

JANUARY, 1944

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RECTOR'S NOTES

I quite expected to be writing these words at Teversal Rectory; but Mr. Powell has been advised not to return to Great Chart for the present, so we are staying on here a bit longer.

By the time this Magazine is in your hands we shall have entered upon a New Year, and a momentous year it certainly will be for the whole world. In the Providence of God we of the united nations face it with high hopes of victory. But we shall have to pass through much tribulation and endure many losses before the end comes.

We on the Home Front can only "watch and pray." But watching does not mean idleness. It means, as our Lord taught us, doing our duty and fulfilling our tasks to the utmost of our ability. And we can help those, who are in the Front Line, by our prayers. "More things are wrought by prayers than this world dreams of."

So in the coming days let us be often in prayer—in the quiet of our own homes and in the House of Prayer. It will be a tremendous help to our brave men, as they go to meet the enemy in mortal combat, to know that they and the cause for which they fight are being upheld by the prayers of those at home.

May God's blessing rest upon you all in the coming year; and may your hearts be kept in "perfect peace," trusting in "the God of our salvation."

Teversal Rectory,
January, 1944.

Dear Friends,

Mr. Scott has accorded me the privilege of again writing a few lines for your Parish Magazine and I am grateful for the opportunity of being able to convey to you my best wishes for the New Year. The path before our nation during the coming months will be steep and rugged and will demand the very best that we can give. We start the year with brighter prospects than we have had at any previous time during the past four years, thanks to the merciful providences of our God and the heroic sacrifices of thousands of brave men and women. In deep gratitude let us go forward into this New Year trusting in the mercy of our God and in the justice of our cause. War is a terrible thing, but given the circumstances of 1939 we had no choice but to choose it. Can we not see to it, after victory has been won, that we are not again forced to make a similar choice? Because war has been a characteristic of the past, is it inescapable in the future? I believe not, if human and spiritual growth can catch up with material progress.

Yours sincerely,
W. ROBERTS POWELL.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Guest has kindly written the following tribute to the late Mr. Isaac James Bailey and many will be glad to read it.

"From childhood Mr. Bailey served his God, in his house, in the office where he was head cashier, in Sunday School, in the service of Teversal Church, and in singing and playing to the praise and glory of God in the choir.

Faithfully serving his day and generation he sought no publicity and the mind may see in him the lines learned in childhood. His passing away not only removes a much respected and popular personality, but severs a link with the past which will be greatly deplored in the Church where he was Organist and Choirmaster for 52 years and where he also worked with loyalty and devotion for the new Organ.

A member of the Church Council he was always a smiling one. He lived for the Church and its social work, both in the parish of Teversal and in the Skegby district and his service was of the best that any man could give."

SOCIAL

A very enjoyable party was held on New Year's Day, organised by the C.E.M.S. and Mothers' Union. It commenced with a short whist drive and was followed by refreshments, games, dancing, songs and recitations, Mr. Braithwaite acted as M.C. and Mr. Wildman very kindly supplied a Radiogram for the music. Everything went off very satisfactorily and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

C.E.M.S.

The monthly meeting of the above was held in the Manor Room on December 2nd. The chairman was Mr. W. R. Harpham. After a short business meeting the Rev. W. R. Powell addressed the meeting, his subject being "My past four years in Kent." The next meeting was arranged for January 6th, 1944.

BAPTISMS

December 14th.—Patricia Mary Lang.
January 2nd.—Barrie Wilfred Haycox.

MARRIAGES

December 25th.—George Nelson to Eva Brunt.
December 25th.—William Robertson Davie to Margaret Wright.
December 27th.—Leslie Ball to Sarah Ann Stanley.

BURIALS

Dec. 13th.—Isaac James Bailey (at Skegby).
Dec. 15th.—Arthur Waller.

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I don't suppose it will come as a surprise to most of you after our long absence to hear that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Southwell have given their permission for an exchange of Benefices between Mr. Powell and myself. If the Parochial Church Councils agree to this proposal we expect to make the exchange within the next month or so.

We hope to come back to Teversal for a short time before we leave in order to say "Goodbye" to our many friends and to make arrangements for our "move." We shall be very sorry to leave Teversal, but we cannot help feeling that this change is God's leading.

Teversal Rectory,

March, 1944.

Dear Friends,

The above letter from your Rector will tell you what has been in the air for the last three or four months, and there is little I can add to it. At the moment of writing the matter has not yet been finally settled, but is being considered by the two Church Councils which have the right to express an opinion on the subject, and to say the type of man whom they think would be suitable for a parish. The final decision naturally rests with the patrons of the livings, and they will no doubt review the position in the light of what the Councils have to say. The result ought to be known within the next week or two.

My wife and I have enjoyed the peace of Teversal during these winter months and also all your kindness in welcoming us among you. It has been so restful after all the racket of living so near to the Channel coast. If I leave Great Chart it will be with one regret that I have not been able to stay with my parishioners till the European War was over. I should have liked to have remained with them to share the strain and dangers which beset all who live in that exposed part of our small island, but unfortunately every time I return—and I went back three times last year—the tension proves too much, and on doctor's orders I have had to come away.

It seems strange here in Teversal not to hear the wailing of the siren or the still more ominous "spotter's" warning, or the crump of bombs. I have twice seen my parish lit up with incendiaries, to say nothing of flares and searchlights. I have heard plenty of machine-gun and cannon-fire and innumerable planes must have passed over us. It has not been pleasant, but I am glad to have been through it and many a time my wife and I have thanked God when the "All Clear" sounded.

Well, here we are in Teversal, and if it is God's will for us to remain with you I feel sure we shall be happy. You have already—to use St. Paul's words when he was shipwrecked on Malta—shown us "no little kindness." I trust that both my wife and myself will have the opportunity of showing our appreciation of it.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

C.E.M.S.

The monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S. was held on 3rd February. Mr. Harpham was in the chair. After a short business meeting the members were addressed

by Mr. Staton, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, his subject being "Stonehenge." A short discussion followed. It was hoped to hold a meeting during March, but owing to inclement weather this month's meeting has had to be abandoned.

H. BREATHWAITE.

On December 26th the following scholars who attended the Sunday School regularly during the past year received a book:—

Girls.—A. Bishop, D. Burlinson, D. Dobb, G. Dobb, M. Dobb, N. Ford, S. Haycox, B. Morton, S. Moseley, M. Munt, J. Newton, Margaret and Maureen Poyser, A. Rickers, J. Rickers, Marian and Mary Rickers, B. Tideswell.

Boys.—C. Burlinson, J. Burlinson, J. Elliott, M. Ford, R. Harpham, C. Moseley, J. Munt, O. Swift, G. Moseley.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the scholars and teachers of Teversal School, when they met in the Manor Room on Saturday, January 29th.

Each one brought sandwiches and varieties of cakes and tea was provided. Throughout the afternoon games were played and prizes were distributed to the winners. At the conclusion of the party each child was fortunate to receive the gift of an apple.

Thanks are due to the Rev. W. R. Powell, Mrs. Jacklin, Miss Breathwaite and Miss Porter, who were responsible for making this effort a success. Mr. and Mrs. Tideswell are due to be thanked for providing a splendid "surprise" gift parcel which added to the enjoyment of the games.

B. M. PORTER.

THE "WAIFS AND STRAYS" SOCIETY.

During the past year, clothing and toys have been forwarded to this Society, for which the secretary sends grateful thanks. Also a sum of £5 6s. 7d. has been acknowledged. Of this £1 19s. 6d. was from subscribers and £3 7s. 1d. came from collections in the Sunday School.

During these days all efforts are much appreciated, and thanks are due to all who have supported this cause.

B. M. PORTER.

BAPTISMS

Jan. 12.—Marie Roberts.
Jan. 23.—Gillian Lesley Scott Crompton.
Jan. 23.—Colleen Annie Sterland.

BURIAL

Feb. 15.—George Royce Machin.

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Teversal Rectory,
April, 1944.

Dear Friends,

I must apologise for the Magazine being late in publication this month, but it has been a busy time for us since I wrote my last month's letter. I can now announce that the question of my coming to Teversal has been settled after many weeks of uncertainty. It has been in many ways a rather worrying time, as the final answer to the Great Chart Church Council did not reach the Secretary until the day our goods and chattels were being actually moved out of our house. We had had a verbal assurance a few days earlier, but it was a case of moving now or never in view of what might be happening at any moment and we had to arrange things largely on trust.

Our six days in Kent preparing for the move and saying a few hasty farewells were not without excitements. The first night we were home we got some presents from the other side of the Channel, but I am thankful to say the sole damage done was the loss of one haystack. The next three nights we were kept on the alert and the remaining two we expected trouble but nothing materialised. Once again the providence of God had watched over the parish as it had done on many previous occasions and I ascribe it all as an answer to prayer.

And now we are here. At the present I have no official position as the parish of Teversal is officially void. I am, as it were, 'on supply' to use a term well-known in the scholastic system. My institution as Rector of Teversal cannot take place until at least one month has elapsed from the posting of notices in the Church porch. It was in May of 1937, three days after the Coronation, that the Archbishop of Canterbury instituted me at Great Chart and it seems fairly certain that it will be May when the Bishop of Southwell will perform a similar ceremony here. The actual date has not been fixed so I cannot give you any details. In the meantime I ask you your prayers by way of preparation for the event.

It may be of interest to many parishioners to know that, as I am the first incumbent to take office since the last Tithe Act of 1936 came into force, the income of the benefice from tithe will fall by some £113 per annum. The same thing will not happen at Great Chart as it has already happened when I went there in 1937. I simply mention this fact so that parishioners may be under no illusions. The reason for this fall in income is due to the arrangement made at the time of the 1936 Act by which all incumbents in office before that date had their previous incomes guaranteed them at the expense of those incumbents appointed to benefices after the new Act came into force.

A description of the Easter services should by right appear in the May Magazine, but, as this month's copy is late in appearing, I am writing a few notes now. The Church was beautifully decorated and I am very grateful to all those who kindly provided flowers and lent plants for enhancing the beauty of the Church, and also to all who so tastefully arranged them. I am also very grateful for the very generous Easter offering given me of £8 7s. 7d. It will help me to meet some of the heavy expenses incurred in the move and I would like you all to understand how much I have appreciated the gift; it has been a very great encouragement and I thank you most heartily for it. The number of Communicants was seventy—two more than at Great Chart. I am sure, too, we all enjoyed the Easter music and those glorious Easter hymns, with their message of life and hope, so helpful in these days when there is so much sadness in our troubled world.

Yours very sincerely,

W. R. POWELL.

C.E.M.S.

At a meeting of the Teversal Branch of the C.E.M.S. it was unanimously decided to make a presentation to the Rev. W. R. Scott, founder, and President of the Branch since 1935, who has left the parish to become Rector of Great Chart, Ashford, Kent. The gift took the form of a cheque, which was presented to the Rector by Mr. H. A. Breathwaite and Mr. C. H. Guest. In a letter of acknowledgment, Mr. Scott writes:—"Please convey to the members of the C.E.M.S. my heartiest thanks for their generous parting gift. I appreciate their kindness very much. May the Teversal Branch go from strength to strength, and may God's blessing rest upon you all."

MOTHERS' UNION

A meeting of the Teversal Mothers' Union was arranged at the Manor Room on March 27th to bid farewell to Mrs. Scott, the Enrolling Member. A leather handbag was presented to her by Mrs. Preston on behalf of the members as a mark of appreciation and as a parting gift. Mrs. Scott thanked the members for their very nice gift and said that it was just the thing she needed and that it would always remind her of the very happy days she had spent with them at Teversal.

BAPTISMS

April 2.—Julie Margaret Caunt.
April 2.—Roger Walter Wright.

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Teversal Rectory,

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Considering Advent Sunday was the opening day of the new Ecclesiastical Year, and, after making due allowance for inclemency of weather, illness, and other legitimate reasons for absence, I must frankly say that to have a congregation of about a dozen adults at Mattins was deplorable and particularly so when some two-thirds of those adults came from beyond the boundaries of our parish—our own Churchpeople were conspicuous by their absence. In addition to this, the 8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion had to be abandoned for lack of Communicants. It was a bad beginning to a new Christian Year, and as your Parish Priest I feel it my bounden duty to say so. I hope it will not occur again.

A more encouraging picture is the growth of our Sunday School, which now numbers some forty children and they come in all kinds of weather—nothing seems to stop them. I have been able to secure some stamps illustrating the subject of the lessons and every child receives one each Sunday. Unfortunately, the production of very nice little albums to stick the stamps in has been prohibited by the authorities until after the war, so I hope parents will help their children to make small books out of brown paper to accommodate fifty-two stamps. A useful size is about that of a Savings Certificate book, as these can be carried in a pocket, and the stamp put in at once—otherwise on a wet Sunday the stamp is inclined to stick where it isn't wanted. There are special stamps for children kept away by illness or any reasonable cause. We are always ready to welcome newcomers to the School.

Miss Tucker has very kindly offered to arrange a Carol Service at the Church on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, at 3 p.m. The Teversal School Choir has been practising these carols for some time, and I am sure we shall have a very happy service. It is two years since we had such a Service and I know you will do your best to come. It is always a pleasure to hear good singing, and we know Teversal children have a reputation for it. It will also be a fitting prelude to the Christmas Season, and one way of preparing ourselves for that great Festival. I believe it is customary to have a collection for some good cause, so I know you will come prepared. It is hardly necessary to add that the Sunday School will not meet on December 17th.

We are hoping to hold a Congregational Social on Saturday, December 23rd, and it is being or-

ganised by the Mothers' Union and the Church of England Men's Society. Please make a note of the date, as this is just a preliminary notice and fuller details will be announced later. From the preparations that are being made I feel sure we are in for an enjoyable evening and an amusing one as well. We are hoping to invite a few of the evacuees who came to us a few months ago as a mark of friendship and fellowship.

Two days later we shall be observing the great festival which commemorates the birth of our Blessed Lord. This year it follows after a Sunday, but I hope that fact will not in any way detract from the way in which we keep Christmas Day. Christmas Eve being the fourth Sunday in the month there will be the usual evening celebration of Holy Communion, and I hope any Communicants unable to keep their Christmas Communion on Christmas Day will do their best to do so at this service. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 8 a.m. and at Mattins. There will be no evening service, as most people will be spending the time in their own homes. We usually give our Christmas Day collections to forward the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. These Homes are doing a great piece of work for the nation in caring for thousands of children, and therefore I plead for a generous Christmas gift towards their support.

Amidst all the anxieties and sorrows of these days of war I would pray that the peace of God may dwell in your homes this Christmastide and that the New Year may see the end at least of the European War. May God bless you and yours in the days ahead and unite us all in closer fellowship in the service of the New-Born King.

Yours sincerely,

W. ROBERTS POWELL.

P.S.—I am very glad to report that our Magazine circulation is now 160 per month. Last month we were sold out.

BAPTISMS

Nov. 26.—David Richard Chambers.

Nov. 28.—Margaret Anne White.