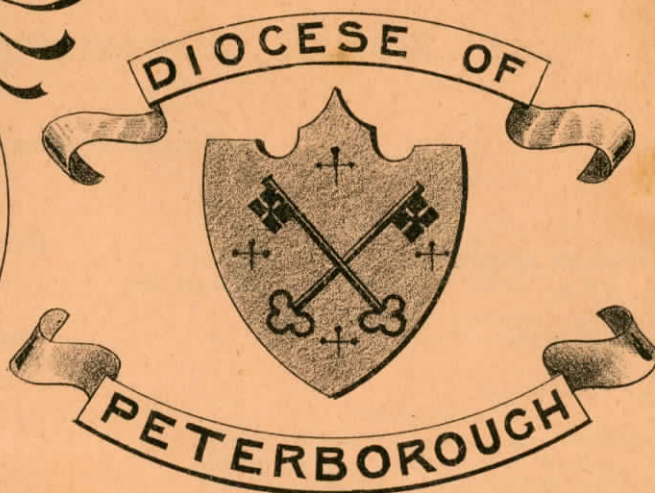


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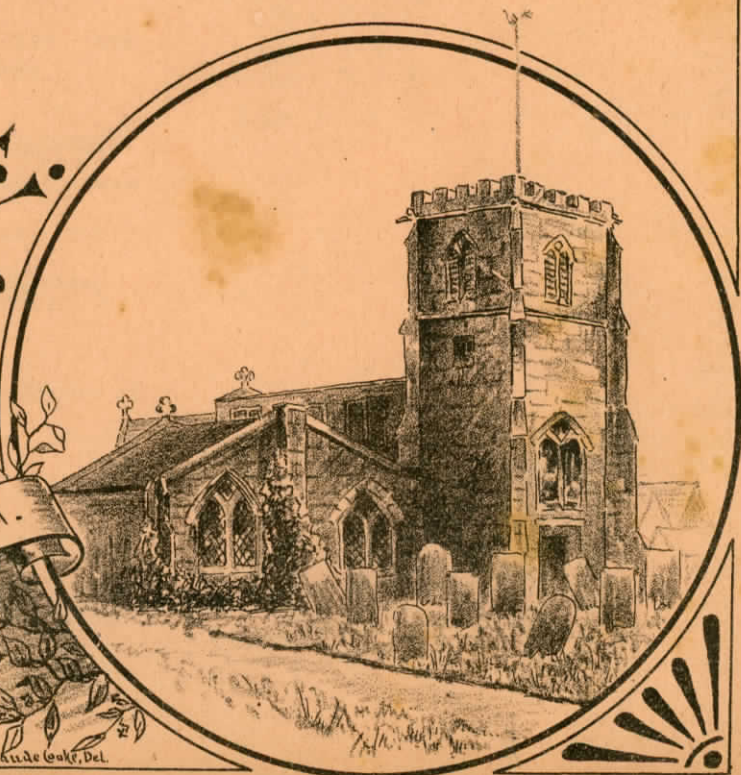


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SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS OF THE MONTH.

Jan. 1st—Wednesday—Festival of the Circumcision of CHRIST (S. Luke ii. 21.)
 Jan. 5th—Second Sunday after Christmas. (Festival Evensong.)
 Jan. 6th—Monday—Festival of the Epiphany. (Commemorating the Events related in S. Matt. ii. 1-12)
 Jan. 12th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
 Jan. 19th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
 Jan. 25th—Saturday—Festival of the Conversion of S. Paul (Acts, ix. 1-19)
 Jan. 26th—Third Sunday after Epiphany. (Festival Services).

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in January.

January 5 S. Matthew ii.
 12 2 Chron. i.
 19 „ ii.
 26 „ v.

Hymn to be learnt—
 236.

Baptisms.

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Nov. 29—Percy Stevenson.
 Dec. 22—Alfred John Williamson.

Marriages.

Nov. 30—William Lockwood and Sarah Wilders.
 Dec. 19—Johnson Ward and Martha Hamson.
 Dec. 24—Alfred Bonshor and Elizabeth Ankers.
 Dec. 25—Arthur Daft and Selina Grace Bown.
 „ 25—Samuel Hallam and Eliza Ann Oram.

Burial.

Dec. 7—Harriett Lowe, aged 75 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov. 29th—	—	—	0 16 1
			Negro Boy Fund
Dec. 1st—	0 7 0½	3 7 3	—
8th—	0 4 5	2 4 6	—
15th—	0 3 11	2 10 6	—
22nd—	0 3 7	2 5 6	—
Poor Box—	0 0 6	—	—
Totals	£0 19 5½	£10 7 9	£0 16 1

Hymns.

	Matins.	Children's Service.	Evensong
Jan. 1st			70 176 165
5th	72 320	79 236 77	79 220 77 300
12th	80 78 163	78 236 261	219 220 25
19th	160 193 292	79 236 291	290 243 27
26th	261 405 431 221	242 236 26	261 406 437 438

PARISH NOTES.

In beginning our January Number by wishing our readers A HAPPY NEW YEAR we wish it to be taken with a full and deep meaning. We hope that our readers will recognize in the writer of these notes month by month one who takes a deep interest in the parish and all its inhabitants. He not only records much of the parish news but also adds, as opportunity offers, a word of caution or encouragement to those who like himself bear the Christian name and should be striving to lead the Christian life. In this way he hopes that he shows a true interest. So now would he point a lesson on the New Year's greeting. The past is gone it cannot be altered, though its guilt may be done away, through God's mercy, by repentance and prayer. With the New Year we begin a fresh portion on the road of life. Are we going to begin this without some determination that it shall be *better* and so *happier*? Are not we going to break one bad habit? Are we not going to leave some burden of sin behind, so that our footsteps may be more sure—not *slipping back* so much on our journey? Think whether, notwithstanding all the toil and trouble of life, you are getting not nearer but *further away* from your home.

The turn of the year is a time to make the most careless think. Think reader then—and determine that this *shall* be a Happy New Year for you.

We notice that during the last 12 months we have recorded 40 burials in our Church Yard. In 1894 the number was 27, and in 1893, 32. The large number during the past year is probably due to an increase of population on account of the Reservoir and Railway Works. The number of marriages has also been unusually large which we hope shows that the Village is in a prosperous condition!

The subject of burial brings to mind the new bier which has been bought for use at funerals. It may be procured on application to the Sexton. The Churchwardens feel obliged to charge 2/6 for hire of it in order that the expense of housing it and keeping it in repair may be provided for.

We must not let the subject of the Church Tower be forgotten. Though they have read so much about it lately our readers must not get tired of the subject yet, and for this very good reason that the work is not yet paid for. There is at least £80 more to be raised. As soon as this is provided for we will let the subject drop. We shall hope in our next issue to be able to account for a portion of this sum as the result of the Sale of Work on Tuesday Afternoon and Evening, January 7th. We are sure that there will be an excellent stock of goods for sale at prices suitable for all kinds of purchasers. There was some thought of having a Christmas Tree, but instead of this there will be a greater novelty in the shape of a gigantic SPIDER'S WEB which instead of being laden with dead flies will be loaded with all kinds of articles. These will be drawn for by all who have tickets which will be sold for quite a small sum.

Now the work on the Tower is finished it makes one think of another much needed work upon the Church, viz:—the addition of a Chamber alongside the Chancel to contain the organ. This of course must be an expensive matter—probably costing about £400. This is such a very necessary improvement that we cannot let the high cost put it out of mind.

Many of our Church-goers will recognize how extremely difficult it is for the choir to lead the singing with the organ round the corner in a side aisle. We have sometimes heard remarks as to unsatisfactory result—but it must be remembered that the difficulty bears most heavily on those who are responsible for the music and take part in it—and they should get

credit for their perseverance under such unfavourable conditions. Another improvement much needed is new Choir Stalls. The present arrangement of benches is a very poor makeshift and unworthy of our beautiful parish Church. This also is an expensive matter. People will say "What is the use of bringing such things forward and have you any reasonable hope that they will be done?" Yes, we do hope they will, we should be sorry to think that we must go on as we are at present without any hope of alteration—Yes, we do *hope* to get both done—whether the hope is a *reasonable* one we shall see!

While there is much in connection with this subject that is disheartening, we were much encouraged by a remark we heard a few days ago from one who was in a position to have had much experience in such matters: "Your choir boys behave very well indeed." We hope that this will now be the general opinion. This has been one result of moving the choir into the chancel and we would not give up this point of good behaviour, for all the improvements which we hope for.

There is another thing that is encouraging to notice, what a difference the freeing of the seats has made in the attendance at the Sunday Services. Before this was done, the Church was never more than about half-full except on a few special occasions in each year, now it may be seen actually full Sunday after Sunday. This of course is nothing to boast of, for the Church we suppose will not hold more than 300 and there must be more than 1000 grown-up people in the parish. But it is an *improvement* and so encouraging.

The Vicar hopes that a Parish Almanac has been left at every house in the Parish. If any has been omitted one will gladly be given on application at his house.

We ought to say a word about the service of Bible Story on Nov. 29th. So far as we know this was the first time that lantern pictures have ever been used in our Church. It was felt that something so novel might possibly lead to some irreverence or conduct unworthy of the sacred building especially as all our Sunday School Children were to be present. This doubt was however quite set at rest. The children behaved perfectly, and the service was carried through without any drawback whatever. A large screen 12 ft. square was set up across the corner where the lectern stands and on this the pictures and hymns were shown from a powerful lantern right across the nave.

The pictures were beautifully artistic and both pictures and hymns were so large and high up that they could be plainly seen from every part of the Church. After this successful trial we shall hope to have other services in which the Bible Story will be illustrated in this way. There is much to be learned by old as well as young through the use of pictures and sometimes the sacred history is best explained and remembered by their use.

On Sunday Afternoon, December 22nd, a presentation was made on behalf of the Sunday School Teachers to Mr Arthur Daft, the Assistant Superintendent, on his marriage. The present was a very pretty china tea service.

On the Saturday Evening before, on the occasion of a tea given by Miss Corlett to her Sunday Class of Young Women, the members of the class presented her with a case of plated salt-cellars and other articles as a mark of their appreciation of her work for them.

A handsome gift—privately given—was added to the Church just before Christmas, viz. : a massive slab of alabaster to make a new top to the altar. This will have the effect of slightly enlarging and raising it, which has often been pointed out as a desirable thing to be done.

We give an account of Magazine Fund for the past year. Alas, the balance is on the wrong side! We must hope for more subscriptions this year.

As regards circulation, the Magazine continues to be exceedingly successful. A very considerable increase will be made this year. We wonder whether some people who cannot afford to subscribe, would be willing to give 2d. a month instead of 1d. for the Magazine. This would help.

MAGAZINE ACCOUNT, 1895.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	...	...	...	6	9	6
Sale of Copies	...	...	...	14	13	4
Publishing Clothing Club Accounts	...	...	...	0	5	0
Balance	...	...	...	2	13	6
				£24	1	4

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance	...	...	...	0	16	7
Mr. Wills—Magazines and Printing	...	...	...	22	4	11
Postage, Carrier, &c.	...	...	...	0	19	10
				£24	1	4

We give an Account of the Negro Boy Fund for the year ending November 30th:—

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance from 1894	...	...	...	0	15	5½
Collections at Children's Services	...	...	...	4	12	2½
Missionary Boxes, &c.	...	...	...	1	3	4½
Profits on Sale of Church Evangelist	...	...	...	1	2	0
				£7	13	0

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Paid for Silver Cross and Chain	...	...	...	0	12	0
Sent away for Maintenance of our Boy	...	...	...	7	0	0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	0	1	0
				£7	13	0

The Vicar wishes to say that no Children are authorised to go round and ask for money for the Negro Boy Fund or any other fund in connection with the Church. It came to his knowledge that some little boys had started doing this, and they were at once forbidden to continue.

We are heartily glad to see that the subscriptions collected in this parish for the WAIFS' & STRAYS' Society have increased. The following list has been handed to us for publication.—

				£	s.	d.
Mr. Warner	...	...	...	1	1	0
Infants School	...	...	...	0	13	8½
Rev. E. Foord-Kelcey	...	...	...	0	10	6
Miss Hawker	...	...	...	0	4	0
Misses F. & G. Firr (box)	...	...	...	0	3	0½
Mrs. Cuffling	...	...	...	0	2	6
Mr. North	...	...	...	0	2	6
Dr. Harris	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. Sault	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. R. Thompson	...	...	...	0	2	0
Dr. Unitt	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. W. Webster	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. J. Wright	...	...	...	0	2	0
Miss Wright (box)	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mrs. Hensman	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. J. Foord-Kelcey	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mrs. Foord	...	...	...	0	2	0
Mr. Backhouse	...	...	...	0	1	0
Mr. Herbert	...	...	...	0	1	0
Mrs. Martin	...	...	...	0	1	0
Mrs. Sanders	...	...	...	0	1	0
Mr. Thornton	...	...	...	0	1	0
				£4	2	2½

ALL QUORN PEOPLE should visit the VILLAGE HALL on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

SALE OF WORK

AND CHRISTMAS MARKET,

3 to 9 p.m.

PUBLIC TEAS AT 4 AND 7 P.M. TICKETS 6d.

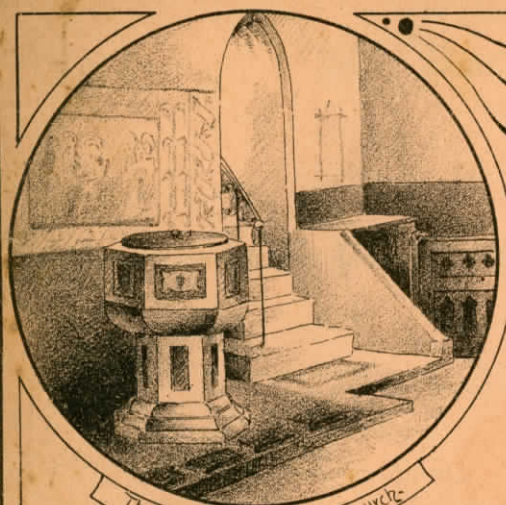
Drawing for Articles on Giant Spider's Web

AT 4.30 and 7.30.

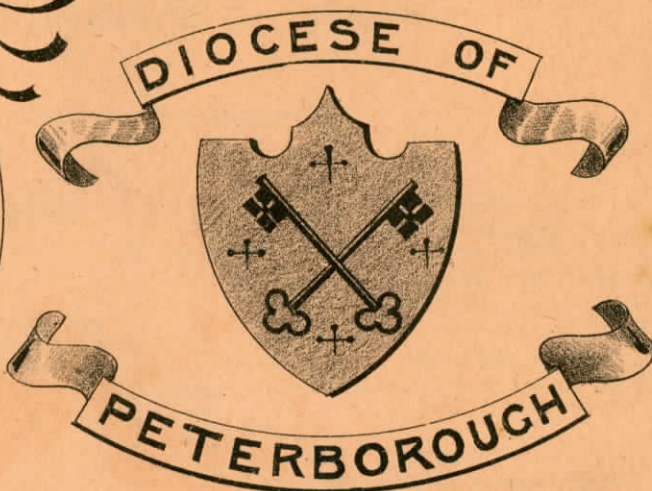
TICKETS 3d.

FREE ADMISSION to all who buy a Tea or a Spider's Web Ticket.

PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH TOWER FUND.

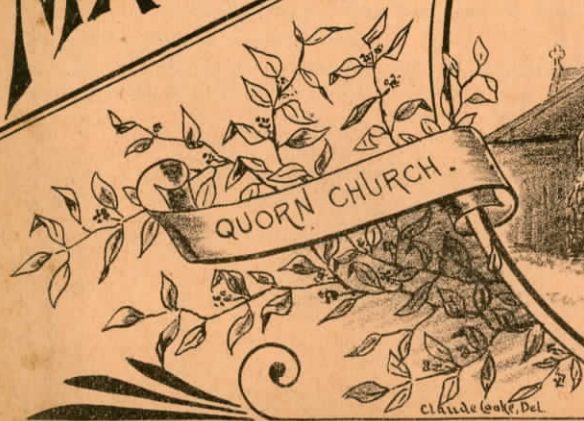


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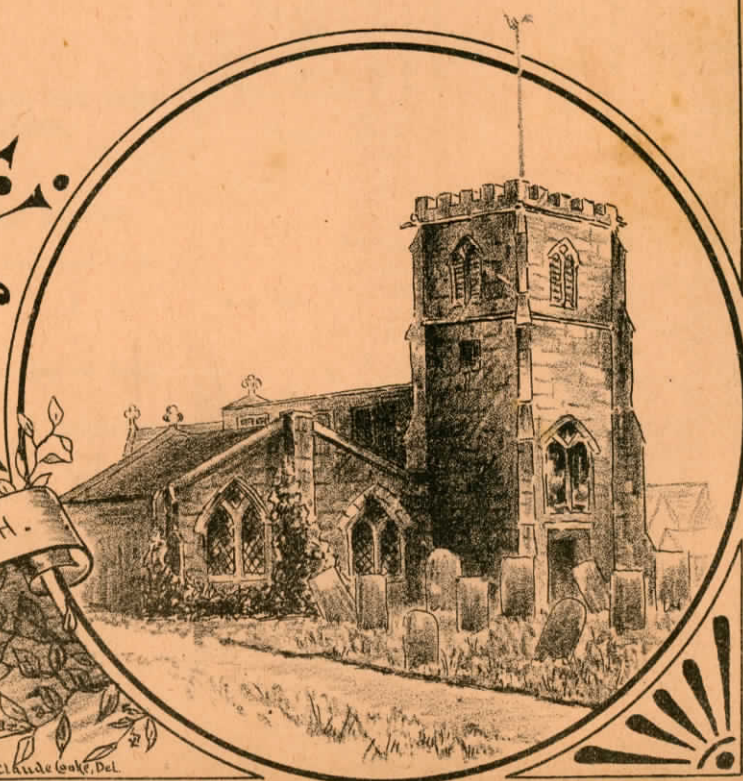


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PARISH NOTES.

SPECIAL APPEAL!—The Vicar will be grateful for additional subscriptions to the Magazine Fund. The Magazine cannot be kept up to its present standard unless about £8 is raised by subscriptions. It should be understood that every one who only pays 1d. each month receives the magazine at less than cost price. It is not intended to raise the regular price. But it is thought that some people who may not feel able to give a subscription down, would give 2d. each month instead of 1d. The distributors will call within a few days to receive subscriptions, and promises on the enclosed slip may be filled up and sent to the Vicar.

The Sale of Work to which we called attention last month duly took place on Tuesday, January 7th, and may be pronounced a great success. It was quite understood that no large sum was expected to be realized by this means, and when we say that the result of reckoning up shows a clear profit of £25 we think everyone concerned may be satisfied. The Spider's Web, which was contrived and made by Mr. Adams and Mr. Robinson, proved a great attraction. For the afternoon drawing more than 150 articles were hung on it and disposed of. For the second drawing in the evening, though the number of articles was largely increased, yet all the tickets were soon sold. It cannot be often that the Village Hall has been so crowded as it was that night. No doubt the tea provided both in the afternoon and evening contributed towards the large attendance. This was also, by clever management, a source of considerable profit. There were thirty contributions towards trays.

We had hoped to be able to give the exact sum which this will leave owing for the work on the Church Tower, but there has been a difficulty in getting satisfactory details from the builders so that it must be delayed till next month.

We must not omit to mention the Old People's Tea and Entertainment, which was organized again this year by Mr. G. White. Sometimes, while children are well cared for in the way of amusements, and middle-aged people can look after themselves, old folks are forgotten. This thought gives a special interest to this one entertainment for them of the year. This year, as last, after a very substantial Tea, at which a large body of willing helpers were present, a long and amusing Entertainment was provided, which lasted till about nine, when a carriage for the more infirm portion of the company was in waiting.

On the first Sunday afternoon of the year the Sunday School Prizes were distributed at the Schools. The arrangements were carried out under the direction of Mr. Hayward, and the good order on that occasion may be taken as an example of the improvement in management since Mr. Hayward has undertaken the superintendence of the Schools. It was gratifying to see so good an attendance of scholars and friends. The prizes were presented to the children by Mrs. Meakin. We fancy the books were rather more handsome even than last year.

The following did not miss one attendance during the year:—Sarah Payne, Ethel Adams and Martha Heap.

We give a list of those who received prizes:—

MISS CORLETT'S CLASS.

MORNING.
Rhoda Hickling.
Annie Martin.
Edith Sault.

AFTERNOON.
Florrie Kirk.
Annie Hallam.
Margaret Taylor.
Hannah Cross.
Alice Cross.
Alice Orton.

GIRLS.

Class I.	S. Payne.	Class III.	Annie Bancroft.
"	N. Taylor.	"	L. Winterton.
"	C. Taylor.	"	A. Moore.
"	M. Howes.	Class IV.	V. Harriman.
Class II.	M. Heap.	Class V.	Alice Bancroft.
"	E. Adams.	"	P. Webster.
"	E. Barby.	Class VI.	A. Howes.
"	L. Martin.	"	E. Stanyon.
		"	E. Williams.

MIXED SCHOOL.

A.	M. Moore.	C.	W. Horspool.
	M. Thornton.		E. Horspool.
	C. Ottey.		F. Bruin.
B.	W. Rennocks.		M. Dexter.
	E. Gartshore.		M. Rennocks.
	T. Dexter.		

MR. G. WHITE'S CLASS.

1.	Cecil Holmes.	3.	Tom Howes.
2.	A. Hickling.	4.	J. Payne.

Special—Ernest Winterton.

Geo. Rumsby.

BOYS.

Class I.	G. Rennocks.	Class IV.	G. Bruin.
"	A. Herbert.	"	W. Daft.
"	E. Webster.	"	H. Hickling.
Class II.	B. Cragg.	"	S. Platts.
"	W. Thornton.	Class V.	D. Dexter.
Class III.	G. Barby.	"	H. Ottey.
"	W. Hallam.	Class VI.	W. Barby
		"	V. Sault.

INFANTS.

A. Barby.	V. Rennocks.
G. Mee.	F. Rennocks.

All the rest of the Infants received Picture Cards.

On Sunday, January 19th, Mr. G. White's class of lads presented him with a pretty little travelling clock, with the following expression of their meaning—"Presented to Mr. Geo. White by the members of his Bible Class, with their high appreciation of his efforts as their teacher. Jan. 19th, 1896."

It is pleasing to record any token of appreciation of work so difficult as this. The class has now an average attendance of twenty members, with twenty-five names on the books.

As usual on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 2nd, collections will be made for the Church of England Temperance Society. The reason why this Sunday is chosen for this purpose is that in the lessons for the day we read the account of creation—how God made all things, among them the fruits of the earth and pronounced that they were 'good,' and at such a time it is natural and fitting to reflect how man, by his wickedness, has used God's gifts in such a way as to disobey his laws. The C.E.T. Society deserves the special confidence of all reasonable Christian people, for while it has made a stand against the wickedness and misery of intemperance, it has never been committed to any unreasonable or unjust policy in the very difficult questions which the subject involves.

The recurrence of the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Septuagesima Sunday, calls to mind the custom which should be observed by all Christian mothers, viz: to come to Church and return thanks to God after the birth of a child. Many still make this the occasion of their first going out, and it is certainly a pious custom. The short special service is found in the Prayer Book after the burial service. It will be said at the Church, at time of service, Sunday or week-day.

The approach of Lent brings to mind the subject of Confirmation. This year the nearest place at which the ordinance will be administered will be Loughborough, on May 19th. There will also be Confirmations at Leicester at the end of March. This will afford suitable opportunities for some grown-up people whose Confirmation has been neglected, and also for any case where there are special reasons against delay. The Vicar will be glad to give individual assistance in such cases.

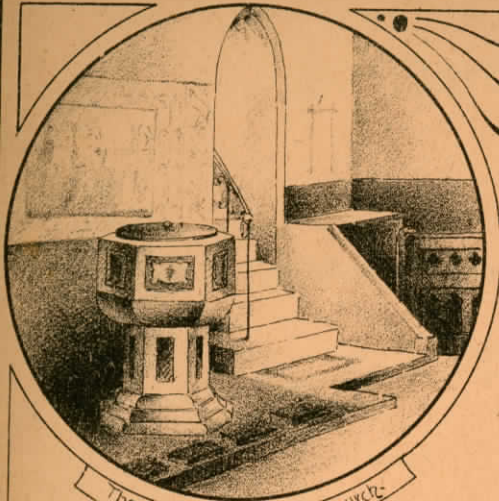
On Ash Wednesday, February 19th, the Special Service, called the Communion Service (or Service of Warning), will be taken after Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. It is a pity that this Service is so little known. It sets out in the way of Scripture the awfulness of sin, the misery and punishment that follow, and at the same time the exceeding mercy of God in Christ to all who turn to Him in repentance. This is the double message of Ash Wednesday. This day and all Wednesdays in Lent there will be Special Prayers, Hymns and Address at 7.30 p.m.

On the Sunday Evenings in Lent one of the Litanies of Penitence (465, 466) will be sung after the Sermon.

We are very unfortunate in having an outbreak of measles again so soon after the last one. It seems, however, this time to be of a mild description. The Infant School has only been closed for a few days by the doctor's advice.

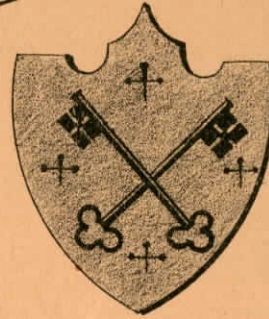
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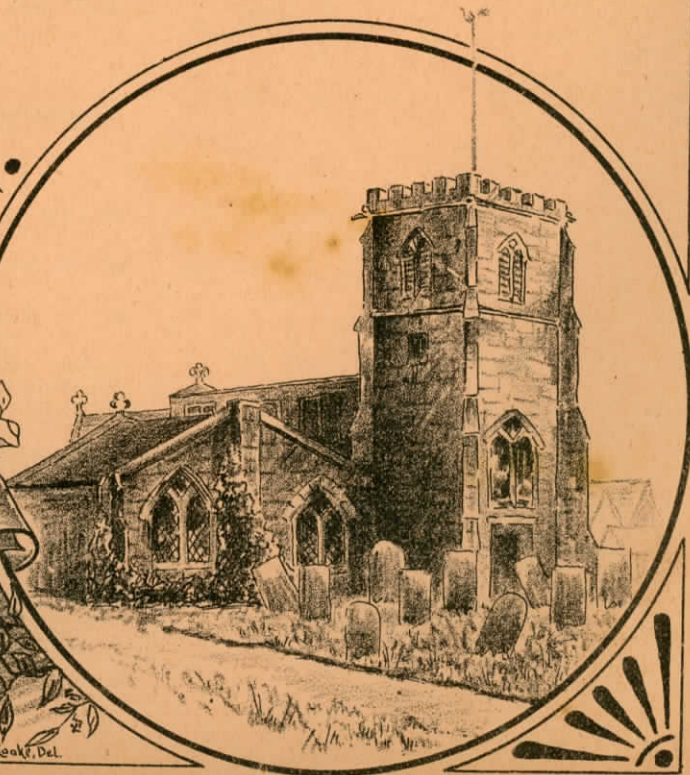


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March 1st.—Second Sunday in Lent.

March 8th.—Third Sunday in Lent,

March 15th.—Fourth Sunday in Lent (called Mid-Lent or Refreshment Sunday).

March 22nd.—Fifth Sunday in Lent (called Passion Sunday).

March 25th.—Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S. Luke i. 26, &c.)

March 20th.—Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday).
 This begins Holy Week in which day by day we commemorate the last few sad events of our Lord's earthly life.

April 3rd will be Good Friday, and 5th, Easter Day.

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in March.

March 1	S. Matthew v. 1-16.	} Hymn to be learnt— 108.
" 8	" xxvi 11-end	
" 15	" xxvii. 1-31.	
" 22	" xxvii. 32-end	
" 29	" xxi. 1-17.	

Baptisms.

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Feb. 2nd—Ivor Arthur Axten.
 William Lawrence Waite.
 6th—William Edward Armston.
 16th—Edith Emiline Turlington.

Marriage.

(Omitted before by mistake.)

Dec. 21st—James Askew Beardmore and Eliza Stevenson.

Burials.

Feb. 4th.—Mary Stubbs, aged 52 years.
 25th—Hannah Barnett, aged 81 years.
 26th—John Ryder, aged 58 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Feb. 2nd—			2 18 9
			C. E. T. S.
9th—	0 6 4	1 17 0	
16th—	0 4 7	2 9 9	
23rd—	0 5 1	2 4 6	
Poor Box—	0 1 0		0 12 3½
			Negro Boy Fund.
Totals	£0 17 0	£6 11 3	£3 11 0½

Spms.

	Matins.	Children's Service.	Evensong
Mar. 1st	194 93 315	332 108 91	92 91 466 31
8th	172 403 208	224 108 334	290 113 465 19
15th	4 189 160	107 108 197	185 228 465 21
22nd	200 108 315	292 108 13	92 91 Story of the Cross 24
29th	99 114 107	332 108 98	99 98 Story of the Cross 23

PARISH NOTES.

Six weeks from the beginning of March will carry us over Easter. Meantime the solemn time of Lent should be made use of—to make sincere our repentance—to start again in our religious habits—in a word, to turn to good account the grace of God which he gives freely through JESUS Christ. Lent is the season for cultivation of the field of the soul. Let us root up the weeds! Let us till the soil by self-examination and prayer that the good seed may grow and bear fruit! Who is there in such a state that he dare miss such an opportunity?

Although the matters connected with the Church Tower have not been entirely settled, yet we must now make our readers acquainted with all that has happened. It was in the December Magazine that we first mentioned £230 as the amount that the work would cost. This sum, it was stated by the architect and builder shortly before the work was completed, would pay all expenses connected with the matter. With this statement before them, the meetings were held in November, but when the costs were finally made up and sent in, they came to £50 more! i.e., £280 in all! Letters of expostulation were at once written; and some reduction has been made, and both the architect and builder have expressed regret at the error, and have promised subscriptions to the Fund. At a meeting of Sidesmen on Feb. 14th, it was resolved to write once more upon one or two points, and then when these were cleared up, to lay a complete statement of accounts before the parishioners and make an appeal. There will be £100 to raise. In the next Magazine we shall hope to be able to report a good start.

The Vicar writes:—Might I not suggest that a very helpful religious exercise for some people to begin in Lent would be to attend some of the week-day services. Surely there are some more who might come and join in prayer with me, and hear God's Word read. I have thought sometimes that some pious Nonconformists might show their desire for Christian fellowship, without compromising their principles, by coming to these services on week-days, when their own place of worship is not open. Of course I should like to know that there were more hearts finding pleasure in frequent worship, but I do not feel discouraged at the smallness of the congregations. The promise was to the few (S. Matt. xviii. 20), and, perhaps, never is the blessing of the presence of Christ felt so deeply as when there are literally but two or three gathered together in His Name. Yet surely there are more people who could set apart one morning or one evening during the week to come to Church for 20 minutes. Every week the Church is open for worship sixteen times at least. How many times do you come, reader?

We should imagine that very seldom has there been such a throng of people at the Village Hall as came to the Concert on Shrove Tuesday, which had been organized by Mr. Cradock and Mr. and Mrs. Woodward. Besides a large number of Quorn people, there was quite a fashionable attendance from the neighbourhood. Much regret was felt at the absence, through sickness, of the Duchess of Somerset, who had good-naturedly promised help.

The programme was very well arranged and varied. No one will be surprised that the humorous element, represented by the Hon. F. Butler, Mr. Firr, and Mr. J. T. Taylor (formerly organist at Quorn Church), proved most acceptable, and received its full share of applause. In dwelling on the concert,

the excellent purpose for which it was got up must not be forgotten, viz.:—to raise funds to start a Lending Library and Reading Room. We understand that the two objects will not necessarily begin together, but the Library will be started first. There is every reason to believe that this project will be a prosperous one, as it has proved to be in other places. Anyone who has the good of the village at heart will wish it success, and those who can will be willing to help.

There will be a Class for the Instruction of the Sunday School Teachers in the lesson for the ensuing Sunday, in the Vestry, on Friday evenings, at 7.15. Teachers should bring their Bibles with them. Also every week a little sketch of the lessons in the form of questions will be delivered to every teacher. It is hoped by these and other means that the Catechising at the Children's Service on Sunday afternoons will be more profitable. The presence of parents at these services is always an encouragement. They begin at 2.45, and end at 3.30.

The progress of the Grammar School buildings suggests a word as to the benefit that this institution should be to the village. We hope that as time goes on it will be more taken advantage of by the class to whom it should be the greatest help. We mean the wage-earning and small traders' class. Many of them should have a very proper ambition that their children should have better advantages than they themselves have had. And there should be more parents ready to deny themselves, and even make a certain venture in order to give their children a chance to rise, such as the Rawlins' Schools affords. In Scotland people of very small means will stint themselves for years to get their boys a high education. We think we sympathize fully with people whose subsistence depends upon a daily wage, but we still think there should be more who have faith in education as the best investment for a child after all. By means of such schools as Thomas Rawlins' founded many men have risen from the cottage homes of England to be chiefs among the great ones of the lands. We often see boys about who have left school, and yet are not old enough to go to work. It should often be the other way, and we should see many boys going to school after they are old enough for work. This is a matter in which parents should use foresight and self-denial. With regard to the Rawlins' School, we have no authority to speak on behalf of the Trustees, but we have no doubt that in any deserving case an arrangement would be made by which the expenses would be lessened.

Are there not some boys who read this who would like a chance of raising themselves in their future life by having some more schooling?

A short notice has already been given of the Services which will be held in the Church on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24th and 25th, when the Address on the Passion and Death of Christ will be illustrated by pictures produced by a lime-light lantern. Some people might be inclined to think such a plan unsuitable to a Church. We should think so too if it was simply by way of Entertainment, or if there was any risk of irreverent behaviour. Good care will be taken that neither of these things shall happen. The pictures will be used only to bring home the very solemn subject which we commemorate at that time. We are sure that the pictures will be very beautiful and impressive.

On Tuesday evening the Service will be for children—any children living in Quorn—between the ages of 5 and 15, and on Wednesday evening children will not be admitted.

During Lent it is the custom to sing the Benedicite ("O all ye works of the Lord,") at Morning Prayer instead of the Te Deum ("We praise Thee, O God"). At Evening Service, one of the Litanies of Penitence (465, 466) will be sung after the sermon, except on Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday (March 22nd and 29th), when the "Story of the Cross" will be sung instead.

In conversation the other day with a parishioner we learned a fact which it now takes an old person to recall. This was the fact that just beyond the blacksmith's forge, in Meeting Street, there used to stand a large gentleman's house, belonging to the Hyde family. We had seen a picture of it in Nichol's History of Leicestershire, but did not think that anyone would still remember it. It appears that the last Mr. Hyde, who lived there, died in the year 1830, and the house was soon after bought by Mr. Farnham's grandfather, and pulled down. Many people are aware that there is still a daughter of this Mr. Hyde living in Quorn, and also more than one of his great-grand children.

Thinking of the Hydes has led us to give a copy of the inscriptions on the four tablets set up in the Chancel of the Parish Church, in memory of various members of the family.

The third tablet on the south side no doubt relates to the last inhabitants of the old house in Meeting Street.

It will of course be seen that the Lieutenant George Hyde, commemorated on the second tablet on the south side, who died in India in 1827, was the founder of Hyde's Charity. Many of our readers have reason to think kindly of this good man who, though he died at the other side of the world, yet remembered the poor of his native village.

It will be noticed that the first Hyde that came to Quorn came from Kent. This Saville Hyde married a Quorn lady. We should imagine it was through this lady that the Quorn property came into the family, for John, the son of the marriage lived and died here (1789). From this John and his wife Mary was born S. J. Hyde, who was the last to live in the old house, and George Hyde, who died in India.

TABLET ON NORTH SIDE OF THE CHANCEL:—

"Near this place is interred the body of Mrs. Sarah Hyde, Relict of Saville Hyde, late of Sundridge Place, in Kent, Esqr., and sister to Mrs. Hannah Stevens, of this town. She died 22nd February, 1751, aged 45."

ON THE SOUTH SIDE:—

"In a vault beneath are deposited the remains of John Hyde, late of this place, Esqr., only Son of Saville Hyde, formerly of Sundridge Place, in the County of Kent, Esq., by Sarah, his wife. He departed this life the 8th day of January, 1789, in the 56th year of his age.

"Also of Mary, late wife of the above John Hyde, Esqr. She died September the 3rd, 1787, in the 52nd year of her age.

"And of Ann, their daughter, who died the 14th day of September, 1787, aged 19 years."

ON ANOTHER TABLET:—

"This tablet is erected to the Memory of George Hyde, (fifth son of John and Mary Hyde, of Quorndon, in the County of Leicester,) a Lieutenant in the Honourable East India Company's Service. He was born at Quorndon, on the 25th day of September, 1766; and died at Monghr, in the East Indies, on the 10th day of November, 1827, aged 61 years.

"By his last will he bequeathed "to the poor distressed people at Quorndon, the interest of one thousand pounds, &c., &c."

"Erected by the Trustees, MDCCCXLI."

ON A THIRD TABLET:—

"In a vault beneath lie the remains of Saville John Hyde, Esqr., who died the 4th of April, 1830, aged 74 years.

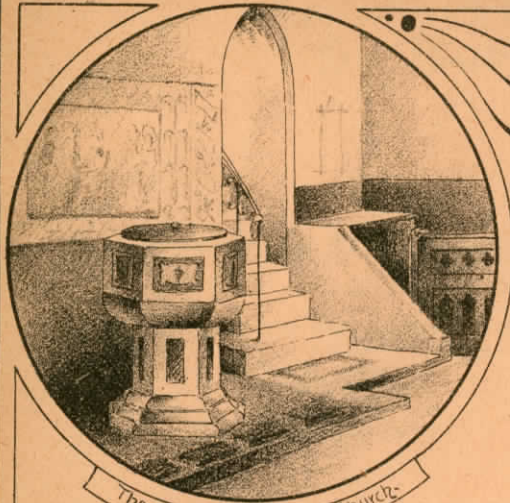
"Also Susannah Abigail, wife of the above, who died March 23rd, 1849, aged 76 years.

"Bernard Strobe Hyde, died the 7th of June, 1814, aged 14 years.

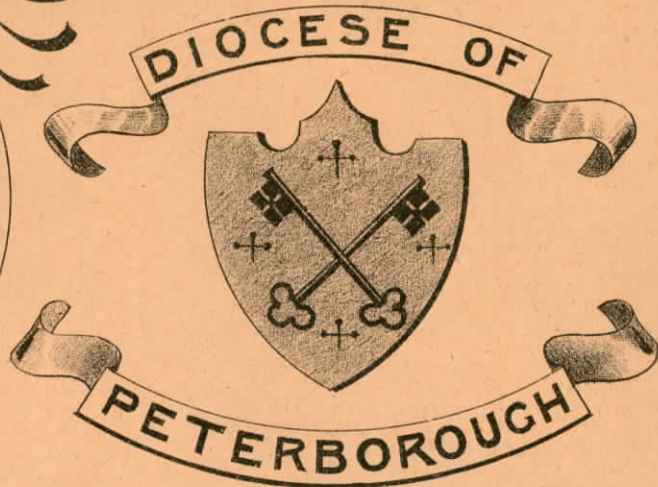
"Thomas and Edward, died Infants.

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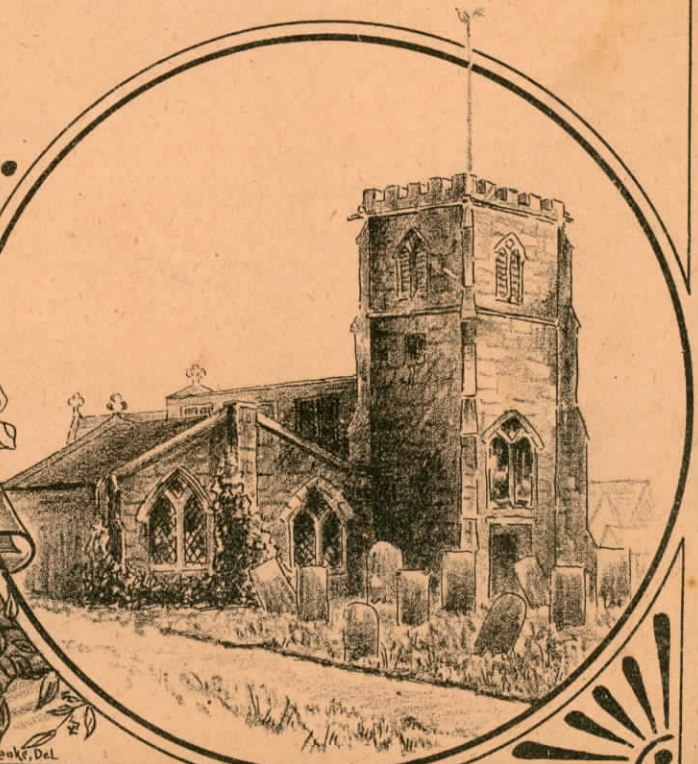


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SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS OF THE MONTH.

April 3rd.—GOOD FRIDAY.
April 4th.—Easter Eve.
April 5th.—Sunday—EASTER DAY.
April 6th.—Easter Monday.
April 7th.—Easter Tuesday.
April 12.—First Sunday after Easter.
April 19th.—Second Sunday after Easter.
April 25th.—Saturday—Festival of S. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr.
April 26th.—Third Sunday after Easter.

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in April.

April 5	S. Mark xvi. 1-6.	} Hymn to be learnt— 140.
" 12	S. John xx. 1, 18	
" 19	" xx. 19-end	
" 26	" xxi. 1-14.	

Baptisms.

(There is no fee whatever for Baptisms, and the names are not put in the Magazine if it is not wished.)

March 1st—Rosanna Hooper.
 Catherine Annie Elliott.
 16th—Maud Elsie Adkin.

Burials.

Feb. 25th.—Hannah Barnett, aged 81 years.
 26th.—John Ryder, aged 58 years.
 March 9th.—William Woodcock, aged 76 years.
 24th.—Minnie Stevenson, aged 19 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 1st—	0 3 11	1 19 6	
8th—	0 5 1	1 15 2	
15th—	0 5 11	2 7 6	
22nd—			3 17 4
			Home Missions
24th—			0 19 2
			Negro Boy Fund.
Poor Box—	0 2 6		
Totals	£0 19 5	£6 2 2	£4 16 6

Hymns.

	Mattins.	Children's Service.	Evensong
Apr. 3rd	108 114 107	—	108 105 124
8 a.m.	134	134	134
5th	323 313 318 193	140 138	140 135 300
12th	292 137 135 138	221 140 358	302 136 135 300
19th	303 136 281	220 140 194	219 138 24
26th	160 433 365	264 140 13	202 176 366

PARISH NOTES.

By the time this is issued we hope the notice concerning the way Holy Week and Easter will be observed at the Parish Church, will have been seen by all our readers. There is therefore no need to set this out again at length. But a word must be said here on the duties of the season—a word which will gain a wider hearing than any appeal made in Church.

Holy Week and even Easter have a sad side for those whose duty it is to exhort to a pious observance of the Christian seasons. First there is the very sad disregard of the sacred commemoration of Good Friday. It would be better to take no notice of the day, to go on working as usual, than to make it a day for holiday keeping or merry-making. At least this scandal should be left to the thoughtless and irreligious. Any of us who set any store by our following of Christ should refrain from using the day of His death in such a way.

Then again Easter Days brings a special reminder of another Christian duty, viz.:—the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. It brings home with a special force the question which should often come of those who are not communicants. How long am I going to refuse to obey the Saviour's loving command when He said:—"This do in remembrance of Me."—(S. Luke xxii. 19.) There is an exhortation in the Prayer Book—the second one in the Communion Service—which sets forth this duty with beautiful earnestness. It begins:—"Dearly beloved brethren, I intend by God's grace," &c. It is an address intended to be read by the Minister of the Parish where the people are negligent in this duty. We quote one passage from it:—"I bid (i.e. invite) you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you as ye love your salvation that ye will be partakers of this Holy Communion. And as the Son of God did vouchsafe to yield up His soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so it is your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of His death as He Himself hath commanded." Two questions—First, for those who do come to Holy Communion:—Do I take pains to prepare—do I come as often as I should and might? Second, for those who never come:—Why do I not obey my Saviour? how can I excuse myself for my neglect?

The address in preparation for Holy Communion on Wednesday, April 1st, at 7.30 p.m., is intended to help those who have been neglectful, and who wish to come again, and also regular communicants who desire to prepare with special care at this time.

At Easter Day there is this small variation at Morning prayers. Instead of the Venite ("O come, let us sing, &c.") there is sung the anthem, made up of passages of scripture, which may be found before the collect for that day.

According to custom the collections on Easter Day will be given to the Vicar as an Easter offering.

Every Easter Monday we hope to see a better attendance at the Vestry Meeting. Some part of the business might interest any parishioner, at least it should interest all Church-going folk. Great harm has been done in the past by so few taking an interest in these matters in which every parishioner has a right to take part. If the business is left in the hands of the few, no one is to blame but the many who have a right to come. We hope that someday the accommodation of the Vestry room will be insufficient, and an adjournment to some larger place may be necessary. The time of the Meeting is 6.30 p.m., and the business the election of Churchwardens, the production of the Church accounts for the past year, and any other Church business.

The Missionary Lecture at the Schools on Tuesday, March 10th was called at short notice, but was nevertheless attended to the full capacity of the room. On these occasions the children are apt to get inattentive and fidgety, but so full of interest was Mr. Dalton's lecture that even the children were most attentive all the time. The collection amounted to £1 15s. 0d., which has been sent to the Church Missionary Society.

On Thursday, March 12th, the first fatal accident occurred at the Reservoir since the beginning of the work. The victim (Thomas Adkin) happened to be a man that had been living in Quorn for some time, though a native of Loughborough. The last time a burial took place from the same cottage in Wood Lane, a little more than three years ago, it was an old man full of years (Edward Sketchley, aged 80) who was followed to the grave by children and grandchildren. This time it is a young man cut off by a sudden stroke in the flower of his age, leaving a young widow and four children. Such unexpected event brings home the fact that is *always true*:—"In the midst of life we are in death!" Blessed is the man who walking in the fear of God can hear and ponder on those words without misgiving.

The Bishop again asks us to contribute towards the DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, which has been formed to help on good works in the Diocese at large. Collections will be made for that object on the Sunday which the Bishop himself appoints, April 26th. The sermon that evening will be preached by the Rev. F. M. P. Sheriffs, Vicar of Prestwold.

We must only say a very few words this month about the Church Tower Fund, but there is good news to give, and it should not be withheld. We can now give an exact account of the fund, from which it will be seen that £104 remains to be raised. Before making a general appeal for subscriptions, it was thought well to consult a few of those who would be most likely to give substantial help. This preliminary appeal has been so far successful that £60 has already been promised. We hope this will be met by a good response of smaller subscriptions, so that we may very soon hear the last of the matter.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Proceeds of Bazaar in Sept. (less expenses, £15 15s. 6d.)	148	19	11
Proceeds of Sale of Work and Tea in January (less expenses, £1 18s. 9d.)	25	0	0
Bank Interest	1	5	0
Balance to be raised	104	13	7
Total	£279	18	6

PAYMENTS AND LIABILITIES.

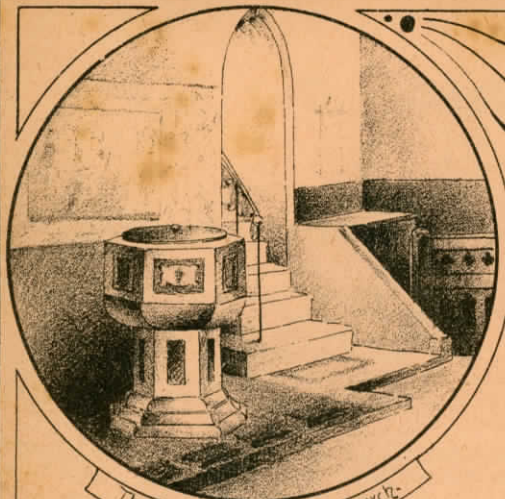
	£	s.	d.
Builders Account (less abatement, £10 2s. 10d.)	269	17	6
Architects' Fees and Expenses (less £5 5s. subscribed to Fund)	10	1	0
Total	£279	18	6

N.B.—£170 has been paid on account to the Builders.

We are able to give some information on a matter which we hope will excite a wide interest in the parish. For many years there has been a Society at Quorn for securing allotments, but hitherto it has only been possible to obtain land for this purpose as tenants, with the liability to have the rent raised or be turned out at the landlord's discretion. An opportunity will shortly be offered of *buying small plots of land out and out* for gardens or building purposes, by small weekly payments. The matter has been started by Mr. George White, who has managed similar schemes in other places. With the kind assistance of Mrs. Warner, of Quorn Hall, 12½ acres of land have been bought, lying on the Loughborough side of Barrow Lane, and extending from the Churchill's land to the footpath leading to Mr. Cross's farm. This will be cut up into plots varying from one-eighth of an acre (600 square yards). The price of plots will differ according to situation, but a piece of this size will cost about £20, which may be paid for either in one sum or by a weekly payment of 1/-, kept up for about 8 years. As soon as the payments begins the land may be taken possession of, and if the payments are kept up, or the remainder due at any time is paid off, the land belongs absolutely to the person so paying. We have no doubt that all this land will be soon taken up by those who wish to invest their little savings, or can manage a small weekly sum out of their earnings. Full particulars will

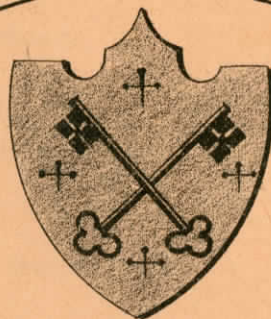
be issued within a few weeks, and meantime Mr. White will be glad to give information to any one who may be interested. He tells us that this system of land purchase has been carried through successfully in neighbouring villages. At Mountsorrel a number of plots were bought up almost at once. At Rothley one scheme has been carried through and another started. At Barrow a scheme with 67 plots was started only last August and all of them have been taken, and have been, or are being paid for. We will only mention one case where good has been done through these means in a neighbouring village. A man who took one plot after some persuasion, stated afterwards that when he took it he had not the money to pay for it, but he *left off going to the public-house, and paid for it out of money saved that way*. But it needs no more evidence than common sense—it is easily reckoned out—a pint of beer less per day would, in 5 years, make a man the owner of his garden. There are lots of men in Quorn who might at this day be living in their *own houses* if they had only been ruled by common sense!

Mrs. Kaye's Charity.—This matter is still in the lawyers' hands, and the money has not been received, and cannot be given away on Good Friday.



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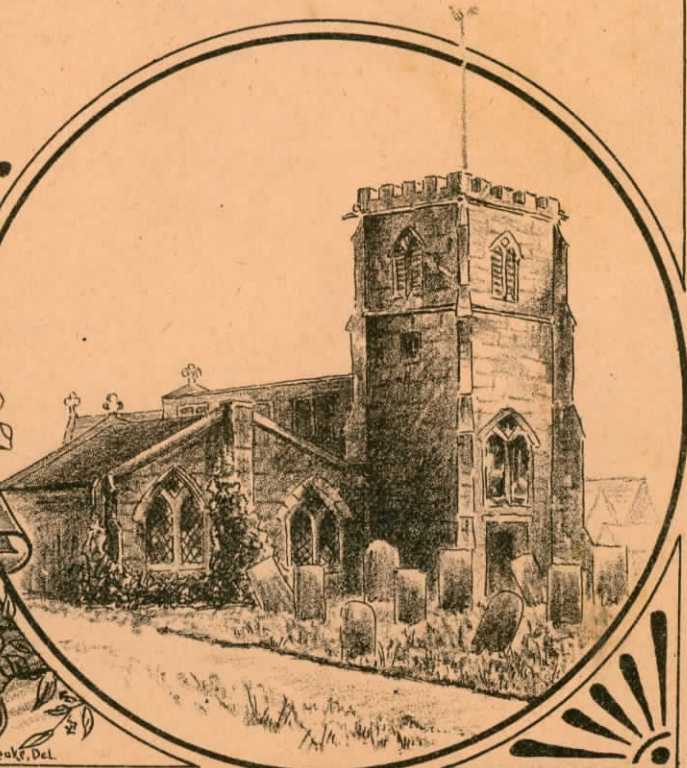
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May 1st—Friday—Festival of S. S. Peter and James, Apostles and Martyrs.

May 3rd—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

May 10th—Fifth Sunday after Easter, called "Rogation Sunday," and the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are called Rogation Days. It is a time for asking for a blessing on the rising produce of the ground.

May 14th—ASCENSION DAY. To commemorate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven, 40 days after His Resurrection (Acts i.)

May 17th—Sunday after Ascension Day.

May 24th—WHITSUN DAY.

May 25th and 26th—Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week.

May 31st—TRINITY SUNDAY. After the series of commemorations of the Gospel Story, beginning with Advent and ending with Whitsun Day, this one Sunday is devoted to the special study of the nature of the God-head as revealed to us in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in May.

May 3	S. John xxi. 15-end	} Hymn to be learnt— 160.
" 10	Revise.	
" 17	Acts i.	
" 24	" ii. 1-21.	
" 31	S. John iii. 1.15.	

Baptisms.

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April 5th—George Harris.
 Maggie Minnie Harris.
 19th—Elsie Mary Scotney.
 And one adult.

RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH:—
 Agnes Pearson.
 Sarah Pearson.

Marriage.

April 4th—John William Woodforth and Rebecca Johnson.

Burial.

April 7th—Joseph Painter, aged 66 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 29th—	0 3 4	2 11 9	
April 5th—			16 1 10
			For the Vicar.
12th—	0 3 1	4 4 6	
19th—	0 3 3	3 17 3	
			0 6 5
			Negro Boy Fund.
Poor Box—	0 6 7		
Totals	£0 16 3	£10 13 6	£16 8 3

Hymns.

	Mattins.	Children's Service.	Evensong
May 3rd {	229 169	331 160 194	215 177 31
10th {	216 143 219	573 160 341	240 142 12
14th {	—	—	147
Ascension Day {	—	—	301 201
17th {	147 202 304	147 160 301	300 148 149
8 a.m.			
207	155	154	154
323	157	160	152
24th {	318 133 324	207	207 358
31st {	160 164 161	161 160 163	163 162 22

PARISH NOTES.

Last month we had to call attention to Passion-tide and Easter. The present month also contains important Christian commemorations. The Lord had said to His disciples.—“A little while and ye shall not see Me, and again a little while and ye shall see Me,” (S. John xxi. 16), whereby He foretold His rest in the grave after Good Friday, and then His re-appearance and frequent intercourse with them before He ascended to Heaven. This period is marked by a like space of 40 days, which brings us from Easter to Ascension Day, and then again following the Scripture story, another 10 days bring us to Whitsun Day or Pentecost, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the infant Church to “Guide them into all truth, and to abide with them for ever.” (S. John xvi. 13, and xiv. 16). This may be regarded as the Birthday of the Church—since which time she has lived in the world, and with the power of the Holy Spirit struggled and fought for the Master. Unfortunately the Festival of the Ascension always falling on a week-day is very badly observed in many places. The great Festival of Whitsun Day makes a special call to Christian people to receive the Holy Sacrament.

There will be three celebrations of Holy Communion, viz.:—at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. (choral), and after morning prayer; also on Whit-Monday at 8 a.m., and Whit-Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Prayers and Address in preparation for Whitsun Day communion on Wednesday evening, May 20th, at 7.30.

As usual on Whitsun Day all the collections will be for Foreign Missions.

A few candidates are being prepared for Confirmation at Loughborough, on May 19th. The Vicar will be glad to help in any special cases where Confirmation may be desired then.

Almost, if not quite, for the last time we must refer once more to the Tower Fund. The note on this subject last month showed that out of the £104 remaining to be paid £60 had been raised. The list of subscriptions which we now give shows that the whole sum has been accounted for. But in our anxiety to raise the unexpectedly large sum for the Church Tower, another smaller expense has been forgotten. We mean the expense that was incurred at the freeing of the Church. Some of our readers will remember that this was the object for which a working party and a Bazaar were originally planned more than a year ago. It was only as a second thought that the scope of the design was widened to include the much larger sum required for the Church Tower. Meantime this expense which actually accrued in 1894 has been paid out of 1895-6 Church Funds, and led to an over-draft on that account. We earnestly hope that enough will be collected on the Tower Fund to cover this expenditure.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TOWER FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Warner	...	20	0 0
Mr and Mrs. Parker	...	20	0 0
Mr. Meakin	...	10	0 0
Mrs. Herrick	...	10	0 0
Mr. Cradock	...	10	0 0
Lord Lonsdale	...	10	0 0
*The Rev. E. Foord-Kelcey	...	5	0 0
Mr. Hayward	...	3	3 0
*Mr. Hensman	...	2	2 0

Mr. G. White	...	2	2	0
Mr. Brown	...	2	2	0
*Mr. Thornton	...	2	2	0
Mr. Woodward	...	2	2	0
Mr. Firr...	...	1	10	0
Miss Hawker	...	1	0	0
Mr. Cuffling	...	1	1	0
Mr. Sault	...	1	1	0
Mr. Backhouse	...	1	0	0
Mr. Fewkes	...	1	0	0
Mr. Pepper	...	0	10	0
Mr. Richardson	...	0	2	6
Mr. Herbert	...	0	2	6
Mr. Moore	...	0	2	0

*To be paid in two instalments.

We ought to say a word about the Tea and Entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Quorn Lodge, at the Village Hall, on Wednesday April 22nd. It was very kind, so soon after their return, to carry out a plan which would give pleasure to so many people. Such a token of kindly feeling will add strength to the general wishes for their continued happiness.

The following letter has been received from our Negro Boy in Africa:—

Newala, Feb. 2nd, 1896.

My dear Sir,

I send you my love, and will tell you my news. I think you will be sorry to hear that my father died on October 23rd last year. He died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and was buried at 7 the same day. His grave is in the middle of the village where he lived and where a very nice house had been built. The people have been in great distress because of the famine, but they are beginning to get good now. You know a famine causes a great deal of trouble and many people have died through it. We had great rejoicings at Christmas. I should very much like to see your face in a picture. Will you please send me one. We were very sad to hear of the death of Mr. Williams and the Bishop of Nyasaland who were drowned in the great lake. In January we had an Examination; I was first in the 3rd class, which I think will please you. I want to find a present for you. I received the pretty cross quite safely that the children sent me.

My love to the Children. I shall be very glad to receive another letter from you.

I am, your loving boy,

BARTOLMAYO MMENYANGA.

This has been sent in answer—

Quorn,

England, April 20th, 1896.

My dear boy,

Thank you for your nice letter, I read it to all the children. It was sad news you had to tell about your father. There are also some boys amongst ours whose fathers are dead. When anyone dies with us the body is brought to Church, where we say prayers, then it is carried out again and buried close by the Church. The Church stands in the middle of our village, and it is very old, but beautiful still. We are glad to hear that you were first in your class at the examination. We hope you will work hard and learn all you can, then you will be better able to grow wise and good. I have got a picture of you and your father and brothers which I sometimes show to the children. I send you a little picture of myself. When you look at it remember that I love you and pray God to bless and keep you. Be good dear boy, as we are trying to be, then we shall meet when God takes us to be with Him.

Your loving friend,

EDWD. FOORD-KELCEY.

We are glad to hear that a Scholarship has been obtained at the Barrow Grammar School by William Frederick Thornton, age 11. Willie is a good boy and we hope he will do well in the future.

The Examination of the Schools in Religious Knowledge is to take place on Wednesday, May 13th. This will be the first visit of the new Diocesan Inspector, The Rev. S. W. Wigg.

We are afraid that more flowers have been stolen from the Churchyard. On Easter Day some of the best blossoms were picked out of a wreath placed on a grave. We should like to believe that it was done by some little child who knew no better. It is terrible to think that anyone would deliberately steal flowers from a grave. If anyone should be detected in doing this they will richly deserve all the punishment that the law permits.

At the Vestry Meeting on Easter Monday evening, Mr Thornton was again chosen by the Vicar to act as his Churchwarden, and Mr. Meakin was unanimously re-elected to represent the parish.

Mr. G. White having resigned the office of Sidesman on account of his having joined the choir, and Mr. George Dexter, junr., having been elected in his place, the other seven Sidesmen were re-elected. We were glad to notice that the attendance was larger than usual, and the Vestry was packed to its utmost capacity. The chief interest of the meeting centred upon the Church accounts for the past year. A very carefully prepared balance sheet was produced by Mr. Meakin, which had been previously examined with vouchers by Mr. G. White and Mr. Cuffling. These accounts will be found printed at full length, and as they stand they show a very unsatisfactory state of things. They show that the year began with a balance of £23 11s. 3d., and ended with a deficit of £12 12s. 3d., that is to say, £36 3s. 6d. more was spent during the year than was received in it.

It was this serious aspect of affairs that led the Vicar to examine the accounts and issue the printed statement in Easter week. He now writes: It is only the deep anxiety that the state of Church accounts has caused me that has made me intervene in the matter at all. This is a matter which I cannot control and am not responsible for, yet I cannot help being seriously concerned. In the abstract of the Church accounts that I issued in Easter week, I deducted two items of £7 9s. 3d. and £10 0s. 0d. (marked * in the balance sheet) as being things that should not have been paid out of the ordinary yearly Church account. This reduced the excess of expenditure over receipts to £18 14s. 3d., which was more than covered by the balance from last year, and left £5 7s. 0d. in hand. This result can, however, only be attained if the two items above referred to are paid from some other source. In my statement I referred to the estimate which I made a year ago (see Magazine for May, 1895), that to meet the necessary expenses of the Church each Sunday's collections must average £3. That estimate has been exactly realized. The ordinary necessary expenses, not including the items to which I have referred, come to £122, which would have been nicely covered if each of the 42 Sundays had brought in £3. Unfortunately, our collections have only averaged £2 8s. 9d. per Sunday, and so we are about £18 short, and are only saved from debt on the year by the balance we had over at the beginning. There are one or two things that ought to be said: Firstly, that this is the first year that the expense of organist and choir (about £30) have fallen on the general Church account; and, secondly, the system of weekly collections for Church expenses has only been going on for a few months; and, thirdly, during the year nearly £270 has been raised for the Restoration of the Church Tower, principally from the pockets of those from whom the Church expenses also come. I closed my statement with the following

words: "My own idea has always been that the amount for Church expenses should be raised by quite a different plan, which I may be bold enough to set forth in next month's magazine." And this promise I propose now to fulfil. If I state my own ideas plainly, it must not be supposed that I consider my own plan to be without some drawbacks, nor shall I be disappointed if it should never be adopted. I only state my views, and ask all persons interested to give them fair consideration. My first point is that every year we have a certain sum to pay for Church expenses, which can be estimated pretty accurately at the beginning of the year. It now stands at about £120. This has to be paid whether we like it or not. In fact the Churchwardens, as representatives of the congregation, could be sued at law for the different items. That is to say, there is a definite debt incurred by keeping open the Church for service. My second point follows as a matter of course. The expenses which make up this sum should be punctually paid. If this is not done we are running into debt, which is a form of dishonesty in an individual, and so a scandal to a Christian congregation. And yet, unhappily, this is no uncommon thing. I constantly hear of debts on Church expenses. On looking back in the Churchwardens' books I find that till the last three years it has been a frequent occurrence. Thirdly, to save ourselves from the chance of this scandal we ought to have a certain source of income to meet our regular expenses. We ought not to depend upon an uncertain source of supply which may be enough or too much, or not enough, as this year.

Now I want to set out the objections which seem to me to spoil the weekly collection system.

First—It is uncertain in amount.

Secondly.—It is not a good way of sharing up the expenses among the different members of the congregation, upon all of whom the debt lies. It is not a matter for generosity so much as fairness, and each one should like to know that he is paying about his share (according to his means). It is quite likely that one may give more than he ought and so encourage another to give less than he ought. I can quite imagine a person being perplexed as to what to do, and that is not a condition in which the best results are realized. I do not believe the debts in Church accounts arise because people are unwilling to give what is necessary, but because of the uncertain way they are invited to contribute.

Thirdly.—Having Collections in Church for this purpose leads to a wrong impression of giving. With many people the frequent giving of a small sum leads them to look upon that small sum as a proper kind of offering in God's House, and so when some really charitable object such as hospitals or missions comes they think they do right if they give a little more than usual. As a matter of fact I doubt whether we ought to look upon Church expenses (in great part for our own comfort and advantage) as a proper object for offerings, but rather as the paying of a debt.

Fourthly.—In one way those who are most able to contribute are the most likely to miss opportunities of giving, for it is people of ample means who are most often able to be away from home.

But it is time I left speaking of objections to the present system and set forth an alternative plan. The first point to be secured is that it must be certain and dependable. The second that it should be fair to all parties—apportioning the burden according to persons' means, and thirdly that it should be quite voluntary, and should not confer any kind of right or preference in the Parish Church.

It seems to me that these ends might be secured if an estimate of expenses was put forward each year, and all persons who value the services of the Church should be asked to let the Churchwardens know how much they will contribute towards them. Then I should imagine a person saying—I certainly ought to spare a 1d. a week for this purpose, some 3d., some 6d., some 1/-, a few 2/6 or 5/-. It cannot be put too clearly.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1d per week makes	0	1	1	a quarter	0	4	4
3d	0	3	3	"	0	13	0
6d	0	6	6	"	1	6	0
1/-	0	13	0	"	2	12	0
2/6	1	12	6	"	6	10	0
5/-	3	5	0	"	13	0	0

Now no one need give for this purpose more than they can easily spare, and surely the following estimate might be realized without any one being put to the slightest inconvenience.

	£	s.	d.
40 giving 1d. a week	8 13 4
20 " 3d. "	13 0 0
10 " 6d. "	13 0 0
10 " 1/- "	26 0 0
4 " 2/6 "	26 0 0
2 " 5/- "	26 0 0

Total ... £112 13 4

This would leave about £10 to be raised by a plate held at the door for strangers and those who do not contribute regularly. The regular contributions might be collected quarterly or might even be left in church on certain appointed Sundays.

I have taken the trouble to go into these figures because I believe that we have plenty of people willing to give their share if they were not asked to give quite in the dark. There are objections and difficulties that occur to me against such a plan, but I feel so deeply the disgrace of possible debt and the risk of this disgrace if we continue our present hap-hazard method that at least the suggestion of an alternative plan is not unreasonable.

It is often said that we Church people do not know what it is to give regularly to maintain the ordinances of religion. I was talking a few days ago to a gentleman concerned in a Nonconformist place of worship in Loughborough, who told me that they had to raise £8 a week for their necessary expenses.

It was stated at the Vestry Meeting that more had been collected this year for Special Objects than last. This was a mistake. In 1894-5 the sum was £41 6s. 9d., in 1895-6 £40 12s. 8d. not including the Easter offerings in either case.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, EASTER, 1895, TO EASTER, 1896.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1894-5	...	23	11	3
42½ Sunday Collections	...	103	14	5
Bank Interest	...	0	10	0
Balance out of hand	...	12	12	3
		£140	7	11

	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Visitation Fees and Expenses	...	1	2	0
Offertory Book	...	0	7	6
Helbrovner (Church Goods)	...	3	10	0
Hallam do.	...	3	4	0
Wills (Printing)	...	2	7	6
		10	11	0

	SALARIES—	£	s.	d.
Herbert (Clerk)	...	6	0	0
King (Salary and Special Work in Churchyard)	...	11	10	0
Mrs. Neal (Cleaner)	...	7	0	0
Ringers	...	5	0	0
Mrs. Joiner (Washing Surplices)	...	0	14	0
		30	4	0

	ORGAN AND CHOIR—	£	s.	d.
Organist (part Salary)	...	25	0	0
Organ Blower	...	6	10	0
Organ Tuning	...	3	0	0
Choir Boys (reward money)	...	4	10	0

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	TRADESMEN'S BILLS—	£	s.	d.
Beeby	...	0	9	6
*Sanders	...	7	19	3
Facer	...	1	1	0
Fewkes	...	1	7	0
Holmes	...	0	15	2
*Swain	...	10	0	0
Backhouse	...	4	5	5
Lucas	...	2	3	6
Lowe	...	0	17	6
Thornton	...	4	18	6

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	HEATING AND LIGHTING—	£	s.	d.
Gas	...	10	4	7
Cuffling (Coal)	...	6	8	4

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	MISCELLANEOUS—	£	s.	d.
Rent of Herbage	...	1	18	8
Fire Insurance	...	1	18	6
Petty Cash	...	6	0	0
Cheque Book	...	0	5	0

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£140 7 11

SICK AND POOR FUND.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	...	0	1	10½
Collections at Early Celebrations	...	9	7	11½
Poor Box	...	1	5	6
		£10	15	4

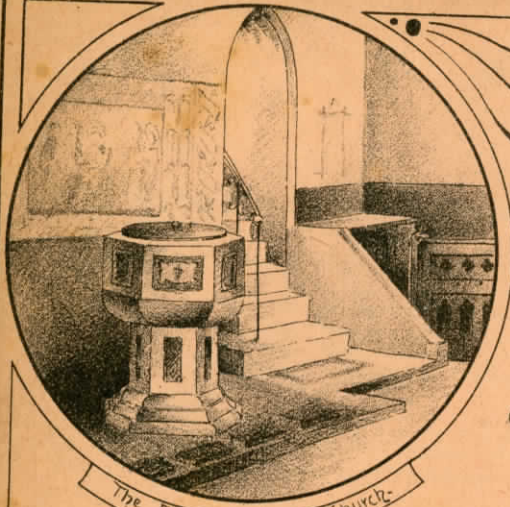
	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Given away in small sums	...	1	14	0
Provisions	...	2	5	2
For Convalescents	...	0	15	2
Milk	...	0	5	9
Cod Liver Oil and Medicine	...	1	6	6
Pair Spectacles	...	0	3	6
Balance on Distress Fund	...	0	17	6
Loughborough Dispensary	...	2	2	0
In hand	...	1	5	9
		£10	15	4

COLLECTIONS FOR SPECIAL OBJECTS.

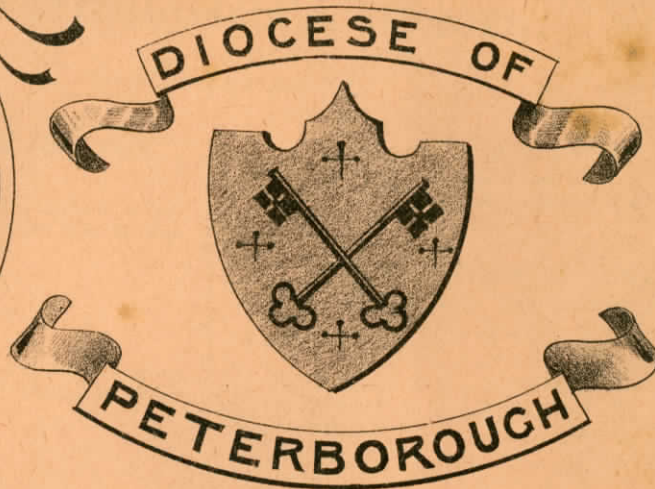
	£	s.	d.
Easter Offerings, 1895 (for Vicar)	15	9	10
Foreign Missions	7	10	2
Diocesan Association	3	13	0
Hospitals	9	12	8
Archidiaconal Education Fund	2	10	0
Waifs and Strays' Society	5	4	9
C. E. Temperance Society	2	18	9
Additional Curates' Society	3	17	4
Navy Mission	2	10	2
At Anniversary Services of Benefit Societies for Loughborough Dispensary	2	15	10
	£56	2	6

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Services in the Parish Church.

SUNDAYS—8 a.m. Holy Communion, and on the first Sunday in the month, also after Mattins.
 11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.
 2.45 p.m. Children's Service.
 3.30 p.m. Baptisms.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

COLLECTIONS at 8 a.m. for the Sick and Poor Fund; at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. every Sunday for Church Expenses unless some special object is announced.

SAINTS DAYS and HOLY DAYS—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10 a.m. Mattins.
 7.30 p.m. Evensong.

All other Week Days—

10 a.m. Mattins (with the Litany on Wednesday and Friday.)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

THE SEATS IN THE PARISH CHURCH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS OF THE MONTH.

June 7th—First Sunday after Trinity.
 June 11th—Thursday—Festival of S. Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr.
 June 14th—Second Sunday after Trinity.
 June 21st—Third Sunday after Trinity.
 June 24th—Nativity (or Birthday) of S. John the Baptist.
 June 28th—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
 June 29th—Festival of S. Peter, Apostle and Martyr

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in June.

June 7.	1 Kings xiii.	} Hymn to be learnt— 166.
„ 14.	2 Chron. xviii.	
„ 17.	1 Kings xviii.	
„ 28.	„ xix.	

Baptisms.

(There is no fee whatever for Baptisms, and the names are not put in the Magazine if it is not wished.)

May 10th—Horace Harold Thompson.
 Maud Elizabeth Brown.
 17th—Thomas Vincent Bushell.
 Ellen Capell.
 31st—Horace Gamble.

Burials.

May 4th—An infant.
 9th—Jane Johnson, aged 68 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 26th—			4 15 11
			Diocesan Associations.
May 3rd—	0 3 8	2 9 10	
10th—	0 2 7	2 12 7	
17th—	0 2 9	1 14 1	4 17 4
24th—			Foreign Missions.
			0 5 2½
			Negro Boy Fund.
Poor Box—	0 2 7		
Totals	£0 11 7	£6 16 6	£9 18 5½

Hymns.

	Mattins.	Children's Service.	Evensong
June 7th {	260	242	292
	195	166	225
		176	266
11th {	—	—	261
			436
			19
14th {	213	243	270
	164	166	217
	182	331	22
21st {	276	290	274
	244	166	224
	403	194	282
24th {	—	—	261
			50
			414
28th {	233	292	261
	269	166	416
	217	333	439
			447

PARISH NOTES.

We are sorry to be late this month with the Magazine, owing to the Whitsuntide holidays.

The National Schools were inspected in Religious Knowledge on Wednesday, May 13th, by the new Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. S. W. Wigg, Rector of Anstey. In his Report received a few days later he speaks very highly of the work and condition of the Schools. We can hardly withhold his remarks upon the Infant Department. He said: "It would be difficult to imagine a better School. Tone, knowledge, discipline, all very good."

The subject of the religious teaching in the National School suggests to the Vicar a word of exhortation which he thinks it right to address to the parents of children who are not sent to the National Schools. In the National Schools a careful system of religious instruction is gone through, and the children are thoroughly grounded in religious knowledge. If children are not sent to these Schools, what means are the parents taking to have them taught what a Christian ought to know? It is very often found that the children of regular Church goers have never learned the Catechism, and are ignorant of things that a child in the Infant School would know well. Of course, in regard to religious principles, the *example* of parents is the most important thing, but ignorance in religious knowledge is also very unfair to progress and perseverance in the religious life.

Several of the iron grave memorial have been put down in the Churchyard lately. We hope that more will be used as time goes on. The large slate or marble ones are, of course, expensive, but the iron ones may be obtained for children from 5/6, and a very nice one for grown-up people for 15/- It is sad to see the number of graves that are quite unmarked, and look as if they were forgotten. The Vicar will always be glad to give information and assistance in ordering, or application may be made to the Sexton.

Another Scholarship at the Barrow Grammar School has been gained by a Quorn boy, viz. Joseph Kinch, just turned 13 years.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

The Vicar writes: I wish to acknowledge the kind way in which some of the parishioners have taken pains to consider and communicate with me, by word of mouth or in writing, on the subject of the Church Accounts. It was my chief object and hope when I wrote the remarks in the April Magazine to set people thinking upon the matter and draw out expressions of opinion. I need hardly say that some have expressed opinions quite adverse to my proposal, while others think that some such plan would be the most reasonable method to be employed. All I think agree that it would be a disgrace for us to be in debt permanently, but I am exhorted not to take to heart the fact of an adverse balance which may be soon wiped off. It is thought that I have not made sufficient allowance for facts that make last year an unusual one, among which are the following—

- (1) It was the first complete year during which the new system had been tried.
- (2) For the first time the expenses of organist and choir had been thrown upon the general fund.
- (3) There was a considerable balance at the beginning of the year, which gave an impression that there was no exceptional need.
- (4) A large sum has been raised for the work on the Tower.
- (5) One correspondent points out that the old system, under which a large part of the expenses was derived from private sources, rendered the "rank and file" of Church-goers unaccustomed to give.

One practical suggestion was made, viz., that Special Collections should be made for the expenses of choir and organist, and for needful Church repairs. This has been sometimes contemplated and might be tried. Some think that the present needs for Church expenses have not been sufficiently made known. With the very large circulation of the Parish Magazine (350 a month), I cannot think of any much better method of publication among the parishioners. At least, by this time, all who will concern themselves about it must see how matters stand. One kind friend, after saying that he thinks a change of system undesirable, goes on to remark: "I think your remarks in the Magazine should have a good effect, as they bring home to the congregation in a forcible way the amount that each family should contribute." I wish it may be so with all my heart. So far, however, as this year has gone, there has not been much to shew an improvement. As, has been stated again and again, TO PAY OUR DEBTS WE WANT THREE POUNDS ON EVERY SUNDAY THAT WE HAVE COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES, and since Easter that average has not been kept up. So that, so far, instead of paying off our debts we have got into debt more still. But I will try not to worry and be hopeful.

We are able to give some account of the beginning of the season with the Quorn Cricket Club. The record is certainly not favourable so far, but we shall hope to have to publish some more successes later on. All the four League Matches have been lost, but we give the full score of one match when our team was successful. It was against Messrs. West and Blackwell's XI., and was played at Leicester, on Tuesday, May 26th.

QUORN.

S. Martin, b J. Hurd ..	...	...	...	...	6
M. Bonser, b J. Hurd...	...	...	...	...	3
S. Hallam, b J. Hurd...	...	...	...	...	9
H. Richardson, b W. Hurd	...	...	...	...	0
J. Rumsby, not out ..	...	...	...	...	49
J. Beardmore, b J. Hurd	...	...	...	...	6
W. Armston, b Archer	...	...	...	...	9
F. Waite, b J. Hurd ..	...	...	...	...	4
W. Machin, b Archer...	...	...	...	...	2
W. Huskinson, b Archer	...	...	...	...	0
E. Allen, b J. Hurd ..	...	...	...	...	0
Extras...	...	...	...	...	17
Total	...	...	...	...	105

WEST AND BLACKWELL'S.

H. Townsend, c Hallam, b Beardmore	...	...	...	0
J. Hurd, c Allen b Richardson	...	...	...	0
W. Hurd, run out ..	...	...	...	2
W. Appleby, b Richardson	...	...	...	11
H. Cragthorne, c and b Beardmore...	...	...	...	4
W. Archer, st. Armston, b Beardmore	...	...	...	12
Chadwick, b Beardmore	...	...	...	0
A. Noble, b Richardson	...	...	...	0
T. Noble, junr., b Rumsby	...	...	...	12
A. Harding, not out ..	...	...	...	0
T. Noble, senr., b Beardmore	...	...	...	0
Extras...	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	45