

S. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn.

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My dear Friends,

First of all may I wish you all a very happy New Year? Surely it will be happy, for Sunday is its birthday and the child that is born on the Sabbath Day is bonny and blythe and good and gay.

I felt quite a sense of personal loss when at the end of the Choral Eucharist on Sunday, December 11th, I heard that Ernest Clarendon Laundon had passed away at his home during the service, after an illness of only six days. I know that many others, too, felt very much the same, for he had in his character many of the qualities of a true friend and such a one is genuinely missed when the time of his departure arrives.

I am disappointed that the prayer-book measure did not pass the House of Commons, for I am strongly with those who feel that the present prayer-book is an inadequate tool in our hands and that on most of the occasions when we use it this fact forces itself upon us. I cannot help feeling that the Revised Book with but the slightest modification will ultimately become the Church's book and in the meantime we have much to be thankful for. There has been a remarkable absence of ill-feeling, even where disappointment has been acute and the wise advice of the Bishop, published two days before Christmas, struck the true note for the season. And do not let us be impatient with controversy. It is surely both inevitable and right that there should be controversy. What right have we to expect to escape it?

The first month of the new year always gives a parish two things to think about, each of which demands the interest of all live members of the Church—(i) The younger members, our brothers and sisters in the faith, who desire confirmation, begin a course of preparation which seeks to fit them for that ordinance and culminates in their first communion on Easter Day. Of course the burden of this responsibility is mine, but let me feel that I share it with you and that you are anxious for them and are praying for them. (ii) Our Annual Vestry and Church Meeting will take place on the last day of this month, for the election of Churchwardens and Church Council for the coming year, and other business. All who are on the Electoral Roll are qualified to take part in the annual meeting and are urged to do so. Will any who are not on the Church Roll please

ask either me or one of the Church officials for enrolment? I think this is the place for an awful confession to be made. About 10 per cent. of the electors in this parish exercise their vote usually. The percentage of civil votes recorded is bad enough, but it is nothing compared with this.

Let us begin the New Year full of hope and expectancy.

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY.

Confirmation.—The Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation at Quorn on March 19. The Vicar will be grateful if any who wish to speak to him on the matter will do so and he will be glad to meet all who wish to be confirmed for the first time in church after evensong on Sunday, January 15th.

Ernest Clarendon Laundon.—We think of our brother as one who had a remarkable aptitude for public service. None of the offices which he held was ever regarded by him as a sinecure. On the contrary he took infinite pains always to acquaint himself with what it was necessary to know in connection with them, and to make himself thoroughly at home in all the details relating to them. He was a man, too, of great regularity of habit, which made him, as it always does make people, reliable and trustworthy. And he possessed a very strong religious instinct. He allowed nothing to interfere with his part in public worship, and private prayer and Bible reading were among his fixed habits already referred to. When the time comes for such a one to lay down life's work, we find that his place is hard to fill, but we believe that his personality and active mind are unchanged by what is called death. May God grant him increase of light and peace awaiting his resurrection in sure and certain hope.

Church Room Fund.—We are now without a treasurer and a secretary. It will probably be wise to call a general meeting in the near future, and take stock of the situation. Our best thanks are due to the Mothers' Union for an addition of £10 to the fund as a result of their sale. This was a most gratifying result of their labour.

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

Missionary School.—The six sessions were carried through according to programme. Our lecturers, in their different ways, were all most helpful, and we give them our thanks. After each lecture the school divided itself into three groups for group discussion. The chairmen and reporters of the groups, chosen beforehand, responded willingly and ably to their tasks, and any success which the school achieved depended very largely upon them. The enforced absence of the School Secretary, Mr. Murray Rumsey, was very much regretted. Mr. Mervyn Jones gave us much blackboard help, which was very useful. Miss Adams managed the bookstall very capably, and sold a fair number of books. And now the World Call must sound through the members of the school to others, and produce an ever-increasing devotion to our Lord and the spread of His Kingdom.

Literature Shelf in Church.—For those who wish for a simple book of private prayer, copies of "My Prayers" (1d.) and little calendars with suggested Bible readings (1d.) will be found on the shelf. There are also forms of prayer for those who wish to use the church for private prayer and a variety of books for reading in Church, and some useful books of reference, such as the first edition of the Leicester Diocesan Calendar and the annual red book, which answers every conceivable question which may be asked about the quota.

Mr. Murray Rumsey's many friends are glad to see him home again and making a good recovery after three weeks in hospital. He wishes to thank all who in one way or another have shown him kindness.

Notes for the Month.

Monday, 2nd: Annual Distribution of Charities.
Tuesday, 3rd: Mothers' Union Devotional Service, 3-0.

Wednesday, 4th: Missionary Intercession 7 p.m.
Friday, 6th (The Epiphany): H.C., 7-0.

Wednesday 11th: G.F.S. Dance.

Sunday, 15th: Sunday School Prizegiving and Carol Singing, 2-30.

Monday, 23rd: Missionary Demonstration in the De Montfort Hall, Leicester.

Wednesday, 25th (Conversion of S. Paul): H.C., 7 a.m.; Mrs. Hanford, G.F.S. secretary for overseas, will address the members of Quorn G.F.S.

Tuesday, 31st: Annual Vestry and Church Meeting in the Schools at 7-0.

Postscript.—The Christmas parties have passed off very happily. Miss Latham and her staff entertained all the infants of the Day School on Friday the 23rd, when parents and children alike had a delightful time.

The adult Christmas party took place on December 29th. The proceedings were marked by informality and friendliness. The entertainment included a most amusing and humorous sketch by some members of the G.F.S. which deservedly met with a good reception. The Mothers' Union both provided and served the refreshments, which was a most generous contribution to the success of the evening.

The Sunday School party on the last day of the year was another very happy event, for the success of which we were indebted to the two superintendents and Mrs. G. Horspool, who made all preparations for the tea.

Sidesmen on Duty during January.

January 1st:—

8-0 Mr. Pilkington.

11-0 Messrs. Hardy and Bancroft.

6-30 Messrs. Martin and Bonser.

January 8th:—

8-0 Mr. Bonser.

9-30 Messrs. Fox and Wainwright.

11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.

6-0 Messrs. Spencer and Bancroft.

January 15th:—

8-0 Mr. Hardy.

11-0 Messrs. Pilkington and Bancroft.

6-0 Messrs. Wainwright and Bonser.

January 22nd:—

8-0 Mr. Spencer.

11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.

6-30 Messrs. Martin and Spencer.

January 29th:—

8-0 Mr. Joiner.

11-0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington.

6-30 Messrs. Fox and Wainwright.

Altar Flowers.

Jan. 1 Miss Butler.

" 8 Mrs. R. Facer.

" 15 Miss Moore.

" 22 Mrs. Ragg.

" 29 Mrs. Beardsley.

Feb. 5 Mrs. Oliver.

Collections.

	£	s.	d.
Nov. 27 Church Missionary Society	5	10	6
Dec. 4 Sick and Poor	0	6	0
Church Expenses	2	15	0
" 11 Sick and Poor	0	3	11
Church Expenses	3	1	11
" 18 Sick and Poor	0	2	3
Church Expenses	2	12	3

Baptisms.

Dec. 4	Gordon Roland Camp.
" 4	Eileen Phyllis Hartridge.
" 4	Kenneth Fisher.
" 3	Geoffrey Thomas Gamble (privately).
" 17	Patricia Anne Burrows.
" 18	Richard Roy Footitt.
" 18	Sheila Mary Woodforth.

Burials.

Dec. 12	Geoffrey Thomas Gamble, aged 10 days.
" 15	Ernest Clarendon Laundon, aged 69.

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My dear Friends,—

May I say a word on behalf of the Church Council about church finance? We have just held the last meeting of the 1927 Council, all present. The treasurers reported that we had failed to pay the full amount of our quota to the Diocese. Being assessed at £69, we had paid £53, having no more to pay. The Council resolved that the difference of £16 must be considered as a debt, according to the principle now well established amongst us that the full amount of the quota is a definite charge upon our general fund. The Council begged the treasurers to treat this sum on the balance sheet shortly to be presented to the annual meeting as a definite deficit on the 1927 statement of accounts.

As a method of wiping off this deficit it was agreed to appeal for a shilling fund. The matter requires urgent settlement so that there may be as little interference as possible with 1928 finance. Members of the council will receive your shillings. Will you give generously and quickly please and see this matter through? The Diocese must not suffer in the first year of its life.

Lent once again calls us to a closer walk with God. I remember once being wished "a happy Lent" by a neighbouring priest, now gone to his rest. It was an unusual greeting and provoked a smile I remember. But why not a happy Lent? A little more disciplining of our too unruly selves, a little more communion with God, at least should not sour a man should it? Nay, more than that, may he not hope to be happier for it? And if the happier for such things, then surely the better for them.

I have been asked to go to Swanwick from February 13th to 16th as one of the representatives of the Diocese to a Conference of Missionary Councils. I could not well refuse, though I must confess I am drawn from home very reluctantly. So I shall expect to be away on those days.

We are promised one of Miss Firr's delightful dramatic and musical entertainments on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, for the Church Room Fund. Please look out for the announcements and work for a full hall.

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY.

Lent Services.—On all the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 22nd, there will be a special evensong at 7-30. Our new neighbour at St. Peter's, Mountsorrel, the Rev. G. E. Alvis, has consented to give a course of addresses on the five Wednesdays beginning Feb. 29th. I shall be exchanging with him. The Mission to Seamen, stretches out the hand of our Church to many of our own people overseas. Lent savings boxes for this object will be given out to all who wish for them.

Lent at the Cathedral.—The two series of Midday addresses on Wednesdays and Lent Lectures on Friday afternoons at the Cathedral during Lent are well established annual facts in our Diocesan life, and are very largely attended by people from all parts of the diocese. The list of Preachers and Lectures will be found posted in the church porch.

Missionary Demonstration.—A party of 27 went to the De Montfort Hall, on January 23rd, to hear the inspiring messages of the Bishop of Salisbury, and Canon Garfield Williams. The World Call is surely reaching out far and wide, and the prayer and witness and service, will be forthcoming, surely, too.

Sunday School Prize-giving.—Our annual service on the traditional lines was held on January 15th. Some new carols from the University Carol Book, were well sung by the children, and the vicar in the absence of the special preacher, spoke briefly of the debt owed by the Church to the superintendents and teachers. Full marks in the senior school were made by Ethel Green, Mabel Broom, Lucy Winterton, Maggie Stocks, Lily Stevenson, Phyllis Broom, Kathleen Cragg, Mary Towle, Avis Thorley, Dick Thompson, Leon Prevost, Hubert Bancroft, Ronald Stocks, Reg Stevenson, and in the infants' school by Grace Bancroft, Iris Lovett, Kathleen Thompson, Doris Thorley, Frances Gibbons, Mary Gibbons, Nellie Heighton, May Giles, Florrie Roe.

Mothers' Union.—A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, February 17th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Tarleton Hodgson, of Humberstone, will be the speaker.

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

G.F.S.—Mrs. Paake spoke to the girls on January 25th on the World Call, with special reference to the women and girls of other lands. It was agreed to start work at once for Missions Overseas.

Waifs' and Strays' Society.—Miss D. Hickling, the local secretary, has collected £5 8s. 9d. from subscribers.

Rummage Sale on Fri., Feb. 10, at 6 p.m., in the Village Hall, for the Schools Improvement Fund. Rummage will be called for. Please get it ready.

Shrove Tuesday Entertainment, February 21, organised by Miss Firr for the Church Room Fund. A drama in one act entitled "Escape?" by E. F. Parr, and a farce in one act entitled, "Calais to Dover," by Gertrude Jennings. Musical items, including violin solos by Miss Christine Dearden.

Marriages.

Dec. 24 George Alexander Taylor to Mary Elizabeth Brewin.

Baptisms.

Jan. 1 Janet Squire.
" 8 Leslie Arthur Brown.
" 22 Nellie Clarke.
" 22 Mary Squires.

Burials.

Jan. 4 Ann Dexter, aged 91 years.
" 23 Ebenezer Forsyth Patrick, aged 57.

Collections.

		£	s.	d.
Dec. 25	Waifs and Strays	5	5	0
	Sunday Schools	5	5	0
	Church Expenses	1	8	4
Jan. 1	Sick and Poor	0	7	9
	Church Expenses	3	8	11
" 8	Sick and Poor	0	6	1
	Church Expenses	3	13	3
" 15	Sick and Poor	0	6	0
	Sunday School Mission	1	6	10
	Church Expenses	2	19	10
" 22	Sick and Poor	0	4	3
	Church Expenses	2	15	0

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The interest aroused by the recent debates on Prayer-book Revision in the Church Assembly and in Parliament will not soon subside; so perhaps a short historical note, recounting what occurred on the last occasion in which the Church sought parliamentary sanction for the issue of a Revised Prayer Book, will be useful for purposes of comparison with what took place a few weeks ago.

The last revision was completed in the year 1662. Charles II. was king, and the story, told as briefly as possible, is as follows:—

(1) JANUARY 17: A "Bill for the Uniformity of Publick Prayers" was introduced in the House of Lords, and was referred to a Committee of that House. The Book of Common Prayer was not annexed to the Bill at this stage.

(2) FEBRUARY 25: The Lord Chancellor read a message from the King stating that the Convocations of Canterbury and York were now in session; that they had completely revised the Prayer Book; and that His Majesty, with the consent of the Privy Council, had given full approval to the new Book, and now recommended it to the House of Peers. The Prayer Book was accordingly brought in and annexed to the Bill of Uniformity on March 13, and two days later the House passed a resolution of thanks to the Bishops for their labours and asked them to convey their thanks to the Clergy of the Lower Houses of Convocation.

(3) April 14: The Bill reached the Commons and was duly considered by them. In the course of the debates it was asked whether they might discuss, not only the Bill, but the

Prayer Book itself: to this question the House very properly answered "No." Even when they discovered a mistake of one word in the Order of Publick Baptism, they decided that it was not in their power to correct it, and they sent it back to the House of Lords unaltered. There, however, the Bishop of Durham announced that he and two other Bishops had received authority from the Convocations to make the necessary correction; after which the three Bishops walked up to the clerk's table, crossed out the word "Persons" and inserted the word "Children" in its place.

In due course the Bill received the Royal Assent, and the Prayer Book thus authorized is the book we use in our churches to this very day.

It should be noticed that while the Bill was freely discussed in both Houses of Parliament, no discussion was allowed on the contents of the Prayer Book.

It is instructive to compare the behaviour of the 1662 Parliament, whose members were all professing churchmen, with that of the present House of Commons, which includes not only Churchmen and other Christians, but non-Christians and pagans of every description, both white and coloured, some of whom fondly imagine that because they happen to be M.P.s they have the right to dictate to us churchpeople the way in which we should worship the God in Whom they themselves do not believe! It would be farcical if it were not so outrageous.

Many generations ago our forefathers dealt drastically with claims based upon a doctrine of the Divine Right of Kings; it is not too much to hope that churchpeople of the present generation will make it their business to demolish quite as effectually and completely the far more pervasive and pernicious theory of the Divine Right of Parliament. Whatever happens, we must not render unto Cæsar the things that are God's.

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My dear Friends—

Let us all be thinking about the Confirmation. The candidates are, of course, doing so, and their friends. But it is the concern also of the whole church. You, the older members, can pray for them. Possibly, too, you might give them some direct personal encouragement. Just a word from you might go quite a long way to make them feel the brotherhood of the church.

We had a very wet evening for our annual meeting. The attendance—there were 50 present—was a little above the average. Complete confidence was shown in the retiring Churchwardens, who were re-appointed, Mr. E. B. Fewkes by myself, and Mr. C. Adams by the people. The statement of accounts, which was read, is printed on another page, and at the head of this page will be found the names of those elected, after ballot, to be church councillors and sidesmen. The time for "other business" at these meetings is always well occupied. Some question connected with the music of the church is a favourite topic, but this time it was the children. The possibility of having a "children's corner" in church was discussed; also the desirability that the Sunday School children should sit in the nave at Morning Prayer.

Many will be busy in their gardens this month encouraging things to grow. Every man has also another garden, the garden of his soul, where wonderful things may be grown of every variety of beauty and usefulness. Do not forget to cultivate that garden. May this month be a growing time as in the realm of nature, so in that of grace!

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Confirmation.—The Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation for a group of neighbouring parishes on Monday, March 19th, at 8 p.m., in our church.

Church Council.—The first meeting of the new Council was held on February 7th. All present. The following elections took place: Vice-chairman, Mr. G. Horspool; Treasurers, Messrs. C. Adams and E. B. Fewkes; Secretary,

Mr. Mervyn D. Jones; Churchyard Sub-Committee, The Vicar, Churchwardens, Miss Firr and Mr. H. J. Hicks; Missionary Sub-Committee, the election to take place when the Missionary Guild have nominated five. Collections, on Wednesdays in Lent, Police Court Mission; Sunday, Mar. 11, Fabric Fund. Next meeting, March 22nd.

Church Room Committee.—At a meeting held on February 2nd, Mr. E. B. Fewkes was elected in the place of the late Mr. E. C. Laundon, joint treasurer with the Vicar. For the purposes of the forthcoming entertainment, Messrs. T. Pilkington and C. Hardy consented to act as joint secretaries.

Entertainment.—The Shrove Tuesday dramatic and musical entertainment provided by Miss Firr was in every respect an unqualified success. Both the Church Room Committee, to whose fund the proceeds are to be devoted, and the large number of people present, owe their thanks to Miss Firr, and Mrs. and the Misses Dearden, for the galaxy of talent assembled. By the musical items we were charmed, in the drama we held our breath, and in the farce we rocked with laughter. There are not many more emotions that one short entertainment could be expected to stir. Such an affair entails a good deal of work and anxiety, and we thank all those who were connected with it.

Mothers' Union.—Mothering Sunday is on March 18. Will families please come and worship together on that day, father, mother, and children all sitting together? The Mothers' Annual Corporate Communion will be on Monday, March 26th, at 9-15.

G.F.S.—As a result of Mrs. Packe's visit the girls have started making garments for Missions. It is splendid to see another link established with The Church Overseas.

Deficit Statement.—The Churchwardens acknowledge with thanks the sum of £13 16s. towards the £16 asked for.

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

Baptisms.

Feb. Vera Claridge.

MISSIONS OVERSEAS.—Total for 1927.

MISSIONARY GUILD A/c. Second Half, 1927.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Boxes:			
S.P.G.	10	3	6
Cowley	3	12	11
C.M.S.	1	12	7
K.M. pence	0	3	6
K.M. magazines	0	19	0
Wednesday intercession	1	10	11
Per churchwardens	2	6	3
	£20	8	8

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Deficit from last half-year	0	10	10
K.M. books and pictures	0	8	9
K.M. Magazines	0	19	0
Guild Postages	0	5	6
S.P.G. General Fund	3	7	10
Penhalonga	6	15	8
	10	3	6
Cowley Wantage and All S.S.	2	19	3
S. Cuthbert's, Tsolo	0	13	8
	3	12	11
Yeda Hospital	1	12	7
Julia	1	15	0
	19	8	1
Balance in Bank	1	0	7
	£20	8	8

I certify the above as being correct.
T. SHENTON, January 23, 1928.

	£	s.	d.
S.P.G.	38	0	3
C.M.S.	13	15	10
Cowley Wantage and All Saints	10	2	2
Canadian Caravan Mission	3	1	11
Per Mothers' Union	4	3	1
Total	£69	3	3

Sidesmen on Duty During March.

March 4th:	
8-0 Mr. Fox.	
11-0 Messrs. Pilkington and Hardy.	
6-30 Messrs. Halford and Wainwright.	
March 11th:	
8-0 Mr. Hardy.	
9-30 Messrs. Bonser and Halford.	
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Bancroft.	
6-30 Messrs. Fox and Pilkington.	
March 18th:	
8-0 Mr. Wainwright.	
11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Hardy.	
6-30 Messrs. Bonser and Nail.	
March 25th:	
8-0 Mr. Joiner.	
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Bancroft.	
6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Halford.	
April 1st:	
8-0 Mr. Nail.	
11-0 Messrs. Pilkington and Hardy.	
6-30 Messrs. Fox and Bonser.	

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 29 Sick and Poor	0	4	0
Church Expenses	2	14	0
Feb. 5 Sick and Poor	0	5	5
Church Expenses	2	7	8
„ 12 Sick and Poor	0	9	2
Church Expenses	3	10	9
„ 19 Sick and Poor	0	4	11
Church Expenses	3	9	6

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During Lent, special services will be held on *Tuesdays*, at Hoton, at 7 p.m., when addresses will be given by the Rev. F. Tolhurst, Vicar of St. Peter's, Loughborough; and on *Thursdays*, at Burton, at 7 p.m., at which will be delivered a course of addresses on "The Social Teaching of the Church Catechism." At Prestwold, on Sunday mornings, a series of sermons on "The Love of Christ which passeth knowledge" has been arranged; and on Sunday evenings the subjects will be "Forgiveness"

and "The Eucharist" at Hoton and Burton respectively.

The good attendances at Hoton on Ash Wednesday, and at Prestwold on the first Sunday in Lent, give me hope that our people will use every effort to make this sacred season a time of spiritual refreshment and self-discipline. A well-spent Lent means a happy and joyful Easter. In addition to the special services already mentioned, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Hoton Church *Every Wednesday during Lent*.

Baptism.

Feb. 19 Peter Abell.

Burial.

Feb. 2 Clifford Woolley, aged 6 years.

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My dear Friends—

May I say first, one thing about Good Friday. The attendance of children at their special service used to be splendid. It was a fine service. Of recent years it has dwindled to a mere handful. I have been thinking the matter over and have one suggestion to make. Parents, the matter is in your hands, will you make a push on Good Friday morning, and get ready to come yourselves, and bring your children with you to Church at 9-30? I know of course that many fathers will be at work, but not all.

Mention is made below of other Holy Week and Good Friday services. Let us use the week as one of solemn preparation for Easter. The mood for Holy Week is penitence. Do not let us shirk its difficult way. Here are two Holy Week resolutions (i) I will never make light of any known sin, (ii) I will never regard any sin as invincible. May our thoughts about the Cross lead us to make these vows. Penitence first, then joy. That is the right order. The mood of Easter is joy it is the festival of life and hope. Let us not fail to discover it. The first account of Easter joy is simply told, "Then were the Disciples glad when they saw the Lord." May that be true of us too.

I wish you then a happy Easter, and look forward myself to the great joy of ministering to you the sacrament on the morning of that glad day.

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Holy Week, Easter.

Monday, April 2nd.

H.C., 7-0; Mattins and Reading, 10-0; Evening Prayer and Intercession for the Jews, 7-0.

Tuesday, April 3rd.

H.C., 8-0; Mattins and Reading, 10-0; Mothers' Union Devotional Service, 3-0; Evening Prayer and Intercession for the Police Court Mission and all rescue work, 7-0.

Wednesday, April 4th.

H.C., 7-0; Mattins and Reading, 10-0; Children's Service, 5-30; Evening Prayer and preparation for Easter Communion, 7-30.

Thursday, April 5th.

H.C., 8-0; Mattins and Reading, 10-0; Evening Prayer and Intercession for the Parish, 6-30; Choir Practice, 7-0.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6th.

Short Service, 7-15; Morning Prayer, Hymns and Address for Parents and Children and others, 9-30—10-15; 12—3-0, The Three Hours Devotion, conducted by the Rev. F. G. Fincham; 7-0, Evening Prayer; 7-30, Lantern Service.

Easter Eve.

Morning Prayer and Ante Communion, 10-0 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 6-30 p.m.

N.B.—(i) Collections for Missions to the Jews at all celebrations of Holy Communion in Holy Week.

(ii) At other services a box will receive offerings to St. Mary's Home.

(iii) Three Hours' Service. Please come for any part of the time. Entering and leaving Church during the singing of a hymn.

(iii) A congregational practice of Good Friday hymn will be held after the Evensong on Palm Sunday.

EASTER DAY.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6-30, 7-30, 9-30 (choral) and 12-0; Mattins and Evensong at 11-0 and 6-30; Children's Service, 2-45.

Parochial Church Council.—Notes of meeting held on March 22nd. All present. Finance: Collections for 2nd quarter; Fabric Fund on April 29th; S.P.G. on Whit Sunday; the rest for Church expenses. **MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:** the following appointed, Mrs. Nevitt, Mrs. Hickling, Miss Smith, Miss Hollings, Mr. M. Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fewkes, Miss Firr. Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions overseas, fixed for Ascension Day. The Missionary Committee asked to make arrangement. **DUPLEX ENVELOPE SYSTEM:** Mr. E. B. Fewkes introduced the subject, and explained the method, general interest was aroused. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL:** Mr. J. Martin's proposal was approved. Next Meeting, May 3rd.

Missions Overseas.—Please begin to get ready for the day of Prayer and Gifts on Ascension Day, it must be a bigger effort than we have made before.

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

Mothering Sunday.—We had a delightful Evensong on Mar. 18th. Here was an illustration of how a strong Mothers' Union may influence the general Church life of the parish. More and more may it do so!

Confirmation.—Let us express our thanks for the truly pastoral spirit of our Bishop. There were 92 candidates presented for Confirmation. The main body of the Church was kept for parents and friends. The Churchwardens took great pains with the necessary organisation, which all helps towards an orderly and reverent service. The bells rang, the choir were present in full strength, the Church was full to overflowing. And do we not all feel the better, and stronger and happier for it?

Good News.—The deficit of £16 10s. has been raised and the quota for 1927 paid in full.

Church Room Fund.—We beg to acknowledge £3 from Miss Bradley, from sale of chocolate.

Parish Church Loughborough.—A retiring collection will be made on Sunday, April 15th, at 11-0 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

G.F.S.—On Wednesday, April 18th, at 7-30, the G.F.S. hope to give an entertainment in aid of their Branch Fund. The entertainment will consist of County Dancing Songs and two sketches entitled "A Mere Man," and "Mary's Dismissal." Following their usual custom, the members sent, last Christmas, a large parcel of children's garments to Mrs. Farnham, who divided them between the General Living In Hospital and St. Anne's Mission. Letters of thanks were received for the garments. The members are now working for Missions Overseas, but are in need of funds to purchase material.

	Collections	£	s.	d.
Feb. 28	Sick and Poor	0	9	6
"	Church Expenses	2	10	3
Mar. 4	Sick and Poor	0	6	3
"	Church Expenses	3	3	10
" 11	Sick and Poor	0	3	2
"	Fabric Fund	2	17	2
" 18	Sick and Poor	0	12	4
"	Church Expenses	4	11	3

Altar Flowers

Easter Day, April 8th, and 1st Sunday after Easter. April 15th: Mrs. Nurse and Miss Hall.

Sidesman on Duty during March.

April 1st:

- 8-0 Mr. Nail.
- 11-0 Messrs. Pilkington and Hardy.
- 6-30 Messrs. Fox and Bonser.

April 8th, Easter Sunday:

- 6-30 Messrs. Fewkes and Halford.
- 7-30 Messrs. Pilkington and Wainwright.
- 9-30 Messrs. Bancroft and Fox.
- 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
- 6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Nail.

April 15th:

- 8-0 Mr. Hardy.
- 11-0 Messrs. Bancroft and Pilkington.
- 6-30 Messrs. Halford and Spencer.

April 22nd.

- 8-0 Mr. Joiner.
- 11-0 Messrs. Hardy and Martin.
- 6-30 Messrs. Fox and Bonser.

April 29th:

- 8-0 Mr. Halford.
- 11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Bancroft.
- 6-30 Messrs. Nail and Spencer.

May 5th:

- 8-0 Mr. Bonser.
- 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington.
- 6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.

Baptisms.

- Mar. 11 Dennis Roy Waite.
- " 14 Peter Michael Green.
- " 16 Kathleen Mary Bramley.
- " 16 Cyril Baker.
- " 16 Frederick Wischall.

Burials.

- Mar. 8 Mary Robbins, aged 83 years.
- " 16 Henry Edgar Clarke, aged 57 years.
- " 12 Kate Wilmore, aged 13 years.
- " 17 Sarah Bramley, aged 90 years.
- " 23 William Allen, aged 88 years.

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My Dear Friends,—

I hope that everybody who reads this will take a part in the "Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas." Ascension Day, May 17th, has once again been chosen by the Church Council for this. There could not be a better day. "Go ye into all the world" said Jesus before He ascended into heaven, and the command comes to us with a new force as every Ascensiontide comes round.

There will be continuous prayer in Church from the first celebration of Holy Communion at 6-30 to the end of Evensong, which will be at 7-30 p.m. There will be other services during the day (for which see below) and the intervals will be filled up with prayer by those who have undertaken to be responsible for periods of a quarter or half an hour. For the organisation of this, a chart will be fixed in the Church porch, and you are asked to put your names down for periods that will suit you.

With regard to gifts, the total of which will go to the Mission Field, envelopes have been sent to all those on the electoral roll. Will you please consider beforehand the amount of your offering, and either place it in the box on the day, or offer it at one of the services. A suggestion is made which some may like to follow, that we should make our gifts amount to some coin forty times repeated, e.g., 40 x 1d., 40 x 1d., 40 x 3d., 40 x 6d., and so on. This is merely offered as a guide, during the forty days of Easter, to those trying to decide on the amount of their offering. Gifts in kind such as are easily convertible into money will also be gladly received. Let us all work and pray for a blessing on this day, for our age is one of unparalleled opportunity with doors standing open all over the world.

I expressed a hope in my last letter, that parents would bring their children to Church on Good Friday morning. Many of you did so, and we had a most encouraging service at 9-30, the nave of the Church being filled with children and their parents. The influence of the Mothers' Union, I believe, had something to do with this, and it was an evidence of what a power for good in a parish, a strong branch of the Mothers' Union may be.

We had a very happy Easter and I thank you

once again for your Easter offering which is always both a help and an encouragement.

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
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Days to be Observed.

Rogation Days.—The three days before Ascension Day. Prayer for God's blessing on the seed sown.

Ascension Day.—Thursday, May 17th. The Commemoration of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, observed in this parish as a "Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas." Holy Communion at 6-30 and 8-0 a.m., Mattins 10-0 a.m., Litany 12-0 noon, Mothers' Union 3-0 p.m., Children 5-0 p.m., Choral Evensong 7-30 p.m.

Whit Sunday.—Thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit given according to the promise of Jesus, "I will send Him unto you." Holy Communion at 6-30, 7-30, 9-30 (Choral), and 12-0. Other services as usual.

G.F.S.—The Corporate Communion will be on the Sunday after Ascension, May 20th, at 8 a.m.

The entertainment given by the members on the 18th, was much enjoyed by a good audience. The two comedies, "Mary's Dismissal" and "Mere Man," had been prepared with great pains under the direction of Miss Adams and they were acted in a most creditable manner. The fun of them delighted everybody and somehow the old-fashioned girl scored points all through. The candidates d.d some dancing, trained by Miss E. Flanders, and we hope we may see some more of them.

Sunday Schools.—A well attended meeting of Teachers was held on the 25th, and various matters were brought forward. An adverse balance for the year just ended (the balance sheet will be published next month) led to a discussion on ways and means. Some supporters seem less willing to give to the annual collection if the annual treat is a home affair. It needs to be pointed out that this collection is not solely for the treat but for the complete annual expenses of the Sunday School. Festival Sunday during the coming summer having been recommended by the Church Council, was talked over. It was hoped that

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this would serve as an opportunity to bring well to the front the place which the Sunday School holds in the life of the Church. The Infant School we are glad to say is rising in numbers.

Children's Service in the Cathedral.—A Children's S.P.G. and King's Messengers' Service will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday, June 2nd, at 3-15 p.m. We hope that a good party will go from this parish.

Cantata.—The sacred cantata "The Redeemer" (Mee Pattison) will be sung by the choir in Church on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, at 3-0 p.m.

Thanks.—Mrs. Waite wishes to thank many friends for sympathy shown to her in her recent sorrow.

News from Abroad.—"I was at the 7 o'clock celebration on Easter morning. Out of a congregation of 80 there were four white people including myself. Lots of black women were there with small babies. Before they went to the altar they parked them with the verger" (How would English babies like this!—Ed.)

Mothers' Union.

Thursday, May 17th.—Ascension Day. Celebrations of Holy Communion at 6-30 and 8 o'clock. Intercessions from 2-4 o'clock, including service at 3 o'clock.

Friday, May 25th.—Meeting in Village Hall at 3 o'clock. Hymn Practice for Mass Meeting. Tea 5d.

Wednesday, June 6th.—Mass Meeting, De Montfort Hall, Leicester. Buses leave the Cross at 1 o'clock. Tickets from the Journal Distributors before May 8th. Tea at Winn's Cafe.

Altar Flowers

Sunday, May 6th, Miss Callis; 13th, Mrs. Nevitt; 20th, the Children; 27th, Miss Hall; June 3rd, Mrs. Draper.

List of Sidesmen for May.

May 6th:

8-0 Mr. Bonser.

11-0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington

6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.

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May 27th:

6-30 Messrs. Fewkes and Halford.

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Mar. 25	Sick and Poor	0	8	11
"	Church Expenses	3	1	0
Apr. 1	Sick and Poor	0	9	3
"	Church Expenses	3	4	0
"	Easter Offering	29	5	1
Apr. 15	Sick and Poor	0	9	1
"	Church Expenses	3	4	9
Apr. 22	Sick and Poor	0	10	3
"	Church Expenses	2	19	2

Amount of Free Will Offerings.—Amount received to date, £6 4s. 7d.

Burials.

Mar. 27	Clara Claypoole, aged 79 years.
" 31	Walter Francis Waite, aged 23 years.
Apr. 3	Harry Stevenson, aged 50 years.
Apr. 7	Ethel Towell, aged 2 years.

Baptisms.

Feb. 25	Dorothy Jean Freeman.
Mar. 25	Dennis Frank Hall.
" 25	Lilian Mary Sutton.
Apr. 8	Peter James Hubbard.
" 15	Muriel Eileen Freeman.

Marriages.

Apr. 7	Wilfred Gilbert Lee and Jane Kidger.
" 9	Jesse Meads Smith and Ivy Howlett.
" 12	Rowland Twells Payne and Olive Bamber.

Special Offerings.

	£	s.	d.
All Saints Restoration Fund	2	14	3
Missions to Seamen, Lent Boxes	3	15	7
St. Mary's Home, Holy Week	3	13	1
Mission to Jews	0	9	10
Police Court Missions, Lent Services	3	5	4

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My Dear Friends,—

Many of you know something of the Duplex Envelope method of giving. Your Church Council think that it would be wise to adopt it in this parish. It knows, however, that this could not be done without your agreement and co-operation. It proposes, therefore, to spread information about the matter in the parish so that everyone may study it and talk about it. Three descriptive pamphlets will be given out during these three summer months. One on Sunday, June 17, one on Sunday, July 15, one on Sunday, August 19. In the early autumn there will be an open council meeting and a little later a large social gathering for the further consideration of it.

Will everybody please give attention to the matter so that we may be well equipped to decide ultimately for or against the adoption of the Duplex method.

The day on which I write is Empire Day, and the Octave of the Ascension. It is a happy synchronising of a modern and an ancient observance. It leads us to think of the great dispersion of our race throughout the world in the light of its religious significance, and to ask what is the great underlying purpose of God in that great fact that we call the British Empire. And it suggests the answer that God has permitted, has over-ruled the building-up of our Empire solely for the service that it may render to the world as His chosen vessel. To keep Empire Day with such thoughts and with the prayer that our scattered race may thus be used by God is surely to keep it well.

On Trinity Sunday, when you will perhaps be reading the magazine, we gather up into our thanksgiving and praise all the knowledge of Himself that God has given us in Jesus Christ, and then we enter upon the comparatively uneventful second half of the Church's year with its call to us to pursue the even tenor of the Christian way.

On that day, June 3, at 3 p.m., the choir will sing a Sacred Cantata called "The Redeemer" (by Mee Pattison), of which the words will be provided for the congregation to help us to make it a true act of worship.

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Ascension Day Observance.—Corporate prayer at the different services and individual private prayer in the intervals was offered throughout the day for Missions overseas. 107 envelopes enclosing offerings were brought to the church, and about 100 eggs by the children. The amount realised was £78. The sum is allocated by the Church Council to the C.M.S., 2/5; to the S.P.G., 2/5; to the Cowley, Wantage, and All Saints Missionary Association, 1/5. The day was damp and chilly but the children came as usual to the Vicarage garden after their service for games and races.

Sunday School.—The balance sheet for year ending March 31, 1923, is appended. The expense of the summer treat was exceptionally heavy as it is bound to be when we go out in char-a-bancs. Our collectors will shortly be asking for your subscriptions for the current year. May we remind you, in asking for your help, that the amount collected is for the whole expenses of the year, such as are detailed below, and not merely for the summer treat as is sometimes supposed. We are looking forward to the children's festival on July 15, and shall soon be learning the special hymns for the occasion.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	.....	0	0	10
Subscriptions	.....	21	7	3
Collection in Church	.....	5	5	0
Christmas Gift to Hospital	.....	1	0	0
Anonymous	.....	1	10	0
Deficit	.....	4	1	6
Total	.....	£33	4	7
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Rent of School	.....	2	5	0
Caretaker	.....	2	15	0
Insurance of Children	.....	0	4	6
Registers	.....	0	5	8
Teachers Lesson Books	.....	0	17	6
Prizes	.....	7	14	2
Summer Treats	.....	15	14	3
Cheque Book	.....	0	4	0
Christmas Gift to Hospital	1	0	0
Subsidy to Christmas Party	2	4	6
Total	£33	4	7

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Altar Flowers.—June 3, Mrs. Draper; 10, Miss Callis; 17, Mrs. W. H. Fewkes; 24, Miss Martin; July 1, Mrs. Jones.

N.S.P.C.C.—Mrs. Tyler and Miss Bolesworth beg to acknowledge the following amounts collected in 1928: £1 10s. and £3 16s. 6d.

Mothers' Union.—There will be a garden sale on Tuesday, the 25th, in Mrs. Unitt's garden at 3.30 for the Branch Banner Fund.

S. Peter's Day, Friday.—June 29, Prayer and Alms for the U.M.C.A. at 7.30 a.m.

Missionary Boxes.—Please be ready for the half-yearly opening at the end of the month.

Burial.

May 12 At Mapperley, Notts., Fanny Chapman (late of Quorn), aged 48 years.
Apr. 28 Arthur Lee, aged 61 years.

Baptisms.

May 12 Betty Louise Mee.
" 20 Dorothy Mary Allen.
" 20 Patricia Walker.

Special Offerings.

Day of Prayer and Gifts Missions 17 19 8
Shilling Fund 0 10 0

Sidesmen on Duty during June.

June 5
8.0 Mr. Wainwright.
11.0 Messrs. Martin and Pilkington.
6.30 Messrs. Fox and Bancroft.
June 10:
8.0 Mr. Nail.
9.30 Messrs. Hardy and Horspool.
11.0 Messrs. Horspool and Bancroft.
6.30 Messrs. Wainwright and Halford.
June 17:
8.0 Mr. Bancroft.
11.0 Messrs. Hardy and Martin.
6.30 Messrs. Bonser and Fox.
June 24:
8.0 Mr. Hardy.
11.0 Messrs. Horspool and Pilkington.
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Collections.

Apr. 29	Sick and Poor	0 10 9
" 23	Church Expenses	3 14 0
May 6	Sick and Poor	0 8 3
" 6	Church Expenses	2 10 6
May 13	Sick and Poor	0 7 5
" 13	Fabric Fund	3 10 2
May 20	Sick and Poor	0 9 3
" 20	Church Expenses	2 13 1

S. Mary in the Elms, Woodhouse.

In the Annual Report of the Diocesan Board of Finance the Bishop writes as follows:

"Well done! An advance on last year is a cause for thankfulness. To all the parishes which have made fine efforts to send their total contributions to our great Diocesan Family Fund I would express my warmest thanks. Our aim must be that every Churchman and Churchwoman should take an interest in our various efforts to strengthen God's work through our Diocesan Funds, and count it a privilege and a duty to make his or her offering towards them."

The total amount contributed by the Parochial quotas last year was £6,430 9s. 9d. Our own quota is the same as before, i.e., £23 4s.

	Collections.	£	s.	d.
May 1	.....	0	3	0
" 6	Church Expenses	2	6	7
" 8	.....	0	9	6
" 13	Church Expenses	3	6	1
" 17	S.P.C.K.	0	17	9
" 20	Church Expenses	3	10	6
" 27	A.C.S.	6	16	1
		£17	9	6

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