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Teversal Rectory,

Dear Friends,

Our Bishop in a very inspiring letter to the Diocese writes "For good or for evil 1946 will be a year of critical decisions. Marks will be set up which will chart the future course of history. At home and abroad stupendous tasks await us. The supreme overriding question as we move into the first post-war year concerns the faith in which we go to meet it. We must re-build, one way or another. Are we going to re-build our own lives the life of our homes and the life of England in the faith of Christ and in the fear of God?" well, are we? are you?

That there is some rebuilding of these things necessary few would deny, for six years of war have certainly shaken them and have clearly shown that all social programmes will fail unless there is theology behind them—a true understanding of the will of God and his purpose for the life of man. What is needed in the post-war world (as Archbishop Temple used to say) is "a society lit by a real belief in the dignity of the human person." To create such a type of society in our own County of Nottingham is the chief aim of the Bishop's Forward Movement. The financial effort is coming to a close, the spiritual must now begin. In that effort every Christian must take his or her share. It is a call to every member of the Church and not just to the Clergy alone. We all have to let the light of Christ shine in our own lives so that men may be attracted to Him and give Him their worship and service. If by the grace of God we seize the opportunity given to us then the year 1946 may prove an even more wonderful year than 1945 and the foundations laid of a true world peace in which the fruits of the Spirit can ripen and the desert blossom as a rose. A great responsibility lies upon us-may we shoulder it courageously and faithfully.

Yours very sincerely, W. R. POWELL.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop's Manor, Southwell. Dec. 15th. 1945.

My dear Powell,

Thanks so much for your letter with the cheering news of Teversal's magnificent achievement. I very much appreciate all the effort that has been made and shall be glad if you will take any

opportunity of letting all concerned know how January 1946. grateful I am.

Yours sincerely,

F. R. Southwell.

N.B. The total of the Bishop's Forward Movement Fund has now reached £211 6s od. and small amounts are still coming in. Our target figure for Teversal was £200.

SUNDRY ITEMS

I am sorry the Diocesan Almanack had to be rationed, but we were only allowed 100. Please make use of them for helping us as a parish to raise the increase of our Quota. This year it will be raised from £21 to about £34. Keep the slips till the end of each quarter and then hand them to your Magazine distributor, or if you prefer it every month. Each slip must have stamps of the same value upon it—this is important. It may mean a little trouble, but it will all be a help.

I am able to announce that the Mansfield Hospital Christmas Appeal for Skegby, Stanton Hill and Teversal brought in just over f100. sal's share is not yet known as some is still to come in. It should be in the neighbourhood of £15. Many thanks to all who helped with the envelopes

and to all who responded.

A party for the Sunday School children was held in the Manor Room on Wednesday, January and. An enjoyable tea was provided which included jellies, blancmanges and a large seed cake. After this games were played and some of the senior children gave an amusing charade. Later on owing to the kindness of a previous Sunday School scholar a bran tub was provided and each child received a present which caused much delight. Thanks are due to all who co-operated to make this event an enjoyable one.

BAPTISMS

Dec. 9.—Michael John Dobb.

Dec. 9.—Mary Chambers.

Dec. 16.—Jean Nelson.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 22.—Harry Gaunt to Cissie May White.

Dec. 22.—Daniel Bigley to Jean Keetley.

BURIALS

Dec. 15.—Willie Vann (at Skegby).

Dec. 22.—William Lowe.

Dec. 24.—Alice Foster (at Sutton).

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Teversal Rectory,

February, 1946.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I must apologise if this Magazine gets to you a little later than usual, but, like many of you, your Rector has not proved immune to the attacks of the germs which have been and still are so busy in laying people low. I have been given the opportunity of studying the ceiling for a few days, but I hope that period of immobility is now over, and that all of you who have been ill will soon be feeling stronger again. A period of meditation is no doubt good for us all, but under such conditions I don't feel it is as profitable as it might be.

You may perhaps have heard that our Bishop has called all the clergy of this Diocese to a great Synod at Southwell Minister on Wednesday, February 20th. It will probably have taken place by the time the Magazine is in your hands. It is the next step in the proposed Forward Movement, and the Bishop asks for your prayers on the Evangelist effort he is planning. As I have said, the financial side of the Movement is due to close down on March 31st, and the next step is in the nature of a Mission. In this the help and co-operation of every member of the Church will be needed, and if that work is to succeed we shall all need a refilling with God's Holy Spirit. I hope to give you more details in our next issue, but I would like to suggest that we use the coming season of Lent. which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, as an opportunity of spiritual renewal and of fitting ourselves to take a worthy part in the campaign for the extension of the Kingdom of God in our Diocese and County.

It is not often we have the privilege of a Confirmation Service in our church—I think it was in 1942 that our Bishop last took one here. He hopes to conduct a Service on Sunday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. We shall have some seven or eight candidates, and I believe about double that number from the parish of Skegby. Our church is not an easy one to lend itself to such an occasion and priority will have to be given to the candidates and their parents and godparents. When these have been arranged for, the rest of the seating will be free. I feel sure members of our regular congregation will see the necessity of this and will do all they can'to assist so that everything may pass off happily and without any hitches. The Bishop asks for a special collection to be made at all Confirmation Services for a fund to endow new missionary dioceses as a thank-offering for the great inheritance which has been bequeathed to us because somebody 1,300 years ago came and proclaimed Christ to our heathen ancestors. Please

bear this in mind, and come prepared to do all you can to help send the Gospel of Jesus to all who have it not.

> Yours very sincerely. W. ROBERTS POWELL.

C.E.M.S.

Will all members of our Branch please keep Friday evening, March 8th, free as we are having a very special speaker in the Rev. E. E. Yelverton, M.A., D.D., B.A. (Dublin), formerly C.F. (Aldershot) and now Headquarters Travelling Secretary of our Society. Dr. Yelverton is speaking next day to the North Derbyshire Federation at Chesterfield, and has kindly offered to break his journey at Teversal. We are inviting neighbouring Branches to come, and hope there will be a record attendance. Time of meeting 7 p.m., at the Manor Room.

WAIFS' AND STRAYS' SOCIETY

At the end of the year 1945 a sum of fifteen pounds was sent to the Secretary of the above Society from this parish. Of this sum nine pounds was the result of collections taken in Sunday School and six pounds was due to the generous support of parishioners. At the same time two large parcels of clothing were forwarded.

To all who helped in any way to make this appeal a record one the Secretary of the Society sends

his grateful thanks.

B. M. PORTER.

BENEFIT WHIST DRIVE

Balance Sheet (abridged) of Whist Drive arranged by members of the Teversal M.U. and C.E.M.S. on January 19th in aid of Mr. L. Davenport.

Receipts:—Donations (per M.U. and C.E.M.S.), £6 8s.; Sundry Competitions, £9 1s. 9d.; Whist Drive, £7 4s.; Refreshments, £1 17s. 11d.; Total, £24 IIS. 8d.

Expenditure:—One Gent.'s prize, 11s. 8d.

Net profit, £24.

Certified as examined and found correct, C.

Guest, R.S.I. (Hon. Auditor).

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, of Silverhill Terrace, and Mr. L. Davenport, have written expressing their heartfelt thanks to the members of the M.U. and C.E.M.S. and to all those who helped to make this effort such an outstanding success.

BAPTISM.

Jan. 13.—John Leslie Ball.

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March, 1946.

Dear Friends,

I hope that by the time this Magazine reaches you we shall have reached the end of the cold spend and that warmer days will be at hand. It certainly has been a trying time for many, and various epidemics have laid hold upon both adults and children. The effects of these have not been easy to get rid of, and lack of the proper vitamins has no doubt helped to prolong recovery. As one of the victims I can sympathise with you in your troubles, and I must apologise for not having been able to come and see you.

It was a great privilege having our Bishop with us on March 3rd. We were very fortunate as the snow very nearly held him up. He was at Welbeck that Sunday morning and he told me how difficult it was to manipulate his car. He got here, however, and gave us a very inspiring message, though he stressed we were living in grim days. I think every thinking person will admit the truth of that. Wherever we look there seems to be trouble—national and international—and nearer home, food troubles and all kinds of other troubles. Like the sweet psalmist of Israel we feel like saying: "Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest." That may be very nice in theory, but for practical purposes it would seem more profitable to courageously face trouble and take a bus and queue up. If the troubles are spiritual then I suggest we retire to our rooms and look up, for more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. I leave that with you as a Lenten thought.

It was also a very great privilege having with us at our C.E.M.S. meeting on March 8th the Rev. Dr. Eric Yelverton—the travelling secretary of the Society. Once again we were given a masterly address from a man who had had over twenty years' experience as an Army Chaplain in many parts of the world. A number of local Branches sent representatives, and a very helpful and enjoyable evening was spent in fellowship with them.

The sudden passing of the Reverend Canon Paget, of Pleasley, came as a great shock. Twice within the last year he had been over to address our Men's Meeting. We shall miss his kindly presence and humour and our sympathy goes out to the loved ones he leaves to mourn his loss.

Yours very sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

A large meeting of members of the Mothers' Union is expected for a Diocesan Service at Southwell Minster on Lady Day (March 25th) at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Provost (The Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood) and the collection will be for the "Friends of the Cathedral" Fund after defraying any expenses. Branches must make their own arrangements for Tea.

I am hoping to exchange with the Rev. C. W. Younge, of S, Augustine's, Mansfield, on Sundays, March 24th and 31st, at 6.30 p.m. It will depend, however, on how fit I am by then. Mr. Younge paid us a visit last Lent.

March 31st (Lent IV) is Mothering Sunday, and we are hoping to hold a Family Service at the Church at 3 p.m. Children are asked to bring their Mothers and Fathers to this Service—Mothers wearing a buttonhole of violets gathered by the children (if this is possible). Last year we had a very happy gathering and I am sure we shall this year if we all do our best.

The names of those confirmed on March 3rd is as follows:—Gordon Herbert Breathwaite, Donald Edward Clegg, Doreen Durance, Wendy Marjorie Fowler, Richard Harpham, Donald Hollingworth, John Graham Mosley, Thomas Edmund Roberts, Sylvia Florence Roberts, Owen Swift, Joseph Watkinson, Edith Watkinson.

The result of the Whist Drive held on February 23rd, on behalf of the work of S. Dunstan's for blinded ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen, amounted to £6 2s. 6d. We are very grateful to all who helped so liberally.

The collection at the Confirmation Service on behalf of the work of the Church Overseas came to £5 is. id.

An anonymous donor placed £5 in the collection bag one Sunday this month We would like to express our warmest thanks to the giver of this splendid sum.

BAPTISMS

Mar. 3.—Brian Buxton.

Mar. 10.—Allan Harold Rickers.

Mar. 10.—Susan Margaret Perkins.

MARRIAGE

Mar. 9.—George Ashmore to Audrey Cropper.

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April, 1946.

Dear Friends,

The great festival of Easter is once again at hand and it comes to us at a time when nature is showing all the signs of newness of life. The long sleep of another winter is over, and the trees are bursting into leaf and will soon be clothed with their dress of green and the beauty of blossom. It is a lovely time and is all so symbolical of the great doctrine of the Resurrection, which gives to our Christian Faith an assurance and hope which is lacking from some religious faiths.

Nature is emerging from her dormitory just at the time when we keep our annual memorial of our Blessed Lord coming forth from the Tomb, and such a time must be a joyous time for all who have eyes to see and hearts to feel. To the Christian it must be particularly sacred, for with this wealth of new life must ever be associated nature's sleep on the one hand and Christ's death on the other. Good Friday and Easter Day are indissolubly linked together and he who would fully enter the joy of Easter must be no stranger to the events that immediately preceded it, and so I ask you to keep Good Friday as a day of solemn memories, for on that day the Lord of Glory and the Son of Man gave His life for you, that you might live the endless life.

On Good Friday the Ante-Communion Service will be said at 8 a.m., there will be Morning Prayer, Litany, and address at II a.m. and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6.30 p.m. There will not be any service in the afternoon, as last year it proved a failure as regards attendance and in consequence I have promised to conduct one at Pleasley. On Easter Day there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., after the Morning Service, and also after the Evening Service. This ought to give every Communicant a chance to attend, and to any who are sick or infirm I shall be only too pleased to go during Easter Week if they will let me know. May I remind Communicants that our Prayer Book quite definitely says that every Communicant shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one. May I also say that all Communicants should give some thought to this beforehand and prepare themselves for taking part in such a sacred service.

How can this be done? Once again our Prayer Book gives us the answer, and here it is:—"To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to

lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death; and be in charity with all men." There is also the further provision made that "if there be any who by these means cannot quiet his own conscience herein, let him come to me, or to some other discreet and learned Minister of God's Word, and open his grief; that by the ministry of God's holy Word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscence, and avoiding of all scruple and doubtfulness."

Yours very sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

I am pleased to be able to report that owing to the generosity of many of our Magazine readers we were able to finish the year with a profit of £1 Ios. IId. This I have carried forward to help us meet the further increase of the cost during the coming year. Each copy of the Magazine costs us just over 3d., so we shall be very grateful to all who can give us a little extra to the 2d. charged for our parish news-sheet. We have 170 copies every month and practically every copy goes—in fact, I think we could sell more if we had them

The service at Southwell Minister for members of the Mothers' Union on March 25th, was most inspiring and the numbers attending it exceeded all expectations. I believe the collection for 'Friends of the Cathedral' amounted to £78.

The C.E.M.S. invited members of the M.U. to its meeting on April 9th. The Rector was commissioned to answer a number of very interesting questions sent in, and among them were these: "Can a business man be a Christian?" and "Why does, a clergyman wear a dog-collar?" What would your answer be?

Can you spare a shilling at Easter for the Archbishop's Church of China Fund? The Church in China has suffered severely. There will be a box at the Church door on Easter Day for contributions.

BAPTISMS

Mar. 31.—Kenneth Brewer.

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Apr. 7.—Rita Levy.

MARRIAGE

Mar. 30.—Roy Gilbert to Ada Hull.

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At the Joint Meeting of the Vestry and Church Electors, Mr. N. D. 10dd, J.P., was re-elected Rector's Warden, and Mr. W. S. Jacklin was reappointed 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 following appointments were confirmed or made:—Mr. W. R. Harpham to the Diocesan Conference, and Messrs. H. Seeley and C. Ray to the Ruridecanal Conference. These gentlemen, together with the Rector and the Churchwardens, became ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council. The election of the Parochial Church Council. The election of twenty-three other members to this Council then followed, and the following were appointed:—Mesdames Bailey, Bradfield, Breathwaite, Cook, Graham, Guest, S. Jacklin, Keetley, Powell, Preston, Todd, Ward, Miss Hartshorne, and Miss Porter, Messrs. M. Bestwick, H. Breathwaite, O. Cook, C. Guest, W. Keetley, F. Robinson, H. Tideswell, J. Ward, G. Warner.

The Meeting then proceeded to appoint the Sidesmen for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were elected:—Messrs. H. Breathwaite, O. Cook, D. Cook, L. Ford, C. Guest, W. K. Guest, W. R. Harpham, C. Ray, H. Seeley, J. Ward, G. Warner.

Messrs. S. Fowler and H. Breathwaite were re-appointed Auditors.

Mr. W. S. Jacklin presented a most satisfactory Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st. The General Account showed receipts for the year amounting to £518 19s. 6d. (this included £100 3s. 7d. brought forward from the preceding year). On the expenditure side £458 18s. 7d. had been paid out, leaving a balance of £60 os. 11d. This amount was smaller than the sum carried forward from 1944 owing to the fact that £50 had been given towards a new range at the Rectory. Of the other money expended £211 2s. od. had been donated towards the Bishop's Forward Movement and £53 is. 6d. towards Church Societies and sundry Charities. The Deposit Account showed assets to the value of £448 13s. Id. (£400 invested in 3% Defence Bonds and £48 13s. Id. cash at bank). The Molyneux Charity Account had a balance at the bank of 14s. od. 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 Mr. S. J. Fowler.

The Rector then gave a short report on various activities of the Church. He mentioned that the Electoral Roll had been received and contained 117 names. There had been 736 acts of Communion during the year, and the number of Communicants on Easter Day had been 78. The number of baptisms was 22, and there had been 11 weddings and 7 burials. Confirmees had totalled 9.

The Rector went on to express the thanks of the Council to the many helpers of the Church—the Sidesmen, Choir, Bellringers, the Ladies who provided and arranged the Altar flowers and decorated the Church, to Mr. and Mrs. Tideswell for their work in the Church and to Mr. and Mrs. Cook for their labours at the Manor Room, and again to Mr. Tideswell for his work in the Churchyards. He also paid a tribute to the devoted work of Miss Porter, Mrs. W. S. Jacklin and the young teachers in the Sunday School, as well as to the Magazine Distributors.

Before closing his report the Rector said a special word of thanks was due to Mr. John Deakin for his invaluable and voluntary help at the organ, and also to Mr. W. S. Jacklin as Honorary Treasurer to the Council, and to Mr. C. Guest for his painstaking labours as Honorary Secretary, not only of the Council but also of the Vestry and Annual Meeting. The Rector also mentioned the good work done by the Mothers' Union and the Church of England Men's Society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prizes have been awarded to Marian Rickers, Mary Rickers, Janet Rickers, Maureen Poyser, Betty Tideswell, Audrey Rickers, Audrey Bishop, Sheila Haycox, Sylvia Mosley, Pat Unwin, Dorothy Burlinson, Ann Robinson, Hilary Gee, Brenda Morton, Naomi Ford, Valerie Ford, Marie Hunter, Kathleen Truswell, Mary Dobb, Dorothy Dobb, Phyllis Rockley, Marie Redshaw, Gillian Harpham, and to the following boys:—Clifford Mosley, Graham Mosley, Richard Harpham, Owen Swift, Colin Burlinson, John Burlinson, John Tomlinson, Peter Fell, Derek Hollis, Michael Ford, John Davey, Raymond Davey, John Elliott, Ronnie Quick, John Johnstone, and Brian Haycox.

Miss Clarke kindly presented the prizes on Easter Sunday afterenoon.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Miss Marjorie Joan Warner on the occasion of her marriage to Captain George Herbert Strutt on April 25th. May their married life be a long and happy one.

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Teversal Rectory, June, 1946.

Dear Friends.

We are noping to hold our Summer Fete and Sale in the Rectory Garden on Saturday, July 13th, and I am very pleased to say that Lady Sibill Argles has kindly consented to open it. Last year we were favoured with ideal weather, and we made a special effort on behalf of the funds for the Bishop's Forward Movement. This year we are not confronted with such a formidable task, but our Parish Quota has been raised from £19 to £34 as part of the same Movement, so we shall be grateful for all the support you can give us.

At the same time I would stress that this Annual Garden Party is not meant simply and solely to be a money-raising affair. We want it to be an opportunity for friends to come together and enjoy each other's company—a "party" in the usually accepted sense of the word, where everybody can be happy and enjoy themselves. There is nothing like fellowship for advancing friendliness and goodwill, and the spirit of our gathering is the real test by which its true success is to be measured. May we all combine to make it an event to be looked back to with pleasure. Pray for God

blessing upon it.

I am glad to find that quite a number of you have taken up the Diocesan Calendar Stamp Scheme. Perhaps one of its most useful features is that it gives to many of those who find it difficult to attend church regularly an opportunity of contributing towards our church finances. The proceeds of this effort are towards our Parish Quota, but, I would add, this helps our general funds, as the more we receive from the Stamp Scheme the less we have to find from our collection in church and from our Summer Sale. It is a new scheme and therefore will take time to get into full swing, but already it has proved its worth, and I am very grateful for the response made. I know it entails a little thought and trouble, but I would remind those who take it that they are helping their local church to take an active part in valuable Christian work. To any who have not adopted the Scheme I would commend it to their consideration. It can be started at any time, and another half-year opens with July. To those who are using the Scheme we would express our warm thanks. Any of our Magazine distributors will be pleased to pass on the slips to myself or to the Wardens, or they may be handed in at the church. I hope to announce the amount received for the half-year in next month's Magazine.

I am glad, too, to report that our contributions to the work of the Church Overseas are increasing.

The Lent purses on behalf of the work of the Church Missionary Society brought in £5 10s., as against £3 18s. 3d. the previous year. I must give a special word of praise to some of our Sunday School scholars who helped to bring this about. We all long for a more Christian world and this is one of the ways in which we can help propagate our holy and life-giving Faith.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

LENTEN PURSES

Mrs. Penford, 6s. $6\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Mrs. Jacklin, 5s. 7d.; Mrs. Thompson, 7s. 8d.; Mrs. Powell, 9s. $5\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Mrs. Tideswell, 5s. $8\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Mrs. Burlinson, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Gamble, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jacklin, 8s. 4d.; Mrs. Cook, 8s. 9d.; Rev. W. R. Powell, 11s. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Maureen Poyser, 2s. $8\frac{1}{2}$ d.; John Tomlinson, 12s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Phyllis Rockley, 1s. 8d.; Wendy Fowler, 7s. 1d.; Owen Swift, 2s. 8d.; Margaret Hunter, 1s. 6d.; Anne Robinson, 3s.; Total, £5 10s.

SUNDRY ITEMS.

On Whitsunday the new banner of our Branch of the Mothers' Union was dedicated. It is a very beautiful piece of work, and worthy of a place in the Sanctuary of our Church. May it remind members of their high calling and ever lead them on to new fields of influence for good. It was nice to have our Deanery President, Mrs. Beeley, present at the dedication.

The Diocesan Missionary Service will be held in Southwell Minster on Saturday, June 29th, at 4 p.m. The preacher will be the Right Rev. Bishop T. K. Shen, Bishop of Sian, and the collection will be for the Church in China. Bishop Shen is a Chinese and one of the outstanding personalities in the Chinese Church. It should be a unique gathering.

We would like through our Magazine to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. W. Tomlinson and her family in the passing of her loved one. May the Holy Spirit comfort and support them at this time of their great bereavement.

BAPTISM

June 10.—Reginald Walter Gent.

BURTAL.

June 4.—William Tomlinson.

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Dear Parishloners and Friends,

I am writing this letter a few days after our Garden Party and Sale, and I want first of all to express the personal thanks of my Wife and myself to all of you who co-operated so well in making it once again a real success, both as a social gathering and a financial effort. I would also at the same time say how very grateful we all ought to be to our heavenly Father for granting us a fine afternoon and evening after the heavy storm which broke over our neighbourhood not much more than an hour before proceedings were due to begin. Two years ago the same kind of thing happenedit was wet until I p.m. and then the weather cleared in a wonderful way. I am sure these blessings came in answer to somebody's prayers, and I refuse to believe that they were just the outcome of chance. May their occurrence confirm our faith in the goodness and mercy of Him Who doeth all things well.

I suppose the main topic of conversation during the past month has been that of "bread," and that by the time this Magazine is in your hands we shall be in the midst of bread rationing. Our present Government has decided that this drastic step is necessary and they ought to know the position of things. I can only surmise that things must be pretty desperate as no Government whatever its complexion, would embark on a very unpopular course of action unless things were really serious. We shall have to make the best of it, and as a Christian community console ourselves with the thought that through our self-sacrifice we are helping to feed those who are far more hungry than we shall ever be. Long years ago the Apostle Paul writing to the Christians at Rome said: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." The "coals of fire" were to melt him into shame, just as fire melts metals. Whether our action produces this result or not it fulfils the Divine law of love and will bring its reward. We must remember that the world of to-day is so interlocked that anarchy and disease can soon cross frontiers and that not even the barrier of the seas can prevent the spread of these things. Some of us have not forgotten the year 1918 and to travel back nearly 600 years we know how in 1348 the "Black Death" crossed to our country and carried off one-third to onehalf of the population. The feeding of the starving in Western Europe may in itself be an insurance against such contingencies happening again quite apart from its Christian necessity.

The holiday season has once more arrived and no doubt quite a number of you will be able to escape for a few days from the "common round and trivial task." I hope you will enjoy the change and come back refreshed in body and spirit. Those on the land will no doubt have to take their holidays later in the year, but I hope they will try and get one, as I am quite sure they must need one. When our shopkeepers will ever get a decent holiday I tremble to think.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Our Bishop who has recently been visiting the British Zone in Germany reports that the standard ration of bread for adults was 12 ounces a week, and no bread for children under three. "Hungry men," as a German professor said to him, "do not argue by rational processes." They certainly don't.

The Mothers' Union Outing to Scarborough on June 24th proved very successful, though rather tiring. I hear that some of our members enjoyed a trip on the briny ocean and that others paddled. All, however, reached home safely and none the worse for a long and strenuous day which commenced at 7 a.m. and terminated very nearly at midnight.

The Group meeting of Mothers' Unions at the Manor Room on July 1st was also a great success, and was addressed by Mrs. Beeley. After the meeting the mothers came over to the Rectory Garden and many of them took the opportunity of looking over our beautiful little Church.

The members of our Women's Institute are hoping to pay a visit to Stratford-on-Avon on Wednesday, August 7th. A 35-seater bus has been secured and those who make the journey are attending the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to see the play "As You Like It."

We would like to express our sympathy with Mrs. Bailey in the sudden passing of her eldest sister. May the Holy Spirit comfort her in this sad bereavement.

Late News:—Summer Sale. We shall clear about f100!

BAPTISMS

July 7.—Stewart Eric Dring. July 14.—John Fred Rollinson.

WEDDING

July 20.—Walter Kenneth Bell to Lizzie Stanley.

BURIAL

June 18.-Mary Nixon.

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August, 1946.

Dear Friends,

You may like to hear how the financial side of the Bishop's Forward Movement fared, and here are a few of the details. The appeal was for £150,000, and the total raised up to the end of June was just over \$88,000, that is, somewhat over one-half the amount aimed at. Of this amount the parishes raised nearly £40,000, subscriptions and donations came to about a similar sum, and the remainder from odd sources. The donations included one magnificent one of £24,000 for Church re-building. Of the parishes S, Mary's, Nottingham, with £2,300 was far and away the highest contributor. Over £1,000 each was sent in by Beeston, S. Peter's, Nottingham, S. Anne's, Worksop (with Warsop Priory not far behind), and S. Peter's, Mansfield. Many of the smaller parishes did at least as well and even better in proportion to their size. You may remember our parish sent up over £211.

Our Bishop in his August letter to the Diocesan Magazine expresses his warmest thanks to all who worked so hard and gave so generously He says: "When you reflect that side by side with all this we have kept up our existing commitments both within the Diocese and to the Church at large, have given £1,000 to the China Fund, as well as a good deal to the West Indies and to Christian Reconstruction in Europe, I do not think we have done too badly. But you will forgive me now for reminding you that all our plans for the next five years depend on raising the new budget in full; and that depends on the efforts of the parishes."

(Norwood Mrs. Caushill), 3s. 62.

Two months ago I promised to let you know how the Calendar Stamp Scheme was getting on. Some twenty or so of our parishioners have adopted it as a means of helping us towards the payment of our increased Quota and up to the time of going to press I have received just over £4 from this source. You will remember that I suggested it was a good way in which friends who were not able to get to church very regularly might like to do something for the church. Regular attenders are able to make their offerings Sunday by Sunday in the collections, but there are quite a number of churchpeople who, for numerous reasons, find it difficult to come often, and, for them, this scheme does supply a means whereby they can make an offering to God and do their bit. We are very grateful for their assistance, but it would be a help if contributors would sign their names on the back of each monthly slip, unless they wish to remain anonymous. Stamps have varied in value from 6d. to a penny, the most popular being the 3d. with

the 6d. not far behind. In all nearly 300 stamps have been used, and there are more slips to come in. A detailed statement follows this letter.

Mr. Bradfield has kindly forwarded me a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of our Summer Fete, and we are most grateful for his work in compiling it and in looking after the finances. It is given in detail below and you will see from it that the profits amounted to nearly £105. I think you will admit that this is a very satisfactory result, and one for which we ought to be very thankful. We were very blest, despite the storm!

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. POWELL.

STAMP SCHEME

Mrs. Chambers (Teversal), 10s.; Mrs. Bradfield, 12s.; Mrs. Bailey, 6s. 6d.; Anon, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Davenport (Silvernill), 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Summerfield, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Woodail, 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Penford, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Hollis, 2s.; Mrs. Beard, 1s.; Mrs. Ward (Norwood), 3s.; Mrs. Unwin, 3s. 3d.; Anon, 1s.; Mrs. Caunt, 4s. 7d.; Anon, 1od.; Mrs. Ball (Wildhill), 3s. 6d.; Anon, 1s. 4d.; Mrs. Smith (Fackley), 2s. 9d.; Mrs. Wells, 1s.; Anon, 2s. Total to date, £4 1s. 6d.

SUMMER FETE

Receipts.—Gate and Tickets, £9 18s. 7d.; Special Donations, £9 10s.; Mothers' Union Stall and Donations, £39 19s. 9d.; Crockery Stall, £16 8s. 6d.; White Elephant Stall, £8 19s. 1d.; Ice Cream Stall, £3 12s.; Sale of Minerals, £2 8s.; Proceeds of Whist Drives, £12 2s. 9d.; Side-Shows, Competitions and Games, £9 19s. 11½d.; Refreshments and Whist Drive, £13 7s. 4½d.; Total, £126 6s.

Expenditure.—Hire of Tent and Equipment, £5 17s. 6d.; Advertising and Printing, £2 12s. 6d.; Purchase of Confectionery, Minerals and Ices, £7 15s. 8d.; Hire of Radiogram, £2 2s.; Sports Prizes and Sundries, £2 18s. 11d.; Total, £21 6s. 7d. Net Proceeds, £104 19s. 5d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OUTING

I hear the members of our Institute thoroughly enjoyed their Outing and fortunately the weather cleared up in a wonderful way.

BAPTISMS

Aug. 4.—Josephine Mary Summerfield. Aug. 4.—Joan Prothero.

BURIAL

Aug. 2.—George William Sterland.

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Over a year has passed since hostilities came to an end, and we may well ask what is the general position. That it is worse than it was one year after the close of the 1914-1918 War cannot be doubted by those who can remember those days. The post-war world of 1946 has suffered from two problems which were less in 1920—destruction has been far greater and the food shortage far more acute and widespread. Mr. David Lloyd George once said that the more hopelessly defeated the enemy, the harder it was to make a just and lasting peace. His words seem to be coming only too true, but the main difference between 1919 and 1946 is psychological.

In 1919 the Allies had plenty of differences of opinion but they did talk more or less the same democratic language. Now they are talking a different one, and therein lies the danger—there is a wide gulf between our way of thinking and that of the Soviet Union. This may not call for immediate alarm, as men all over the world are too tired to pick up their weapons, but it is a poor basis for peace. Man is a resilient and combative creature and does not remain tired for very long, and the plain fact is that many men still believe that Power is the only currency which matters in international affairs. So long as they believe that, so long will the coming of real peace be delayed. The only foundation for peace—external and internal—is in Christ and in His way of life, and the sooner men adopt Him and His way the sooner will happiness return to this distracted world.

Harvest Festivals are now being held in many places—we hope to hold ours on September 29th-Michaelmas Day. There is much to be thankfhl for since the harvest covers a very wide range of produce and not simply what are termed the 'corn' crops. At the same time, it would be wrong for us to shut our eyes to the fact that the crops have suffered severely through the inclement weather, and many farmers have had a very disappointing time. For us churchpeople to come to church and lustily sing "ALL is safely gathered in " would be sheer humbug. I hope we shall change it to "SOME is safely gathered in," which is the truth, whereas the other isn't. If our worship is to be uplifting and true it must correspond with facts—otherwise we are deluding ourselves. We have many causes of thanksgiving, but this year our thanksgiving must of necessity be tempered by the thought that much of the harvest has been spoilt and that many in the farming community must have heavy hearts. It is easy to talk about the 'law of averages' as I heard someone saying while I was in a train the other day, or that you must 'take the rough with the smooth.' Such talk does little good, though there may be some truth in it. There must be better ways of expressing sympathy, and to my mind a grip of the hand may do more good than any catch phrase. It is not words that are wanted—it is understanding.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. POWELL.

SUNDRY ITEMS

The preacher on Sunday evening, September 29th—our Harvest Festival—will be the Rev. W. E. A. Pugh, Vicar of Sutton-in-Ashfield. Our collections will be mainly for the Sunday School Fund and we shall be very glad of your most generous help. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. and at 8 a.m. and a Children's Gift Service at 3 p.m.

The Choir Outing on August 14th, organised so ably by Mr. Unwin, proved a great success, and though the weather was a little uncertain it kept fine and the party were able to enjoy their visit to the seaside. Considering rationing was the order of the day some excellent meals were provided, and everything went off extremely well. The homeward journey was enlivened by community singing and the party arrived home about 10.30 p.m., tired but happy after their long day near the briny ocean.

In the passing of Mr. Frederick Wycherley and Miss Mary Ann Hartshorne the parish has lost two of its much-respected friends. Both died within a very few hours of each other, and both were laid to rest almost simultaneously. I feel sure that you would like me through our Magazine to express our deep sympathy with the loved ones they leave behind. Theirs is the joy of completed service and of work well done and we commend them into the safe keeping of the One Whom they loved and served so faithfully and so well.

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Sept. 16.—Frederick Wycherley. Sept. 17.—Mary Ann Hartshorne.

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November, 1946.

Dear Friends.

paring his dinner.

Christian you would be where that fish is!"

Apparently, Christianity does make a difference our C.E.M.S. gathering on Tuesday, Novemburgh the difference is less perceptible in a nominconsidered that God had done so much for him that tunate in having with us Mr. Joseph Chamberssionary work does pay dividends after all, and the world is a better place because devoted men and activities the art of "bee-keeping." women have obeyed their Master's command to go forth into the world and preach the Gospel.

work of the Church abroad has been richly blessed, done to beautify God's acre. but like many other things the War has hindered and women volunteers is greater than ever in altional, medical. Let us pray that more labourers may be forthcoming for this work of Church extension and at the same time ask ourselves what we can do about it. If the call to go does not come to us we can at least take a missionary box or give an annual donation to so great a cause. Last year we, as a parish, gave under £13 to this all-important side of the Church's work, and I am anxious to develop our interest in what may well be our soundest investment towards world peace. Application for boxes, or donations, may be sent to Mrs. Cook, The Privets, Teversal, who is our treasurer, or to me, and some friends may be able to make a few things which could be sold and the proceeds given towards the work. No gift will be too small.

Yours very sincerely.

W. R. POWELL.

BURIAL

Oct. 19.—William Sanders.

SUNDRY ITEMS

It was encouraging to see the Church so full on Remembrance Sunday morning, but many of the An Englishman abroad came upon a native pre- congregation were young people. One would have thought that more of our own people would have "That's a fine fish you're cooking," he re- made an effort to come either in the morning or in 'Yes, the good God gave it me out of the evening. No one at all came to the early celethe river." "I don't believe all that stuff about bration and it was scrapped. The substitution of a good God," said the Englishman. "He's never a service on the wireless is no valid excuse except done anything good for me." "I know one thing in the case of the sick or aged. Have many of our He's done," replied the native. "If I weren't a parishioners so soon forgotten the blood shed on their behalf?

ally Christian land than one in which heathenism ber 12th, and gave a most interesting talk on is rampant. The Englishman might have been "Bees." He related his subject to the Bible and boiling in the pot had not some other Englishman also to the tomb of Tutankhamen. We were forhe must go and tell cannibals about it. So mis- another expert on bees-and we came away from

I wonder how many of our readers will have noticed that a hedge has been planted around the St. Andrewstide is drawing near, and our Church whole of our new churchyard. In a few years time has for many years called upon her adherents to this will take off the rather bare look of the present observe this season as a time of prayer and help for railings and help to make the churchyard more like the overseas work she performs. St. Andrew, as a garden. It has cost the Church Council about you know, brought his brother Peter to Christ, and £45, but your kind support of our Summer Fete has that is why this season has been chosen as a suit- made it possible, and all parishioners of every deable one to commemorate missionary activity. The nomination will, I feel sure, approve what has been

Another improvement has also been made—this and disorganised much of it. The need for men time inside the church. For some time it has been felt that the seats have been rather hard, so a quanmost every branch—evangelistic, pastoral, educa- tity of red felting has been secured and members of the congregation will be able to sit in a little more comfort. This has cost about £25 and we are very grateful to the Mothers' Union for offering to bear half the cost. We hope this new venture will be an incentive to parishioners to come and see how it feels to sit on something softer than old oak.

Congratulations to our Teversal schoolchildren on their successes at the Nottingham Musical Festival and to the high praise they earned. Congratulations also to our Women's Institute Choir and to Miss Tucker who trained both the children and the adults. The W.I. Choir made an excellent first attempt—it augurs well for the future.

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Dear Friends,

A month or two ago I reminded you that we should have to raise the price of our Parish Magazine to threepence a copy, or three shillings a year. The price of paper together with increase in wages makes this very slight increase a necessity and it is already costing us a fraction over threepence to produce. Many kind readers have already raised their subscription and given very generously to its carrying-on, and I would like to thank them very much for their help. Next year you will all be getting more for your money as the "Home Words" inset is to be eight large pages instead of eight small ones. One of the most popular items of the "inset" is the "Weekday Pages for Women with Homes." The hints contained in these are alone well worth threepence, so I am looking for a ready response from our readers to help me carry on our parish journal.

The opening of our Missionary Boxes took place on November 27th, and the result has proved most encouraging. The total from about twenty boxes, plus one or two subscriptions, came to £12 4s. 5d., and this is over £3 more than last year, when the amount from these was £9. As we had already sent £5 10s. od. from our Lenten savings the total amount for the year received by the Church Missionary Society from Teversal Church will be £17 14s. 5d., as against £12 18s. 3d. for 1945. This is very satisfactory, but there is still room for improvement as quite a number of our worshippers have not subscribed anything to this work of world evangelisation, and so I make a further appeal for boxholders and subscribers. The work of the Church overseas is far more important than many churchpeople think; indeed it is a vital work and it is as well to remind ourselves that our own ancestors were once as pagan as any tribe in Central Africa until somebody cared and brought the Gospel to our shores.

The Christmas Season will once again soon be with us, and this year I am trying an experiment which has proved successful in a number of parishes. I am holding a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve (with Carols and Christmas Hymns) at 11.30 p.m., and hope to so arrange it that the actual reception of the Holy Communion shall take place just after midnight on Christmas Day. The whole service should be over in three-quarters of an hour and would give many of our churchpeople a chance of a great act of worship in the earliest hours of Christmas morning. There will be further celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at morning prayer, but there will be no

Evening Service as most people like to spend the latter part of the day in their homes. Our offerings at this great Festival will be given, as usual, to the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. These Homes care for some 7,500 children and are well worthy of a generous gift. Please help to fill their stockings and to provide them with a real Xmas dinner.

The Carol Service given by the Teversal School-children on December 15th will probably be over before this magazine can be in your hands, so may I say "Thank you," both to Miss Tucker for kindly arranging the service and to the children for what I am sure will be a most reverent and enjoyable rendering of Xmas music.

It only remains for me to wish you all every blessing this Christmastide and the happiest of New Years. I ask your pardon for many shortcomings and your prayers for guidance and help in 1947. May the coming year see the dawning of an era of lasting peace!

Yours very sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Mrs. Bestwick, 8s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Breathwaite, 14s. $11\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Burlinson, 10s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Colbourne, 10s. $3\frac{3}{4}d$.; Mrs. Cook, 19s. 1d.; Mr. and Mrs. Cuckson, 16s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Griffin, 9s. 8d.; Mrs. Guest, 14s. $0\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Griffin, 9s. 8d.; Mrs. Guest, 14s. $0\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Jacklin, 7s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Powell, £1 7s. 4d.; Rev. W. R. Powell, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray, 14s.3d.; Mrs. Seeley, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Thompson, 13s. 1d.; Mrs. Tideswell, 4s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$.; Mrs. Tomlinson (Whiteboro'), 6s. 11d.; Mrs. Woodall, 5s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$.; Master John Elliott, 1s. $9\frac{1}{2}d$. (Lent Purse), Teversal Mothers' Union, £1 10s.

Total for 1946 from boxes and subscriptions, £12 4s. 5d.; Lent Savings Purses, £5 1os. Grand total, £17 14s. 5d.

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WEDDING

Nov. 23.—Eric Chambers to Sybil Thompson. (Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chambers and our very best wishes for their future happiness).