

S. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn.

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My Dear Friends,—

A happy New Year to you all and may it find us ready and willing for whatever service or sacrifice God may ask of us, also "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

One or two matters of importance call for attention very early in the year. I beg all who receive notice of the Vestry and Annual Church Meeting on January 20th to respond to it by being present. Churchwardens, Councillors and Sidesmen will then be appointed for the year and the retiring council, through its treasurers, will present its statement of accounts for the year past. It is always a gathering of great interest and importance, and the larger the number present, the more invigorating and effective it is. One reminder I should like to offer concerning the elections to any office. It is that those who wish to propose any name should ascertain beforehand the willingness of their nominee to stand.

With regard to the Confirmation on March 24th, I made a brief reference in my last letter. Now I should like to ask all who wish to present themselves to see me in Church after evensong on Sunday, January 16th. I should be grateful, too, if parents or god-parents or guardians would bring to my notice any unconfirmed in whom they have an interest. Also I should be glad to be of use to any who have passed the usual age for confirmation and are now considering the matter. May the time of preparation be hallowed to God's glory, and may many stretch forth the hand of faith for God's gift of His Holy Spirit.

Our Missionary School came to a close with its sixth session on December 8th. The attendance was quite encouraging, the average number present being 28. The threefold group discussions into which the school broke itself up at four of the sessions were productive of many practical proposals, which the group reporters presented to the whole school. The question that now arises is "What next?" Well, a "follow up" conference was agreed upon by the school before it broke up. The date is Monday, January 17th, at 7 o'clock. At this conference, some of the outstanding suggestions made should take definite shape and become part of our future missionary policy. In that in view, I hope all the members of the school will take careful note of the date.

But remembering that the school did not by any means (God forbid) include all the missionary hearted people, we beg others than members also to be present.

We may thank God for another happy Christmas, for the services, particularly, of course, the Communions (though many were absent), the special music, and the very happy spirit prevailing at the Christmas parties. May goodwill be carried forward into the new year and be in all relationships its most conspicuous feature.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Notes for the Month.

Sat., Jan. 1 (The Circumcision): H.C., 7-0 a.m. Distribution of Charities. Sunday School (Senior) Party.

Mon., Jan. 3: Day School Managers, 5-30.

Wed., Jan. 5: G.F.S. Dance.

Thurs., Jan. 6 (The Epiphany): H.C., 7-0 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 13: Meeting of Church Council, 7-15.

Sun., Jan. 16: Sunday School Prize-Giving, 2-30.

Mon., Jan. 17: Missionary School "Follow up" Conference at 7-0.

Tues., Jan. 18: League of Nations Union Monthly Meeting, 7-30.

Thurs., Jan. 20: Vestry and Annual Church Meeting at 7-0.

Mon., Jan. 24th: Church Room Committee, 7-30.

Thurs., Jan. 27: G.F.S. Missionary Conference.

Tues., Jan. 25 (Conversion of St. Paul): H.C., 7-0 a.m.

Mothers' Union.—The mothers have been lending a useful hand lately in various directions. On December 14th, they had a sale and handed over as a result to the treasurer of the Church Room Fund the sum of £10. This makes £50 2s. 1d. in all that the Mothers have raised for the Church Room. And at the Christmas party on December 29th they provided the refreshments and distributed them free of charge. For both of these efforts we owe them our best thanks.

Girls' Friendly Society.—An admission service was held on December 14th, when 12 members and two associates were admitted. On January 27th, at 7-0, the members are

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asked to join one another in a missionary conference. Mrs. Hanford, who is the secretary for the G.F.S. missionary activity in the diocese, will be present to speak. The dress-making classes are going forward quite satisfactorily. The candidates have been working for Mrs. Farnham's Mission in East London, and in the new year they are going to work for missions. We shall all be very sorry to lose sight of Mrs. Pochin for the four months of her absence in South Africa, but we must make up our minds to keep things going strong.

Sunday Schools.—Miss B. Moore gave all the Infants a very jolly party on December 24th, which both they and their mothers enjoyed immensely. The children of the senior school had tea and games in the Village Hall on New Year's Day. We are now getting ready for the prize-giving and carol-singing on January 16th, to which we invite all parents and friends.

Charities.—The Vicar and Churchwardens made their usual distribution of Prior's, Ansted's and Miss Farnham's charities on New Year's Day. In their efforts to allocate these charities fairly they are bound every year to discontinue some whose circumstances have in the ordinary course of things altered for the better.

Christmas Party.—This was declared on all sides to be a very jolly affair. There was a goodly company present, an excellent variety of entertainment, and a thoroughly sociable spirit prevailing throughout. A committee of ladies presided over a stall of miscellaneous articles which they had collected, in addition to sums of money which some preferred to give. The Mothers' Union provided us with refreshment, for which we accorded our best thanks. The proceeds, for the Church Day School Funds, were about £30.

Intercessions, on Wednesdays (H.C., 7-0 a.m. and E.P. 6-30):

Jan. 5 Missions Overseas.
 .. 12 The Sunday Schools.
 .. 19 For the Annual Church Meeting.
 .. 26 For the G.F.S.
 Feb. 2 (The Purification): Mothers.

Sidesmen on Duty during January.

January 2nd:
 8-0 Mr. Spence.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Bancroft.
 6-30 Messrs. Spencer and Fox.
 January 9th:
 8-0 Mr. Brereton.
 9-30 Messrs. Timson and Wainwright.
 11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Brereton.
 6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Bancroft.
 January 16th:
 8-0 Mr. Bancroft.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Timson.
 6-30 Messrs. Spencer and Brereton.

Church Room.—With the addition of £10 referred to above, the fund is now on the highway to four figures. It stands at £907 16s. 8d.

Altar Flowers.

Jan. 2 Mrs. Ragg.
 .. 9 Miss Hall.
 .. 16 Mrs. Oliver.
 .. 23 Miss Polesworth.
 .. 30 Miss Callis.
 Feb. 6 Mrs. Ogden.

Offertories.

		£ s. d.
Nov. 23	Sick and Poor	0 15 8
	Church Expenses	3 5 10
Dec. 5	C.M.S.	4 13 8
Dec. 12	Sick and Poor	0 4 11
	Church Expenses	3 9 5
Dec. 19	Sick and Poor	0 5 4
	Church Expenses	3 1 0
Dec. 25	Sunday Schools	4 6 11
	Waifs and Strays	4 6 10
Dec. 26	Sick and Poor	0 6 6
	Church Expenses	3 10 5
	Per Mr. Rumsey's Carol Singers (for Waifs and Strays)	2 6 8

Marriage.

Dec. 22 Frank Hall to Louisa Harper.

Baptism.

Dec. 12 Gordon William Smith.

Burial.

Dec. 14 Sarah Ann Squire, aged 74 years.

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Dear Friends,—

Once more our annual Vestry and Church Meetings have been held and a new year of office has begun for our Churchwardens, Church Council, and Sidesmen. I am very happy in being able to retain the services of Mr. E. B. Fewkes as my warden and your choice has for the third time fallen upon Mr. C. Adams, who no doubt will fill the office with conspicuous diligence as in the past. The Church Council holds its place more firmly year by year as the chief instrument of all Church activity and I rejoice to think that I am to preside in the coming year over a body of men and women worthy to be fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the past year's accounts, it was noticeable that the collections on normal Sundays showed a drop of 6 per cent, on the previous year. It is not safe to argue that the congregations at Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays were smaller by proportion, and yet I think that such was probably the case. It was not a big drop, perhaps, but any drop is serious when steady progress is what we should be looking for. Two features in the accounts which give us cause for thankfulness are that the quota to the Diocese has been paid in full, and that for the first time receipts are shown from a day of prayer and gifts for missions for which the Council was responsible.

The coming month will be a great one in the history of the Church, for the Hallowing of the diocese and cathedral church is to take place during its last week. In the magazine you will find a "hallowing leaflet." Please study it well. It sets forth in detail a great series of services at S. Martin's, at one or other of which I hope we shall be able to take a part. It shows too, in every case, how admission may be obtained. At some of the services you are directed to apply to the clergy for tickets. If you are able to attend any of those, please do not hesitate to bombard me with requests. Also a medal has been struck, and is obtainable in various sizes and prices—to be worn as a token. I hope that many will secure one during the week.

The preparations for the Hallowing Week have entailed enormous labour upon our

Archdeacons and others which I hope will be rewarded by a large and enthusiastic response.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Lent.—Ash Wednesday is on March 2. There will be special services on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, March 10, at 7.0. The preacher will be the Rev. F. W. Walker, Vicar of Birstall.

The Annual Vestry and Church Meetings.—Held in the Schools on Thursday, January 20, at 7 p.m. Present: 40 (20 men and 20 women). The Vicar nominated Mr. E. B. Fewkes his warden and the meeting elected Mr. C. Adams as theirs. This with the usual, but none the less appropriate and well deserved expressions of confidence, concluded the business of the Vestry. The annual Church Meeting followed forthwith. The secretary of the retiring Council gave his report of the Council's work. Mr. C. Adams, as one of the joint treasurers appointed by the Council, presented the Council's statement of accounts for the past year. This is published overleaf. **SIDESMEN:** Resolved that the number be 12. Nominations were 15, and a ballot followed. The names of those returned appear above. **RURAL-DECANAL REPRESENTATIVES:** Three were nominated; a ballot followed and the two whose names appear above were returned. **COUNCIL:** In addition to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Rural-Decanal representation, who are ex-officio members, ten were required to be elected. Nominations were 12; a ballot followed. The names of those returned appear above. The meeting closed with open discussion of various points of interest, and with prayer.

Missionary School Follow-up Conference.—This was held on January 17th. 20 were present. The following definite points were agreed upon as the outcome of the school:

1. A Missionary circulating library to be formed. 15 present agreed to join. Mr. Mervyn D. Jones accepted the secretaryship.

2. A service of Missionary Intercession (with collection) to be held on the 1st Wednesday in each month at 7.0.

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3. The distribution of further missionary boxes to be pressed and the Sunday Schools be asked to have a box for each class.

4. The proposition to be laid before the Church Council that the Missionary Committee for the parish should be a sub-committee of the Council, to report periodically.

Sunday Schools.—The annual prize-giving service was held on Sunday, January 16th. The two superintendents, Mr. G. Horspool and Miss B. Moore, reported on the state of the schools during the past year. The Rev. F. J. Oliver gave a very interesting address to the children. The singing of the infants was particularly good. That of the seniors had been well and accurately learnt, but was disappointingly flat. Prizes were gained by 19 girls (1925, 22; 1924, 43), and by 22 boys (1925, 26; 1924, 27). The following earned full marks: Madge Webster, Millie Kettle, Ethel Green, Elsie Bramley, Mabel Broom, Lucy Winterton, Maggie Stocks, Phyllis Broom, Dick Thompson, Kenneth Kinch, Laurie Pick, Ernest Bancroft, Grace Bancroft.

Church Room.—All friends and supporters please note the date—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, at 7.30 IN THE SCHOOLS. The committee having already decided upon a garden party and sale of work on June 25th, wish to lay before a general meeting of all interested on the above date a proposition to expand this effort into a bazaar. The committee felt that it was not a sufficiently representative body to decide this without reference to a larger meeting. So please come and help to make a right decision.

Waifs and Strays.—Miss Nevitt has had to resign the secretaryship which she has held for some years past. We are very much indebted to her for the useful piece of work. Miss Dorothy Hickling has kindly consented to take her place at the Vicar's invitation.

Hallowing Token.—These may be obtained from Mr. T. Lucas—Aluminium 3d., Bronze, 1s.

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Feb. 2 (The Purification) Mothers.
" 9 The Parish.
" 16 The Diocese.

Altar Flowers.

Feb. 6 Mrs. Ogden.
" 13 Mrs. R. Facer.
" 20 Mrs. Tyler.
" 27 Miss Burrows.

Total F.W.O. Offerings for the year ending 31st December, 1926 were £76 11s. 6d.

Baptisms.

(Omitted from December Magazine).
Nov. 26 Anthony Lewis Frocks.
" 23 Hermione Maureen Harris.
" 26 John Stanley Penn.

Burials.

Jan. 3 Lucy Ellen Facer, aged 59 years.
" 20 George Bagley, aged 69 years.

January Offerteries.

Jan. 2	Sick and Poor	0	16	2
	Church Expenses	3	8	4
" 9	Sick and Poor	0	7	2
	Church Expenses	3	7	5
" 16	Sick and Poor	0	4	6
	Sunday Schools	1	10	2
	Church Expenses	3	1	11
" 23	Sick and Poor	0	3	4
	Church Expenses	2	12	1

Sidesmen on Duty during February.

February 6th :

8.0 Mr. Joiner.
11.0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.
6.30 Messrs. Spencer, sen., and Fox.

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8.0 Mr. Wainwright.
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March 6th :

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My dear friends,

Writing in the midst of Hallowing Week, I must express the general feeling of thankfulness that prevails. God has enabled us of this county to accomplish the task which was undertaken in the belief that it was His will. In the cathedral which has now been hallowed we are taking part in a series of crowded and inspiring services. In every parish of our compact and workable diocese now hallowed we should feel a new movement of the Holy Spirit. Eastward, westward, northward, southward, the Bishop in the act of hallowing made the sign of the cross in token that there should be no part of the Diocese to which there should not come the grace and salvation of Christ's Holy Cross.

Very fittingly, Lent follows immediately upon the Hallowing. So let us think of our Lent as a time of individual self-hallowing. Corporate activity and a corporate spirit are splendid things, but it is all so much megalomania unless the individual draws nearer to God. Let us one and all do that in Lent. Let us each put a finger upon some very weak spot (be content with one) in our life and by God's grace make it strong. The weak spot may be in respect of morning prayers, Bible reading, or communions. It may be some habit that already too long we have allowed to insult us. Whatever it is, think it over quietly and make some plan of attack upon it. "Be still then, and know that I am God."

Below will be found a summary of offerings to Missions Overseas during 1926. I am very thankful that during the year of the "World Call" our amount is considerably in excess of previous years. It is interesting to note the two causes to which the increase may be traced. They are entirely different in character. One is the introduction of a "Day of Prayer and Gifts" (long may it continue!); the other is that the Secretary of the Missionary Guild opened the boxes twice during the year instead of once! I have said that I am thankful for the increase. I cannot say less, but I dare not say more in the face of the far greater sacrifices to which we must yet attain.

You faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Lent.—(i) The special week-night service will be on Thursdays at 7.0. The Rev. F. W. Walker, vicar of Birstall, will give a course of addresses on prayer. (ii) Lent savings boxes will be for S.P.G. work among English people overseas. Please ask for one after any service. (iii) There will be a children's service every Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.

Church Council.—Notes of meeting held on Jan. 31st. Present 13. Apologies 2. Membership 15. (i) Election of Officers. The following were elected: Vice-chairman, Mr. G. Horspool; treasurers, Messrs. C. Adams and E. B. Fewkes; secretary, Mr. Mervyn Jones. Churchyard and Sub-Committee: Miss Firr, Mr. H. J. Hicks and ex-officio members. (ii) Resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Missionary School that the Missionary Committee for the parish should be a sub-committee of the Council. (iii) Allocation of collections, Fabric Fund March 20, Missions to Seamen on Thursdays in Lent, Lent boxes for work amongst our own people overseas. (iv) Hallowing Week—Representatives chosen for the Hallowing and Enthronement Services. Tokens (20 bronze and 30 aluminium) to be ordered by the Council.

Bell Ringers' Guild.—At a meeting held on February 10th, the following probationers were elected members: C. Holmes, H. Hickling, G. McBride, E. Pick, C. Spencer and W. Ward, their admission to take place at the commencement of the 9.30 Choral Eucharist on March 13. We are thankful to report a good, keen spirit among these younger members of the Guild. In fact, there has been a steady improvement all round in the last six months. On the evening of Hallowing Day, the best peal was heard for some time past.

Mothers' Union.—(i) The Mothers' Union Film, showing moving pictures of the stone-laying, the opening, and the work of the Mary Sumner House will be presented at the Victory Cinema, Loughborough, on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 2.30. Tickets, 6d. each, can be obtained from the Journal Distributors. (ii) On Lady Day, Friday March 25th, there will be the annual corporate communion at 9.15. (iii)

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Sunday, March 27th, will again be observed as Mothering Sunday. Will mothers and fathers and their children please all come to evening at 6.30 and sit together? It will be a beautiful act of worship if they will.

Girl's Friendly Society.—Mrs. Pochin will be glad to know that in her absence everything is going on happily. Miss N. Penfold is taking care of the candidates. Basket-making, as taught by Miss Viall, and the course of dress-making classes are keeping the others well and happily employed.

Church Room.—At the general meeting announced for February 14th, there was an attendance of 19. It was resolved "that the event already fixed for June 25 be known as a Summer Fête and Sale of Work, the members present undertaking to do all in their power to make it a success."

Missionary Guild accounts for the complete year ending December 31st, 1926:

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
Boxes for S.P.G.	20 10 6
Boxes for C.M.S.	2 10 4½
Boxes for St. Cuthbert's, Tsolo	5 9 4½
Boys' Bible Class ditto	0 7 4
Alms Box in Church	2 2 11
Total	£30 16 0

PAID OUT.	£ s. d.
S.P.G. General Fund	6 8 0
S.P.G., Penhalonga	11 1 6
S.P.G., Nassau	1 6 0
S.P.G., School of the Epiphany (Cawnpore)	3 15 5
C.M.S., Yeza Hospital	2 10 4½
St. Cuthbert's, Tsolo	5 14 8½
Total	£30 16 0

Summary of Receipts for Missions during 1926:	Overseas
Collections in Church	£ s. d.
Day of Prayer and Gifts	17 15 5
Per Missionary Guild (as above)	16 8 6
	30 16 0
Total	£64 19 11

Free-Will Offerings.	£ s. d.
January 2nd to 30th	1 9 8
February 6th	0 6 0
February 13th	0 8 0
Total to date	£2 3 8

Sidesmen on duty during March.	
March 6th:	
0-0 Mr. Fox.	
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington.	
6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Bonser.	
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1-0 Mr. Bancroft.	
0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.	
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April 3rd:
8-0 Mr. W. Spence.
11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Bancroft.
6-30 Messrs. Martin and Brereton.

February Offerings.

Jan. 30	Sick and Poor	0 4 8
	Church Expenses	2 6 1
Feb. 16	Sick and Poor	0 5 2
	Church Expenses	2 14 6
" 13	Sick and Poor	0 5 0
	Church Expenses	2 16 10
" 20	Sick and Poor	0 15 6
	Church Expenses	2 17 9

Baptisms.

Jan. 30	Ernest Wykes.
Feb. 13	Dorothy Mabel Topley.
" 13	Kenneth Sutton.

Burials.

Jan. 28	George Rossell, aged 82 years.
Feb. 5	Edward Charles Howlett, aged 35 yrs.
" 7	George Mee, aged 68 years.
Feb. 24	Samuel Toone, aged 55 years.

Belton.

The long period during which this Church has been without a Vicar will shortly end. The Rev. Canon Haynes will soon take up residence at the Vicarage and we are looking forward to a time of useful work.

On March 12th the new Vicar will attend a welcome tea in the Schools. Full particulars will be announced.

During the winter the Heating Apparatus has been renovated and repairs done to a number of the windows. Notwithstanding this expense, the financial affairs of the Church are in a healthy state.

Confirmation of candidates from Belton has been deferred owing to the impossibility of preparing candidates, owing to the shortness of time left to the incoming Vicar.

A. WHITAKER, M.P.S.,

OPTICIAN,

24, MARKET PLACE, LOUGHBOROUGH.

Hours:—

10 to 12-30, 2 to 6,
Wed., 10 to 12-30,
or by appointment.

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My dear Friends,

Many of you have expressed your gratitude to the special preachers who have visited us recently. Some of you have actually related to me some of the points of their sermons. For these and all His mercies, God's Holy Name be praised.

We had a very happy and bright Easter. For this, too, let us give thanks. Though I confess it is with mingled feelings that I record the largest number of Communicants we have ever had. With thankfulness, of course, but also with the thought of all the great things we ought to be able to do for God with so large a number of Churchpeople amongst us.

I am writing in a great hurry, for I was called away on the evening of Easter Day and the matter for the magazine was completely forgotten until this eleventh hour.

Immediately below you will find notice of the Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas. I hope that we shall devote the very best of our prayers and energies to the preparation for this during the coming month.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

From the Parochial Church Council
to the Churchpeople in Quorn.

It is proposed to make ASCENSION DAY, MAY 26th, 1927, A Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas. Prayer will be offered in the Church without ceasing from Sunrise to Sunset. There will be Services at definite hours beginning with celebration of Holy Communion at 6-30 a.m. During the intervals between the Services, silent prayer will be offered by those who have undertaken to be present for definite periods of a quarter or half an hour. Will you take your part? Gifts will be received in Church at any time during the day, either in collections or in boxes. The most practical gifts will be in the form of money. But gifts in kind will be equally valuable if they are easily convertible into money. Gifts may be ear-marked for any particular mission. Here is one suggestion that might be made amongst others. Bring at the rate of so much a day for each of the 40 days of Easter, e.g., 40 x 1d.; 40 x 1d.;

40 x 3d.; 40 x 6d.; 40 x 1/- May our Lord bless this effort for the extension of His Kingdom. On the Wednesdays previous to Ascension Day, special intercession will be made at Holy Communion at 7-0 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

Signed on behalf of the Church Council:—
H. H. Rumsey, Chairman; Mervyn D. Jones, Secretary; C. Adams and E. B. Fewkes, Church Wardens.

Notes for the Month.

Sun., May 1st (St. Philip and St. James): H.C., 8 & 12. Preacher at Evensong: Rev. J. Adams.

Tues., May 3rd: Mother's Union Devotional Service at 3-0 p.m.

Wed., May 4th: H.C., 7-0 a.m. Missionary Intercession at 7-0 p.m.

Thurs., May 5th: Meeting of Parochial Church Council, 7-15.

Sunday, May 8th (the 3rd after Easter): H.C., 8-0 and 9-30 (Choral).

Wed., May 11th: H.C., 7-0 a.m. Missionary Intercession at 7-0 p.m.

Sun., May 15th (the 4th after Easter): H.C., 8-0 a.m. Collections for the Fabric Fund.

Tues., May 17th: League of Nations Union. Monthly meeting; Address by the Rev. G. Ambrose.

Wed., May 18th: H.C., 7-0 a.m. Missionary Intercession at 7-0 p.m.

Sun., May 22 (Rogation Sunday): H.C., 8-0, followed by the three Rogation Days.

Wednesday, May 25th: Missionary Intercession 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 26th (Ascension Day): Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas. H.C., 6-30 and 8-0; Mattins, 10-0; Litany, 12-0; Mother's Union, 3-0; Children, 5-0; Choral Evensong, 7-30.

Sun., May 29th (Sunday after Ascension): H.C., 8-0.

June 5th (Whit Sunday): H.C., 7-30, 9-30 (Choral) and 12-0.

Sidesmen on Duty During May.

May 1st:

8-0 Mr. Hardy.

11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Pilkington.

6-30 Messrs. Brereton and Bonser.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORN.—Continued.

May 8th :
 8-0 Mr. Fox.
 9-30 Messrs. Hardy and C. Spencer.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Bancroft.
 6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Pilkington.

May 15th :
 8-0 Mr. W. Spencer.
 11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.
 6-30 Messrs. Fox and Spencer.

May 22nd :
 8-0 Mr. Fewkes.
 11-0 Messrs. Bancroft and Pilkington.
 6-30 Messrs. Martin and Bonser.

May 29th :
 8-0 Mr. Joiner.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Hardy.
 6-30 Messrs. Spencer and Brereton.

June 5th :
 7-30 Messrs. C. Spencer and Brereton.
 9-30 Messrs. Pilkington and Bonsor.
 11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.
 6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.

Mrs. Dawes is giving up her maternity nursing. For many years past she has been an invaluable helper in many of our homes.

Marriages.

Mar. 30 Geoffrey Harold Collumbell to Alice Maud Storer.
 Apr. 16 Herbert Wakerley to Harriett May Harris.
 „ 16 Harold George Pagett to Gladys Ivy Harper.
 „ 16 Thomas Emmanuel Mills to Elsie Sarah Brown.
 „ 18 John Henry Scott to Annie Louisa Lee.

	Free-Will Offerings.	£ s. d.
Previously acknowledged		6 11 11
March 27th		0 12 5
April 3rd to 17th		1 10 11
Total to Date		£3 15 1

April 25, 1927. JOHN MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

	Offertories.	£ s. d.
Mar. 27	Sick and Poor	0 7 7
	Church Expenses	5 2 4
Apr. 3	Sick and Poor	0 8 5
	Church Expenses	3 1 0
„ 10	Sick and Poor	0 8 7
	Church Expenses	3 5 0
„ 17	The Vicar	27 19 5
„ 24	Sick and Poor	0 6 10
	Church Expenses	3 5 9

	Special Collections.	£ s. d.
Missions to Seamen		3 4 6
St. Mary's Refuge		3 7 6
Ketton Diocesan Home		2 6 8
Missions Overseas (Lent Boxes)		2 9 9

Baptisms.

Apr. 3 Betty Wood.
 „ 3 Eric Roy Chapman.
 „ 8 Peter Horace Gamble.
 „ 8 Beryl May Gamble.
 „ 8 Marjorie Grace Gamble.
 „ 24 Enid Newbold.

Burials.

Apr. 18 John Ward, aged 63 years.
 „ 19 Walter Teagle, aged 58 years.
 „ 21 John William Webster, aged 74 years.
 „ 23 Lily Pell aged 14 days.

S. Mary in the Elms, Woodhouse.

Thursday, May 26th, is Ascension Day, one of the five great Festivals of the Church: the one which is less observed than any other, partly because it is not connected with a holiday, as Christmas, Easter and Whit-Sunday: it makes a great claim upon us for our worship.

There will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10-30 a.m., and Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m.

Collections.

April 3rd, £2 1s. 1d.; 10th, £2 10s. 11d.; 17th, £1 13s. 7d.; 18th, £1 3s. 6d.; 24th, £2 12s. 7d.; total £20 1s. 8d.

The amount given in the box in Church during Lent for S. Mary's Home, Leicester, was £5 6s. 8d.

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June 27

S. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn.

Vicar: The Rev. H. H. RUMSEY, M.A.

Churchwardens: Mr. C. Adams (People's), Mr. E. B. Fewkes (Vicar's).

Licensed Parochial Lay Readers: Messrs. C. Murray Rumsey and C. Adams.

Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Bancroft, H. Bonser, L. Brereton, H. J. Fox, C. Hardy, G. Horspool, C. Joiner, J. Martin, T. Pilkington, W. Spencer, C. Spencer, S. Wainwright.

Rural-Parochial Representatives: Messrs. J. Martin and C. Murray Rumsey.

Parochial Church Council:—Ex-Officio: The Vicar, the Churchwardens, the R. D. Representatives. Elected: Miss M. Bradley, Mrs. E. B. Fewkes, Miss E. Firr, Mrs. Hickling, Mr. H. J. Hicks, Mr. G. Horspool, Miss E. Horspool, Mr. C. Joiner, Mr. Mervyn D. Jones, Mrs. Penfold.

Secretary to Parochial Council: Mr. Mervyn Jones.

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Holy Baptism: On Sundays at 3.30 and at other times by appointment.

The Month of June.

Wed., June 1: 7.0 a.m., Prayer and Alms at the Holy Communion for the U.M.C.A.

Sun., June 5 (Whit Sunday): Holy Communion at 7.30, 9.30 (Choral) and 12.0.

Wed., June 15: Meeting in the Schools at 7.30 for the consideration of the Revised Prayer Book. This meeting will be open to all Churchpeople and we hope that many will come. The subject will be introduced by the Vicar.

Thurs., June 16: Meeting of the Church Council at 7.15.

Sun., June 19.—G.F.S. Corporate Communion and Intercession at 8.0 a.m.

Tues., June 21: Monthly Meeting of the Quorn Branch of the League of Nations' Union at 7.30 at the Grammar School.

Sat., June 25: Garden Fête and Sale of Work at Charnwood House and the Village Hall.

Sat., July 2: Sunday School Outing to Longcliffe Woods.

My dear Friends,

The Whitsuntide festival will open as this is left at your house. Our holy days and holidays are still closely linked and I for one am glad of it. Our religion should be all the brighter for it and our pleasures all the purer. Will you notice please the times of the Whit Sunday communion, viz., 7.30, 9.30 (Choral) and 12.0.

Ascension Day was kept as a day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas. A large number of people came to church at one time or another. The Mothers, after their service, went to Quorn Court garden and heard a message from Canterbury, and the children, after a short service at 5.0, came to the Vicarage garden and played games for two hours. I think it was a happy day, as such a day should be.

Now we must give our minds to the Garden Fête and Sale of Work which is being arranged for Saturday, June 25th. Some of the particulars will be found below. Mr. J. Martin has accepted the secretaryship of it and it will give him plenty to do. But he will find plenty of helpers and we look forward to this summer event, believing that it will prove—as it always does—a happy and profitable one. Will our Church Room Fund, we wonder, reach four figures?

We had a very happy visit from the Bishop on May 29th, when he preached to a full church at evensong at 3.0.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Garden Fête, Sale of Work and Fancy Dress Parade: at Charnwood House and adjacent grounds (kindly lent by Messrs. T. Firr and F. Draper) on Saturday, June 25th. Admission: 6d.; (children under 14, 3d.).

FANCY DRESS PARADE, led by the band of the 5th Leicesters, leaving Village Hall at 2.0. Route, via School Lane, Stoop Lane, Station Road, High Street, New Quorn and back by the main road.

STALLS.—Mothers' Union (Mrs. Penfold); G.F.S. (Miss L. Facer); Flower, Fruit and Vegetables (Miss Bradley); Books (Mr. M. Rumsey); Sweets, etc.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.—Entries to Mr. Cecil White or Mr. A. Cooper, Woodhouse Lane.

REFRESHMENTS IN MARQUEE.—Mrs. E. B. Fewkes and Mrs. Hickling will be glad to receive contributions.

SIDESHOWS.—Skittles' Competition; Darts' Competition (prize—two cockerels) etc.

ENTERTAINMENTS arranged by Miss Firr.

DANCING accompanied by the Band.

PARADE CLASSES.

- Drays and Mounted Groups. Prizes: 15/-, 10/- and 5/-.
- Decorated Cycles or Turn-outs. Prizes: 7/6, 5/-, 2/6.
- Any Fancy, Historic or Comic Character. Prizes: 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6.
- Children—5 Prizes for Boys (in kind). 5 Prizes for Girls (in kind).
- Highest individual collector en route (5s.).

N.B.—The Committee will not award the full number of prizes unless the entries are at least double the number of prizes offered.

Altar Flowers.

June 5 Mrs. E. B. Fewkes.

„ 12 Mrs. Jones.

„ 19 Miss Hickling.

„ 26 Miss Butler.

July 3 Mrs. C. Joiner.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORN.—Continued.

Sunday Schools.—In presenting the balance sheet for the past year we beg to thank the many subscribers, as well as those who undertake the collecting. We have made arrangements to take the children out for their annual treat to Longcliffe Wood.

Quorn Church Sunday Schools.

Balance Sheet for year ending 31st March, 1927.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
Balance in Hand	6 13 1
Subscriptions	19 5 3
Collection in Church	4 6 11
Contribution to Division of Diocese	
Fund	0 15 0
Gift to Leicester Children's Hospital	1 7 6
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Total	£32 7 9
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EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Rent of Schools	2 5 0
Caretaker	2 15 0
Insurance of Children	0 4 6
Registers	0 6 5
Annual Prizes	8 10 6
Summer Treats	9 6 6
Gift to Hospital	1 7 6
Division of Diocese	0 15 0
"Church Teacher" Magazines	
(Lesson Books)	2 2 0
School Equipment	0 11 4
Baptismal Roll	0 9 8
Lesson Books for Infant Dept.	0 5 3
Cost of Journey to Bishop's House	0 12 0
Cheque Book	0 4 0
Hymn Book, with tunes	0 7 6
Subsidy to Christmas Party	2 5 3
Balance in hand	0 0 6
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Total	£32 7 9

Day Schools.—There is yet another appeal which we must make. The Managers have decided that the Infant School cannot face another winter under present heating conditions. Those who are familiar with the old stove in the centre of the main room will probably agree at once that it ought to go. May we have £40, please, with which to heat the School properly. The work should be carried out in the summer holidays. Any of the Managers will be glad to receive subscriptions.

Free Will Offerings.	£ s. d.
Previously acknowledged	8 15 1
April 24th	0 6 3
May 1st to 29th	2 5 4
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Total to Date	£11 6 8

May 30th. John Martin (Hon. Sec.)

Diocesan Conference.—At a Parochial Church Meeting on May 30, Mr. M. Rumsey was elected representative from this parish.

Marriage.

May 21 Albert Canning and May Pilkington.

Burials.

May 10 Ann Andrews, aged 89 years.
,, 28 Emma Dexter, aged 70 years.

Sidesmen on Duty during June.

June 5th:
7-30 Messrs. C. Spencer and Brereton.
9-30 Messrs. Pilkington and Bonser.
11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.
6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.

June 12th:
8-0 Mr. R. Bancroft.
9-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Hardy.
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June 26th:
8-0 Mr. Joiner.
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington.
6-30 Messrs. Bancroft and C. Spencer.

July 3rd:
8-0 Mr. Joiner.
11-0 Messrs. Bancroft and Pilkington.
6-30 Messrs. Bonser and Brereton.

Offertories.	£ s. d.
May 1 Sick and Poor	0 9 10
Church Expenses	3 2 10
May 8 Sick and Poor	0 8 10
Church Expenses	3 13 0
May 15 Sick and Poor	0 8 9
Fabric Fund	4 5 7
May 22 Sick and Poor	0 12 2
Church Expenses	2 11 10
Ascension Day Missions	12 3 4

Baptisms.

May 1 Frank Turner.
8 Hazel Boyer.
,, 15 Geoffrey Cecil Clarke.
15 Vernon Charles Gibbons.
,, 22 Wilfred Batty.

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