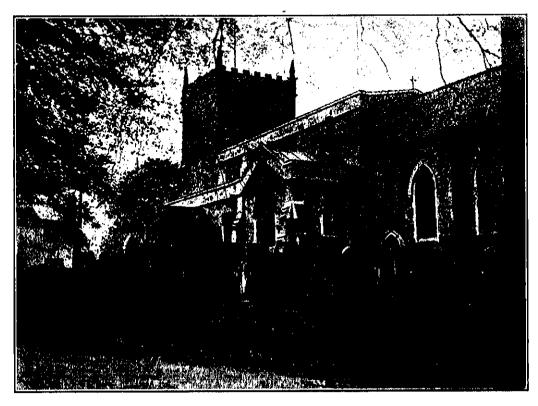
At the time of going to press, comes the sad news of the death of Mr. A. N. Harvey. After a long illness patiently borne, he has gone to his rest and his reward. People in East Bridgford will long remember him, and especially the Schools. Mr. Harvey to a great interest in all that concerns the education of the young, and frequently did much to help the School Managers. We offer our sincere condolences to his relations and friends.

"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them."









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November, 1938

My Dear Friends,

The calendar of the Christian Church gives the second day of November as the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. But Christian piety, recognising the needs of the departed, has dedicated the whole of this month to them. November is the month of the Holy Souls, and it is a time when all good Christians should make special efforts on their behalf by frequently going to Church to pray for them, and, most important of all, by offering for them the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar. Let me remind you of three things. First, the souls of faithful Christians who are undergoing their final preparation for Heaven are most precious in the sight of God. They are in a more perfect union with God than the Holiest person living on earth, for while still held in the bonds of the flesh, it is always possible for a soul to fall from grace, but the Holy Dead cannot sin. Now and for ever their will is in complete agreement with the Divine will. "The Souls of the Righteous are in the Hand of God."

Secondly, although everlasting joy in Heaven is assured for every soul in this state of preparation, yet they are not able to enter into Heaven at once on account of sin committed while still in the flesh. Sins, even though repented of and forgiven, leave their marks upon souls, and these must be purged away before the soul can enjoy Heaven. Also God's love which is outraged by sin is not satisfied until all the results of sin are done away. His justice too, which is as perfect as His Love, demands full satisfaction for every evil thought, word and deed. That the Holy Souls may speedily attain to purity and fitness for the full vision of God is the object of all our prayers for them. "Having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded." A strong motive for helping the departed in every possible way is the thought of their sufferings which are more intense than we can ever fully understand in this world. There is the terrible pain which comes with a more perfect knowledge of God, and a more perfect self-knowledge. There is the pain of being separated from God while fully realising all that He is, and desiring nothing but His Presence. Another element in their pains is the knowlege which the Holy Souls possess as to their own helplessness. They are deprived of that liberty and power of choice which once belonged to them, in common with the rest of mankind. They are unable by any act of their own to hasten and obtain the one thing they desire-complete and lasting union with God. In the words of the suffering Job they cry out to us, "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, () ye at least my friends, for the Hand of God hath touched me." Who can resist this appeal? Remember that although the Church of God is in three parts, the Church militant here on earth, the Church suffering in Purgatory, and the Church triumphant in Heaven, they are all one in Christ Jesus. Therefore we can pray for the Dead.

Thirdly, Our Lord has made it plain that those who exercise themselves for the eternal good of others may be sure of receiving Grace themselves. Let us not neglect our duty to pray frequently for the Faithful Departed.

Last month was a sad one for the parish by reason o many deaths. Mrs. Farmer, after months of suffering bravely borne, has gone to her reward, and the Reverend Du Boulay Hill ended a life of good service for God. He was Rector here 1898—1927. Many of you will remember him, and not a few with

gratitude. Our Church is his memorial, for it is due to him that it stands beautifully restored. This parish was fortunate in such a faithful steward, shepherd, priest.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY Society.—Certain Members have undertaken to clean the brass-work in Church. Will those people who decorate the Church with flowers and who usually clean the brasses please note this.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.—On Sunday, October 30th, the Brigade attended Morning Service, during which an enrolment of recruits took place. The Editor has received from Captain Bullers the following:—"The Annual Boys' Brigade Week Collection will be held from November 27th to December 4th. We want helpers at our club. Our Life Boy Team is in need of Leaders."

The Mothers' Union.—On Tuesday, 18th October, a Meeting was held at which the following were elected to the Committee:—Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Priestley. Mrs. Hunt was elected as enrolling member.

The Church Tea.—The Church Tea last month was a great success, bringing in £3 12s. od. which has been allocated to the Church Boiler Fund. This Fund now stands at £18 12s. 6d., and it is very much hoped that the teas will be well supported, so that we can pay off the remaining deficit £36 7s. 6d.

Harvest Festival.—The Harvest Festival was kept very happily and the Church looked beautiful in its decorations. The Congregations at all the Services were large. Two things were especially appreciated: The eloquent sermon by the special preacher, The Reverend Cecil Vincent, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hoxton, London; and the singing of the Anthem by the Choir. The Collections during the Festival amounted to £5 11s. 2d., and will be devoted to the needs of the Sunday School. As arranged, the flowers and vegetable were conveyed to the Nottingham Hospital. The Rector has received a gracious letter of thanks to the Parish.

BAPTISM,

October 16th: Christine Blagg.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Frank James Lodder and Mary Elsie Falconbridge.

BURIALS

October 6th Elizabeth Watson, aged 58 " 8th—Herbert Curtiss, aged 67 " 18th—Annie Edith Farmer, aged 71 " 24th—Arthur Du Boulay Hill, Priest, aged 88

"May they rest in peace,"

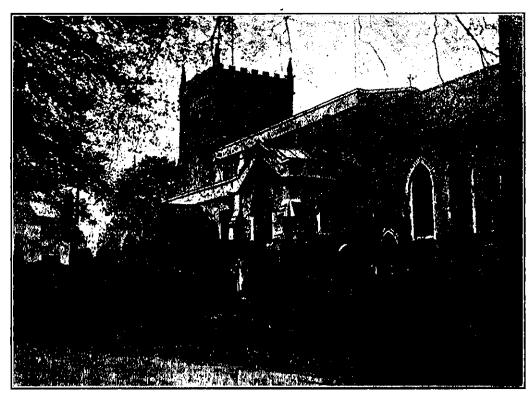
Two Useful Prayers:-

We beseech Thee, O Lord, of thy loving kindness to have mercy on the soul of this thy servant: that being purged from all the defilements of our mortal nature, he may be brought to the Blessedness of Eternal Light. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer to be said in the Church-yard : --

Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.





St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford.

HOLY COMMUNION :--

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

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER:-

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

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

B.B. FELLOWSHIP For Young Men:—The Class meets on Sundays at 2.30 p.m. in the Boys' Brigade Headquarters, College Street, conducted by Capt. Bullers.

HOLY BAPTISM :-

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL:-At 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in the Church School.





EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY,

December, 1938.

My Dear Friends,

I expect many of you know these lines of Tennyson very well:

"The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas Bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."

This year we are reviving an old custom at Christmas. There can be little doubt that the old English practice of ringing Church Bells on Christmas Eve is connected with the Service which took place immediately after midnight. This Service of course was the Holy Communion, the first on Christmas Day, and commonly known as the Christ Mass. In Countries all over the world, this midnight Service is a great and unique event in the year, something which by its very strangeness gives to the Feast of the Nativity a place by itself. There are few Church Services more impressive. Through the darkness and cold of the winter night, often from long distances, the Faithful journey to worship the Infant Saviour in the splendour of a lighted Church. It is a re-enactment of the visit of the shepherds to the cave at Bethlehem, aglow with supernatural light. How often in years gone by must our Church have welcomed her children within her doors on this Holy Night. Long before midnight, torches lighting the Faithful on their way would have twinkled like stars in the streets of the village. More and more lights would have appeared throwing a ruddy glow upon the snow, till they disappeared within the Church porch.

I sincerely hope that all who possibly can will come to the Midnight Service this year. Those who are confirmed will like to make their Communion, and those who are unconfirmed will join them in worshipping the Babe of Bethlehem. The Midnight Service should commend itself to all, because it offers an opportunity for whole families to attend together. No one need be absent except infants and the sick and aged.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Yours affectionately, in Christ,

LORIMER REES, Rector.

Services, Christmas 1938.

Christmas Day, 12-0 a.m. Sung Eucharist. (The Midnight Service)

8-0 a.m. Holy Communion
10-0 a.m. Mattins. (No Choir)
10-45 a.m. Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

St. Stephen's Day (December 26th)

10-30 Holy Communion.

St. John the Apostle Eve (December 27th). The Holy Innocents (December 28th). St. Thomas of Canterbury (December 29th).

8-0 Holy Communion.

East Bridgford Nursing Association, Purchase of Car for Nurse

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THE KING EDWARD CLUB—The Club looks forward to their 29th Annual Whist Drive and Dance, to be held on Boxing Night December 26th. The Whist Drive will take place in the Boys' Brigade Hall at 7 p.m., and the Dancing in the Village Hall at 8 p.m.

THE BRITISH LEGION—The Annual Dinner was held on November 3rd. On the following Sunday there was a Church Parade. The Collection, amounting to f_{2} 16s. has been sent to the Earl Haig Fund.

A GIFT TO THE CHURCH—Mr. Richard Wing has presented a pair of Churchwarden's Staves. They are very handsome, and are a real adornment to the Church.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL—A meeting has been called for December 9th, at 8-0 p.m. in the Rectory.

Confirmation—The following are to be confirmed on December 5th at St. George's, Nottingham: – Mary Bonner, Hilda Reading, Mary Coddington, Daisy Coddington, Joan Pick, Marjorie Freestone, Phyllis Priestly.

THE VILLAGE HALL—There will be a Christmas Market on December 3rd to raise funds for improvements in the hall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on November 11th when the report of the years work was read and accounts passed. The receipts being £149 6s. 2½d. The expenses which include £100 repaid to Mr. A. Mason were £125 os. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £24 5s. 11½d.

BAPTISMS.
November 6th—David Kemp

13th-Martha Ann Godfrey.

BURIALS.

October 12th—Ernest Waterfield, aged 41, buried at Doncaster November 9th—Priscilla Scotney, aged 78 November 19th—Albert Knight, aged 59 November 24th—Harriett Gould, aged 58. "May they rest in Peace."