

MARCH, 1945

St. Katherine's, Teversal

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Teversal Rectory,

March, 1945.

Dear Friends,

By the time this copy of our Magazine is in your hands we shall be once again approaching another Holy Week and the great festival of Easter. Good Friday comes on March 30th to remind us once again of our Lord's great sacrifice on our behalf, and I ask you to remember that on that memorable day the Cross of Jesus must ever loom large in the minds of Christian people. "We treat first of the cross," said the author of a book on heraldry, "because the Cross is chiefest in honour." It is—and it comes before the crown. Good Friday is no day for revelry or even lighthearted pleasure—it is a day of solemn remembrance.

No self-respecting father or mother would make merry on the anniversary of the day on which they lost their only son, and yet many do observe with scant courtesy the day on which the heavenly Father lost His only Son upon the Cross. If we can afford to put "in memoriam" notices in our newspapers for our loved ones, let us at least put one in our heart for God's Son and try and keep Good Friday as it should be kept. The joy of Eastertide will be all the more real if we do—and there would be no Easter but for Good Friday. Earth's saddest day and gladdest day are but one day apart. So if we would keep the feast we must observe the fast.

It was a most inspiring sight to see so many parents and children present at our first Mothering Sunday Service. I hope it will be only the first of many, as it is only once or twice a year that we can have a service when many parents can come with their children. The afternoon is certainly the time for such gatherings, and I think both children and parents had a very happy time. The collection, which amounted to two guineas, is being given to the special emergency appeal on behalf of the Waifs' and Strays' Society which cares for so many motherless children.

I feel sure you would wish me to express to Mr. Henshaw-Allcock, of Shepherd's Lane Farm, our deep sympathy with him and with his family in the loss he has sustained in the passing of his dear one: I understand Mrs. Henshaw-Allcock had in past years been a great worker in our Church and parish, and hence it can truly be said of her that she now "rests from her labours." May the peace of God abide with her and may His divine comfort rest upon those who mourn her loss.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Guest on the promotion of their son Stanley to commissioned rank for distinguished services on the field of battle. It is good to hear such news, and I am

sure our best wishes go out to him and our prayers that he may with many others soon be free to return home in peace. It is also good news to hear that Mrs. Guest is making progress after her serious illness and we trust she will soon be quite restored to health.

Many thanks to kind friends who have given a little extra towards the cost of running our Magazine—it all helps. Every copy is sold and I am trying to get a few extra next quarter as we have not got enough.

Two gifts—the £300 under the will of the late Mr. Samuel Cowpe Ashmore has now been paid. We are most grateful for it. 5s. for the Church handed to Mrs. Hollis by an unknown motorist as he passed through the village—we are also grateful for this, too.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

THE "WAIFS' AND STRAYS' " SOCIETY.

During the year 1944 the collections taken in Sunday School for this Society proved to be good, as they amounted to £6 19s. 6d. Added to this were donations from those who show an interest in this good cause which resulted in a further £2 0s. 6d., making a total of £9. This is a substantial increase on previous collections, and the Secretary asks me to thank all who have helped in any way, and also to thank those who responded so well to the appeal for garments, so that they may realise how much their efforts are appreciated as such a variety was forwarded.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the children, their parents and friends in Teversal, who have helped to bring about these results and to express the hope that they will continue to make this year's effort just as successful.

B. M. PORTER.

BAPTISMS

Feb. 28.—Enid Smith.
Feb. 28.—John Harold Smith.
Mar. 4.—Roy John Dudley.

MARRIAGES

Mar. 3.—Arthur Wright to Emma Wilson.
Mar. 3.—Charles Henry Macklam to Lois Woodall.

BURIAL.

Mar. 10.—Martha Harriet Henshaw-Allcock.

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Teversal Rectory,
April, 1945.

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the morning following our Annual Vestry and Church Meetings, but space will prevent me from giving more than a very brief summary of all that took place.

At the Joint Meeting of the Vestry and Church Electors, Mr. N. D. Todd, J.P., was re-elected Rector's Warden and Mr. W. S. Jacklin was re-appointed People's Warden. Both of these gentlemen were heartily thanked for their services during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting which followed, the Rector gave a short report of various Church activities. He said that during the year 1944 158 Services had been held in the Church, exclusive of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. There had been 22 Baptisms, four Marriages, and six Funerals. There had also been 661 acts of Communion. The number of Communicants at Easter 1944 was 70.

The Rector went on to express his appreciation of the work of Miss Porter, Mrs. W. S. Jacklin, and Miss Breathwaite in the Sunday School, together with the help given by the senior girls. The School now numbered nearly 50. The Rector then touched on the services rendered by the Organist (Mr. Attewell), the Choir, the Bellringers, and Mr. and Mrs. Tideswell, and said how grateful we ought to be for the good work accomplished by them. He also said that the warmest thanks of the meeting were due to the band of ladies who so kindly provided and so tastefully arranged the flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

The Rector also mentioned that the Mothers' Union and the Church of England Men's Society had been meeting regularly and that though numbers were not large there were some keen members and good work had been done. The Rector closed his report with a reference to the Parish Magazine and said that its circulation was growing and that for several months every copy had been sold.

Mr. Jacklin presented the meeting with a most satisfactory Financial Statement. He said that we had started the year 1944 with a balance of £94 17s. 5d. and finished it with a balance of £100 3s. 7d. The Parochial Quota of £21 had been paid in full and £27 9s. 8d. had been contributed to various charities or church societies. In addition to this the balance of the Deposit Account had risen from £34 2s. 2d. to £147 13s. 3d., due to the profits from the Summer Sale and Fete plus a small amount of interest. There was, however, a small

deficit of 6s. on the Molyneux Charity Account and the meeting arranged for its liquidation. The meeting congratulated Mr. Jacklin on his report and also expressed its warmest appreciation of the work of the Auditors—Messrs. H. A. Breathwaite and S. J. Fowler.

The Rector moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Guest for so kindly acting as the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Meeting of the Vestry and Church Electors and of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and this was carried unanimously, as also was a vote of thanks to the Sidesmen for their valuable help during the year.

The various Elections were as follow:—To the Diocesan Conference, Mr. W. R. Harpham; to the Ruridecanal Conference, Mr. C. Guest and Mr. Seeley. N.B.—The above, together with the Rector and the Churchwardens, are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council. To the Parochial Church Council, Mesdames Bailey, Bradfield, Chambers, Cook, Graham, Guest, Jacklin, Powell, Preston, Todd, Ward, Miss Hartshorne, Miss Porter, Messrs. Attewell, Breathwaite, Cook, W. Keetley, Ray, Tideswell, Ward and Warner. To be Sidesmen, Messrs. Breathwaite, Cook, D. Cook, Guest, W. K. Guest, W. R. Harpham, Ray, Seeley, Ward, Warner. To be Auditors, Mr. Breathwaite and Mr. S. J. Fowler. To be Secretary of the Joint Meeting of the Vestry with the Church Electors and of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Mr. C. Guest.

At the close of the meeting Mr. W. S. Jacklin presented the Rector with a cheque for the Easter offering amounting to £8 15s. 6d.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Bishop Wilson, the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, hopes to come and speak to us about the above at the Menor Room on Thursday, April 19th, at 7.30 p.m. The meeting is an open one and you are heartily invited to attend.

BAPTISM

April 1.—Samuel Dobb.

MARRIAGE

April 7.—Harold Prothero to Beryl Thompson.

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Teversal Rectory,
May, 1945.

Dear Friends,

I must apologise for being rather late in getting the Magazine to the printers, but the arrival of "V.E." Day and the exciting events which led up to it caused some delay in getting down to the business of preparing it, and I thought it would be as well to wait till the immediate celebrations of this great event were over. As we look back over what has taken place during the past few weeks our hearts must be filled with deep thankfulness to God for the great mercies which have been vouchsafed to us in the collapse of Nazi Germany.

We are living much too near to this great deliverance to appreciate the full significance of all that has taken place. We have been saved from a way of life which would have been worse than slavery and our children have been rescued from being brought up as little savages. It is no exaggeration to say that there would have been no freedom worth calling freedom had the Nazis won this titanic struggle—freedom of speech, freedom of the written word, freedom of association, freedom of worship, and every other freedom would have gone. If we needed proof of this, one has only to cast one's eyes over Germany and what was until a few weeks ago occupied Europe. It has been a miraculous salvation and it is of God's loving kindness and through the selfless devotion of courageous men and women that we have been brought safely through this great conflict which has raged in Europe and in Africa as well as on the high seas for well nigh six years.

The struggle is not yet over—the aggressor in the Far East has still to be conquered, but now there are solid hopes that this powerful and relentless foe will meet the same fate as has befallen the Nazis and Fascists of the West. The sooner the better for all concerned, so that the work of rebuilding the world on Christian principles and foundations can take place. The world needs Christ as never before and that means more Christians and more Christians mean more evangelists and more proclamation of the everlasting Gospel. Hence the call comes to every one of us to gird ourselves for the task and to give to it the same devotion as so many have shown in these days of war. The choice before us is Christ or chaos—that is always the inevitable alternative. What is our response going to be?

We sometimes meet people who are always running down the Church and asking what it has done. In reply to them may I quote some words by the famous professor Albert Einstein:—"Only the Church," he writes, "stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing

truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced thus to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly."

In the struggle the Church of Christ has suffered grievous persecution and many of the faithful have been slain, but the Church still stands and Hitler has gone.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed through Lent Savings towards the work of Church Extension overseas. The excellent sum of £3 18s. 3d. resulted and here are the details:—Mr. H. A. Breathwaite, 4s. 3½d.; Mrs. G. Roberts, 4s. 3½d.; Christine Penford, 5s. Mrs. King, 5s. 3½d.; Miss M. Thompson, 8s. 9d.; Mr. C. Ray, 12s.; Mr. and Mrs. Tideswell, 3s. 4d.; Miss D. Hartshorne, 9s. 2½d.; Mrs. Colbourne, 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Jacklin, 5s. 3½d.; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jacklin, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Cook, 5s.; The Rector, 10s. 0½d.

WAIFS' AND STRAYS' SOCIETY

While the adults were busy saving for the work of the Church Overseas the Sunday School children were busy, in Lent, saving and collecting for the special appeal in the Mansfield Deanery towards the work of the above Society. I am very glad to report that their efforts resulted in no less than £2 12s. 6d. being forthcoming—a splendid result for which I have received a warm letter of thanks.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Heartiest congratulations to F/O Eric Dring on the award to him of the Air Force Cross. We are delighted to hear of this honour.

Church collections on April 22nd for the Red Cross and St. John Funds amounted to £3 6s. 1d.; on "V.E." Day for our local Prisoners of War, £3 17s.; and on Thanksgiving Sunday for the European Churches' Reconstruction Fund, £5 9s. 3d.

We wish to acknowledge with many thanks a Lenten gift of £3 from an anonymous donor.

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Teversal Rectory,

June, 1945.

Dear Friends,

It is perhaps hardly necessary for me to remind you that this month marks the anniversary of the landings on the Normandy beaches. Much has happened since, but it was in June of last year that the climax of the war was reached. The success of those landings sealed the fate of Germany, just as the failure of the great German offensive in March, 1918, was the turning-point in the Great War. The month of June is therefore a month for solemn remembrance and for much thanksgiving, and it is a good thing to remind ourselves of these things lest we forget the sacrifices that they entailed.

"The prize of victory," said Mr. Churchill at one of the dark moments of the war, "is a share in shaping the patterns of the future." That great responsibility is now committed in part to us and in part to our Allies, and we shall be judged before God and man now and for ever by the way we use it. As our Bishop has truly said: "God has given freedom and justice and Christian civilisation another chance," and he goes on to remind us that the whole Bible centres round the theme of a people who were delivered by the act of God from hard bondage in Egypt into a new world of opportunity in order that they might be a "holy" people and servants of His purpose for the world.

It is this thought which lies behind what has now come to be known as the Bishop's Forward Movement and to which our attention is being directed. If we are to reap the fruits of victory it will only be as we give ourselves wholeheartedly to seeking first the things of God. It is to this our Bishop calls us with no uncertain voice, and his call entails first the dedication of ourselves and then the dedication of our money. £150,000 may seem a large sum, but shared by many it ought not to prove beyond the powers of the church-people of Nottinghamshire. On the basis of the Quota I have worked out Teversal's proportion as £370.

As a thankoffering for our great deliverance and for the preservation of our lives and of our homes this sum is not a large one—we came near to losing all. Let us view it in this perspective and in the love-light of the Cross. On the wall of a certain church is a tablet with this inscription: "This Church was built by Prayer." The people prayed and the people gave and the money came—and if we do likewise we need have no fears of what the results will be.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Our Branch of the Mothers' Union met at the Manor Room on Monday, June 4th, and entertained members of the Skegby and Stanton Hill Branches. Mrs. Preston presided and Mrs. Paget, of Pleasley, gave an inspiring address. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer and a very helpful and enjoyable evening was spent.

A Confirmation is being held at Sutton Parish Church on Sunday, July 8th, at 3 p.m. It is hoped to present several candidates from our parish. Please remember in your prayers all who are seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit at this momentous service.

The new range—a Yorkist Major—has now been installed in the Rectory kitchen, thanks very largely to the generosity of the Parochial Church Council. It is behaving itself splendidly and, compared with its predecessor, is a joy to behold and a gem to work. To borrow the words of a famous song with a slight alteration, "Now never is heard the discouraging word and the kitchen is not smoky all day."

It may interest readers to know that the first mention of coal being found in Teversal parish was in the year 1245—exactly 700 years ago.

We hope to announce details of our Summer Sale and Fete in our next issue.

THAT SICK PERSON

So the Doctor called to see her,
But the Rector didn't go;
For the Doctor had been sent for
But the Rector didn't know.
Now the Doctor got his bill paid
With a useful little cheque,
But the Rector for not knowing,
Simply got it in the neck.

BAPTISMS

June 3.—Julia Ann Wells.
June 3.—John Howard Rockley.

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Teversal Rectory,

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Dear Friends,

I am hoping that this Magazine will be in your hands a day or two before our Annual Garden Fete and Sale, which is fixed for Saturday, July 14th, and is timed to commence at 3 p.m. Mrs. Otter, of Lowdham, has very kindly consented to come and open it, but unfortunately her husband, Canon Otter, the Vicar of Lowdham, has to be at Southwell Minster that afternoon and will not be able to accompany her. It happens to be the day when the new Provost is being installed and Canon Otter has to be present there and hence the reason for his absence, though he told me he would have liked very much to have been with us on this occasion.

This year we are hoping to devote the whole of the profits to what has become known as the Bishop's Forward Movement. As you have heard already our Diocese has decided to try and raise the sum of £150,000 this year for helping the poorer Clergy, for acquiring sites for Churches in new housing estates, for Church Building, and for assisting Church Schools to meet the requirements of the new Education Act. These are the main aims and they ought to enlist the sympathetic help of all churchpeople. It is a real piece of Home Mission work we are called upon to set in motion and there is a tremendous need for it. We who enjoy the privileges provided for us by past generations are being asked to do the same kind of thing for those who will follow us. As we think of our own lovely little parish church let us bear in mind that it was built—probably at great sacrifice—by our ancestors, and that it has been preserved for us by the love and generosity of men and women down the ages. It stands as a memorial to them and to their faith. Truly we have entered into their labours and into their gifts and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude. Let us show our thankfulness by responding wholeheartedly to the appeal now being made to us. Many parishes have lost their churches, ours has been spared, and in this fact we have a further cause for thanksgiving.

There will be the usual attractions associated with these parochial events—stalls, competitions, teas, side-shows, children's sports, etc. This year, through the kindness of Miss Tucker, the children of the School will provide us with a programme of country dancing. Last year you will remember they gave us a display of May-pole dancing. Mr. Guest has informed me that he has secured the services of a clairvoyante. Prices of admission on the day will be 1s. for adults and 6d. for children,

but tickets bought in advance will be 9d. and 4d. respectively.

Let us all work to make the occasion both a very successful one and a very happy one. If we each do our share and pray for God's blessing upon this venture I feel sure we need have no fears about the results. Let us keep the aim in view and say to ourselves "this effort is for the extension of Christ's cause and demands the very best I can put into it and the utmost I can give."

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

The Magazine may not be out in time to ask you to give your warmest support to the Concert which is being organised by Miss Tucker and which is due to take place on Thursday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Teversal Miners' Welfare Hall. The Committee have kindly granted the use of the Hall and we are very grateful to them. The school-children are selling tickets, so if there are any who have not taken some I hope they will do so and I feel sure we shall have a most enjoyable entertainment. The proceeds are for the Bishop's Forward Movement and once again may I commend this venture to you.

Mrs. Hughes, of Mansfield, was the speaker at the monthly meeting of our Mothers' Union on July 2nd. She gave a most inspiring address and her visit was very much appreciated. The Rev. R. H. Brunt, who is in charge of S. Peters, Mansfield, during Canon Hughes' absence will be the preacher at Evensong on July 15th. Our collections that day will be for the Mansfield Hospital.

A welcome to Marine Kenneth Harpham—it is a pleasure to see him back among us.

BAPTISMS

June 10.—Arthur Leonard Fottles.

June 10.—Eliza Ann Head.

June 17.—Donald Watkinson.

MARRIAGE

June 30.—Ernest Hollingworth to Sarah Emma Wilson.

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The Rectory,
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Dear Friends,

It is with a real note of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the success of our Summer Fete and Sale that I would commence this letter. We were granted a superb day, and everything went off most harmoniously and without any of those little hitches which sometimes occur on these occasions. I was glad to see some of our Free Church friends present and I would like to thank them for coming. We are all engaged in the same great work, and, though we serve in different regiments and under different leaders, our Commander-in-Chief is the Lord Christ. It was a great co-operative effort and hence it is impossible to single out individuals for special praise; indeed I don't think they would desire it. I would, however, like to express our thanks to Mr. Bradfield for kindly acting once again as a most efficient treasurer, and for preparing the financial statement which you will find below. Including the proceeds of the concert given by the schoolchildren on the Thursday before the Fete the net sum of £149 19s. 7d. was realised. We have thus secured three-quarters of the target the Parochial Church Council set itself to raise towards the financial side of the Bishop's Forward Movement, but we must not forget that the primary objective of that Forward Movement is to claim Nottinghamshire for Christianity. The Bishop hopes that all of us will very carefully study the report just issued by the Church Assembly called "Towards the Conversion of England." It will probably have to be ordered, as it is already a best seller and it costs the modest sum of one shilling. Possibly I could secure copies for all who would care to have one.

I would now turn for a moment to another good cause demanding our support—the £50,000 Appeal on behalf of the Mansfield Hospital. I believe I am right in stating that Skegby, Stanton Hill and Teversal have been asked to raise £2,000 towards this sum, and in aid of this very worthy object a Fete is being held in the grounds of Teversal Grange on Saturday, August 18th, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Todd. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mr. G. A. Spencer, and there will be Mounted Sports, Side-shows, Refreshments, a Clairvoyant, and many other attractions. Tickets purchased in advance will cost adults 1s. and children 6d. On the day the entrance will be 1s. 3d. and 9d. respectively. Let us all combine to make this a most successful venture and let us remember how the healing of the sick in body formed an important part of our Blessed Lord's work. If we bear this in mind we can very well regard this effort too as a "forward movement."

Please keep the day free and turn up in your hundreds.

I feel sure you would wish me to express through our Parish Magazine our deep sympathy with Mrs. Preston, of the Manor Close, in the passing of her husband. Mr. Preston had been in poor health for some time, and a year ago had a serious illness. From this he rallied and with indomitable courage carried on. Now he has been called home and we pray for him God's peace and for his dear ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Yours sincerely,
W. ROBERTS POWELL.

CONFIRMATION

The following were confirmed on Sunday, July 8th, at Sutton Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese—Mary Hollis, Brenda Lovis Morton, Sylvia Joyce Mosley, Maureen Poyser, Marion Rickers, Gwendolen Thompson, Monica Thompson, Betty Tideswell, Catherine Truswell.

CONCERT AND GARDEN FETE

Receipts.—Gate Receipts and Tickets sold, £12 0s. 1d.; Special Donations, £12 16s.; Mothers' Union Stall and Donations, £45 6s. 9d.; Crockery Stall, £14 10s. 9d.; White Elephant Stall, £15 13s. 2½d.; Hardware Stall, £3 2s.; Ice-Cream Stall, £3 5s. 3d.; Sale of Minerals, £2 11s.; Children's Concert at Welfare Hall, £9 4s.; Proceeds of previous Whist Drives, £14 14s. 6d.; Refreshments and Whist Drive, £17 19s.; Side-Shows, Competitions, and Games, £21 6s. 10½d.; Total, £172 9s. 5d.

Expenditure.—Hire of Tent and Equipment, £5 17s. 6d.; Advertising and Printing, £2 0s. 6d.; Purchase of Confectionery, Minerals and Ices, £9 1s. 10d.; Radiogram, £1 10s.; Sports Prizes and Sundries, £4; Total, £22 9s. 10d.

Net proceeds, £149 19s. 7d.

P. J. BRADFIELD, Treasurer.

BAPTISMS

July 22.—Christopher John Kenney.
July 22.—Brian Ronald West.

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July 21.—Stanley George Harrison to Sylvia Thompson.

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July 24.—Arthur Hill.

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Dear Friends,

Since writing my last letter to you the almost unbelievable has happened—Japan has surrendered and we have held "VJ." thanksgivings and celebrations. Few of us thought the end was so near, and we were fully prepared for another twelve months of warfare, before Japan gave up the struggle. The sudden cessation of hostilities is good news for thousands—prisoners of war, men and women in the armed Forces, friends and relatives at home, but in one way it is likely to prove rather an embarrassment—it is going to make the unwinding of the Allied war machine a more difficult matter. That machine needs time and the collapse of Japan has precipitated more or less a crisis. The change over from war to peace requires a slope and not a precipice and now we are on the edge of a precipice. This has already been illustrated to us in the sudden ending of Lend-Lease and if our American friends stop sending us food and raw materials as gifts we in this island will have precious little to send to Europe if we are going to keep our own heads above water. Let us hope some modification of the American proposals may be forthcoming.

But another almost unbelievable thing has happened besides the surrender of Japan—the splitting of the atom and the coming of the atomic bomb. Forty-nine years ago an English novelist, Marie Corelli, wrote a book entitled, "The Mighty Atom." I have not read it and I do not know whether it is now obtainable, but I am quite sure Marie Corelli had no idea how colossal was the might of the atom. Commander Stephen King-Hall in the National News-Letter No. 475 suggests that if one week before the surrender of Nazi Germany the Nazi chiefs had been able to dispose of 50 jet planes and 100 atomic bombs, Nazi Germany could have pulled complete victory out of what appeared on that date to be absolute and irretrievable defeat. After what happened in Japan his words cannot be dismissed as nonsense and his advice 'Get together or blow yourselves to Hell' seems about the best any man could give.

The only hope for the world now seems the creation of a spirit in which no one will have the slightest desire to drop atomic bombs on anyone else. This may seem Utopian, but it is what the Christian Gospel has been urging on mankind for nearly 2,000 years. There is only one power more potent than that of the atom and it comes from above—it is the power of the Holy Spirit. That power has been promised to all who ask for it and the call now comes to every believer in Christ to pray for an

outpouring of it in our own hearts and on the world at large. Upon its coming depends the welfare of our world and indeed our very existence.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

As a result of the Fete and Gymkhana held at Teversal Grange on August 18th the Mansfield Hospital Special Appeal should profit by about £111. Considering the day was anything but a warm one and bearing in view that there was a big event in Sutton the same afternoon this result can be considered very satisfactory. The success of the event was largely due to the close co-operation of all concerned and the way in which our local people supported the effort.

We shall probably be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, September 30th, as I understand Skegby are having theirs on October 7th and Stanton Hill on October 14th. For the past six years these festivities have been held under war conditions, but this year they will be held in happier circumstances. If we do have to tighten our belts this coming winter in order that the hungry peoples of Europe may have a little more let us not grumble but regard it as a contribution by us towards the creation of peace.

I must remind readers that we have still £50 to get in order to reach our target of £200 for the Bishop's Forward Movement. Peace has come since we set out on our task, so what about a peace-offering to complete the sum before 1945 goes out?

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mr. Roger Henshaw-Allcock in the passing of his young wife. May the Holy Spirit sustain and strengthen him in the great bereavement he has undergone.

BAPTISM

August 26.—Ivan Ernest Froggatt.

MARRIAGE

September 1.—Horace William Stevenson to Edna Jean Griffin.

BURIAL

August 29.—Irene Henshaw-Allcock.

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Teversal Rectory,
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am writing this just after our Harvest Festival, and would like to express my thanks to all those who kindly sent gifts and to all those who helped to decorate our Church and make it so beautiful. I think a special word of praise should go to Mr. and Mrs. Cook for the unique and most appropriate way in which the altar-rails were adorned with the word "Victory"—a fitting symbol for this year of grace 1945. I would also like to express my gratitude for a record collection of £10 6s. 0d. for the work of our Sunday School and the Church Pastoral-Aid Society. It was exactly £3 more than last year and the largest for many years. The only disappointing factor was the number of communicants—twenty-eight seems far too small for such a festival. One would have thought more people would have desired to receive the "Bread of Life" on such an occasion and that is why I provided two extra celebrations. Perhaps some of you would bear this in mind another year and make more use of opportunities which were specially given.

Last month I reminded you that we have still another £50 to find if we are to realise the £200 the Church Council agreed as our target towards the Bishop's Forward Movement. I have received a further £2 from some kind friends of the Church and that leaves us with £48 still to secure in order to attain our end. A novel scheme has been devised by the authorities at headquarters to help those who cannot give any large amount, but whose giving must be gradual. It is somewhat similar in principle to the Savings Stamps Scheme. Cards have been prepared containing spaces for forty stamps. Postage stamps can be purchased and stuck in the blank spaces. These stamps may be of any value, but each card must be filled with the same value stamp. For example, if you start a card with a sixpenny stamp the whole forty must be sixpenny. Stamps must not be defaced or cancelled in any way. The Post Office will buy back these cards from the Church authorities at a very small deduction so that practically the whole of the proceeds will go towards the Forward Movement. These cards, I hope, will soon be in circulation, and I have already some in hand. I hope many will take them and thus help this important object.

Permission has also been obtained from the Police for a house-to-house collection to be made in each parish in the Deanery from October 22nd to October 27th, and the possibility of carrying this out will come before our Church Council in a few days time. Special envelopes have been prepared, and if this effort can be arranged it will no doubt

bring in a useful amount towards the Bishop's Fund. I feel perfectly sure we shall get the remainder of the £200 if we all pull our weight—and by the end of the year. Let us remember that this appeal is for God's work in our own Diocese and County. If we view it in this light we shall be asking ourselves not how little, but how much we can give. I am only too willing to share the privilege with you.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. POWELL.

VARIOUS ITEMS

I have applied for a Confirmation at Teversal Church on Sunday afternoon, March 3rd. Whether the Bishop will be able to come on that day remains to be seen. If we have very few candidates it may have to be transferred to Skegby.

The Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting at the Manor Room on Monday, October 1st. There was an excellent attendance and the special speaker, Miss Gouk, of Mansfield, gave a most interesting address on Christian work among the women of India, amongst whom she had spent many years of her life.

The Church of England Men's Society will be resuming its meetings shortly and it is hoped that an interesting programme will be arranged. New members will be welcomed.

We have had several marriages recently and I feel sure you will join with me in wishing these young people every happiness in their new lives and God's blessing upon their future.

I am hoping to get a Sunday off before the month is out, as it is nearly 2½ years since I had one. Directly one Sunday is over the parish priest has to be thinking about the next, so there is not much peace of mind. There are, of course, many other things during the week to keep one pretty busy, but I love it.

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 13.—Roger Alasdair Gilbert Heathcote.
- Sept. 23.—Dorothea Rebecca Porter.
- Sept. 23.—David William Mart.
- Sept. 23.—Peggy Cave.

MARRIAGES

- Sept. 22.—Thomas Edmund Roberts to Sylvia Florence Breathwaite.
- Sept. 26.—George Freeman to Margaret Davenport.

BURIAL

- Sept. 8.—Peter MacFarlane.

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Dear Friends,

I suppose that most of us are interested in the education of our children, but I am not so sure that all churchpeople, and by churchpeople I mean members of the Church of England, are as interested in Church Schools. I would therefore like to say a few words about the position of these schools in relation to the new Education Act passed last year. The Act requires that Church School premises shall be brought up to standard and the State is prepared to meet half the cost—the other half must be forthcoming from churchpeople. If this is done the School will remain a Church School and will be known as an Aided School.

If churchpeople fail to provide half the cost the State will pay all and the School will be known as a Controlled School. Practically all the privileges enjoyed by the Established Church will be lost and the School will approximate to a Council School. There, in brief, you have the issue facing the Church of England in regard to her Schools, and all churchpeople are being asked to do their utmost towards the preservation of these Schools, which are after all a solemn trust left to us by generous churchpeople of the past who were pioneers in education and who wished the children to be brought up in the Church's faith and practice. It must be borne in mind that the Church was educating people centuries before the State, and it is in recognition of this fact and of the debt owed by the State to the Church that the State has made the generous offer that I have mentioned, and it is up to us of the Church to seize the golden opportunity now given us.

November 11th—What memories that date conjures up for some of us older folk! It always will, and so will the annual commemoration of it. Now, it seems that the powers that be have decided that this commemoration shall in future be observed on another day, so as to bring it more into line with "V.E." Day and "V.J." Day. That seems very reasonable, but what day will be decided on I do not know, nor do I know whether the Flanders Poppy will be the symbol of remembrance as in the past. At all events it would seem fairly certain that this Remembrance Sunday will be the last to be observed on November 11th—hence let us make the most of it and attend our places of worship in large numbers, and let us give very generously in our collections on behalf of Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund.

The British Legion has done a great work for the ex-Service community—much more than many people are aware of, but I can vouch for it as I

have had experience of its Benevolent Fund activities. Its help is given to all ex-Service people, whether they are members of the Legion or not, provided they are in need or are ill and often without them asking for it. So in buying your poppy or giving in your collections you will be doing a good work. Last year Poppy Day Fund was a record—just under £1,000,000. This year let us seek to pass the million mark.

I have succeeded in collecting the names of about sixty members of the Parish and Church who have served, or who are still serving, with the Armed Forces. This list will be placed in the Church Porch for any corrections or additions, as I feel there must be some whose names I have not got, and it would be nice to have a complete "Roll of Service." Please inform me of any such, together with their unit.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

THE WAIFS' AND STRAYS' SOCIETY

Once again, if anyone would like to send children's clothing to me, to be forwarded to this Society, I shall be pleased to receive this as soon as possible, so that it may be posted in time for Christmas.

Also, I shall be pleased to accept the annual subscriptions during this month.

B. M. PORTER.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Will any who have received the little envelopes on behalf of the Bishop's Forward Movement, and which perhaps have not been collected, kindly give them to their Magazine distributor?

We are anxious to extend the work of the Church Missionary Society and have a number of boxes for any who would care to take one.

We were sorry to disappoint the Sunday School children about their trip on October 29th, but I think our decision to put it off was wise as the day turned out to be one of the darkest and wettest we have had. We will try to make amends at Christmas.

BAPTISMS

Oct. 14.—Hazel Rosemary Davey.

Oct. 14.—Diane Roberts.

MARRIAGE

Oct. 6.—John James Thorneycroft to Florence Smith.

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Dear Friends,

I would first of all like to express my personal thanks to all those kind friends who responded so generously to the appeal on behalf of the Bishop's Forward Movement, as well as to the ladies who gave up their time to take round and collect up the envelopes. You will be pleased to know that at the moment of writing the amount received has reached nearly £23. As we had £152 in hand the total is now approximately £175, leaving us with only about £25 to complete the task we set out to do. In order to still further reduce this amount the members of the Mothers' Union organised a small Sale of Work on Saturday, December 8th, at the Manor Room, followed by a whist drive. The whole of the profits from this effort amounting to £36 1s., will be devoted to the Forward Movement.

Another very encouraging piece of news is that the contents of the Missionary Boxes at their recent opening amounted to £7 10s. od., which was just over double what it was last year. To this amount has to be added 30s. from the M.U. Working Party's Box, which was opened earlier in the year and making their total contribution £2 10s. od. The amount from the Lenten Savings Purses was £3 18s. 3d., thus making a total of £12 18s. 3d. for the year. The Church Missionary Society has expressed its appreciation of these gifts and the Rev. C. W. Howell, who represents the Society in our Diocese and who preached on November 18th, was equally pleased. A detailed statement of the year's figures will be found below.

We are hoping to hold a Congregational Social on the last Saturday of the year, December 29th. Last year we had a very happy and successful one and this year being the year of victory we ought to try and make it a bumper one. If all co-operate and do their best I am sure it will be a great success. Fuller details will be announced nearer the time.

The Christmas Season will soon be upon us, and once again the Good News of the Birth of the Saviour King will be proclaimed with joy and thanksgiving. This year it will come to us in more peaceful days, but as we look around the world we must honestly confess that the world is still in a very troubled state, and the Prince of Peace rules in only a small minority of hearts. May our Christmas prayer be that His rule be widely extended and may we do all in our power to spread His influence among men until the whole world shall acknowledge His sovereignty. Only when this comes about can we hope for lasting peace.

God grant you all a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Mothers' Union Working Party, £2 10s.; Mrs. Bestwick, 11s. 5½d.; Mrs. Burlinson, 7s. 2½d.; Mrs. Colbourne, 10s. 7d.; Mrs. Cook, 15s. 10½d.; Mrs. Cuckson, 10s. 3½d.; Mr. Deakin, 1s. 5d.; Mrs. Gent, 7s. 5d.; Mrs. King, 12s. 2½d.; Mrs. Jacklin, 10s. 5½d.; Rev. W. R. Powell, 10s. 1¼d.; Mrs. Seeley, 8s. 3d.; Mrs. Tideswell, 10s. 3d.; Mrs. Tomlinson (Whiteboro'), 9s. 3d.; Mrs. Woodall, 5s. 3d. Box total (for year), £9. Lent Savings Purses, £3 18s. 3d. Grand total for year, £12 18s. 3d. I have given the credit mainly to the ladies, but I am sure the husbands have helped in this most valuable work.

SUNDRY ITEMS

The Rev. Canon Paget gave a most interesting account of a visit to the Channel Islands at the meeting of the C.E.M.S. on November 14th. He was able to tell us about the privations the inhabitants had to endure during five years of German occupation. Life for the people was very grim, and even when he and Mrs. Paget were there food was very scarce and very expensive. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7.30 p.m. when Mr. L. D. Ford, of Teversal Manor, will be the special speaker.

The C.E.M.S. ran a very successful Whist Drive on Saturday, November 24th, when over forty people were present. We are very grateful to those friends who contributed to the Prize Fund and to Mr. H. A. Breathwaite for a good deal of work in connection with it, as well as to Mr. Guest for acting as M.C. We would also like to thank the ladies for preparing the refreshments.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Monday, January 7th.

The children of Teversal School will give their usual Carol Service at the Church on Sunday, December 16th at 3 p.m. Last year we had a very happy service and this year we hope many will come.

Mrs. Morton has asked me to express her thanks for the kindnesses shown to her and to her daughter during the latter's recent illness.

BURIAL

Nov. 21.—Albert Harpham.