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HALTON HOLEGATE

A SCRAP BOOK

Containing Historical Notes and Records connected with the Parish of

HALTON HOLGATE

compiled by the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, ~~Rector~~ 1900–1915

who hopes that future Rectors, into whose charge he gives it, will continue to record any events of interest connected with the Parish, and that they will keep this Book in the Vestry or some other part of the Church where Parishioners can have access to it.

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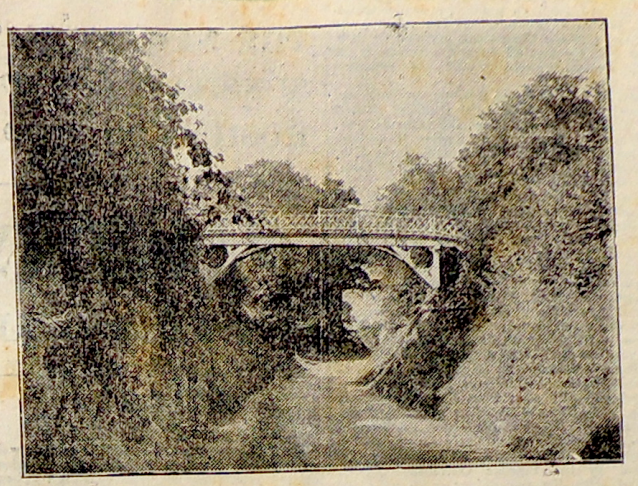


HALTON HOLLOWGATE.

No. 305.—HALTON HOLEGATE.

Only a short walk from the town of Spilsby, a distance of probably a mile, is reached the charming little village of Halton Holegate, presenting, in some respects, one or two of the prettiest rural scenes we have been privileged to see. We count ourselves extremely fortunate that the Rector of Halton Holegate (Rev. C. P. Disbrowe), who is so well acquainted with the district, and has so repeatedly shown his love for it, has generously written for us a most interesting and comprehensive paper on this notable parish, which we are now enabled to publish. We cannot permit this opportunity to pass without very gratefully thanking the Vicar for his great kindness, and we feel assured that our readers will enjoy the perusal of his work as keenly as we have done. With this introductory note we will step aside, and allow the Rector to enlighten readers of these articles on the history and features of Halton Holegate.

The Rector on the Village.

"There are few more pleasantly situated or prettier villages in the great county of Lincoln than that of Halton Holegate. Whether the visitor approaches from Spilsby, from the wide Fen, or from Firsby, it is equally charming in aspect. Walking from Spilsby we come to "Tut hole," an old sandstone quarry, now planted with trees, and the happy home of conies, who have made their home in the rocks, which they require a good deal of persuasion to leave. The stone for the most recent addition to Halton Church in 1894 was taken from "Tut hole," and given for the purpose by the late Rev. E. Rawnsley, who owned one part of the quarry. This stone was also used for the restoration of East Kirkby Church quite recently. Our readers will remember that there is also a "Tut hole" near the old house of the Willoughbys at Eresby. There is a provincial use of the word "Tut" or "Tote," meaning a "piece of work"; perhaps this is the origin of the word "Tut hole." There were formerly in Halton parochial officers called "Stonegraves"; did these officers in years gone by let out the work by the "tut" in "Tuthole"? Proceeding through Tuthole, we pass the "Pound," or "Pinfold," formerly looked after by the "under," whose duty it was to impound therein all cattle found wandering at large. Approaching the village we pass Beverley House, which is part of an estate belonging to the Poor of Beverley. Halton House, the residence of Major-General Richardson is the next point of interest. Formerly there was a very pretty view of the church at this point, but the enlargement of the house has blocked the view. However, there are always compensations, and the inhabitants can well put up with any loss of view of the church in exchange for the acquisition of residents so deeply interested in all that concerns the welfare of Halton as General and Mrs. Richardson. Halton Manor stands to the south of Halton House, a well grown cedar standing on the lawn before the front door. Mr. J. H. Vessey, whose father and grandfather were so well known in the county, resides here. The Rev. G. B. Vessey, Rector of Lenton, is lord of the manor.

The Hollowgate.

We now enter the village of Halton, which stands so pleasantly on a gentle rising ground, the culminating beauty of which is, of course, its famous church. But we will defer our account of the church. Passing through the village, we come to the "Hollowgate," which gives its name to the village. This is a deep cutting in the sandstone, through which the road to Firsby passes, and is one of the prettiest bits of scenery which the eye can desire. The rich colour of the sandstone, contrasted with the varied greens and browns of undergrowth and forest trees, whose waving boughs almost meet overhead to form an arch above, have filled the artist and photographer with admiration. A footbridge crosses the Hollowgate, giving access to the churchyard from the Rectory garden. The Rectory though only about fifteen yards from the north bank of the Hollowgate, is quite out of sight, owing to the depth of the cutting. There are few choicer Rectories than this. The views from the garden over the broad expanse of fen, or looking towards the sea, where Burgh church stands midway between Halton and Skegness, are varied and delightful. On a clear day Boston Stump stands out in the South and Skegness and the sea, with the Norfolk coast beyond, are distinctly visible, whilst to the north-east there is a view of Candlesby and Scremby. Tennyson, in his youth, was a frequent visitor to the Rectory. This village, by the way, is noted for the growth of poppies, said to be the most remarkable for size of any grown in the United Kingdom. At certain periods of the year numerous persons visit Halton Holegate purposely to view its noted poppies. The Rectory, which in 1774 was a building of three bays, containing "three low rooms, two of them floored with paving the parlour with deal boards," and thatched with "reed thatch," has been much added to since then. The Rev. W. Brackenbury built a drawing-room in 1790, and a tragic occurrence took place in this room not long after. Mrs. Brackenbury being dressed to go out to an evening party, accidentally setting her dress alight and being burnt to death. The Rev. Thomas Hardwicke Rawnsley also added considerably to the house, as did his son and successor, the Rev. Drummond Rawnsley. Returning to the Hollowgate, the church is approached through a stately avenue of elms.

Healthy Halton Holegate.

Speaking generally, the visitor feels that all the surroundings of Halton seem to indicate how well the place has been cared for and improved by its residents for many years past. People who have lived in Halton have left it with regret, and that they have still had an affection for the place is shown by the number who desire to be buried in the pleasant churchyard. As a concrete illustration of this we may state that in 1896 out of sixteen burials, seven were those of old inhabitants, who had left the parish. That Halton Holegate is a healthy place is vouched for by the parish registers. Epidemics are almost unknown, and longevity is the rule. In 1865 Elizabeth Dawson, aged 107, was buried, but the Rector was evidently sceptical as to her true age, and enters her age "supposed to be 90, on her coffin 107." But as historian of Halton I should like to give her the benefit of the doubt. In 1895, taking eleven consecutive entries of burials, the average works out at 79 years! In 1896 taking eighteen consecutive entries, the ages average 76 years.

How Should the Name be Spelt?

Controversy has raged as to the right spelling of the name of the village. The Ordnance Map spells it Halton Holegate. The Editor of the "Village Magazine" insists on "Holgate." The Rector prefers "Holegate." The records of the past are even more varied. Domesday Book has "Holtun" and "Haltun." The Bishop institutes Rectors to the parish of Halton Holgate, alias "Halgarth." In 1349 we have "Halton juxta Spilsby." Other variations found are "Houlegate," "Holdgate," "Houlgate," and "Hollowgate." The probability is that the name "Hollowgate" or "Holegate" was added to Halton when the stone was quarried from the cutting to build the church in the 14th Century, as I have come across no indication of the name in very early times, though Streatfield suggests that the Romans quarried here, and tells of a road known as "Houleygates" in Normandy, which passes through a similar sandstone cutting (Lincolnshire and the Danes). At all events, "Hollowgate" means the hollow road, and so tell its own tale. The paten presented to the church in 1705 by Mrs. Mary Mowbray, was presented to "Halton Hollowgate." The termination "ton" takes us back to Anglo-Saxon times, but a part of the parish is called Northorpe, which is a Danish name, and shows us so often how the English and Danes settled down side by side. We frequently find both Danish and English place names in the same parish, e.g., Scrunby contains Bassingham, and Welton contains Hanby, Boothby, and Thwaite. A terrier of the parish dated 1599 gives us many old place names. The chief roads were the Holegate, Spilsby-gate, Pearsgate-lane, Southendgate Northorpe-gate, Stockford-lane, Rodley-lane, Sucroft-lane (also Sudcroft's and Scotcroft's, Toath-lane, Eastfield-lane, and Cross Hill-lane.

The account of Halton Holegate will be continued next week, with a special illustration from our own photograph.

Historical Notes



No. 306.—HALTON HOLEGATE.—Part II.

Many of the old field names mentioned in this series are still to be found and may be of interest. The Hales (holes) were near the river, where it divided Partney from Halton, and contained "Colrich" and "Lowdale." Northorp contained "Wath Close" (where the river was crossed by stepping-stones), "Matthams," "Foxholes," "Open Matthams," "Batchelor Close," "Laith Close," "Keys Wong" (wong, a meadow), "Peasbarrow," "Potlands." In Cross Hill we find "Peartree Close." "The Wrangdens," "Ashby Mill Closes," "Caudell Hill," "Walkmill Field" contained the "Pingle" (a small enclosed piece of land) and the "Horse Close." East of the Spilsby-road were "Foxman Close," "Stonepitt Close," "Holmes Hill," "Great Holmes," "Little Holmes," "Holmes Bottom." Abutting on Pearsgate-lane, "Robcrofts" and "Weatherdales." Then there were the "Holegate Head Closes" adjoining the Manor House, and stretching down from the church to the river was "Halton Milns," now the Mill grounds, and perhaps indicating the site of one of the water mills mentioned in Domesday Book. South of the Manor House were the "Bame wong Closes" and the "Stonewath." Wath means a ford which was here crossed by stepping-stones; these were opposite the school, the ditch then being a running stream at one point in which, known as Jordan's Slab, water was drawn for brewing. Stockbridge-lane lies south of this. On the west of Southend Gate was Lamecofts. On the south of Rodley-lane (the road to Toynton) was "Waterbed." There were gates, or barrs, across the roads, frequent mention being made of repairs to the same.

The Enclosure.

From the old records we are able to trace the gradual enclosure of the parish. In 1633 the land assessed for rates was 800 acres of pasture and 360 acres of "ming mea and arable"; total 1,200. In 1802 there were old inclosures, 1,053 acres; open fields, 189; ings, 285; total, 1,528 acres. In 1823 the acreage inclosed amounted to 2,020, the increase being owing to the enclosure of the Fen, when 188 acres were added to the glebe in lieu of tithe.

Landowners.

The chief landowners in 1699 were Benjamin Smith (whose wife was the last person buried inside the church); Mr. Peachoe, Lord of the Manor; Lady Dallison, who inhabited New Manor House, on the east of Southend Gate; Capt. Bryan; Mr. Harby, or Hairby. Among the tenants was John Grantham, whose descendants occupy the same building to-day as they have done for 600 years, and are the oldest family in Halton.

In Doomsday Book.

Domesday Book has the following mention of Halton:— "Lindesig: The land of Earl Alan (1st Earl of Richmond, who received 101 Manors in Lincolnshire), Bolimbroc Wapentake, Manor. In Halton Hundred and Stepi (Steeping) Eric has three bovates rateable to gelt: the land is three carucates. Eudo the Earl's vassal has there one carucate and 80 acres of meadow. The annual value in King Edward's time was 10s.: it is the same now." "Land of Ivo Tallebois: Manor of Bolingbroke. Soke of this Manor. In Halton and Stepi there are nine carucates of land rateable to gelt. The land is nine carucates. Ivo has there one carucate in demesne and 58 socmen and 4 villeins with nine carucates. There is a Church and there are 4 Mills worth 25s. yearly and 120 acres of meadow." Lindesig.—Land of Earl Alan: In Halton Turgot has 2 bovates of land and 2 rateable to gelt. There Wimundus, the Earl's man, has 2 villeins ploughing with 5 oxen and 5 acres of meadow. In the time of King Edward the value was 3s., now 8s.

The Manor.

The mills mentioned above were water mills, and there are still the "Mill grounds" or "Milne" stretching down to the River. The Earl Alan mentioned was son-in-law of William the Conqueror, and commanded the rear of his army at the battle of Hastings. Ivo Taillebois was a Norman knight who received many manors in this county and was the sworn foe of Hereward the Wake. The land held by Ivo passed to his grandson William de Roumare, Earl of Lincoln, then to Ralph Blundeville, Earl of Chester and Lincoln, then to the De Lacys, from them to the House of Lancaster, and then to the Crown. It is not clear when they were alienated, but Sir Richard Hussey was in possession at Halton during the Civil War, and was deprived of his Halton lands for his loyalty to King Charles the First and with another had to pay a fine of £2,474 in order to redeem them. From the Husseys the Manor passed to the Petchels. Cant. Petchell was residing at the Manor in 1699. Then the Manor passed to the Basses and from them by marriage to the Vesseys, the Rev. George Bass Vessey being at present Lord of the Manor.

Halton and Gunpowder Plot.

Amongst other famous persons connected with the parish was Richard Holegate, Archbishop of York, who took his name from the place and was probably born there. He was imprisoned by Queen Mary, together with Cranmer and Latimer, but was released on offering to pay £1,000. He was not an ardent Reformer, and being a wealthy man this result had been expected of him. It appears from the Patent Rolls of King Edward the Fourth that Thomas Wayte (or Wayet), of Halton, a member of a family who long lived at the Old Hall, now owned and occupied by Captain Ellis, R.N., was outlawed for not appearing to answer William Gawe touching a trespass. He was pardoned in 1477. At the time of the Gunpowder Plot William Symonds, the Rector, gave evidence against a parishioner named Parker, who was suspected of being implicated in the Plot, but it is not clear whether he was convicted. If he was it will give extra interest in the peal which is rung here on Guy Fawkes Day and add zest to the efforts of the ringers when they "shoot the Guy" as they do on this one day in the year, and also after a victory.

An Interesting Resolution.

The village of Halton does not appear to have been the scene of many stirring historical events, though the Vestry Book, which goes back to the year 1628, is a valuable historical document in itself. A resolution passed in 1646 will show jealously the old Haltonians guarded their rights. "Whereas it evidently appeareth by the Testimony of divers of the antientest of the inhabitants of this towne of Halton that no outner nor stranger not living within the parish of Halton ought to drive any manner of cattle, nor pass with any cart nor waggen into the Fen called the East Fen, down or through the said towne, for the depasturing of their aforesaid cattle nor the carting away any turf, thatch, or fewel of any other name or nature without the consent or leave of the owners of the grounds adjoining upon the way leading down the sard towne into the said Fen, but by the payment of fourpence for every load of every kind of thatch, fother, or fewel. Now, forasmuch as the aforesaid way by the frequent carting of thatch, fother or fewel is greatly decayed, and now impassable by the great and long forbearance of the said inhabitants, and that the said ways must be by them repaired and amended as forcasmuch as if the said ways be repaired and amended, and be not carefully kept and looked into for keeping out the aforesaid foreigners, that is to say, such as liveth not within the said town, they will be again ruinated, and made impassable. Therefore we, the said inhabitants, whose names are hereto subscribed, do agree covenant and consent to the repairing the way down to the said Fen, and will also make or cause to be made a gate or barrs at or near the old or usual place, and also keep or cause the said gate to be locked, and that no person or persons not living within the said town shall passe with cart or wain under payment of fourpence for every carriage according to the antient use or payment formerly taken by the said inhabitants. Neither shall any manner of cattle be driven through the said parish without leave first obtained of the said owners or their tenants. And if any person not living within the said town shall by violence pass the said barrs that then we, the said inhabitants, do with our joint consent promise to withstand the said possible passengers by some legal proceedings in a Court of Justice, and will also jointly contribute to pay our equal parts and shares of all such monies as shall be expended in trial of the said cause. In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands, the 14th day of March, 1646."

From the Vestry Books.

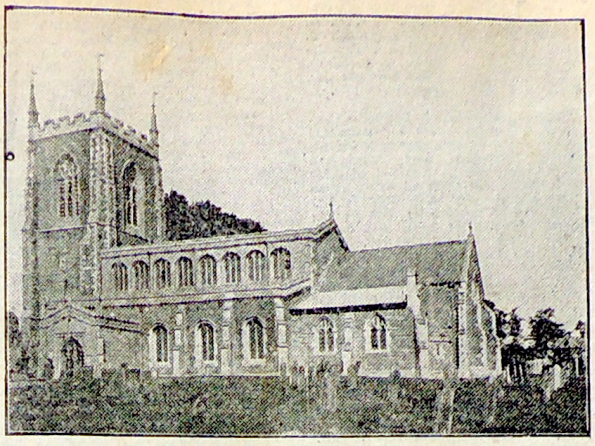
In 1679 the Vestry docked the churchwardens' expenses connected with their attendance at visitations, deeming 12s sufficient allowance. In 1811 the poor rate for the parish had risen from £48 in 1757 to £509 7s 1d. In 1816 the following resolution was passed:—"We the undersigned parishioners of Halton do agree to attend all Vestries publickly warned at the Parish Church and notice given by the Overseer, and in case of neglect shall pay the sum of 2s 6d, except showing a reason that the persons attending the Vestry shall think sufficient in writing presented at the said Vestry.—Wm. Hoff, John Brackenbury, Geo. Bass, Thomas Cash, Dan Gresswell, Joseph Simpson." In 1826 the Vestry allowed the Rector a salary for providing a person on every Sabbath Day to attend the Sunday School and teach the children to sing.

The Living.

The living of Halton is a Rectory of the nett value of about £200 a year, and is now held by the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, formerly Rector of Skegness. It is in the gift of Lord Willoughby de Eresby. The names of the following former Rectors are known:—13—, Hugh Swinford; 1349, Gregory de Swinford; 15—, William; 1361, John de Southby; 1535, John Elton; 1576, John Howsam; 1588, Monday Sandon; 1592, William Symonds; 1608, John Cawdon; 1620, William Symonds; 1668, John Seaton; 1692, Lawrence Boston; 1674, Joseph Bell; 1711, John Smith; 1746, Joseph Brackenbury; 1780, William Brackenbury; 1825, Thomas Hardwicke Rawnsley; 1862, Robert Drummond Barrell Rawnsley; 1885, Thomas Walker Sale; 1900, Charles Penrose Disbrowe. Of churchwardens the list is complete from 1581. Of these, the longest terms of office were John Ancient, jun, 1738-1768; Augustus Booth, 1842-70; William Cursons, 1835-63, and 1867; William Marsar Cusons, 1870-1906, the latter beating all records. The present churchwardens are General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker.

The concluding portion of the Vicar's interesting account of Halton Holegate, particularly his description of the church, we must reserve for next week.

TOWN AND VILLAGE LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE.



HALTON HOLEGATE CHURCH.

No. 307.—HALTON HOLEGATE.—Part III.

The church at Halton Holegate is of the Perpendicular period, consisting of a chancel, a nave of four bays with clerestory, north and south aisles, south porch, and an embattled tower with pinnacles containing a clock and six bells and a "ting tang." On the porch is a rebus containing a tun or barrel to represent "Ale tun," i.e., Halton. Canon Rawnsley, of Crosthwaite, surmises that this is probably copied from one on an earlier porch which was placed there by Sir John de Halton or Halachton, Bishop of Carlisle, who possibly built an earlier porch for the old church mentioned in Domesday. This Bishop of Carlisle placed the same rebus on the Castle Fortress where the Bishops of Carlisle live. He afterwards obtained the vicarage of Horncastle, with power to annex it to the diocese of Carlisle, in order that he might have some means of living and place of refuge to flee to from the peril and ravages of the neighbouring enemy beyond the border. This John de Halachton or Halton was probably a native of this village. The church has the distinction of containing the oldest memorial in the neighbourhood. This is on a Purbeck marble slab in the south aisle, the inscription reading: "Sir Walter Bec jist ici de Ki alme Deus aib merci." This is Norman French: "Sir Walter Bec lies here, on whose soul God have mercy." There is no date. It is not clear whether it refers to the Sir Walter Bec who some time before 1162 married Agnes, daughter and heiress of Hugh Fitz Pinco or Pinceon, or to his grandson, a second Sir Walter, who held the Bec lands in 1243, and whose son John was summoned to Parliament as the first and only Baron Bec of Eresby. John Bec's daughter, Alice, married Sir William Willoughby, and their grandson was first Lord Willoughby de Eresby. Whether the Halton slab marks the resting place of the first or the second Sir Walter Bec, it is still the oldest memorial in the neighbourhood. In the South aisle is a brass to the memory of Bridget Thory, wife of John Rugeley, who died 1658. This Bridget Thory was the daughter and heiress of Thomas Thory, a Royalist who lost his lands in the Civil War. John Rugeley, being a Parliamentarian got them back on easy terms when he married the daughter. His descendants are now living in Maryland, U.S.A. Some of them visited the Church recently, and were delighted to find this brass, and also to see the original signature in the vestry book of John Rugeley, Churchwarden in 1657. Bridget Rugeley's mother was buried in Partney Church, where a similar brass may be seen.

The Unknown Knight.

Under the east window there has been placed the mutilated effigy of a Knight. This is obviously not in its original position, and indeed, it is said to have been found buried beneath the floor of the Church. The figure is that of a Knight, full length. The legs are crossed, and the hands joined in the attitude of prayer: the head rests on two small cushions and the feet on a lion: the armour is of chain links with plates on the chest and legs: a belt encircles the hips and from a second belt hangs a sheathed sword, the vizor of the helmet is open, and from the neck is suspended a shield bearing a "lion rampant." It should be noticed that one of the belts is ornamented with a four-leaved flower (quatrefoil), and the other with a five-leaved (cinquefoil), and that these ornaments appear alternately in the chamfered edge of the slab on which the effigy rests. There is no inscription of any kind. Our only means of identifying the original Knight here represented must therefore be the blazonry on the shield and the general character of the monument. The arms are not those of Bec (a cross saroely); or Willoughby (a fretti), or indeed of any family of this connection, and do not occur on any of the monuments in Spilsby Church. Only one is at all like them, namely, Welles, "or a lion rampant double queued sable" i.e., a black lion with two tails on a golden ground. Bishop Trollope has conjectured that a certain Henry de Halton, who was living in 1338, is the person commemorated. The arms of this family appear to have been "party per pale azure and gules a lion rampant argent," i.e., a silver lion on a shield half blue and half red, whilst the general character of the monument is the same as the 14th century memorials to John Lord Willoughby de Eresby at Spilsby, and Sir John de Harrington at Harrington.

Features of the Church.

All the seating in the church is of oak, and the "Poppy Head" bench ends are of particular interest, all being different. On one are the arms of Ufford and Bec, surmounted by the Willoughby Saracen's Head. Others depict a man drinking and the effects, others representing monkeys, owls, eagle and lambs, etc. In the nave the front seats only date back to 1846. On two are the arms of Bourne and Booth. Capt. Bourne and Mr. Augustus Booth then resided here. Most of the windows contain stained glass by Powell or Burlison and Grylls. The east window was given by the Rev. T. W. Sale in memory of his brother. The window on the north of the chancel was erected by his family to the memory of the Rev. T. W. Sale, Rector 1885-1899. There are also windows in memory of Mary Walls, the Rev. T. H. R. Rawnsley, and his son, the Rev. Canon Drummond Rawnsley, both formerly Rectors. Two others were filled with stained glass in 1846, one being the gift of the then Bishop of Lincoln. Another was given by Mr. A. Booth and Mr. S. Vessey in 1846, with the inscription, "Restituerunt A.B. et S.V., 1846." This is sometimes irreverently called the "Betsy" window. The font was probably in the old church, as were the tombstone of Sir Walter Bec, and probably the effigy of Sir Henry de Halton. During the last century the church was three times restored and improved. In 1346 a violent storm wrecked the nave roof, and the present splendid roof was erected, and the church thoroughly restored, at a cost of £1,960, the Rev. T. H. Rawnsley then being Rector. In 1866-7 another considerable restoration took place, windows being placed in the north of the chancel and the tower rebuilt. The architects were Mr. G. E. Street and Mr. James Fowler, of Louth. The Rev. H. B. D. Rawnsley was Rector, and the amount expended was about £1,200. In 1894, thanks chiefly to the liberality of the Rector (Rev. T. W. Sale) and the Rawnsley family, the Chantry Chapel in the chancel, which had entirely disappeared, was rebuilt at a cost of £1,000. This now forms a vestry and organ chamber. The organ was then erected by Wordsworth, of Leeds, and cost £274. The bells were rehung, and the chancel roof richly painted, and other improvements made under the direction of the architect, Mr. Hodgson Fowler. There is an Elizabethan chalice and paten still in use, date 1567. There is also a very ancient almsbox, cut in a massive beam of solid oak and let into the floor, and guarded by lock and chain. The porch was rebuilt in 1851 by Colonel Maddison.

Signs of the Times.

The parish registers are incomplete and only begin in 1567, and many of the early pages are almost illegible. The following entries show "signs of the times."

1649: A daughter was borne unto Henry Ayscough by Priscilla his wife upon Wednesday, the 15th day of August, 1649, and upon the 13th day of September following after thanksgiving for delivery by the said father and mother had the name of Elizabeth given her but was not baptised.

1655: Christopher Brand was sworn Parish Register. This compulsory appointment of laymen to keep the Registers was not a success. Between 1656 and 1660 there are only seven entries in six different hands, which does not say much for the diligence of the lay "Register."

1800: Joseph Andrew Brackenbury and Dianah Brackenbury were married and 13 Brackenburys sign the Register, no other name appearing.

When Halton Owned Boats.

The overseers' accounts show how the parish formerly owned boats, much merchandise being brought across the Fen from Boston. Coals were led from Skegness. A constant entry is "Beef for Easter Meeting," when the Vestry adjourned to the Bell Inn after their labours. In 1777 a coffin cost 10s, a peck of potatoes 3d, and bricks were 3s 6d per 100. All sorts of "artikuls" were bought for the poor. "Phœbe Butler's petticoat," "a paire of shoes," "a par of stays 5s 6d," a "a bonit 2s," "the counts wrighting oute 5s," "Letter from Sussex 2s," "Paid for ague medicine," i.e., "Daffy Bottle." The overseers seem to have spent their money freely, for instance, in 1826 they sent a whole family to Quebec at a cost of £29, but as they were then spending from £16 to £22 a year on various families, this was probably an economy.

Curious Entries.

The constables' accounts go back to 1717. The constable's outfit, which was handed on from one to the other, consisted of "2 mattocks, three watching bills, one gavelock (javelin)." Regular payments were made for "Shuttting the Fen Gate," "Warning the drifts," and "River riding." Constant payments were made to the otter catcher, killing foxes (3d each sometimes), badgers, and moles. A curious entry is 1734 is "For caring away A hewing cry 6d" (i.e., a "hue and cry"); "Paid at the Statias" (Statutes).

The Stocks.

In 1734 Henry Beneworth repaired the stocks. The cost was as follows: A piece of oak wood for the stock 10s; leading of it 4s, spent when it was loaded 8d, in all 4s 8d; for six days of Henry Beneworth making up the stocks and his allowance, 9s; for a man sowing against him 2 days with his allowance, 3s 6d; for my tending of him last day 8d, my allowance 3 pence, in all 11; 3 staples, 3d. Another entry is dated 1804: For going to Horncastle for classes for the Mass. Army. Paid a man for the Army of Reserve, £17 16s 1½d; expenses when carried to his regiment, 15s.

Early Road Maintenance.

The highway accounts go back to 1769. Until 1814 the "Surveors" were content with having the ruts filled in. No material was put on the roads until 1788, when 45 loads of gravel were sprinkled on. In 1814 Mr. Holl began seriously to take the roads in hand, 900 loads of gravel and chalk being used. The gravel was partly obtained from Hubbard's Hill in Halton Fen, which got its name from Israel Hubbard, Parish Clerk, 1691, who had settled on this land, and partly from Hagg. At this date the parish was paying for damage to land in the search for gravel in the Fen. The stratum did not, however, prove of sufficient depth to pay for working. The highwater mark in expenditure on the roads was £252 in 1828.

Charities.

The charities are insignificant, about £5 5s a year administered by the Parish Council, though it is clear that two were founded for the maintenance of the Church Bells. In 1633 "Mr. Libras (Lebbaeus) Goodesson gave 40 shillings to give the use thereof derived upon the bells." In 1638, in the parish lands, we find "3 lands in Longlands (below the railway) for nalles (neyles later) for the bells." Was this for ringing the Curfew Bell? "Nailes" probably means knells or knoll.

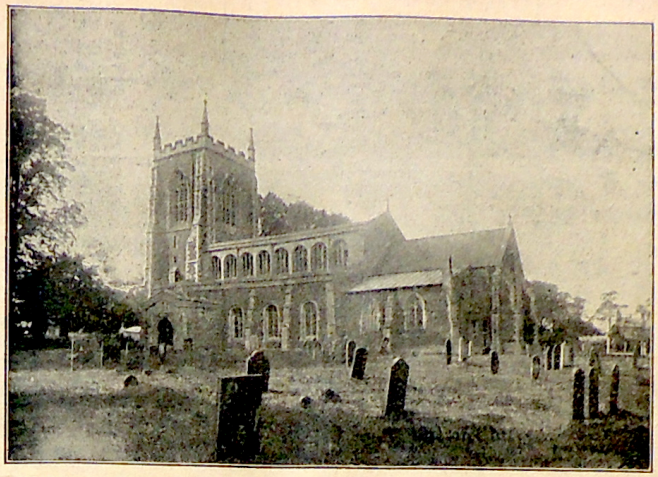
The School.

The National School was founded in 1846, being built on land formerly occupied by poor houses, and bought and given by the Rev. T. H. Rawnsley, when the Spilsby Union had been built. The average attendance in 1906 was 61. Mr. A. Hunt is headmaster.

A Man and His Signature.

The Churchwardens' accounts show that when there was a Church Rate the expenses of Rector and Churchwardens at visitations were paid, and we come across such entries as "Refreshments to those confirmed," "Wine and biscuits for 15 young persons at their confirmation. 8s." From 1650 to 1730 the average expenditure was about £20 a year. The old records show that some of the parish officers had considerable difficulty in spelling their own names. A good instance is that of Mr. Arnold Trueblood, who rings the changes on the possible variations. He signs himself Arnal Trueblod, Arnall Trubled, Arnell Trueblood, Arnold Trueblood, Arnol Trueb "Contobel," and finally reduces into A Trueblood, his mark!

Rectors 9



ST. ANDREW'S, HALTON HOLGATE.

Rectors of Halton Holgate.

Richard, son of John de Halton, presented by Robert, son of William de Halton; admitted 31 March, 1224.

Walter de Hauton, presented by Robert de Hauton; admitted 1232-3 and enjoined under the obligation of an oath to proceed to the subdiaconate within a year from the Feast of St. Michael, instant.

Thomas de Halton, died about 1282.

Master Ralph de Halton, presented by Sir Richard de Halton on the death of Thomas de Halton, brother of the same Master Ralph; admitted 19 January, 1282.

Master Ralph de Halton, sub-deacon, presented by Sir Richard de Halton on a vacancy caused by the said Ralph not having caused himself to be ordained priest within a year from the time of his institution; admitted 1282-3. The same presented by the same patron on a similar vacancy; admitted 24 January, 1289. The same presented by the same patron on a similar vacancy; admitted 9 May, 1291.

Richard de Halton, priest, presented by Sir Henry de Halton, Knight, on the death of Master Ralph; admitted 28 November, 1318.

Edmund, son of John de London, priest, presented by Sir Henry de Halton, Knight, on the death of Richard; admitted 2 Oct., 1321.

Sir William Cros, son of Walter Cros, Rector of Swannescomp in the Diocese of Rochester, presented by Sir Henry de Halton on the resignation of Sir Edmund de London for the sake of an exchange of beneficies; admitted 3 July, 1331.

Hugh de Swyneford, Clerk presented by Henry de Halton, Knight on the death of Sir William Cross. Admitted 12 Dec 1340

Gregory de Swynford, clerk, presented by Elizabeth de Halton, on the death of Sir Gregory; admitted 14 July, 1367.

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John de Colugy priest presented by Elizabeth de Halton on the death of Sir Grigory. Admitted 14 July 1367.

John de Sotheby, priest, presented by Elizabeth de Halton on the death of Sir William [illegible]; admitted 8 Aug., 1369.

John de Askeby, priest, presented by Elizabeth de Halton on the resignation of John de Southeby, for the sake of an exchange of the said Church for the Church of Lilleforde, in the Diocese of Lincoln; admitted 11 Oct., 1373.

William de Poundfreyt. The right of presentation to the Church of Halton vacant by the death of Sir John de Askeby, who closed his latest days at Halton, on the penultimate day of Jan., 1392, was in dispute and after enquiry William de Poundfreyt, priest, was presented by William de Gybthorp, whose clerk he was; admitted 10 Feb., 1393.

John Stynecle, Rector of St. Nicholas, in the town of Calais, in the Diocese of Normandy, presented by John Cotes, of Touelby, clerk, Thomas de Enderby, and John Kime, on the resignation of William Poumfret for the sake of an exchange of beneficies; admitted 8 Oct., 1410.

Nicholas Gylle, of Stowe cum Qwye, in the diocese of Ely, presented by John Tevelby, canon of the Church of Lincoln, on the resignation of John de Stucle for the sake of an exchange of benefices; admitted 27 Oct., 1425.

Sir Robert Potter, alias Mylam, resigned about Aug., 1465.

Master Robert Wymbyssh, licentiate in degrees, Rector of Wycheford in the diocese of Worcester, on the resignation of Sir Robert Potter, alias Mylam, for the sake of an exchange of benefices. Instituted about Aug., 1465.

Master Robert Wymbyssh, licentiate in degrees, presented by Richard Hastynges, Knight. Admitted 16 Nov., 1471.

Master Robert Hanburgh, priest, presented by Richard Hastynges, Knight, Lord Willes and Willughby, on the death of Master Robert Wymbissh. Admitted 17 April, 1477.

Sir John More, priest, presented by the same patron on the death of Master Robert Habrough. Admitted 19 Oct., 1479.

Rectors of Halton (*continued*).—

Sir John Dayson, priest, presented by Sir William Willughbye, Lord de Willughby and Erysbye on the death of Sir John More. Admitted 5 May, 1501.

By an inquisition it was found that the said Sir John More was presented by Sir Richard Hastynges, Knight, against good conscience by force and by partiality of himself and of the Knight Sir William Hastynges, Lord of Hastynges and great Chamberlain of King Edward, acting on the ground of use, against the Lady Matilda Willughbye, relict of the late Robert Willughbye, Lord of Willughbye and Erysbye, of and from whose feoffment she had for the term of her life certain lands and tenements, together with the advowson of the parish church, of Halton, in right of her dower, to all of which it is found that the said William Willughbye, Lord of Willoughby and Erysbye is full heir, &c. And it was found that the right of patronage of the same Church of Halton is dependent upon a certain acre of land lying in the fields of Halton aforesaid and pertaining to the manor of Erysbye.

Sir Robert Marshall, died about 1516.

Master John Elton, clerk, presented by Sir William Willoughby, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, on the death of Sir Robert Marshall; admitted 23rd Nov., 1516.

Sir William Cooke, chaplain, presented by the Lady Mary Willoughby on the death of Sir John Elton; admitted 18th March, 1536.

John Howson, 1566.

Monday Cawdon, 1588.

William Simondes, Clerk, M.A., presented by Thomas Catterton, yeoman, patron for this turn by virtue of a grant from Peregrine Bertye, Knight, Lord and Baron of Willoughbye, on a vacancy caused by death; instituted 1st March, 1599.

John Sandon, M.A., presented by Sir Robt. Bertie, Knight, on the resignation of William Simons. Instituted 25th June, 1606, buried at Halton, 1655. Six of his children were buried here and a son, Simon, lived here and had a family. He married twice, his 2nd wife being Grace Smith.

Edward Lawson was Rector in 1660, but date of Institution is not known. There is much confusion in church records at this period as the church had been temporarily seized by Cromwell's Government. His wife was buried here in 1662.

James Seaton, B.A., presented by Robert Earl of Lindsey on the death of Ed. Lawson. Instituted 1671. Six years after death of late Rector!

Laurence Boston, B.A., presented by Earl of Lindsey. Instituted 1691 on death of Jas. Seaton.

Joseph Bell, M.A., presented by Earl of Lindsey on death of Laurence Boston, 1693. Buried at Halton, 1711.

John Smith, M.A., on presentation of Robert, Marquis of Lindsey, Great Chamberlain of England, on the death of Joseph Bell, 1711. Married twice, his first wife (Ann) buried here 1734, his second wife (Abigail Dymoke) buried 1746. His sons buried here were: Henry 1722, Rev. John Smith, jun., 1744. Another son, Edward, was curate here in 1745.

Joseph Brackenbury, M.A., presented by Peregrine, Duke of Ancaster, on the death of John Smith, 1746.

Henry Marshall, the younger, presented by Duke of Ancaster on death of Joseph Brackenbury. Instituted 1778.

William Brackenbury, B.A., son of Rev. Joseph Brackenbury, presented by the Lady Priscilla Barbara Elizabeth Burrell and Peter Burrell, Esq., her husband, on the cession of Henry Marshall, 1779. He enlarged the Rectory—building drawing room.

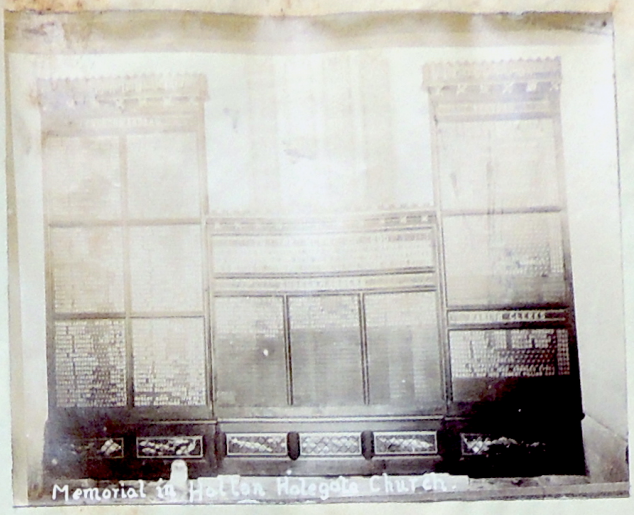
Thomas Hardwick Rawnsley, M.A., presented by Priscilla Barbara Elizabeth, Baroness Willoughby de Eresby and Peter Drummond, Lord Gwydyr, on the death of Wm. Brackenbury, 1824. Buried here 1861. His wife (Sophia) buried here 1870. He also enlarged the Rectory—adding a kitchen and four bedrooms. The church was restored at a cost of £1,960, after damage by a storm in 1846. He gave the land for a school. The porch also rebuilt.

Robert Drummond Burrell Rawnsley, M.A., presented by Lord Willoughby de Eresby on death of his father the previous Rector. He added six rooms to the Rectory. The church altered and restored and tower partly rebuilt at a cost of £1,200. Buried at Halton, 1882. His widow buried here 1890 and his son (Arthur Arder) 1879.

Thomas Walker Sale, M.A., presented by Lady Willoughby de Eresby 1883. The chantry chapel rebuilt and organ placed in church at a cost of about £1,200.

Charles Penrose Disbrowe, M.A., presented by Lord Willoughby de Eresby on resignation of late Rector, 1900. Church lighted, School enlarged, Reading Room built, Memorial to Rectors, Churchwardens and Parish Clerks erected by Gen. Richardson. His son (Charles Wilfrid) buried here 1911.

Churchwardens.



Memorial to Halton Holgate Church.

CHURCHWARDENS OF HALTON HOLGATE.—

John Hudson, 1581, '91, '92, '93.
John Cowland, 1581.
Thomas Wray, 1586, 1604, '05, '07.
Edward Kingston, 1586.
George Bulmer, 1588.
Richard Eyar, 1589.
Nicolas Smith, 1589.
William Kingston, 1591, '2, '3.
Libeus Gooderson, 1594, '8.
Ellis Bradle, 1595.
William Hirsom, 1595, 1608.
Lawrence Pinder, 1596.
Robert Lamson, 1596.
William Claye, 1597, 1607.
Thomas Mounsford, 1597.
John Covell, 1598.
Thomas Anton, 1600, '01, '02, '09, '10.
Thomas Fenn, 1600.
Chrystofer Walley, 1601, '02.
Lybbus Anton, 1604, '05.
Thomas Thorie, 1609.
Robert Cawdren, 1609, '30, '31.
Edward Longden, 1612.
Richard Bonner, 1612, '20, '21.
Thomas Anton, 1615, '22, '26, '27, '46, '49.
Chrystopher Porrill, 1615—'19, '26, '33, '45.
William Day, junr., 1616—1618.
Richard Wright, 1619.
Richard Ruckland, 1621.
Chrystopher Walgrave, 1622.
Richard Catterton, 1623—'25.
John Dawson, 1623—'25.
Thomas Chamberlayne, 1627—'29.
Richard Astrohayter, 1628—'29.
William Righton, 1630.
George ————, 1631.
Thomas Anton, junr., 1632, '48.
John Hudson, 1632, '33.
John Pretty, 1634—'36.
Edward Sutton, 1634, '36, '37.
Thomas Donabye, 1635, '38, '41, '44.
Thomas Lowndes, 1637.
William Russell, 1638—'40.
John Righton, 1639—'41.
Tobyas Anderson, 1642, '43.
William Grantham, 1644—'46.
Robert Brookes, 1647.
Thomas Cooper, 1647—'49.
Richard Chedney, 1650—'52.
Thomas Wright, 1650—'52.
Randall Davenport, 1653.
John Pearson, 1653, '54.
Francisse Law, 1654.
John Baynes, 1655, '61.
Richard Rugeley, 1656.
Richard Dawson, 1657.
Thomas Clay, 1658, '61, '62.
Edward Simpson, 1659, '60.
Adam Stamp, 1662, '63, '70.
Richard Bingham, 1663.
Nicolas Tokin, 1664, '65, '67, '73.
William Bingham, 1664, '75, '77.
William Sutton, 1665.
Robert Crosse, 1666, '67.
Henry Parker, 1668, '69.
Robert Keale, 1670, '71.
Mr. May, 1671, '72, '79, '80, '82.
Richard Raithby, 1672, '73.
William Mayer, 1674, '81.
Richard Huntingdon, 1675, '76.
Lawrence Cotton, 1677, '78.
William Tokin, 1678.
John Wright, 1679, '80.
John Wrightson, 1681.
John Tottenham, 1682.
Jonathan Palmer, 1683.
John Hailes, 1683, '84.
Edward Hall, 1684—1687.
Richard Righton, 1685, '86.
Thomas Carter, 1687, '88, '89.
Symonds Becke, 1688, '89.
Hamlet Higgs, 1691.
William Lupton, 1691, '92.
Benjamin Harrald, 1692, '93.
Francis Bontoft, 1693, '94.
Richard Johnson, 1694, '95, '96.
Robert Kent, 1695—'98, 1704, '05.
Richard Jackson, 1697—1700.
Thomas Hall, 1700—'03, '12—'15.
William Cleasby, 1701—'04.
John Wharf, 1705, '06, '16, '18, '21, '22.
Philip Everington, 1705, '07, '08.
William Hall, 1706, '07, '08, '11, '12.
Thomas Butler, 1709.
Leonard Whiteley, 1709, '10, '17—'20.
William Mawer, 1710, '11, '19—'22.
Robert Harby, 1713—'16.
John Clarke, 1722, '23, '24.
Robert Leake, 1723—'32.
John Ancient, 1726—1738.
Robert Harr, 1733—'37.
John Ancient, Junr, 1738—1768.
Anthony Penson, 1740—'42, '54—'59.
William Riggall, 1743, '44.
Arnold Trueblood, 1745—'50.
Charles Howden, 1751—'53.
John Cooper, 1768—'74.
William Cooper, 1773—'77.
Robert Moore, 1773—'77.
Thomas Balderson, 1778, '91, '92.
Henry Blanchard, 1779—'81.
John Wray, 1782, '85, '89, '90.
Thomas Cash, 1786.
Thomas Barker, 1787.
John Robbins, 1793, '94.
John Cant, 1795, '97.
Joseph Simpson, 1798—1801, 1807—'19.
William Hoff, 1802.
Mr. Cary, 1893—'06.
Joseph Brackenbury, 1820—'30.
George Bourne, 1830—'41.
William Cussons, 1835—'64, '67.
Augustus Booth, 1842—'64, '66—'70.
Mr. Winn, 1864.
Mr. Davey, 1866.
John Clarke, 1868—'70.
William M. Cussons, 1870—
William Balderston, 1876—'78.
Thomas Mason, 1879—'87.
Edward Baker, 1887—95.
Edward D. Baker, 1895—

John Booth Richardson, Major General. R.A.

Patron of the Living.



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LORD WILLOUGHBY DE ERESBY.



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LADY WILLOUGHBY DE ERESBY.

Patron of the Living till 1918 when he exchanged it with the Bishop of Lincoln for the advowsan of The Parish of Kirkby Underwood.

Parish Clerks.

1686	Richard Leay
1691	Israel Hubbard
1736	John Thorpe
1745	James Bilton.
1755	Thomas Mamby
1760	William Mamby
1766	Thomas Atkin
1792	William Webb.
1799	Thomas Penson
1800	Thomas Bucknall
1825	Rashdall Holderness
1828	John Skipworth.
1842	Thomas Hunter.
1849	Charles Eyres
1870	Francis Haw.
1888	William Haw

John Hubbard gave the name to Hobbards Hill on which he settled (see Terrier of 1699).

Sexton

1733 Edward Holgath
1745 James Harsnip
1766 John Spring

There is a portrait of Thomas Hunter in the Vestry. Also of Francis Haw.

An excellent portrait of the late Mr. F. Haw, Parish Clerk 1870—1887, has been presented to the portrait gallery in the vestry by Mr. W. Haw, his son. The Rector would be glad to accept those of other church officials who have held office for any considerable period in the past.

Curates



The Rectory

Curates

1591 Richard Keye
1673-4 J. Harding
1676 Nicolas More
1692 Brown Bushell Dobson
1698 Samuel Stokes
1683 Francis Garthside
16845 Robt Elsam
1687 B. B. Dobson
1744 John Smith, Jun.
1763-68 James Andrew Milnes
1764-66 Thos. Beaumont (pro. tem)
1767 Richard Vesey
1768-70 John Dobbs
1770 Solomon Parker
1777 William Brackenbury
1784 Edward Evans
1786 Evan Brookes
1788 W. Thompson
1795 Richard Loxham
1855-62 Henry Hansell

Charities

1633 Mr Libeus Gooderson gave 40/ to be put forth to give the use thereof derived upon the Bells.

1638 Three lands in Long Lands "for nalles for the Bells". Later this is called the Parsonage Land.

1647 John Hobson left 6/8 to be paid annually on Low Sunday to the poor of Hallon out of Peartree Close in Stickford.

1704 Mr Mowbray left 20/- a year "out of the New Close" to be paid every Easter "towards putting out a poor child apprentice.

1706 Mrs Mowbray "to be distributed to the poor of Halton on St Thomas' Day" out of lands in Fishtoft & Friston 20/- a year.

1706 Mr William Carter for the poor of Halton every Easter "out of his 12 acres that lies under his hoose" 5/-

1761 Mr William Donnby "to be given to the poor on St Thomas' Day," out of a field called Willow Nook Close in West Keal, 10/- a year.

From 1628 the Charities were distributed by the Churchwardens. This is the earliest account found in the Vestry Book. They then amounted to £2. 12. 3. Their origin is not known.

In 1838 the Vestry passed a Resolution as

Charities

follows.

That £6. 15. 6 usually disbursed at Easter in small sums be handed to a Committee to apply during the current year for the sick or in exigency.

In 1849 The Vestry unanimously agreed that the Outrents (i.e Charity monies) be paid to the Trustees of the National School of Halton towards the Salary of the Schoolmaster of the same.

In 1887 in accordance with the Parish Councils Act, the Charities, which were not of an Ecclesiastical character, were handed over to the Parish Council.



There is one place in the Avenue where a tree has been planted time after time by the late Mr George Smalley (many years gardener at the Rectory) but no tree would grow in this spot.

The Church Avenue was planted in 1846

by Mr Augustus Booth
and Mr Samuel Vessey

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Halton Holegate,

LINCOLNSHIRE.

TO BE SOLD

BY AUCTION

At the BELL INN, in Halton Holegate,

On Monday the 11th of June, 1838,

At the hour of Six o'clock in the Evening,

(By order of the Poor Law Commissioners,) and subject to such conditions of Sale as will be then and there produced ;

All those Four

COTTAGES

With GARDENS adjoining, situate, lying, and being in Halton Holegate aforesaid, abutting upon the Highway leading from Halton to Thorpe, on or towards the East; lands of John Paddison, on or towards the West; lands of the said Parish of Halton Holegate, on or towards the North; and lands of William Carden, on or towards the South; and now in the occupation of Widow Lenton, John Woodthorpe, Widow Skipworth, and Naomi Lill.

The premises may be viewed on application to the Overseers of the Poor of Halton, or Mr. William Cussons, and further particulars may be had of

Mr. William Walker, Jun.

SOLICITOR, SPILSBY.

Spilsby, 28th May, 1838.

D. CUSSONS, PRINTER, HORNCASTLE.

The above relates to the sale of the old Poor Houses by the Overseers of the Poor. From 1601, when in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the great Poor Law was passed, every Parish was required to maintain its own poor, for whom houses

were built. In 1783 Guardians of the Poor were appointed to keep down abuses as the Overseers were often very extravagant & the poor were not always above getting assistance when not as properly entitled to it.

In 1834 Poor Law Commissioners were appointed and very soon Boards of Guardians came into being. Power was given to Parishes to sell their Poor Houses in order to find the money to pay their share of the expense of building the Workhouses. This Parish had to pay a levy of £93.4.0 towards building the Workhouse at Hundleby in 1838. All the papers connected with this sale are in the Parish Chest or Church Safe.

Two of the houses were out of repair & would not sell, but the Rector, the Rev. T. H. Rawnsley purchased the site of ½ an acre & gave it to the Trustees of the National School in 1846, who built the school upon it.

A small amount of land still remains. The tenant is Mr Atkinson. As long ago as 1627 the rent was part of the Parish Charities.

The BELLS

There are six bells and a small bell called a "Ting Tang", which is rung when service is about to commence. It is probably a relic of the "Sanctus" ~~Agnus~~ which used to be rung during the Communion Service after the Consecration of the Elements.

Inscriptions on the Bells.

No. I. "Taylor and Co, Loughborough Founder 1867."

No. II. "Henry Pean made me and All fellows 1717."

No. III. "Taylor & Co Bell Founders. Loughborough 1867"

No. IV. "Robert Harby. Wm Mawer, John Clarke. John Ingomels."
There is no date on this bell but W. Mawer & John Clarke were Church wardens in 1722

No. V. "Leonard Whitley } Churchwardens 1717"
John Wharf }

No. VI. "Thomas Osborn, Downham. Norfolk. Founder. 1791
Rev. Wm Brackenbury, Rector.
John Wray. Warden."

The Tenor Bell weighs 19 cwt & is one of the largest in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Bells

1553 "There were at Hattone iiij Grete Bells in the Steeple." (Norths Church Bells of Lincs)

1662. The Church had now come back into possession of its Churches & Livings which had mostly been held by laymen during the Commonwealth. The Bells had been silent under the Puritan rule. The first thing the Churchwardens bought was "a Great Rope for the Bell. The next year they spent £1.0.0 on the Church which included the cost of "the hang of the Bell". The Churchwardens were Thos. Clay & Adam Stamp. Edward Lawson was Rector.

1719 Two new Bells were provided, the 2nd & 5th. John Smilt was Rector & John Wharf & Leonard Whitley, Churchwardens. New Bell Frames were installed also. The Rector contributed £2.3 which would be equal to a contribution of something like £40 in the present day.

1719 The old Bell Frames were sold for £2.

1791 A new Tenor Bell hung. The Rev. Wm Brackenbory, Rector. John Wray Warden.

1836 The Vestry ordered 10/- to be paid annually to the Ringers for "Oil for the Bells." The "oil" which the Ringers of the Bells used was generally found in Pewter pots at the "Bell Inn"!

1863 Mr. A. Booths account for repairing the Bells was allowed but the Vestry decided that for the future the Churchwardens shall consult together about repairs.

1867 A new 1st Bell put in. The Rev. R.D.B. Rawnsley, Rector. Wm Cussons. Churchwarden. [At period only one Churchwarden was elected.]

1868 The Tenor Bell rehung & other repairs carried out. The cost was defrayed by Voluntary subscription.

1518 John Crooke of Halton in his will left xii d to the Belles

1633 Mr Librus Gooderston gave 40/- to be put forth to give the use thereof derived upon the bells.

In old wills before the Reformation there were always gifts to the Church in some form eg to the high altar or some other altar, or to the crucifix or to Church work & often to the Bells.
see wills published by Lincoln Record Society for years 1500 – 1530.
In the old list of Parish lands we note "3 lands in Longlands for neyles (knolls) for the Bells."



The Bell Inn.
In former days the Vestry Meetings were usually adjourned to the Bell.



The Ringers.
1902

Back Row (Left to right) F. Shaw. W. Balderson, W. Haw, C.P. Disbrowe (Rector)
M. Shaw, W. Grantham, F. Basker.
Front Row W.M. Cussons & E.D. Baker (Churchwardens).

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From the "Church Times" Oct. 15. 1915

HALTON HOLGATE.

As my attention has of late been specially directed to the mediæval bench-ends and poppy-heads which abound in such profusion in the West of England and are to be found in several of the old parish churches of Lincolnshire, I spent the last night of this little visit to the county at Spilsby, because of its propinquity to the village church of Halton Holgate, of the repute of whose poppy-heads I had often heard. It is a fair-sized parish on the Spilsby and Wainfleet road, a mile to the south-east of the former town. Here I was most kindly met by the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, who had just resigned (through reasons of health) the rectory of Halton Holgate after a tenure of sixteen years. The church of St. Andrew is a fine example of a dignified country church of the Perpendicular style. It possesses a well-proportioned west tower, almost Somersetshire-like in some of its features, stately three-light clerestory windows, eight on each side, and an exceptionally well built south porch. The porch is of Ancaster stone, but the rest of the structure is of the charmingly tinted local green sandstone, strengthened by quoins of harder stone from the Rutland quarries of Clipsham, placed here during the restoration of 1845—6. There was another restoration in 1866, when much of the east end was rebuilt and considerable repairs were done to the tower. A third restoration was effected in 1894, when a vestry and organ-chamber were built. But none of the three has in any way detracted from the general effect of the fabric. On entering the spacious interior the poppy-head terminals of the bench-ends throughout the nave and aisles cannot fail to be at once noticed by the visitor. A fair number of them, especially the larger ones at the east end, are modern; these were cleverly executed by a local carpenter, and were chiefly copied from the fine old bench-ends still extant in the church of Winthrop to the north of Skegness. A distinct majority, however, of the Hatton bench-ends are clearly of fifteenth century date, and the poppy-heads are remarkably varied, among them may be noticed the arms of Bec and Ufford, pairs of angels, pairs of birds, double heads, and two contortionists. The most curious is perhaps one composed of a group of eight monkeys; this reminds us of the quaint conceits in monkey life which are carved on the precentor's stall at Lincoln Minster. There are some other points of interest within the church which are older than the walls. The plain octagonal font with a base of four clustered piers in Early Decorated *temp.* Edward I. At the west end is a well-preserved fourteenth-century cross-legged effigy of a knight with his feet resting on a lion, and having a lion rampant on the shield suspended from his left shoulder; it was found buried beneath the pavement during restoration. It has been foolishly styled a crusader by a recent writer on Lincolnshire, and is presumed to represent Sir Henry Horton, a local worthy. A yet older monument, of early thirteenth century date, is a Purbeck marble sepulchral slab, inscribed in Lombardian lettering—*Sire Walter Bec jiste ici de Kir alme Dieu ait merci.*

The large churchyard on this fair spring day was gay with nodding daffodils, whilst many graves were decked with flowering plants. One churchyard feature aroused my interest, which I do not recollect noticing elsewhere in all my rambles, and which might possibly be with advantage imitated elsewhere. In an angle of the building on the north side of the chancel stood a small and unobtrusive pump, placed there by the rector, who has just resigned, for the convenience of those parishioners who desired to freshen the grave flowers or plants of their departed friends. It was being thus used at the time of my visit. The trough in front of the pump was an old discarded holy-water stoup of exceptional size, which had been found buried, if I recollect right, in the beautiful garden of the adjacent rectory. The view from the churchyard westward is extensive and most fascinating, right across the Fens; Boston "Stump" can be discerned on a clear day, eighteen miles distant. This charming village is on the very edge of the Wolds. Re-reading my notes on this church, I find I have omitted to notice a strikingly interesting though modern detail of the interior. Against the wall at the east end of the north aisle has been placed a beautifully carved oak screen, with the names of the rector, churchwardens, and clerk of the parish cut in relief. It was designed by one churchwarden, and executed by the other.

COMMUNION PLATE.—It may interest our readers to know that the Chalice which is still in constant use in our Church was made by a London firm in the year 1567. It has a cover of the same date formerly used as a paten. The paten now in use was presented to the Church of Halton "Hollowgate" by Mrs. Mowbray in 1705.

A framed photograph of the Rector and Churchwardens, and the Ringers who rang for the Coronation, has been placed in the Vestry. Also two historical notes from the pen of the Rev. G. G. Walker have been framed and placed near the figure of Sir Henry de Halton, and the inscription on coffin lid of Sir Walter de Bec. These have been a boon to visitors to the Church.

The Rev. Gilbert Walker, Rector of Somerby, has kindly forwarded to the Rector some volumes of sermons by the late Rev. Drummond Rawnsley to be placed in the vestry as a memento of his incumbency.

A new Brass has recently been placed in the Church by Miss Jackson, in memory of Lieut. Audley Booth, who perished in the *Birkenhead*. The conduct of the troops on board this ill-fated ship, in standing calmly at attention whilst the ship sank, has always been held up as a magnificent example of discipline. The inscription on the Brass, which was made to the working drawing of General Richardson, is as follows:—

In Memory of Henry Audley Booth, Lieut: H.M. 73rd Regiment, Son of Augustus and Mary Audley Booth, who perished with his 50 men, on his post at the pumps of the Lower Deck of H.M.S. Birkenhead, off Danger Point, South Africa, 28th Feb. 1852, aged 22 years.

"A deathless story of discipline, heroism, and devotion to duty."

Additional notes on the

The CHURCH

See Account page 7

Domes Day Book which contains a description of all land in England except Durham & Northumberland shows that there was a Church at Halton between the years 1080 & 1086 during which period the Survey was made. The present Church which stands on the original site was probably built between the years 1350 & 1400. Probably the Font & certainly the Memorial Stone to Sir Waller Bec were in the original Church. The Chancel & Chantry Chapel are said to have been destroyed by fire at some uncertain date. The Chancel was rebuilt with only one Window; the East Window. The Porch was rebuilt in 1831 by Col. Maddison of Partney Hall, whose wife is buried in the Churchyard.

In 1846 the Church was much damaged by a storm which is described as follows

From the "Stamford Mercury",

July 10th., 1846.

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SPILSBY. One of the most alarming and destructive storms with which this town was ever visited occurred c the afternoon of Sunday last. During the whole of the day the heat had been most oppressive, the thermometer averaging about 86 in the shade. The sun shone with unwonted brilliancy and scarcely a cloud was to be seen until within a few minutes of the dreadful itation. About 15 minutes past 5 o'clock ... clouds were seen rising in the South and South east, the wind from the same quarters blowing with considerable force. In a few minutes after a large cloud appeared as if suspended over the church at Eastville: in an instant it appeared to be put in motion, and like a vast mountain of smoke and fire



Arms of Ufford & Bec quartered surmounted by the Saracen's Head, the Willoughby Crest.



A man about to drink (left) & the [illegible]

The Church

commingled together it came rolling towards Spilsby. In a moment the town was enveloped in darkness, the wind roared dreadfully, the lightning flashed and the thunder continually pealed. Rain began to fall in torrents, mingled with hailstones in size from that of a marble to a walnut, and in the space of a little more than a minute every pane of glass exposed to the South and South east was entirely destroyed. So violent and sudden was the work of destruction that many of the inhabitants were almost overwhelmed with fear. The devastation was awful. At the Vicarage ... 102 panes were destroyed. .... The windows in the South side of the Church, the Sessions House and Prison, the Grammar School, the Wesleyan Chapel, the White Hart and Bull Inns, and indeed ~~it~~ every house exposed to the furious elements has suffered considerable damage. ..... At Halton the fine old Church (in the improving, repairing and beautifying of which so much has lately been spent) was almost entirely stripped, and the lead by which it had been covered was carried to a considerable distance; one piece weighing about 9 lbs was taken nearly 400 yards. All the windows on the South side were broken and two of the pinnacles on the steeple blown down. Nearly all the Rectory windows were destroyed; Mr. Booth's chimney was blown down and the roof of his house injured; all the windows in Mr. Hoff's front were destroyed and the sails of Mr. Appleyard's Mill were blown off and the roof greatly injured. Several of Mr. Vessey's cottages were unroofed, but his own dwelling escaped injury, although the trees about it, some of them most beautiful ones, were uprooted. ..... We are happy, however, to add that there was no loss of life .



Owls.



Contortionists.

Note the spangles & legs contorted

The Church

The cost of the Restoration was £1900, of this £122 was found by a rate & the remainder collected by the Rector. The Angels in the Nave Roof were given by friends of the Rector the Rev T. H. Rawnsley, the bosses on the shields being copies of those on earlier Angels. The early Church believed there was a special presence of Angels during public worship, & it was this belief which lead to the custom of the congregation standing when the Clergy entered to conduct the service. The fine oak seats at the top of the Nave were given by the occupiers of certain houses who were accustomed to occupy them e.g. the Vesseys, the Rector, the Bournes the Booths etc.

1866-7. The Tower was rebuilt. The old Tower was higher than the present one. The green sandstone of which it was built does not bear the strain which harder stone will.
The north wall of the Chancel till now had no windows & the insertion of the present windows at this date was an immense improvement, both from the point of view of light & beauty.
The windows in the North Aisle were also inserted at the same time & a new Tenor Bell was hung.

The picture of the Church on the following page shows it as it was in 1866 before the rebuilding of the old Chantry Chapel now used as a Vestry.

1878. A Pinnacle of the Tower was struck by lightning. Repairs cost £53.



Monkeys.



1883

RAWNSLEY.—On the 31st Aug., suddenly, at Halton Holegate Rectory, near Spilsby, the Rev. Robert Drummond Burrell Rawnsley, Honorary Canon of Lincoln Cathedral, Rural Dean, and J.P., aged 64.

Rev. Drummond Rawnsley
Rector 1862 - 1883.

The Church

From the Illustrated London News which was founded by a Boston man one of the Ingrams.



HALTON HOLGATE CHURCH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The church of Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, is one of the finest in that part of Lincolnshire. Its body was restored, about twenty years ago, by the late Rector, the Rev. T. H. Rawnsley, who has been succeeded in the Rectory by his son, the present Incumbent. This gentleman, the Rev. Drummond Rawnsley, has lately restored the church tower and part of the chancel, besides giving the tower a clock; the total cost being about £1120, which, added to the cost of the restorations effected by his father, makes £3000 so expended. The tower was designed by Mr. G. E. Street, but the work has been done under the superintendence, and partly from the designs, of Mr. J. Fowler, architect, of Louth.

The Clock, given by the Rector at this 1866 time, has been a great boon to the Parish. It has generally been a little fast but then the Parish has never been behind the times so it is natural for the Clock to be affected by the local atmosphere.

A great debt is due to the Churchwardens for all these years have ~~wound up~~ regulated the clock free of charge.

1894.

Further improvements were made under the guidance of the Rev. T.W. Sale. Mr. Sale was a good musician & as Secretary of the Spilsby & District Choral Union did much good work in improving the Choirs in the neighbourhood. The Hallon Choir took part in all the Choral Festivals held during his incumbency & that of the Rev: C.P. Disbrowe who in his turn acted as Hon. Sec: to the Choral Union. It was owing to the efforts of Mr Sale that the Organ was now erected in the Church. In the "forties" – there was a band to lead the singing in which Mr A. Book & Mr Hoff performed & I think Mr. F. Haw the Clerk. The Band was an improvement on the old pitch pipe with which the Clerk started the singing but when a Barrel Organ took the place of the Band, there was a loss of interest. The photo below shows the Church as it was at this date with the Barrel Organ at the Westend of the Church.



Interior of Church in 1894.

Photo presented by Mrs Cussons.

This photo also shows the Oak Screen forming the Vestry in the N.E angle of the Nave put there in 1846.
It will also be seen that there were some cross seats at the east end of the Nave in front of the large "Poppy-headed" seats put up in 1846
There was then no Chancel Screen.
The old Reading Desk & Clerks Desk can be made out (with a strong glass!) below the Pulpit running North & South.

Before making any alterations in a Church it is necessary to get a Facolty from the Bishop's Court giving the necessary permission. A copy of the Facolty obtained by the Rector & Church wardens is given below. The necessity of obtaining these Faculties is an illustration of the care taken to prevent arbitrary alterations in Churches without giving Parishioners the opportunity of making objection.

COPY.

—1892.—

—FACULTY—

for altering and improving
the Parish Church of
HALTON HOLGATE
in the County and Diocese
— of Lincoln. —

COPY.

EDWARD by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Lincoln To all christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas a Petition hath been filed in our Episcopal and Consistorial Court of Lincoln on the part and behalf of The Reverend Thomas Walker Sale Rector of the Rectory and Parish Church of Saint Andrews Halton Holgate in the County and Diocese of Lincoln and William Marser Cussons and Edward Barker the Churchwardens of the said Parish Alleging that it is proposed to build an Organ Chamber and Vestry on the south side of the Chancel of the Parish Church of Saint Andrews Halton Holgate aforesaid on the site of South Aisle destroyed many years ago but the arches and doorway formerly opening into it remain in the south wall of the Chancel though built up these are to be opened out and repaired and a new aisle forming Organ chamber and Vestry built, the materials now filling up the arches being used in the new walls, to open out a doorway under the (modern) east window of the south aisle to give access to the Organ chamber and Vestry without passing through the chancel all new walling to be of stone plastered internally, the new roof to be of deal strongly timbered and covered, to take down the oak screenwork which forms the present Vestry at the east end of north aisle and to use the same for dividing the new Organ chamber and Vestry off from the Chancel, to improve the Chancel roof by the addition of a

moulded cornice and curved bosses to the ribs, the present Altar is modern small and poor and it is proposed to replace the same with a more massive one of oak (care being taken to reverently preserve the old one) to form a retable behind it, with cross candlesticks and vases of brass placed upon it to cover the lower part of the east window and a dossal hung on it, the walls on either side of the said east window will also be panelled and have hangings, the double desk and seats at the north east angle of Nave to be removed and one of the Chancel stalls used for the prayers to provide a lectern, to refix and lower the pulpit close to the north east walls and seats at the north end of Nave and South Aisle facing north to be removed and a new row of seats formed at the east end of Nave and Aisles and another row not shewn on plan, at the west end to remove the Organ from the west end to the new chamber and make certain other alterations and improvements according to certain plans and specifications copies of which are filed in the Registry of our said Court That the cost of the proposed work has been estimated by Mr. Hodgson Fowler, of Durham an experienced Architect, at the sum of Three hundred and eighty pounds of which sum Three hundred pounds has been raised by voluntary subscription and in the event of our faculty being granted our petitioner the said Thomas Walker Sale will be responsible for the deficiency of Eighty pounds or such other sum as may be necessary

for carrying out the said work Our petitioners therefore praysthat our Licence or Faculty may be granted to the said Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being to enable them to carry out the work aforesaid to remove such monuments monumental tablets tombs tombstones and coffins as may be necessary and to replace the same as nearly as may be in the same positions which they now occupy, to sell such of the old materials as may not be required in carrying out the said intended work and to devote the proceeds arising from such sale towards defraying the cost of the daid work AND our said Court being inclined to grant the same unless sufficient cause was shewn to the contrary hath caused all and singular the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish of Halton Holgate in special and all others in General having or pretending to have any right title or interest in the premises to be cited to enter an appearance within a certain time to them prefixed and now elapsed then and there to shew cause if they had or knew any why a Licence or Faculty should not be granted to the said Rector and Churchwardens and the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being for the purposes by them desired with intimation that if they some or one of them did not enter an appearance within the time aforesaid or having so entered an appearance did not shew good and sufficient cause to the contrary our

said Court our Surrogate or some other competent Judge in this behalf did intend and would proceed to grant a Licence or Faculty to the said Rector and Churchwardens and the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being for the purposes aforesaid their absence or contumacy in anywise notwithstanding AND WHEREAS upon the due execution and return of the said citation with intimation no person entered an appearance within the time aforesaid and thereupon a Licence or Faculty was decreed to be granted by our said Court to the said Rector and Churchwardens and the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being for the purposes aforesaid Justice so requiring WE THEREFORE the said Edward Lord Bishop of Lincoln in pursuance and Confirmation of the said decree do as far as by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm and the Temporal Laws of the same we may or can give and grant a Licence or Faculty to the said Rector and Churchwardens and the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being to enable them to carry out the before mentioned work to the present Parish church of Halton Holgate aforesaid according to the said plans and specifications, to remove such monuments and monumental tablets tombs tombstones and coffins as may be necessary and to replace the same as nearly as may be in the same positions which they now occupy, to sell such of the old materials as may not be

required in carrying out the said intended work and to devote the proceeds arising from such sale towards defraying the cost of the said work they the said Rector and Churchwardens and the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being rendering and passing a just and true account of their doings and transactions herein when lawfully required IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said Court to be hereunto affixed this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd) JOHN SWAN,
Registrar.

(Seal attached to original)



The Church 1894.

St. Andrew's — Hatton Holgate.

Accounts of the Monies spent upon the New Organ Chamber, Vestry, and Organ; also upon the Restoration and Repair of the Church and Chancel.

In addition to the sums accounted for—a considerable sum given to the Rector from an anonymous source has been spent upon the decoration of the Reredos and a New Festal Altar Cloth.

The following gifts have also been made:—

Rev. E. Rawnsley—The Stone for the New Work.
Mrs. Vessey—Lectern.
Mrs. Brackenbury—Altar Cross.
Miss Brackenbury—Brass Candlesticks and Vases.
Miss F. Vessey—Autependium, for Pulpit.
Mrs. Arden—Pulpit Light Holder.
Mr. A. G. Little—Hymn Board.

Mess. J. Clark. W. Hoff & J. Smith - leading stone from quarry to churchyard

THOMAS WALKER SALE, Rector.
Treasurer.

The following Accounts have been Audited by me,

W. G. Mitchinson,
Bank,
Spilsby.

16th *July*, 1895.

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BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
By Donations	719	8	6
,, Collecting Cards	60	11	9
,, Bazaar	90	1	9
,, Rummage Sale	28	8	5
,, Grant from Diocesan Fund	20	0	0
,, Old Members of Christ Church, Attercliffe Cricket Club	2	4	0
,, Offertories at Re-opening	19	15	6
,, Sale of Work	8	3	7
,, Ditto of Materials	3	3	0
,, Part of Offertory, Harvest Festival, 1894	4	11	2
,, Entertainment in the School	1	7	9
,, Rev. T. W. Sale from Chancel Account	3	8	0
,, Donation from Mr. W. W. Rattenbury	4	16	11
,, Bank Interest	9	7	8
	976	8	0
* Balance due to Treasurer	14	5	10
	£990	13	10

PAID.

	£	s.	d.
Materials for Working Party	6	0	3
Cost of Faculty	3	8	6
Advertisements	0	14	4
Work in Quarry	21	10	0
Blacksmith for Quarrying Tools	3	19	3
Mr. Haw, for Work at Quarry, and in Church Yard	12	12	6
,, Glenister, Chairs, and Carriage of Ditto	3	18	9
,, Parsons, Printing Cards and Circulars	1	6	6
,, Powell, Painting Chancel Roof	35	13	0
,, Mallaby, Repairs in Belfry	54	12	0
,, Ward, Rush Seating	0	19	7
,, Kime, Hassocks, and Carriage	4	11	11
,, Wordsworth, for Organ	262	10	0
,, Coldrar, Ironwork	6	6	3
,, Earle, Hangings, and Carriage	3	8	10
,, Frowde, Books for Church	1	16	0
,, Lord, Safe in Vestry	8	17	0
,, Frank Smith & Co., Altar Furniture	3	5	6
,, Burnett, Hangings	3	16	9
,, Pullar, Dyeing old Altar Cloth	0	2	9
,, Rattenbury	510	16	11
Architect's Commission	28	5	0
Ditto, Journeys	9	6	0
Covering hassocks, and making hangings	0	9	0
Baize for hassocks and holland	0	10	8
Cheque book	0	2	6
Sundries	0	5	1
Printing Report	1	5	0
Postage of ditto	0	4	0
	£990	13	10

* This deficiency has been cleared off by the proceeds of a Rummage Sale held since the audit.

T. W. S.

Halton Holgate Church Restoration Fund Account.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. T. W. Sale	200	0	0
Family of the late Canon Rawnsley	170	0	0
Mrs. Overend	50	0	0
Rev. G. B. Vessey	13	0	0
Dr. Holland	10	10	0
J. E. Sale, Esq.	10	10	0
Mrs. Moorhouse	10	7	0
Mrs. Mason	10	0	0
Rev. E. Elmhirst (the late)	10	0	0
The Earl of Ancaster	10	0	0
V. E. Walker, Esq.	5	5	0
R. D. Walker, Esq.	5	0	0
I. D. Walker, Esq.	5	0	0
Miss Rawnsley	5	0	0
Mr. Hoff, sen.	5	0	0
Mr. Hoff, jun.	5	0	0
Mrs. Yeatman	5	0	0
Rev. T. R. Sale	5	0	0
W. W. Sale, Esq.	5	0	0
Rev. J. and Mrs. Baird	5	0	0
Rev. J. S. Warren	5	0	0
Rev. G. Ward	5	0	0
Rev. T. T. Sale (the late)	5	0	0
Mrs. Rawnsley	5	0	0
E. P. Rawnsley, Esq.	5	0	0
Rev. C. T. Swan	5	0	0
W. Garfit, Esq., M.P.	5	0	0
J. H. Vessey, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs. Payne	5	0	0
Mr. Haxby (the late)	5	0	0
Rev. C. E. Lamb	5	0	0
General Richardson	5	0	0
A Friend	5	0	0
Hon. E. Stanhope (the late)	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
Rev. P. Kendall	3	3	0
Rev. R. Barrow	3	3	0
W. Lane Claypon, Esq.	3	3	0
E. L. Sale, Esq.	3	3	0
Rev. Godfrey Thring	3	3	0
Miss Sale	3	0	0
Miss A. M. Sale	3	0	0
Miss F. E. Sale	3	0	0
A. W. Sale, Esq.	3	0	0
J. C. Sale, Esq.	3	0	0
Rev. J. Steel	3	0	0
Rev. E. T. Sale	3	0	0
Rev. H. T. Sale	3	0	0
Rev. W. M. Smith	3	0	0
Mr. Heath	3	0	0
Colonel Little	2	2	0
J. J. Nunn, Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. C. T. Williams	2	2	0
Miss Moor	2	2	0
Rev. J. P. Gell	2	2	0
F. A. Little, Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. T. G. Little	2	2	0
Mrs. C. Butler	2	0	0
Rev. J. B. Sidgwick	2	0	0
Canon Lonsdale	2	0	0
Mrs. W. Smith	2	0	0
Mrs. Barkley	2	0	0
Mrs. C. Walker	2	0	0
Rev. R. W. Cracroft	2	0	0
Mrs. Warburton	2	0	0
A. G. Little, Esq.	1	1	0
W. G. Mitchinson, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. Atkinson	1	1	0
Captain Ellis	1	1	0

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SUBSCRIPTIONS—continued.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. O'Brien Clarke	1	1	0
Rev. T. J. Whitworth	1	1	0
T. C. Garfit, Esq.	1	1	0
Miss M. G. Sale	1	1	0
Master C. T. Sale	1	1	0
Mr. J. Smith	1	1	0
Rev. W. W. Layng	1	1	0
Arthur Jackson, Esq.	1	1	0
Capital & Counties Bank	1	1	0
Rev. J. H. Oldrid	1	1	0
Rev. E. Rawnsley	1	0	0
Miss Alice Walker	1	0	0
Rev. J. E. Norris	1	0	0
Miss M. A. Sale	1	0	0
Miss Eliz. Sale	1	0	0
Colonel Preston	1	0	0
Mrs. Steel	1	0	0
Rev. W. Massingberd	1	0	0
Rev. G. Scratton	1	0	0
Anonymous	1	0	0
Rev. A. Maddison	1	0	0
Rev. G. Waters	1	0	0
Rev. J. S. Ladds	0	10	6
Mr. H. Coupland	0	10	6
Mr. H. Pawson	0	10	0
Mrs. Arden (Pulpit Lights)	1	10	6
Small sums	0	7	6
	719	8	6

COLLECTED ON CARDS.

	£	s.	d.
By Mrs. Allison	0	6	0
,, Mr. Baker	4	10	0
,, Miss K. Borrill	0	12	6
,, Mrs. F. Clark	0	10	0
,, Mrs. H. Clarke	0	10	0
,, Miss A. Coates	0	5	0
,, Mr. Crowter	0	2	0
,, Mrs. Cussons	4	13	0
,, Miss Dawson	1	0	0
,, Mrs. W. Dickinson	0	17	0
,, Mrs. R. Enderby	7	1	6
,, Mr. W. Haw	1	1	0
,, Mr. T. Harris	1	12	0
,, Mrs. Heath	0	7	3
,, Miss C. Jackson	12	2	0
,, Mrs. Sale	13	17	6
,, Miss Sale	6	3	0
,, Mrs. A. Shaw	0	9	0
,, Mrs. W. Shaw	0	13	0
,, Mrs. T. Smith	2	13	6
,, Mrs. Stones	0	10	0
,, Miss F. Vessey	0	10	0
,, Mrs. Woodward	0	7	0
	60	11	9

W. E. Parsons, Printer, Spilsby.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

HALTON HOLGATE

RE-OPENING OF THE CHANCEL

AFTER RESTORATION, AND

DEDICATION OF THE NEW ORGAN

ON FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1894.

8 a.m. **SERVICES.**

Dedication of the New Altar and celebration of the Holy Communion, by the Right Rev. the

LORD BISHOP OF LINCOLN

11 a.m. MORNING PRAYER and SERMON by the Right Rev. the

LORD BISHOP OF LINCOLN

6-30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER and SERMON by the

REV. CANON RAWNSLEY

VICAR OF CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK.

There will be a **PUBLIC LUNCHEON**—Tickets 2/-
(For which previous application to the Rector or Churchwardens is requested) at 1-30, in the Barn of Halton House, by kind permission of Captain Ellis.

From 3-30 to 4-30 **AN ORGAN RECITAL** will be given by

G. H. GREGORY, ESQ., MUS. BAC.,

ORGANIST OF BOSTON PARISH CHURCH.

TEA (6d.) will be served in the Barn from 4 till 6, where also there will be a **STALL** for the sale of Useful and Fancy Articles.

Reopening of Chancel &c 1894.

On the following Sunday, **WHIT SUNDAY,** the Services will be as under:

8 a.m. CELEBRATION of the HOLY COMMUNION.

11 a.m. MORNING PRAYER and SECOND CELEBRATION. Preacher:

REV. T. R. SALE,

Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Manchester.

3 p.m. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

6-30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER. Preacher: The Right Rev. the

Lord Bishop of Manchester

The Offertories at all the Services will be given to the Church Restoration Fund.

W. E. Parsons, Printer, Market Place, Spilsby.

T. W. SALE, Rector.

1894.

HALTON HOLEGATE.—Friday, May 11th, 1894, will be a day much to be remembered in the annals of the parish, inasmuch as it witnessed the completion of the various works of restoration and alteration which have been in progress at the Parish Church during the last twelve months, and the dedication of the new Organ.

This fine church, a grand pattern for a stately village church, must have been much finer before the destruction of the south chapel and the shortening of the chancel. When these acts of destruction took place is not known, but it was probably over 200 years ago. The recent works have in a great degree atoned for this, and have added much to the beauty of the church. The two arches on the south side of the chancel, that had been built up and plastered over on the inside, have been opened and repaired; and a new south chapel or aisle built outside them, forming a commodious organ chamber in the west bay, and a vestry in the eastern one. A small doorway to the east of the two arches, which formerly must have opened into the eastern bay of the chapel, has been opened out, and forms a passage from the vestry to the sanctuary. The chancel, unfortunately, could not be restored to its original length, but its poor deal roof has been enriched with mouldings and carved bosses, and the whole richly decorated in colour and gold by Messrs. Powell Bros., of Lincoln. A new altar has been erected, with a marble re table and reredos of carved oak, painted and gilt, with side panelling, also painted by the same firm, extending across the east wall. The heavy altar rail has given way to a lower and more open one of oak, and the oak seats in the chancel have been re-arranged with new stalls and desks for the clergy and new desks for the children in the choir, whilst the screens which formerly enclosed a vestry at the east end of the north aisle now form a partition between the chancel and the before mentioned additions to the south. The nave has also been greatly improved by the removal of a block of seating at the east end which joined on to the chancel screen, and by the alteration of the pulpit and removal of the reading desk and clerk's desk on the north side which blocked that side of the screen. All the old oak seats of the nave and aisles, some of which have very finely executed finials, have been repaired, and new flooring laid on concrete has been placed in the aisles and western end of the nave, while an additional row of seats affording sitting room for 22 persons has been added.

The old organ, worn out and disused for many years past, has been removed, and a new and much superior instrument by Wordsworth & Co. of Leeds now stands in the new organ chamber. Inner screens have been added to the north and south doorways of the nave; all the defective stone work on the exterior renewed; and the fine peal of six bells re-hung, with new fittings throughout, by Messrs. Mallaby & Sons, of Masham, Yorks. The new aisle is built of the local green sandstone quarried in the parish, which was given by the Rev. E. Rawnsley of Raithby Hall, and carted to the churchyard by some of the farmers. The dressings are of Weldon stone, and its roof is covered with lead.

The morning of the 11th was ushered in by a peal from the fine church bells. At eight o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the new altar dedicated. There were 40 communicants, including several of the neighbouring clergy. The morning service commenced at 11, with the late Bishop Wordsworth's hymn "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving" sung by the choir and congregation as the clergy entered by the north-west door and advanced up the nave to the chancel with the Bishop and his chaplain, the Rev. C. W. Baron, in the rear. The chancel, bright and beautiful with its decorated roof, and the reredos coloured and diapered in shades of green and terra cotta picked out with gold, presented a striking contrast to its former bare and cold appearance. The effect was still further heightened by the beautiful altar cloth of white cut plush with orphreys of terra cotta velvet richly embroidered in gold, the work of Mrs. and Miss Sale. The ornaments of the altar—cross, vases, and candlesticks, and the lovely blooms of arum lilies, narcissus, and white roses, with which the pulpit, chancel screen, and font were also adorned, set off the beauties of the building to perfection. The prayers were sung by the Rector, the Rev. T. W. Sale; the first lesson was read by the Rev. G. Ward, Rector of Mavis Enderby and Raithby; and the second by Canon Staffurth, Vicar of Frieston. Among the clergy present and taking part in the procession were the Revs. C. Allen, F. Baldwin, R. Barrow, E. B. Bland, J. Cheales, C. Disbrowe, T. Ellis, E. Faulkner, H. Greenwood, G. H. Hales, S. Hope, P. Kendall, J. S. Ladds, W. J. Margetts, E. A. Pain, C. G. Ridley, E. Tatham, G. Walker, J. Whitworth, and C. Williams. Several others of the neighbouring clergy were among the congregation. The sermon, which rivetted the attention of the large congregation, was preached by the Bishop, who took for his text 1 Cor. xii. 26.

After the service a luncheon was served in the barn of Halton House, kindly lent for the occasion by Captain Ellis, which had been most skilfully and appropriately decorated by some of the ladies in the parish with flags, evergreens, and flowers, and over this the Rector presided. After the health of "the Queen and Royal Family," proposed from the chair, had been duly honoured, the toast of "the Bishop and Clergy" was proposed by Colonel Preston. The Bishop while acknowledging it, in the course of a genial and humorous speech delivered in the happy way in which he so excels, adverted to the coming establishment of Parish Councils, which, he felt sure, in spite of the 450 signatures attached to a memorial lately addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury (in

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which the energy and modesty of a considerable number of lately ordained clergy who had undertaken to instruct the Bishops as to their duty were alike displayed) would be heartily furthered by the clergy generally by every means in their power, while at the same time he was afraid there were many difficulties which would have to be overcome before they settled down into smooth and working order, which would entail much labour and thought upon the members of the County Councils. The health of "the subscribers" was proposed by the Rector, who in the course of his remarks said he had thankfully to acknowledge the wide and liberal support accorded to himself and those who had co-operated with him in bringing the work to the happy consummation of that day. The cost of the work done has amounted to about £1000, inclusive of various gifts among which he mentioned the handsome oak lectern which had been given by Mrs. Vessey, the ornaments of the altar which were the gifts of Mrs. and Miss Brackenbury, and the altar cloth which had cost his wife and daughter many a long hour of steady work. He coupled the toast with the name of Mr. Willingham Rawnsley, the eldest son of the late rector, whose generous support together with that of the other members of his family had inspired him to make the efforts which had been brought to such a successful completion. Mr. W. Rawnsley replied in a speech full of reminiscences of the past history of the parish and of his own memories in connection with it. The Rev. G. Ward then proposed the health of Mr. Hodgson Fowler, the Architect, coupling with it those of Mr. Rattenbury, the contractor, and Mr. Wordsworth, the organ builder. A few words of reply from Mr. Fowler, and the health of the Rector briefly proposed and responded to brought the proceedings to a conclusion, as the Bishop and others had to catch the afternoon train. The luncheon which was an excellent one was supplied by Mr. Gregory, of Spilsby, and gave universal satisfaction.

From half-past three to half-past four a recital on the organ was given by Mr. Gregory, the organist of Boston Parish Church, who also presided at the instrument at both the services. The selection was admirably fitted to show off its capabilities, and the large assembly who listened to the music evidently appreciated the tone and quality of the organ, and the skill of the performer. The organ, built by Wordsworth, of Leeds, is of a beautifully even and well balanced tone, and the acoustic qualities of the church admirably serve to enhance the effect produced by the instrument, of which the builder may well be proud.

The specification of the organ is as follows:—

Great Organ—CC to A, 58 notes with 5 stops. 1—Open diapason, 2—Stopped diapason, 3—Dulciana, 4—Principal, 5—Flute Harmonique.

Swell—CC to A, 58 notes with 6 stops. 1—Open diapason, 2—Liebach gedacht, 3—Viol d'amour, 4—Principal, 5—Mixture, 2 ranks, 6—Oboe.

GREAT FIFTEENTH STOP ADDED 1984 (JULY)

Pedal Organ—CCC to F, 30 notes. 1—Bourdon.

Tea, also supplied by Mr. Gregory (of Spilsby) was going on in the barn from 4-30 to 6, while in an adjoining building a Sale of Work was presided over by Mrs. Sale and other ladies, which produced in the course of the afternoon an appreciable addition to the offertories at the services.

At evensong, which began at 6.30, a large congregation of the parishioners and others filled the church, when the Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, Canon of Carlisle Cathedral, preached an admirable sermon from Joshua xxiv. 27. The day was a most enjoyable one, and the Rector and parishioners of Halton may indeed be congratulated upon the beautiful weather, and the bright and hearty character of the services.

The offertories during the day amounted to a little over £19.

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SPILSBY MAGAZINE.

JULY, 1894.

Burial.

June 27. Joseph George Goacher, late of Oakham, aged 80 years.

ON Thursday, June 7th, the Ven. W. F. J. Kaye, Archdeacon of Lincoln, held his Annual Visitation in Spilsby Parish Church, and in the course of his charge dealt with several points of current interest. Owing chiefly to the meeting of the Diocesan Architectural Society being held on the same day there was a smaller attendance than usual of both Clergy and Churchwardens.

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Sermon preached at Halton Church, on May 11th, 1894, by Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, Canon of Carlisle Cathedral.

'*And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us, for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall therefore be a witness unto you lest ye deny God.*"—Josh. xxiv. 27.

It must have been a very impressive scene. There on the north-east shoulder of Gerizim, that "blessed mountain" as it is called to-day, upon whose summit Twelve stones are still pointed out as the Stones of Joshua the king, had God's faithful soldier and servant, bowed and worn with care, called his victorious army together. He stood beneath the oak or 'Terebinth' tree, sacred with the memories of Abram's altar, of Jacob's brave putting away of false gods by hiding their images "under the oak which is by Shechem." He stood in sight too of the holy well which Jacob dug, and at the altar which Jacob builded in the portion of ground he had bought of the sons of Hanor. He stood in view of the spot already marked out for the burial of Joseph that embalmed prince whose bones they had brought up out of Egypt.

There, now, with all these memories crowding upon him, does Joshua, old and stricken in years, deliver two solemn addresses.

He reminds the host of Israel of the marvellous fulfilment of God's promise to their forefathers; and warns them of the conditions on which their national future depends. Lastly he calls on them to renew their covenant with God, there in the sight of those old covenant recollections; there in the face of all their nation's history, from Abraham till his day.

"Now therefore," said Joshua, "fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth."

"And the people said unto Joshua, 'Nay but we will serve the Lord.'"

And ere the great Amen of the multitude had died upon the hushed and listening air, or even its echo from the neighbouring hills had ceased, Joshua cried—

"Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord to serve Him."

"And the people answered 'we are witnesses.'"

Then answered Joshua (and as he spoke a vision of Jacob digging the graves for those idols at the roots of the holy tree beneath which he stood, must have flashed upon his mind, and the minds of all who heard him) "Now therefore put away the strange gods which are among you and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel."

There was a pause, and then like the breaking of a wave upon your Lincolnshire coast, like the roaring of a wind through a forest when all its leaves do clap their hands before the Lord, there broke from the ten thousand throats of the listening warriors that splendid answer whose voice has never died,—

"The Lord our God will we serve and His voice will we obey."

And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law, and took a great stone and set it up there under the oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said unto all the people in the words chosen for my text—

"Behold this stone shall be a witness unto us, for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you lest ye deny God."

So Joshua let the people depart, but the rough unhewn stone departed not. Silent just now and now eloquent for ever, henceforth it was a stone of witnessing.

As I rode round the shoulder of fair Gerizim's 'Blessed hill' a few years ago, I heard from Mussulman lips the words Rijed El Amad "the place of the pillar," and the traditional place of that stone that was set up on that day so many hundred nay so many thousand years ago, was still a witness of the Bible scene I have brought before you this evening.

What was it that had given that stone its immortality and force? It had not changed its form, just now it lay a simple rock in the rocky bed of the hill side of Gerizim, now it was a witness full of awe, of rebuke, of encouragement, and of a people's mighty vow to fear the Lord 'in sincerity and truth.' Just now it was dumb as the stone in the quarry, now it was vocal—a speaking witness for God—a fountain of fire and aspiration—a place of refuge for troubled hearts—a constant exhortation to truth and all sincerity.

And how had all this change come about? Why should this stone suddenly receive this new power to help a whole nation? It was not altered in appearance. Every atom of it was as much limestone as it was the day the dead sea-shell built it up in the depths of a tropic ocean before ever the dry land or the earth had appeared.

There was no carving, no writing upon it. There it stood, immoveable, in all sincerity and truth, simple and plain.

Ah yes, but it had been touched by the hands of man; it was Joshua placed it there. Joshua, the blameless and fearless, who had learned by youthful service how to command as a man. Joshua whose strength lay in his simplicity, whose simplicity lay in his being able to be silent, to obey, and to wait. Joshua who had 'served God in sincerity and truth,' Joshua who had never denied him, Joshua whose life was one long witness against any such denial—one long witness of the glory and grace of obedience unto the living God. It was Joshua who set that stone in its place on the hill under the sacred oak.

And Joshua would soon be gathered to his fathers, would pass away from the eyes of his fellow men and be but a name. But this stone would not pass away. The deed of Joshua that day would live. It was Joshua set that stone which 'had heard all the words of the Lord' that day. And when Joshua had ceased to testify, that great plain rough stone should

Dedication of Organ — 1894.

Not to be taken away

HYMN

FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW ORGAN

In the Church of St. Andrew,

HALTON HOLEGATE.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Rev. xix. 6

GOD, Thy music fills the mountains,
Ocean utters forth Thy voice,
Alleluia cry the fountains,
Torrents roar, Rejoice! Rejoice!
Mid the clarion peals of thunder,
Through the trumpets of the wind,
Lo! Thy people hear with wonder
Breathings of Thy sovereign mind.

At the morning of creation
Star to star responsive rang;
When Thy chiefest constellation
Shone for men the angels sang:
Earth to Heaven is still repeating
That sweet hymn the angels gave;
To its anthem hearts are beating
Hope's glad music to the grave.

Wherefore, here, Almighty Father,
While the organ music rolls
Forth, melodious, we gather
Strength and triumph to our souls;
Like the voice of many waters
Sounding o'er the golden sea,
We, Thy ransomed sons and daughters,
Raise our joyous song to Thee.

Lusty man and tender maiden,
Old and young, the anthem swell;
Souls with joy or sorrow laden,
Feel the music's mighty swell;
One in heart as one in voices,
All in holy concert sing;
Everything with breath rejoices
God omnipotent is King.
Amen.

H. D. Rawnsley.

The services were continued on Whit Sunday. A large congregation was present at the morning service, when a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. T. R. Sale, eldest son of the Rector, who is domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester. He took as his text 1 Kings viii. 27. In the evening the church was literally packed to overflowing, and it needed all the ingenuity of the churchwardens and the gentlemen who kindly assisted them to seat the congregation, which not only included most of the parishioners but numbers from Spilsby and the adjoining parishes. The Bishop of Manchester who preached took for his text Acts iii. 6. The sermon, a most eloquent and powerful one, was listened to by the large congregation with rapt attention, and produced an impression which will not soon be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear it. The offertories during the day amounted to £8 13s. 6d., which together with those of the opening day will it is hoped go far to supply the deficiency to be made up. The parishioners of Halton are most heartily to be congratulated upon the work so successfully accomplished, which makes their fine parish church worthy of being ranked among the most beautiful in the neighbourhood.—*Communicated.*

Dedication of Window

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THE WINDOW given by Mrs. Sale and the sons and daughters of the late Rev. T. W. Sale, formerly Rector of the Parish, was unveiled and dedicated on Monday, August 18th, at 5 p.m. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Ward, Rector of Mavis Enderby and Raithby. Mr. Ward's address was much appreciated by the many friends of the late Rector who were present. His text was, "That he was worthy for whom he should do this: for he loveth our nation and he hath built us a synagogue." The lesson was read by the Rev. R. Barrow, the service being intoned by the Rector. Amongst those present were Mrs. Sale, Rev. T. R. and Mrs. Sale, Rev. A. W. Sale, Mr. J. C. Sale, Mr. C. T. Sale, Miss Sale, Miss M. Sale, Miss E. Sale, Miss G. Sale. Amongst the clergy present, either robed or in the congregation, were the Revs. W. Greenwood, C. T. Williams, G. G. Walker, J. Howard, J. P. Cheales, T. J. Whitworth. The Rev. R. W. Cracroft had to return before the service. It was pleasant to see such a large gathering of parishioners and neighbours who desired to be present to testify to their regard for the late Rector. The Rector preached on the following Sunday night on the subject matter of the window. The window is the work of Messrs. Burtison & Grylls, who were assisted by Mr. E. D. Baker, who measured the window and helped to place it in position. The three large lights contain figures of St. Andrew in the centre, St. Peter on his right, and St. Paul on the left. Below the figure of St. Andrew is represented the call of St. Peter. In the small lights above St. Peter and St. Paul are a font and a paten and chalice, and above these two angels bearing a scroll, and above each of these a crown.

Dedication of Memorial to Rectors and Churchwardens, 1911.

HALTON HOLEGATE.

The Dedication

of the

MEMORIAL

to former Rectors,
Churchwardens & Parish Clerks,

will take place

On Monday, April 24th.

Evensong at 7 p.m.

in the Parish Church. Preacher:

Rev. Canon Rawnsley,

Canon of Carlisle and Vicar of Crosthwaite.

C. P. DISBROWE, Rector.

W. K. Morton & Sons, Printers, Franklin House, Spilsby.

This Memorial was the outcome of a suggestion made by the Rev C.P. Disbrowe during a Lecture on "Halton in the Past" that the names should be printed + exhibited in the Church. General Richardson improved on this by offering to carve all their names in oak.

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DEDICATION

BY THE

Rev. H. G. ALINGTON,

RURAL DEAN,

On MONDAY, APRIL the 24th, 1911,

OF A

MEMORIAL

TO THE

RECTORS, CHURCHWARDENS AND PARISH CLERKS OF HALTON HOLEGATE,

DESIGNED, CARVED and GIVEN by MAJOR GENERAL RICHARDSON, R.A., and CONSTRUCTED by MR. E. D. BAKER, Churchwardens.

PREACHER:

REV. CANON RAWNSLEY,

Son and Grandson of former Rectors.

C. P. DISBROWE, Rector.

F. Banks & Son, Printers, Spilsby.

Dedication of Memorial.

A record of unique interest was dedicated in the Parish Church, on April 24th, by the Rural Dean, the Rev. H. G. Alington. The Memorial, which covers most of the East wall of the North Aisle, bears the following inscription, carved in relief and gilded: "To the glory of God. This Screen was given, designed and carved by Major General Richardson, R.A., and made by Mr. E. D. Baker, two Churchwardens, as a record of those who have served His House in this Parish."

On it, on a number of panels, are carved in relief, in large letters, and gilded, easily read at the bottom of the Church, the names of 40 Rectors from the year 1224, 133 Churchwardens from 1581, and 16 Parish Clerks from 1686.

The Memorial, which is 15ft. in breadth, and 12ft. high, is constructed of brown oak, chiefly grown in Shire Wood, Revesby. It is built up round a stained glass window, on which is the inscription, "Resti tuerunt A.B. et S.V." (Augustus Booth and Samuel Vessey) and which is often called the "Betsy" window.

The Cornices are pierced with texts, that over the Panels containing the names of the Rectors being "Let thy Priests be clothed with righteousness," and that over those of the Churchwardens being "They were counted faithful and their office was to distribute." On the mouldings beneath these are various beautifully carved ornaments chiefly borne on St. Andrew's Crosses, the Church being dedicated to St. Andrew, and the rebus which is on the Porch, the barrel or tun with the word "Hal" or "Ale" intended to represent "Halton," is also reproduced. The base of the structure is ornamented with quaint panels representing gilded fish swimming in nets, in allusion to the occupation of St. Andrew. General Richardson has been busily engaged for three years on the carving of this Memorial, the names and dates being supplied by the Rector, the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, who has also received assistance from Revs. Canon Foster and G. G. Walker.

It would be interesting to know if any such record, carved in stone or wood, exists in any other Parish Church. There was a large gathering of descendants of former Rectors present at the Dedication Service, including Mr. H. Langton Brackenbury, great, great grandson of Rev. Joseph Brackenbury, Rector, who died 1777, and great grandson of Rev. William Brackenbury, Rector, who died 1824, and Canon Rawnsley, and Messrs. Willingham, W. H., J. F., and H. Rawnsley, and the Misses F. and E. Rawnsley, sons and daughters of the late Rev. Canon Drummond Rawnsley, Rector, who died 1882, and who was the son of the previous Rector, Rev. T. H. Rawnsley, who died 1861, and whose grandchildren, Mr. Preston Rawnsley, Miss Sophy Rawnsley, and Mrs. O'Brien Clarke, and great grandchildren, Miss Rawnsley and Miss Arden, were present. Miss Sale and Miss M. Sale, daughters of the late Rev. T. W. Sale, Rector, were present. Mrs. Cussons, widow of the late Mr. W. M. Cussons, who was Churchwarden for the record number of 36 years and died in 1906, was present, besides representatives of a number of other Churchwardens, including, Mrs. Alston, whose ancestor, Thomas Cooper, was Churchwarden, 1647-9, and Mr. C. Booth, who like General Richardson is great nephew of an energetic Churchwarden, Mr. Augustus Booth, 1842-70, and Mr. W. P. Moody, a relative of Capt. Bonsor, 1830-41. Besides which there were representatives of the Balderstone family which has contributed two wardens, viz., Thomas Balderstone, 1778, and William Balderstone, 1876-8, and of William Grantham, 1644-6, his descendant, Mr. Walter Grantham, being one of the ringers who rang on this occasion, and probably others unknown to us. The Parish Clerks were represented by members of the families of Haw, Holderness, and Eyres.

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SERMON

PREACHED IN

HALTON HOLGATE CHURCH,

BY

CANON RAWNSLEY,

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

Dedication of a Memorial in Halton Holgate Church to former Rectors, Churchwardens, and Parish Clerks,

ON APRIL 24TH, 1911.

PRICE SIXPENCE.

SPILSBY:
W. K. MORTON AND SONS, PRINTERS, FRANKLIN HOUSE.

These all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

HEBREWS XI., 39, 40.

LITTLE did I think when as a child nearly fifty years ago I watched the clever Halton carpenter, Hanson, at his work building the new wooden bridge across the Hollow Gate hard by, that one day I should be called upon to be the humble means of building for a second time a bridge between Halton and Carlisle, that I should follow a Halton man and go to be Canon of a Cathedral in the North, that never can forget the debt it owes to an earlier Halton man, first as Canon and afterwards as Bishop.

In the year 1292, on St. George's Day, which was as it were yesterday,—a day we lovers of English literature remember as the birthday and deathday of William Shakespeare, and the deathday of William Wordsworth,—there was elected a Bishop of Carlisle from among the Canons of the Priory there, one John de Halton or Halughton, John of the Hollow Town (as it was called), of whom tradition has it, he was a Lincolnshire man, and of whom it is presumable to believe that he sprang from this parish.

They were a great family of churchmen these Haltons. They appear to have been Rectors here from 1224 till 1321, and we in the Northern city of the Red King know how but for John de Halton's courage and faith in the future of the Church he served, there would probably have been no XIV. Century Cathedral walls to testify of his strenuous work, perhaps no city round about it. For he had hardly been Bishop a month, when a fire broke out that destroyed the fair Cathedral so lately built, and swept Carlisle out of existence. He set to work with a will and rebuilt the Cathedral and encouraged the citizens to rebuild the town. Great as a financier he was great also as an administrator. He was mediator between King Edward I. and John of Baliol in the claim to the Scottish throne, and in the stormy time of war 'twixt Scotland and England in the time of Baliol and Bruce and Wallace, he not only acted as ambassador, but was made custodian or chief castellan of Carlisle. He planned and built in part Rose Castle, where our Bishops since have dwelt, and in 1297 Robert the Bruce in his presence swore fealty to the king on the sword of St. Thomas, in the Carlisle Cathedral. Thrice he entertained English Royalty and was the personal friend of two kings. In July 1307 he received in the Carlisle Cathedral from the sick King Edward's hands, the horse litter

in which he had been borne to the north, and within a few days saw the king who had bravely mounted his charger at the cathedral door, borne back a dead man on the shoulders of his knights from Burgh Marsh by the Solway's shore.

But Bishop Halton's heart was here in Lincolnshire, and when in 1318, after the siege of Carlisle by Robert the Bruce, he was a fugitive from his diocese, he begged of the Pope that the living of Horncastle should be appropriated to his see as a means of support to him in his poverty. So it came to pass that right up to the middle of this last century, Horncastle, together with some other Lincolnshire benefices, belonged to the Bishop of Carlisle.

He died in 1324 having obtained a good report through faith but not having received the promise—promise of a united kingdom and of a church at rest; without us his work could not be perfected, even as without him our work had not been possible to-day.

It is many years since by the death of John of the Hollow Town the link between the one-time Canon of Carlisle and this village was broken, but to-day the link is once again made good, and I am called as a Halton man and a Canon of the same Cathedral city, to speak with honour of the name of the Haltons of old time.

The deeply interesting and permanent record of the rectors of your ancient parish which is unveiled and dedicated to-day, and which we owe to the public spirit and indefatigable handicraft of a present day churchwarden, commences with the names of five men who may have been of the Carlisle Bishop's family.

From 1224 to 1321, a whole century bating three years, the word of God was preached here and the sacraments were administered by those who bore the Northern Bishop's name. They, as he did, died in faith having "received not the promise." "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

It is a good thing on such an occasion as this to hear again the voice of Isaiah crying from the far off centuries and saying, "Hearken to me ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn and the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." I like to dream that the old church that was here when Domesday Book was compiled was restored by that Rector whose institution is the earliest on record here.

Contrast for a moment this quiet time of ours, with its well ordered worship and its parochial ministrations, with that rough day when first the sandstone of the Hollow gate hard by was hewn for the church builders on this sunny hill, and when from the hole of the pit the masons, at the call of Richard de Halton laboured to raise a house of prayer, where for nearly seven hundred years, week in week out, the sound of praise has not been silent and where Christ's own rite of memorial of His death and resurrection has never ceased to be held in reverence. Think I say for a moment of that old time.

The worst king that had ever sat upon an English throne had gone to his account only eight years before. "Foul as it is," said King John's contemporaries, "Hell itself is defiled by the fouler presence of John."

Only nine years before your first rector (so far as record of institution goes) came into residence, Magna Charta had been signed at Runnymede, and English justice for baron and for serf and English liberty for the Church had been wrested from an unwilling king. To defeat the purpose of the Charter John had already thrown himself into the Pope's arms, and the barons in despair had offered the crown to Lewis of France, and France had sent her troops to support the barons' demand against King John.

Here in Lincolnshire were stirring times indeed, for William, Earl Marshal, had in 1216 been appointed regent for the boy-king, Henry III., and it was by his bravery that the siege of Lincoln, which was in the hands of Fitzwalter and his French nobles, was raised and the English crown was saved to England.

In the XIII. century, only sixteen years before Halton church was built and your first rector instituted, the Pope, Innocent III., had laid this country under interdict. "All worship save that of a few privileged orders of monks and all administration of the sacraments save that of private baptism had ceased throughout the land. The church bells were silent, the dead lay unburied on the ground."

We can imagine with what joy in 1224 the Halton parishioners met for worship in their church, now entirely disappeared, but on whose site we worship to-day, and how fervently they must have prayed that God would out of all the turbulence, civil war and papal war, the court intrigue and baronial feud give them peace at the last.

I think they prayed for something else, each one in the deep of his heart. As they heard the words of God read or mumbled in Latin from the old Vulgate Bible, which the great Stephen Langton had for the first time just divided into chapters, they must have prayed for the day to come, which did not come for nearly four centuries, the day whose tercentenary we have in the past month been celebrating, when each man in his own tongue should read of the purpose of God and the will of Christ as set forth in Holy Scripture. They had obtained one charter, they needed another charter, the charter of God's open Word.

As they prayed, those parishioners gathered here in their church on the Halton Hill must have heard how the preaching Friars had just landed in England, and before many months had passed they might have been told the Black Dominicans or the Grey Friars of St. Francis were preaching in Oxford, and had not only settled in the shambles of Newgate, London, but had come as far north as Lincoln and were working among the lepers in that ancient town.

It was a proud day for Halton when Richard the vicar first preached to the people in their church. For here was church and nave and tower complete, while away at Lincoln Cathedral no nave, no lantern tower, no angel choir, had risen into middle air.

Here too in fair carven stone was seen on that day the image of the brave crusader knight who had fought for Christ against the Saracen and put to test on Syrian fields the faith he had learned in far off Lincolnshire.

How many churches have been restored since that day here at Halton by the Hollow Gate I know not. But still upon the walls of the beautiful South porch which Mr. G. W. Maddison rebuilt in 1831 we see the quaint device of the Ale Tun or "rebus" which the first Halton caused to be carved to keep his name to posterity.

The Halton when that little device of an "ale tun" was set in scroll work little dreamed that seven centuries after your squire and warden would carve in heart of oak his full name and the name of his family—successors in office—at the east end of your northern aisle.

These Haltons died not having received the promise. They saw no church nor land at rest, but they felt a better time was coming for art and letters. Bacon was a boy of ten when your first rector came to the living. Dante died the same year the last de Halton passed to his rest. The great Universities of Oxford and Cambridge had become seats of learning to exercise influence not only here but throughout Europe in their vicariates.

And 'ere the last de Halton had been in his quiet grave for four years, Wycliffe, the Star of the Reformation, had begun his course, and four years later Chaucer, the "fountain-head of English undefiled," was born.

Now, friends, I have gone back to that far past because I feel that to-day we may well remember that "These all, having," as we trust, "obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

They must have been men of faith indeed who at such a time as was the thirteenth century could give themselves to preaching of the Word and ministration of the Holy Sacraments or could give their brains to the designing and their substance to the building of your fine parish church. They died in full hope that God, though he buried the worker would carry on the work, and all down these seven centuries their faith has been justified. God had in His mercy provided some better thing for us that they without us, as we without them, should not be made perfect. They must have longed for the day of settled government, of open Bible, of nobler spiritual outlook, of a better education, of juster laws, of greater care for the poor and needy, of a finer sense of brotherhood amongst men. And slowly the better time has dawned, though still we are far from the noon.

Now all this has come about because whatever changes in Church and State have come to pass, the ideal of Christ has been kept alive amongst us, and all down the centuries men have heard the church bell call to prayer and praise, week in week out, and have felt that in their pastors were hearts that cared for higher things, voices that boldly rebuked vice, proclaimed the will of God so far as they knew it, and taught that whilst this world passeth away and the glory of it, not one of Christ's words can pass away, that His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His law is the truth.

And what is it, friends, that encouraged the ministers of the everlasting Gospel in this place to live and speak as seeing Him who is invisible, and in spite of all appearance that was against them, to believe in the better time coming?

I answer, it was the same truth which our grand old national Church has nourished, of the continuity of the undying purpose of God. In the flux of things and in all the chances and changes of its career, her abiding power—so long as she was faithful to her founder—to be a witness for the coming of the kingdom, lay just in this, that she believed God had more light to give unto the world, and that each generation if it served its time was a minister of progress to that

> "far-off divine event
> To which the whole creation moves."

Whatever else these men, who were rectors here between 1224 and to-day, believed, they believed that it was their duty to carry on to the best of their power, the good work of the priests and ministers of an earlier day, because they knew that their predecessors had died not having received the promise, and that without their efforts after God and goodness, the work of these former preachers and teachers of Christ in this place could not be perfected.

You knew that saintly, scholarly, public-spirited man, that true "pastor parochiae" "without whose life I had not been"—some of you here may remember his kindly father, that gracious gentleman of an old school, Hardwicke Rawnsley. Now why did one restore this Church at the cost of £1960, when a violent storm had wrecked the Nave roof in 1846? and why did the other twenty years later, in 1866, at the cost of £1200, rebuild its tower? Why? but because they believed that they were bound to hand on all that other hands had worked for to help their time in spiritual things; others had laboured, they had entered into their labours. The time would come when "the dark hour draped with black" should call them in turn to their rest. They thought not of themselves but of far off generations without whom they felt their work could not be perfected.

They looked for a city that had foundations, whose maker and builder was God—that city of heavenly character which one day should bring the kingdom of Christ upon earth. To minister to that was their desire, and they left the Church restored in witness of the faith that was in them.

Why again did their successor, whose children are with us to-day, nearly a generation later, in the year 1894, rebuild the Chantry Chapel at the cost of £1,000 on the south side of the chancel and leave behind him a Church made more beautiful still? Because he knew what was the ideal his predecessors had worked for, and felt that without his work the aim of those generous men who had gone before could not be perfected.

As it was with the clergy, so has it been with church-wardens and clerks. From John Hudson in 1581 to Edward Baker, 1895, and John Booth Richardson in 1906, for more than three hundred years, each successor in that honourable office must needs have felt bound to be faithful to his trust, because good men had been the helpers of the clergy and parish before his time, and what they had striven for and had not seen accomplished, they felt bound to strive for that they who had passed from office might be perfected.

We do not often realise how responsible is the warden's office, how arduous and difficult at times his task is, but it will be an evil day for the Church of England when such wardens as my grandfather and father knew, Hoff, Bowman, Bourne, Booth, Cussons, and Davey, men who were their personal friends and counsellors, cease from serving their parish Church.

On the carven roll of honour will henceforth stand not only the rectors' names for nearly 700 years and the wardens' names for 325 years, but the clerks' names for 202 years also.

The parish clerk is fading from our midst. All the more need to keep the names of these faithful servants bright in memory upon the walls of the Church they served. As a boy, more than fifty years ago, I knew one "Francis Haw" by name, who if ever amongst working men a saint was found, was such. A man of deep religious life and spiritual insight, I see his fine old face as I speak, bent in silent prayer before, as he would say, "he began to take the service," and I hear still his fervent reverential voice leading the reading of the Psalms and saying the loud amens. He prayed night and morning for God's Spirit to be poured upon this parish; he obtained a good report through faith, but received not the promise.

Without us, without the generation that followed him, he knew that his prayer could not be answered, and many a time he, who had had fair schooling himself, talked to me of the chance of God's will being done better in the years to come by the children at the village school.

If ever there was a man in this village who believed in prayer it was Francis Haw, and the secret of his religious life lay in his sure and certain hope of the purposes of God as revealed in Christ for the redemption and salvation of the world in ages far beyond his time.

Friends, as we read that honourable scroll of names of those who have striven to serve the old Mother Church beside the Hollow Gate, and to help the souls of those whose ashes lie in silent graves around us, are we not conscious of a debt we only can pay by being what they hoped we should be, better men, more Christlike, nearer God. They died not having received the promises: without us they could not be perfected.

This it is that brings I think such cheer and hope to our little lives of three score years and ten. We are none of us meant to find the full realisation of our ideals here. Whatsoever we do of good and true and right to help our generations will need others to come after us to carry on to perfection.

The glory of our being, lies just here, that there is that within us which is beyond our accomplishment—will need other hearts and other hands and other brains to work out to the completeness which God, who inspires us, has in view, "till we all come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of God."

Surely as our northern poet, Wordsworth, put it:

> "Enough, if something from our hands have power
> To live, and act, and serve the future hour;
> And if, as toward the silent tomb we go,
> We feel that we are greater than we know."

Is there no cheer in the thought that the good we strive for in far off times shall yet bear fruit?

It is this thought, that they who went before us and who obtained a good report through faith and received not the promises, and could not be perfected without us, that gives

such solemnity to our work on earth to-day, whatever that work may be. We are the heirs of all the ages: the men who went before us made us what we are. What was it made the Tennysons of Somersby poets, but the simple verse of Beattie which their mother read aloud in their childish ears. What kept Peary to his goal but that the white North held the bones of that stout-hearted Spilsby man, the Arctic Navigator, Sir John Franklin, and what helped Shackleton on his way to the South Pole and inspired his comrades to strain every nerve to keep their scientific observations true but the splendid courage of such a scientific explorer in polar regions as Franklin's friend, Sir John Richardson proved himself to be. And these humbler sailors and servants of the ships of the Church of whom we have been thinking to-night, who all of them speed on a "happier voyage" now, bequeathed to us their dutiful work for encouragement and inspiration.

They did their duty. Friends, it was surely easier for any Halton man to do his duty here by the Hollow way to the sea, since that young Halton Lieutenant, Audley Henry Booth, died on the deck of the Birkenhead at the heroic post of duty and bade us when the call comes do ours for God, King, and country as he did his. We are therefore in honour bound to remember the dead benefactors who have passed on in sure and certain hope. We cannot let their good work, so far as it was of God and for the help of their fellows, fail or fall to the ground.

And this it is which gives significance to our assembling ourselves on this occasion to wake the echoes of 700 years, and thank God and bless His holy name, for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear, and to beseech Him to give us grace "so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of His heavenly kingdom."

As I speak, forth from their graves come thronging the generations of men who had found grace in time of need, here in this ancient sanctuary of prayer and praise, to join us in our thanks to Almighty God that through all storm the church has stood as witness for the everlasting Gospel and the everlasting Lord. And above this sound of rejoicing I hear the words, "We died in faith not having received the promises, God having provided some better thing for us that you without us as we without you should not be made perfect."

Pre Reformation Altars

From Wills between 1505—30 (Linc: Rec[illegible]ety Vols v. xx) it appears that besides the HIGH ALTAR, there were also

The Altar of OUR LADY OF GRACE.
do OUR LADY OF PITY.
do THE TRINITY
do S[r] CATHERINE

Frequent bequests were made to these Altars as also to the "Gilds of Hallan". & one bequest was "to the Gild Hall at Halton a borde" (probably a table).

Thomas Rodley (1530) bequeathed "to the making of S[r] George in Halton Church xs". Probably a statue of S[r] George.

Frequent bequests were also made to the Bells generally about xij d.

Margaret Frysmer of Halton (1522) left — "To the painting of S[t] Andrew ijs."



Mr Edward Baker

Churchwarden died 1895

MAJOR-GENERAL RICHARDSON.

Major-General John Booth Richardson, Colonel-Commandant, R.A., died on Wednesday, aged 85. He was the eldest son of Sir John Richardson, F.R.S., surgeon and naturalist to Sir John Franklin's polar expedition of 1819, and commander of the first search expedition. Sir John remembered Robert Burns, who was a friend of his parents at Dumfries, lending him the "Faerie Queene." General Richardson's mother was a niece of Franklin. From Woolwich he obtained his first commission in the R.A. in 1855, and retired in 1899, having served in the East and West Indies, Burma, and the Mediterranean. He was at different periods commanding R.A., Western District, Commandant of the School of Gunnery, and G.O.C., R.A., Gibraltar. He received the thanks of the English and French Governments for his services during the revolution in Hayti in 1859. General Richardson was a silver medallist of the R.A. Institute, and published various professional works and pamphlets. He leaves a widow and one son, late captain in the Lincolnshire Regiment.



Major General John Booth Richardson
Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery.
Churchwarden 1907 – 1915.



Mr Edward Darwin Baker
Churchwarden 1895 – 1915

The GLEBE.

HOW the Living got its Glebe Lands and Tithes

This takes us back to very early days. In the time of the Anglo Saxon Kings at least as early as the year 747 A.D. the Church was receiving Tithes. This was long before there was a Parliament in England and tithes and Glebe were never given by Parliament. If the Lord of the Manor wished to form a Parish he was required to provide a house & Glebe for the Incumbent. This partly accounts for the difference in size of Parishes & in the amount of Glebe. As time went on further gifts of land were made at different periods & so the Glebes gradually increased. For instance in the year 1379 Elizabeth de Halton the daughter of Sir John de Halton, whose stone effigy is still in the Church gave the Home Field of 2½ acres to the Living. From the "Patent Rolls" we find that John de Askeby, Parson of the Church of Halton by Spilsby paid a fee of 10/- to the King to alienate this field in Mortmain "in enlargement thereof" i.e enlargement of the Living.

In early days the land was not enclosed into a number of small fields as at present but different owners owned parts of the same great field "in ming". As an Illustration of this see the Copy of a "Hallon Holgate Terrar" (i.e Terrier) made in 1774. Note that the name is now given as "Halton Holgate" not as Halton by Spilsby as in 1379 or as Halton Hollowgate as in 1702. Hollowgate which means Hollow Road is contracted into Holgate or Holegate.

see page on the spelling of the name.

HALTON

TERRAR

of

Glebe Lane.

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2nd. Sept. 1774.

COPY.

HALTON HOLGATE TERRAR.

A True and perfect Terrar of all the Gleabs belonging to the Living of Halton Holgate in the Deanery of Bollingbroke in the County of Lincoln given in at the Bishop's Visitation at Horncastle September the second 1774.

One Parsonage House containing three Bays of Building the walls made of brick and clay, the roof covered with Reed Thatch. The House contains three low Rooms two of them floor'd with Pavins, the Parlour with Deal Boards. The Homestall contains ffive acres of Ground fenced about with Quick Hedges butting upon the South and West sides with the Common Highways, upon the North and East on the Lands of Timothy Wayet Gent. One Close containing two acres lying at Northorpe and bounded on all sides by the Lands of Mr. Chiseldine. Three Gleab Lands containing half an acre lying in ming with the Lands of Mr. Chiseldine in a Pasture called Northorpe Gapp and bounded on all sides with the Lands of the said Mr. Chiseldine. One land containing half an acre lying in ming with the Lands of the said Mr. Chiseldine in a Ten Acres Pasture called the New Inclosure and bounded on all sides with the Lands of the said Mr. Chiseldine. One Land containing three Stong lying in a Field called the Hurn, bounded Northward and Southward by the Lands of Timothy Wayet, Gent, Westward by the Common Highway, two Lands containing three Stong lying in a Field called Walkmill Field bounded on the East and West

by Lands of William Scortreth, Gent., on the South by Lands of Charles Brackenbury Esq on the North of two Gleab Lands. Two Gleab Lands containing one Acre lying in a Ten Acres Pasture called the Hill Close bounded on the East and West by Lands of the said Mr. Scortreth on the South by two Gleab Lands aforesaid. One Land containing one Stong lying in a Field called the High Field bounded on the North by the Lands of the said Mr. Chiseldine, Four Gleab Lands containing one acre lying in a Field called the High Field bounded on the North by the Lands of Timothy Wayet on the South by the Lands of John Harby, Gent, Two Gleab Lands containing one Acre lying in a field called the High Field bounded on the North by the Lands of John Harby, Gent, on the South by the Lands of Timothy Wayet, Gent,. Two Gleab Lands containing one acre lying in a Field called Durdales bounded on the East by Lands of Charles Brackenbury Esq on the West by lands of Mr. Chiseldine. Two Gleab Lands containg half an acre lying in a Field called Holmes Field bounded by the Lands of William Carter on the South & Lands of William Carter West and by the Lands of Charles Brackenbury Esq on the East. Two Gleab Lands containing half an acre lying in a Field called Holmes Hill bounded on the West by the Lands of the said Chas. Brackenbury Esq and by the Lands of the said Chas Brackenbury Esq on the East and north on the Highway to the Holmes Ground. One Piece of Ground containing half an acre lying in a Field called Holmes Bottom

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bounded on the West by a Hedge butting upon the Common Highway North and South on Hob Headland. One acre containing four Lands lying in a Close called Day's Closes bounded on the East by the Lands of John Harby, Gent, on the West by the Lands of Solomon Hutton abutting on the North,and South upon a Common Highway. One half-acre lying in a Close called Durdales Close bounded on the South and East by the Lands of the said Wm. Scortreth Gent and butting on the West and North upon a Common Field (four). Three Gleab Lands containing one acre lying in a Field called Short Lands bounded on the North by lands of Chas. Brackenbury Esq, on the South by the Lands of Mr. Watson butting upon the East upon the Lands of Mr. Watson upon the West upon an Hedge. One Gleab Land lying in a Field called Short Lands containing one Stong bounded on the West by Mr. Rolleston's Six Acres. One half acre of Pasture Ground lying in a Close called Bricklamp Close bounded and lying in ming on all sides by Lands of Chas Brackenbury Esq. Two acres of Pasture Ground lying in a Close called Stonepitt Close, bounded and lying in Ming on all sides with the Lands of Wm. Carter. One acre of Pasture Ground lying in a Close called Pot Lands bounded on the North by Lands of Wm. Scortreth Gent on the South by the Lands of the Duke of Ancaster. Two lands containing half an acre in Mr. Rolleston's six acres on ye West side and butting upon Longlands South, North on ye Highway & West on Mr. Watson's Land. .....

The Glebe

The Incumbent of the Living of Halton Holgate is a Rector, and all manner of Tythes are due to him in kind except Tythe of Hay instead of which he receives two Pence per acre for Hay of all inclosed Pasture Ground, and one Penny an acre of all Ings Ground, and Meadow, not inclosed (there are no Lands within this Parish that are exempted from paying Tythe nor any proscriptions belonging to any particular Farm or parcel or piece of Land, as to the manners and customs of the Parishioners in payment of their Tyths and offerings) the Incumbent receives from them for every Colt & Calf one Penny, one Pig, Lamb, and Fleece at the number of seven allowing three Pence, if eight two Pence, if nine one Penny, and if five Lambs half a lamb is due to him. The Surplice Fees according to the immemorial Custom of the Parish, every Communicant pays two pence yearly, for Churching seven Pence, for marriages two shillings and six pence, for burials nothing, for Mortuaries ten Shillings if the Person deceased dyed worth Forty Pounds, if under nothing. There are no Pensions charged on the Living, not any Customs claimed by the Parishioners except that of finding them a Bull, which the Inhabitants must keep and maintain. The Furniture of the Church and Chancell are one Common Table, one Green Carpet, one white Holland Cloth, one Green Pulpit Cloth, one white Holland Surplice, six Bells no Clock, two Common Prayer Books, one large Bible, one book of

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Homilies, one Pewter Flaggon, one Silver Chalice, and one Silver Plate, the weight of both about twelve ounces. .....

There are no Lands nor money in Stock for the Repairs of the Church or Utensils nor any Writings concerning the same. The Parishioners are charged with the Repairs of the Church and Churchyard Fences and the Rector with the Repairs of the Chancell. The Clerk is chosen by the Rector, the Saxon is appointed by the Parish. The Clerk at present has Twenty Shillings yearly allowed, and the Saxton Seventeen Shillings yearly paid him by the Parish but not Customary. We have no Chapell belonging to our Parish of Halton Holgate, nor anything given by any Charitable Person or Persons, to augment the Revenue of the Living.

Jo: Brackenbury, Rector. Wm. Cooper, Churchwarden.

Cheif Inhabitants.

The distribution of the land as shown in the above Terrier was very inconvenient, but in course of time a number of exchanges of Land were made & the the Glebe became consolidated into the present fields (1918). The variation in the acreage from the earliest list is partly accounted for by the difference in value of land exchanged e.g. the above shows 20¼ acres of Glebe whereas the Ordnance Map now shows 17 acres 3 roods 8 perches.

The copy of an exchange of land given on the next page will illustrate the method by which these exchanges were effected.

COPY.

Dated 23rd. Sept. 1867.

ORDER OF EXCHANGE
of Lands situate in the
Parish of HALTON HOLEGATE
in the County of Lincoln,
Between
REVD. D. RAWNSLEY
and
J. H. VESSEY, ESQ.

COPY.

W H E R E A S THE REVEREND DRUMMOND RAWNSLEY Rector of the Parish of Halton Holegate in the County of Lincoln the person interested under the provisions of "The Acts for the Inclosure Exchange and Improvement of Land" in the land and hereditaments specified in the first schedule hereunder written situate in the Parish of HALTON HOLEGATE aforesaid and JOHN HENRY VESSEY of Welton le Wold in the said County of Lincoln Esquire the person interested under the provisions of the said Acts, in the land and hereditaments specified in the Second Schedule hereunder written, also situate in the said Parish of Halton Holegate being desirous of effecting an exchange of the same lands and hereditaments, made due application to the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales to direct inquiries whether such proposed exchange would be beneficial to the Owners of such respective lands and hereditaments, and in case they should be of opinion that such exchange would be beneficial and the terms thereof just and reasonable to proceed with the same under the provisions of the said Acts.

AND WHEREAS due Notice by Advertisement in three successive weeks of the said proposed Exchange has been given as required by the said Acts.

AND WHEREAS Three Calender Months have elapsed from the publication of the last of such Advertisements, and no Notice of Dissent from

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such proposed exchange has been given to the said Commissioners

AND WHEREAS the said Commissioners having duly made inquiries are of opinion that such Exchange would be beneficial to the Owners of such respective lands, and that the terms thereof are just and reasonable.

AND WHEREAS the Right Reverend John Lord Bishop of Lincoln within whose Diocese the Rectory of Halton Holegate is situate and the Right Honorable Alberic Drummond Lord Willoughby de Eresby the patron to present to the said Rectory in case the same were vacant have respectively given their consent in writing to the said proposed Exchange.

N O W T H E R E F O R E W E the undersigned Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales for giving effect to the proposed Exchange Do by virtue of the power given to us in that behalf by the said Acts, by this Order of Exchange under our Hands and Seal, order and declare that the land and hereditaments specified in the first shhedule hereunder written and shewn on the plan hereto annexed, with the rights easements and appurtenances thereto belonging shall be taken by and henceforward become and be the land and hereditaments of the said John Henry Vessey in exchange for the land and hereditaments specified in the Second Schedule hereunder written, and also shewn on the said Plan which shall be given by the said John Henry

No on Plan.	Description.	Extent.
4.	Dordales (part of)	a. r. p. 1. 3. 13.
2.	do.	- 1. 28.
3.	do.	- - 21.
		2. 1. 22.

IN WITNESS and confirmation whereof We have hereunto subscribed our respective Names and caused our Official Seal to be affixed this Twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

(Signed)

G. DARBY L.S. G. RIDLEY.

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Vessey.

AND THAT the said land and hereditaments specified in the said Second Schedule and shewn on the said Plan, with the rights easements and appurtenances thereto belonging shall be taken by and henceforward become and be the land and hereditaments of the said Drummond Rawnsley as such Rector as aforesaid in exchange for the said land and hereditaments specified in the said first Schedule and shewn on the said Plan as aforesaid which shall be given by the said Drummond Rawnsley as such Rector.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE above referred to. Land and Hereditaments situate in the Parish of Halton Holegate in the County of Lincoln given in exchange to and taken by the said John Henry Vessey.

No. on Plan.	Description.	Extent.
1.	Meadow Field	a. r. p. 2. - -

Ming rent of one pound eight shillings per annum arising out of a farm called Northorpe Farm containing by estimation One hundred and fifty three acres.

Fixed Tithe on "Turnor's Close" belonging to and in the occupation of the said John Henry Vessey amounting to Eight Shillings and five pence per annum.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE above referred to. Land and Hereditaments situate in the Parish of Halton Holegate in the County of Lincoln given in exchange to and taken by the said Drummond Rawnsley as such Rector as aforesaid.

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When the East & West Fen were enclosed & drained the Act for which was passed in the year 1800, £191 acres were added to the Glebe. This includes (1) The acreage to which the Rector was entitled as owner of the old Glebe & (2) land given in addition to free the old enclosed lands from tithe. Owners of land agreed to give to the Glebe that portion of their allotment in the enclosed Fen which was equal in value, when capitalized in land, to the tithe on their land in the old enclosure. Tithe, of the annual value of £3.19.2¾ in 1813, is still payable but has not been collected for many years. This is on the land of those "whose property or share in the Parochial Allotment in the East & West Fens was not equal in value to the quantity or proportion of land required to be given to discharge their said Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments from tithes or who being the owners of any such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments in the said Parish, subject to Tithes were not entitled to, or the owners of any such Parochial Allotments (See schedule in Safe in Vestry).

The Parish Registers

Parish Registers were ordered to be Kept in the year 1538. Before then fragmentary Registers were Kept by Monasteries & some Parish Priests Kept a Record of the deaths of those for whose souls they received fees for prayers to be said. These notes were often made in their Missals (or Communion Service Books).

Volumes I. II. III.

The Halton Registers are incomplete, the earliest legible date being 1567.

The 1st Register consists of a number of sheets bound up at the beginning & end in the wrong order. e.g. it begins with 1668 & page 9 has the date 1597.

A Copy of some of these entries is found below which has been made to preserve the records which are now very difficult to read owing to their condition.

see page

The years 1668 – 1701 are missing, though part of 1668 is found in Vol. I. From 1653 to 1668 the Registers are badly Kept & many entries omitted. I have however made copies of transcripts in Diocesan Registry of such years as are forthcoming see page

It was at one time ordered that a copy of the entries for each year should be sent to Lincoln signed by the Rector & Churchwardens. There was however no fee for Keeping them in order & they got thrown into heaps & as the Registrar was usually a Lawyer he found these bits of parchment useful for making Wills. At Lincoln the remnant have now been put into order.

Since making these copies some of our missing Registers have been discovered at East Keal

Registers.

Parish Registers.—The Rector has much pleasure in announcing to the Parishioners of Halton that through the kindness of the Rev. R. H. Simpson, Rector of East Keal, a portion of our registers from 1675—1700 has been restored to the Parish. These Registers have long been in the Parish chest at East Keal, upon them being written "Supposed to belong to East Keal." On investigation, however, they prove undoubtedly to belong to Halton, the signature of the Rector, Joseph Bell, and the names of the Churchwardens being clear evidence apart from other things. The Rector has not had time to thoroughly examine them, but it is clear that there are some discrepancies between them and the transcripts at Lincoln which happen to have been preserved for most of the years with which this fragment of our registers is concerned. Some time ago the Rector of Halton was able to restore to the Chairman of the Charities at Spilsby some of the Charity Accounts for the 17th Century which were in the Halton safe!

1905

The average number of Deaths in the first 25 years of our Records is 14.36 whilst from 1813—1901 the average is 8.12 Which shows a great decrease in the Death Rate.

The Average Number of Marriages 1565—1587 was 4.24, the average from 1754—1902 was 3.54.

Most frequent Christian Names in XVIth Century

John	Elizabeth	Helena	Isbell
Thomas	Frances	Margaret	Alice
Francis	Anne	Agnes	

Curious Christian Names

Jenett	Belteris	Andero	Lazarus
Sybyle	Judith	Libidus	Eliakim
Cicelys	Diana	Zacariows	Mehetabill
Annas	Drusilla	Haman	Benel-
Barbarry	Astrirlla	Moab	Benedict
Edilha	Christian	Hector	Slina
Andria	Jedidiah	Convener	Chofer (Christopher)
Alicia	Candace	Faith	
Abigail	Thomasin	Hamlet	Septimus
		Ann morow (= Anna Maria ?)	

1567 28 Burials.

1570 John Kempe + Johan his wyffe buried the same day. "No Marages" This happened also three times in my time CBD

1579 Wm Howlden servant buried.

A man's profession not often given at this date. The following vocations are found previous to 1660

Traviler	Roxpemaker	Carpenter	Husbandman
Vagrant	Apparitor	Labourer	Thatcher
Yeoman	Clerke	Spearman	Taylor
Stranger	Gentleman.		

Registers.

Curious Surnames

Ticklepenny	Goose	Raisin	Ancient
Talpha	Torgoose (a Danish name)	Gosling	Billiard
Harniss		Butlry	Audit
Carrot	Bellows	Allbones	Kysse
Michelbarow	Spindele	Lyes	Tokin
Dab	Fixture	Appleyard	

1585. Three burialls in one day.

1586. 22 do including 3 Bells & 3 Tothes.

1587 9 girls baptised 4 called Alice, 1 Andria, 1 Agnes.

1590 28 Burials in 5 months, Jan.y to May.

1602 3 out of 7 girls baptized Helena.

1632 8 girls baptised 5 named Anne.

1636 Memorandum. that Thos & John the sonnes of Robt & Mary Goatliff above registered were both borne at one birth & that Thos Goatliffe was the first borne, though his brother by reason of his weaknesse was baptised some days before him

John Sandon, Rector.
Thomas Ayscough.

1647 Very few entries – Last year we see "Anno Regni Caroli" (in the year of the reign of Charles (1°)) The King was beheaded 1649.

1649 "A daughter was borne unto Henry Ayscough by Priscilla his wife upon wednesday the fifteenth of August 1649 & upon the thirteenth day of September following after thanksgiving for delivery by the said Father & Mother had the name of Elizabeth given her but was not baptised."

At this period under the Puritan govetnment children were ordered to be named but not baptised.

Registers

1653 Approved & Sworn Chrystopher Brand Parish Register for the town of Holton Holgate according to the act of Parliament touching Marriages & Births & burials

By me Rd. Bryan

The care of the Registers was now taken out of the hands of the Clergy, most of whom were turned out of their livings to make room for laymen. The Registers were never so badly kept. The Halton Lay Register only made one Entry in 8 years. There are a few entries in other hand writings but between 1656 & 1660 there are only 7 entries in 6 different hands! The Registers improved after the Restoration when the Clergy came back but for a few years were still badly Kept here.

Capt R. Bryan the Magistrate who signs above was resident in Halton in 1699 & owned land here.

Marriages had now to be made before a Magistrate instead of by the Clergy. Many registers have numerous entries of Marriages & some none because people had to go to where the Magistrate lived.

1732 Thos Petchel Esq buried. He was Lord of the Manor.

1761 John Cooper Brightwell. The first double Christian name. These are a modern Institution

The 1st Rector who had more than one christian name was Thos. Hardwick Rawnsley who came here in 1824

The 1st Churchwarden was Wm Marsac Cussons 1870

In 1723 only 5 out of 4990 Lincs Electors had double Christian names. As a contrast we may mention an entry in a Register in 1781 "Charles Caractacus Ostorius Maximilian Gustavus Adolphus son of Chas. Stone, Tailor, baptised."

Registers

1772. Sarah Ward aged 22 years buried.
The first age given.

Volume IV.

1754. Printed Books were now issued for the Registration of Marriages. Up to this time all Baptisms Marriages & Burials were entered together in parchment books.

From statements in Rev. W Brackenbury's hand at beginning of this book it appears that he resided at Hallon & appointed a Curate to do the work of the parishes of East Keal & Hundleby of which places he was also Incumbent. The Curates stipend was £90 a year, so he netted about £500 a year out of Keal & Hundleby in addition to the income of Halton. The Curate lived at Spilsby, Halton & Hundleby at different times.

Mr. Brackenbury was a bad writer & worse speller e.g. "Elizabith", "Bannes" "Benjaman" "Thirdeen" - Once he signs Register when the marriage did not come off & states "this mistake made by being married at Northorn" Then in the next Rector's time there are Marriages with only one Witness, no witnesses in one case, & once John Skipwith, the clerk signs twice to make up for the absence of 2 witnesses. Often the Clerk was apparently the only witness.

Other entries forgotten at the time in the Baptismal register are written round the margin.

In Volume VI. Baptisms 1813 - 1869 we get the 1st proper descriptions of Parents

In Volume VII Burials 1813 - present time

The burial of Lydia Hoyles is recorded with the note. "No funeral being a mistake by me - Wm Brackenbury."

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Volume VII Burials 1813 – present time

1814 Henry Wright aged 91.

1825 Consecutive ages 30, 72, 81, 72, 83, 70, 74.

1828 Only one Entry in book & 3 in margin!

1829 1 Entry in Book & 1 in margin.

1830 2 Entries only!

1833 Ann Grantham aged 90.

1835 Henry Brickhill killed by a kick from a young horse leg broken & mortification set in.

1836 Mary Harrison aged 92

1865 Elizabeth Dawson supposed to be 90 – on her coffin 107 years.

1869 Elizabeth Warke 94.

1874 Rebecca Balderson 93

1885 Eleven consecutive entries – ages 58, 88, 80, 87, 69, 86, 84, 76, 68, 80, 85 average 78! or taking the ten last aged average 82!

1896 7 out of 16 entries were non parishioners from Boston, Openshaw, Spilsby, Skegness, Tetford, Eastville, & Burgh.

Volume VIII Baptisms 1869 to present time.

From 1869 – 1903 twelve clergy sign Register viz.

T. W. Sale	W. Horn	C. P. Disbrowe
G. C. Ridley	W. G. Peacock	C. T. Williams
Thos. Rawlinson	W. J Oldfield	Henry S. Disbrowe
R. Taylor.	T. J. Whitworth	G. W. Ridley.

Volume IX Marriages 1837 – present time.

The progress of education is marked by the gradual disappearance of signature by making "his or her mark".

Copy of earliest Register, now almost illegible, and entered here in order that the entries may be preserved.

1565.(?)

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ROBERT CLATON ? baptised ye .....

ELIZABETH M..... baptised ye 1st Junii.

JOHN ANTON baptised ye 13th Junii.

MARIE SKIPWYTH baptised ye ..... August ?

ISBELL BONNOR baptised ye .... Jan ?.

HELENA GARNAR baptised ye 1st August.

AGNES KEMPE baptised ye 14th August.

HELENA BARBAR baptised ye 2nd of November.

BRYGETT CROKE baptised ye ... November.

FRANCIS PEELL ye same daye.

ELIZABETH SAUNDERS baptised ye same daye.

ANIE PICKERING baptised ye 1st of January.

ALICE HUDSON and ANNIE WARD baptised the 29th February.

... ... ROBERT PRESTON the 2 .....

Ma. ARTHREY BURNETT and CICILYE ..... the 6th Jullii.

,, WILLIAM CAWDREN and ELIZABETH GILETT maryed the 2 October.

,, JOHNDARE and JOHAN WYLLES were married the 13th October.

Bu. AGNES ..... buryed the 26th March.

,, MARGRET CLETON buryed ye 20th March.

,, ELIZABETHE CREMONT buryed ye 21 Maii.

JOHN CARE buryed ye 24 Maii.

..... pawper buryed ye 31 Maii.

THOMAS WHYPP buryed ye 16 Junii.

ROBERT CLETON buryed ye 21 Junii.

ALICE CLETON buryed 24 Junii.

JOHN ANTON buryed ye 9 Julii.

JOHN ANTON the sonne of THOMAS buryed ye 6 August.

1565 ? contd.

ELIZABETH a stranger buryed ye 25 September.

JOHN PERKER and AGNES CLETON buryed ye .....

KYLLES COWELL and BENNETT CROKE buryed ye .....

JOHN HARDY and ROBERT PRESTON buryed ye .....

1566 ?.

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SEPTIMUS ? PEELE baptised ye 7th September.

ELIZABETH ANTON the doughter of BENETT baptised ye same daye.

JOHN TREVER ? baptised ye 12 October.

HELENA BECKE baptised ye 19 October.

..... baptised ye 20 October.

..... HUYSON baptised ye 26 October.

.....WALKER baptised ye 16 November.

MARGRET SADLER baptised ye 23 November.

KATHERINA CARE baptised ye 29 November.

RICHARD KYSSE , alias FRANCH, and JENETT PICKERING were married

.... Feb.

JOHN RECORD and ELIZABETH ..... married ye .....

..... child ELIZABETH .....

..... married 12th November .

THOMAS COPPY buryed ye 29th Junii.

THOMAS PEELL buryed ye 16 August.

RICHARD HARDE buryed ye 19 August.

JOHN CHYLD buryed ye 12 November.

WILLM.CROKE buryed ye 17th December.

ELIZABETH BUSHE buryed ye 12 Mche.

1567.

Bap. THOMAS COTNAM ye sonne of ..... the 28 of March

,, AUN HALL the dowghter of ALLAND (?) HALL the 20 of March.

,, THOMAS GYLLOT the sonne of ROBERT GYLLOT the 10 of June.

1567 contd.

Bap. ROBERT MAUDES the son of GILBERT the 12 Junii.

,, ISBELL ..... the doughter of Wm baptised the 26 Junii.

,, THOMAS CHYLD the sonne of ..... the 17 Jullii.

,, ANNE HALL the doughter of Wm. the 18 Julii.

,, THOMAS KEMPE the sonne of JOHN baptised the 24 Jullii.

,, THOMAS FRANCHE the son of RICHARD baptised the 30th Julii.

,, RAPHELL MANBYE the son of WILLIAM baptised ye 22 August.

,, EDMOND SYMOND the sonne of JOHN baptised ye 18th October.

,, JOHN HALL the sonne of ALIXANDER baptised the 8 of November.

,, JOHN ANTON the sonne of THOMAS baptised the 20th November.

,, MARGRET GYER the doughter of WILLm. baptised the 25 December.

,, JOHN NETTELTON the sonne of THOMAS baptised the 13th Januarii.

,, BENNET WALKER the son of ROBERT baptised the 20 Febbruary.

,, JOHN COPPYE the sonne of JOHN baptised the 20 Februarii.

Ma. ROBERT WHITTINGE and ELIZABETH ANTON married the 21 August 1567.

..... regni ELIZABETH .....

..... ANTON the sonne of THOMAS buryed the 23d of November.

ANNE PICKERING Wydow the 28th December.

ALICE ..... the wyffe of JOHN ye 15 Januar.

JOHN NETTLETON the 15 Februarii.

KATHARINA FENN buryed ye 15 Mche.

BENNETT WALKER buryed ye 17 Mche.

RICHARD LYNSTALL buryed ye 22 Mche.

ANNE CAWDREN buryed ye 24 Mche.

ALICE DAY buryed ye 31 Mche.

ANNE ? HERON wyff of JOHN buryed ye 1 April.

JOHN HERON buryed ye 12 April.

ROBERT WATTERLAW buryed ye 20 April.

JNYZOM ? DAYE buryed ye 24 April.

THOMAS GYLLOT buryed ye 12 Junii.

1567 contd.

THOMAS PEELL buryed ye 3 Julii.

THOMAS COTNAM buryed ye 4 Julii.

ANN EYER ye wyff of SYMOND buryed ye 8 Jullii.

ANN HALL buryed ye 28 Jullii.

CUTBERTH WALLYS buryed ye 9 August.

GYLBERT MAWDES buryed ye 17 August.

JENYTT PEEL buryed ye 17 September.

SYMONE JOHNSON buryed ye 22 September.

JOHAN FORYSTE buryed ye 28 September.

Sir RALPF JOHNSON buryed ye 7 Januaraii.

THOMAS CUSTONS buryed ye 10 Januaraii.

AGNES HALL buryed ye 4 Febreuarii.

BENETT HALL buryed ye 15 Mche.

ALICE SNOWDON buryed ye 20 Mrche.

1568.

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Bap. ROBERT BEELE the sonne of THOMAS baptised .....

KATHERINE WHIPE ye dawghter of JOHN ye same daye.

JOHANN COPPYE dowghter of JOHN baptised ye 2 Aprill.

MARYE SADLER ye dowygter of JOHN ye 25 Aprill.

GEORGE BURNYTT ye sonne of ARTHEREYS ye 25 Maii.

THOMAS TRETER ye sonne of THOMAS baptised ye 25 Maii.

JOHN CHYLD ye sonne of JOHN baptised ye 20 Junii.

Ma. ANDREW SMYTH and ELIZABETH DYNYSON maryd the 6 of Maii.

Bu. JAMES COPPYE the sonne of THOMAS COPYE buryed the 25 Mrch.

ALICE RECORD the dowygter of JOHN buryed the 20 April.

ELIZABETH GYLLOT the d ..... of ROBERT GYLLOT buryed the 23 April.

ELIZABETH RECORD the dowygter of JOHN buryed the 24 of April.

AGNES HERON the d ..... of RICHARD HERON buryed the 25 Aprill.

RICHARD HUYSON the sonne of ROBERT HUYSON buryed the 14 Junii.

1568 contd.

..... HODYSON the sonne of ROBERT baptised 14 Junii.

JOHAN FORYSTE ye dowygter of Wm baptised ye 29 Jullii.

STEPHEN CROKE ye sonne of JOHN baptised ye 5 August.

ELIZABETH SMYTHE ye dowygter of ANDREW baptised the 24 August.

ROYFE ? PICKERING the d ..... of JOHN baptised the 30 Januarii.

No Marages this yeare.

Bu. ALICE GODYSON the wyffe of ROBERT buryed the 30 Jullii.

JOHN KEMPE and JOHAN his wyffe were buryed the 6 of September.

THOMAS FRANCHE the sonne of RICHARD buryed the 24 of Septembor.

1571.

& Anno Regni Elizabethae.

Bap. MARK FENN ye sonne of JOHN baptised the 30 Mrche.

MARGRET RECORD the dowygter of JOHN baptised the 25 of Aprill.

ISBELL BRODWHITT baptised ye 4 Maii.

ALICE MAUBYE baptised ye 20 August.

BENETT TRETER baptised ye 30 of November.

SYSSYLE AUSTIN baptised ye 8 March.

THOMAS CAWDORN baptised ye 21 September. Anno Domini 1571.

Mar. JOHN ARTHEREY and ELIZABETH ROBINSON were maryed the 11 of Maii.

JOHN PERSON and AILE ? HOWLE or YHULE ?.

CHOFER ? RALPFE and MARGRET CLARKE were maryed the 6 of Jullii.

JOHN HUSAYE and JANE BLADES were maryed ye 1 August.

Bu. JOHN READE the sonne of JOHN buryed the 7 of Aprill.

FRANCIS MAUBYE buryed ye 29 Aprill.

JOHN DONINGTON buryed ye 6 August.

ISBELL DONINGTON buryed ye 12 August.

AGNES HALL buryed ye 2 September.

1572 - 1573.

Anno Regni Elizabethae Decem. ---

Bap. JOHN ANTON the sonne of THOs bapt. ye 20 October.

1572 - 1573 contd.

Bap. ALICE WILKINSON baptised ye 26 of October.

JOHN TREW baptised ye 6 of December.

THOMAS DYNYS baptised ye 21 of December.

AGNES BURNYET baptised ye same daye.

THOMAS BONNER baptised ye 24 of Januarii.

ROBERT COPPYE the sonne of JOHN baptised ye 14 of Februarii.

JOHAN FORYSTE baptised ye same daye.

JOHN AUTON the sonne of BENETT baptised ye 20 of Mche.

JOHN ARTHEREY baptised ye same daye.

AGNES SMYTH baptised ye 19 Aprill.

FRANCIS GARNAR alis ~~ALIS~~ WEIGHT baptised ye 29 Junii.

RICHARD EYER baptised 6 Jullii.

CATHARINA FRANKE baptised ye same daye.

Mar. ROBERT WHITBIE and ISBELL MALTBIE were maryed the 24 November.

Bu. FRANCYS WARNAR buryed the 2 of October.

Bu. JOHN AUTON buryed ye 12 of October.

ISBELL LINDLEY buryed ye 7 of November.

LANCELOT HARE buryed ye 22 of Novemher.

JOHN DYNIS buryed ye 12 of Janeuarrii.

ELIZABETH CARR buryed ye 26 of Janeuarrii.

AGNES NETTLETON buryed ye 13 Janeuarii.

ROBERT GYLIOT buryed ye 28 of Febreuarii.

ARTHERAY BURNYTT buryed ye 14 Febreuarii.

HELENA AUSTIN buryed ye 20 Mche.

THOMAS KEMPE buryed ye 26 Mche.

THOMAS HUYSON buryed ye 28 of Mche.

ROBERT WALKER wyffe buryed 20 Maii.

THOMAS MYCKELBAROW buryed ye 29 Julii.

JENETT HALL buryed ye 2 September.

WILLm HALL buryed ye 20 of September.

Regin Elizabethe Deci.

EDWARD RAYPF ? ye sonne of CHROFER baptised 21 October.

ANNE ANTON ye d..... of THOs. baptised ye October..

AGNES ..... OTHE baptised ye 28 of October.

ELIZABETH PERSON baptised ye 14 of November.

ROBERT SPYGHT baptised ye 20th of .....?.

GEORGE CHILD baptised ye 20 of December.

WILLm.TREW baptised ye 31 of Janeuarii.

MARGERIE AUSTINGS baptised ye 21 of Februarii.

AGNES BOYES baptised ye 7 of Mrhe.

ISBELL SADLER baptised ye same daye.

LANCELOT COPPYE baptised ye 14 Mrche.

MARGERIE TROWTINGS and CATHERINE TROWTINGS the dowghters of JOHN

baptised the same daye.

LANCELOTT NETTLETON baptised ye 25 Mrch.

THOMAS BRODWHITT baptised ye 4 Sprill.

JOHN TREW baptised ye 18 Junii.

RICHARD HALL baptised ye 18 of Julii.

ALICE RECORD baptised ye 1 of August.

THOMAS HALL baptised ye 22 of August.

JOHANN HALL baptised ye 12 of September.

Mar. LAURANCE PINDER and ISbell GYLLIOT was maryed the 20 of October.

WILLm. WELBANKE and JANE COUTHER were maryed the 4th of Jullii.

JOHN SHEPERD and SYSSYLE BURNYTT were maryed the 27 Jullii.

Bu. ALICE AUTON the wyffe of ROBERT buryed ye 20 November.

ROBERT SPYGHT buryed ye 16 of DECEMBER.

THOMAS BONNORE buryed ye 12 of FEbruarii.

MARGERYE TROWTINGS buryed ye 22 of Mrche.

WILLm. COWPER buryed ye 30 of Aprill.

WILLm. WHITBY was buryed ye 28 Jullii.

THOMAS BRODWHITT was buryed ye 15 of August.

AGNES CROKE was buryed ye 15 of September.

1573 - 1574 contd.

Ma. ALLANE RECORD and ELIZABETH BRYGES was maryed the 18 Junii 1573.

1574.

Anno Domini 15...

and Anno Regni Elizabethae Decimo Se....

Bap. THOMAS EDYSON baptized ye 20 October.

WITTM. EYER baptized ye 30 of October.

MARGRETT GLEDYE baptized ye 22 of November.

MARIE PICKERINGS baptized ye 19 of December.

ROBERT WILKINSON baptized ye 7 of Feberuarii.

BENETT WELBANKE baptized ye 14 of March.

THOMAS SPYGHT baptized ye 1 of Maii.

ROBERT ELLERBY baptized ye same daye.

ELIZABETH CROKE ye dowghter of BENETT 8 of Maii.

JOHN BRODWHITT baptized ye 29 of Maii.

RICHARD PICKERINGS baptized ye 27 of September.

MARYE FENN baptized ye 1 of Maii 1574.

Ma. WILLM WITTM TOTHE and ELIZABETH BLAKWYN were maryed the 23 October.

Bu. ISBELL BOLLANDS ye wyffe of ROBERT buryed ye 4 Januarii.

MARYE PICKERINGS buryed ye 16 of Feberuarii.

BENETT WELBANKE buryed ye 20 of Aprill.

RICHARD HARDE buryed ye 1 of Maii.

AGNES LANGER buryed ye 17 of Junii.

BENETT HODYSON buryed ye 21 of Junii.

JOHN BRODWHITT buryed ye 22 of Junii.

CATHERINA THOMPSON buryed ye 30 of Junii.

MARGRET SUELER widow buryed ye 14 Jullii.

JOHN RECORD buryed ye 29 of Jullii.

ALICE CROKE wyffe of JOHN buryed ye 24 of Jullii.

1577.

..... Domini 1577.

Elizabethae vicesimo.

Bap. MARYE AUTON the dowygter of THOMAS AUTON baptized ye 20 of October.

1577 contd.

ELIZABETH ..... baptized ye 27 of October.

MYKELL HALL ..... the same daye.

JOHN TOTHE baptized ye 20 of November.

MARYE BOWBBYE baptized ye 17 of November.

JOHN FETHESTONE ye same daye.

JOHN BOYES baptized ye 30 of November.

ROBERT CROFT baptized ye 21 of December.

ELIZABETH TRETER baptized ye 12 of Janeuarii.

ROBERT EYER baptized ye 26 of Febreuarii.

ELIZABETH DAVELL baptized ye 7 of Febreuarii.

ELIZABETH SADLER and JOHN SADLER baptized ye 25 Mrche.

JOHN THORYE baptized ye 6 of Aprill.

THOMAS THEW baptized ye 26 of Aprill.

ELIZABETH COTNAM baptized ye 20 of Maii.

MARYE SLATTER baptized ye 6 of Junii.

JOHN COWERT baptized ye 10 of Junii.

ANNE STRICKLANDS baptized ye 17 of Junii.

CRESTOPHER BENNETT baptized ye same daye.

ELIZABETH MARTYN baptized ye 13 of Jullii.

MARGRET WHITBYE baptized ye 30 of Jullii.

BENYTT CROKE baptized ye 30 of August.

ROBERT CROKE baptized ye 15 of September.

HELINA WYLLIMAN baptized ye 21 of September.

Ma. THOMAS HUDSON and AGNES KNYGHT were maryed 30 of October.

JOHN WHITBYE and JOYES BONNER were maryed ye 30 November.

EDMOND WHITBYE and ALICE CHILD were maryed ye 19 Janeuarii.

JOHN LEYE and CATHARINA BOLBYE were maryed the same daye.

WILLm. MILNES and ALICE MALTBYE were maryed ye 6 Jullii.

HENRY DAYE and ALICE HURDE were maryed the 3 of August.

JOHANNES COWLSON and ISABELL GILENDS were maryed ye 30 August.

JOHN BURNETT and DOROTHY BYSHOPE were maryed the .....

1577 contd.

In Anno praedicto -----

JOHAN FENN ye dowghter ..... buryed ye 10 October.

ELIZABETH TREW buryed ye 22 October.

ISABELL CLAYE buryed ye 10 November.

JOHN BELL buryed ye 17 November.

AGNES GRAYE buryed ye 18 November.

JENETT TREW buryed ye 23 November.

JOHN WELBANKE buryed ye 5 December.

MARGRET BELL buryed ye 18 December.

THOMAS BRODWHITT buryed ye 29 December.

BEATRIXE WATSON buryed ye same daye.

BENETT CROKE buryed ye 20 Janeuarii.

THOMAS THEW buryed ye 30 Maii.

ANNAS THOMPSON buryed ye 23 of Maii.

ELIZABETH COTNAM buryed ye 15 Jullii.

JOHAN MICKELBAROW buryed ye 5 September.

1578.

Anno Domini 1578

& Anno Regni Elizabethae ....

Bap. ELIZABETH FENN the dowghter ..... baptised the 6 of Dec .

JOHAN PERSON baptised the 4 Janeuarii.

ROBERT DAWE baptised ye 1 Feberuarii.

JANE PEEL baptised ye 16 Feberuarii.

ELIZABETH HALL baptised ye 23 of Feberuarii.

RICHARD MYLNES baptised ye 1 Marche.

FRANCIS TROWTING baptised ye 15 Marche.

BARBARAY WELBANKE baptised ye 19 Aprill.

ELIZABETH THEW baptised ye 26 Aprill.

THOMAS BRODWHIT baptised ye 19 Junii.

ANNE CAWDRON baptised ye 19 Julli.

THOMAS COTNAM baptised ye 12 September.

JOHN CORSON baptised ye 20 September.

Ma. RICHARD SNAWDON and ELIZABETH TOYTHE were maryed ye 2 Julii.

1578 contd.

ROBERT DYNIS and BRYGETT COTNAM were maryed the 14 Julii.

DAVYD PERSON and JOHAN PICKERINGS were maryed ye 21 Julii.

Bu. ISBELL PEELL buryed ye 12 November.

RICHARD RECORD and ANNAS HALL were maryed ye 24 November.

MARGRET BROWNE buryed ye 17 Janeuarii.

ROBERT CAVE buryed ye 11 Febreuarii.

BRIGGETT PRESTON buryed ye 12 Febreuarii.

ROBERT SPYGHT buryed ye 23 Febreuarii.

ANNA AUTON buryed ye 6 Mrhe.

JOHAN HODYSON and ROBERT HODYSON buryed ye 7 Mrhe.

FRANCIS TROWTING buryed ye 20 Mrhe.

BETTERIS KINGSWOOD buryed ye 10 Maii.

ELIZABETH TOYTHE buryed ye 11 Maii.

ELIZABETH THEW buryed ye 4 Maii.

AGNES PICKERING wx Ths. buryed ye 6 Maii.

JOHN FENN buryed ye 29 Maii.

MARGRET BRODWHIT buryed ye 17 Julii.

MARYE TREW wx Wm. buryed ye 25 Julii.

1579.

Anno Domini 1579.

& Anno Regni Elizabethae Vicesimo secondo.

Bap. MARGRET BELL baptised ye 8 November.

MARYE MANBYE baptised ye 13 November.

ELIZABETH EYER baptised ye 20 December.

GEORGE CLEGGE baptised ye 25 December.

THOMAS BROWNE baptised ye 24 Feberuarii.

BENYTT TREW the sonne of RICHARD baptised 30 Janeuarii.

ANNA SLATER baptised ye 27 Feberuarii.

ELIZABETH READ baptised ye same daye.

NICHOLAS BOWGH baptised ye 6 Marhe.

BARBARAY BOYES baptised ye 11 Aprill.

1579 contd.

RICHARD DANNELL baptised ye 4 Junii.

ANNAS BENETT baptised ye 19 Junii.

JOHN ANTON ye sonne of THOMAS bapt. ye 26 Junii.

ELIZABETH MARGESON baptised ye 11 September.

Mar. JOHN MARGESON and CYCELYS ELVIN were maryed the 29 October.

RICHARD JININGHAM and JENYTT CRESTYE ? were maryed the 13 November.

WILLM. GRESSINGS and ALICE HUTTON were maryed the 15 Junii 1579.

THOMAS PICKERING and ANNA GREAME were maryed the 30 of Junii 1579.

THOMAS OVERAY and MARYE AUTON were maryed ye 6 September.

Bu. LANCELOT HURDE buryed the 4 November.

Wm.FORSTE buryed the 5 November.

JOHN FETHERSTON buryed the 10 November.

GEORGE CLEGGE buryed the 27 November.

MARGRETT STRICKLANDS buryed the 28 Janeuarii.

JOHN TOYNE buryed ye 26 Feberuarii.

ROBERT WHITTING buryed the 28 Martii.

THOMAS AUTON senior buryed 21 Maii.

WILLm. HOWLDEN servant buryed ye 15 Junii.

RICHARD DANNELL buryed 21 Jullii.

1580.

Anno Domini 1580
& Anno Elizabethae Vicesimo tertio.

Bap. JOHN ..... baptised 4 October.

BENN ..... baptised same daye.

AGNES ..... baptised .ctober

Isbell TOTHE baptised.

ALICE SAD... ..... baptised .....

JOHN WH..... .....baptised .....

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1581.

(First entries illegible.)

RICHARD BROWNE and EDITHA PY----- maryed the 16 .....

THOMAS HOBYSON and ALICE T------ maryed the 16 .....

JOHN WHYPE buryed the 27 October.

LANCELOT KEMPE buryed the 28 October.

MARGRET COPPE wx Ths buryed ye .. October.

SYMOND FOWLER buryed ye 17 Janeuarii.

ELIZABETH EYER buryed 8 Feberuarii.

ELIZABETH ANTON wf Robert buryed 17 Feberuarii.

JOHN HUYSON buryed 20 Maii.

BENYETT BRODWHYT buryed 27 Junii.

Wm.FETHERSTONE buryed 15 Augmst

WILLm. LANGE buryed 25th August.

ROBERT FETHERSTONE buryed 15 September.

AGNES SLATER buryed 22nd September.

1582.

THOMAS CROKE filiuw John baptised .....

RICHARD ..... baptised 10 November.

JOHN REED .....

THOMAS GRENE filius John baptised .....

ANNE THEW baptised ....

THOMAS CLEGGE .....

------- MARGESON baptised .....

------- BROWNE baptised .....

------- WHITBYE .baptised .....

.....

FRANCIS ....

WILLM.HUBS---- .....

THOMAS WAINF--------- .....

ELIZABETH FETHERSTON ? .....

ISBELLE REA----- .....

JOHN THOWTINGS baptised .....

1582 contd.

JOHN WELBANKE and ALICE STAPLETON were maryed the 19 October.

RICHARD PEEL and ELIZABETH BAWDESON maryed ye 28 Maii.

JOHN BERR and JOHAN READ were maryed the 10 Junii.

JOHN PRITERILL and BRYGETT TOWLES were maryed 15 September.

JOHN ENDERBY and ELIZABETH PRESTON were maryed ye 17 September.

FRANCIS CHAPMAN buryed ye 9 October.

JOHN ABBOTT buryed ye 23 October.

FRANCIS TREW buryed ye 26 November.

JOHN PRESTON buryed ye 20 December.

JOHN READ buryed ye 20 Janeuarii.

ROBERT TROWTINGS buryed ye 28 Febreuarii.

AMIE THEW and AGNES TOTHE buryed ye 5 Martii.

JOHN COPPYE buryed ye 13 Martii.

ROBERT BEDALL buryed ye 30 Martii.

MARGRETT TOWLEE buryed ye 16 Aprill.

ISBELL SYBSEY buryed ye 19 Maii.

JOHN WHITBYE buryed ye 19 Maii.

GEORGE DANNELL buryed ye 3 Junii.

ROBERT TOWBY buryed ye 4 Junii.

HELINA SLATER wf.Thos. buryed ...Julii.

HENRYE LOMSDAL buryed ye 20 Julii.

1583.

Anno Domini 1583.

Anno Regni Elizabethae vicesimo sexto.

Bap. MICKELL BEDALL baptised ye 6 Octobris.

BRYGETT KEADRICK baptised ye 27 Octobris.

ANNE SMITH baptised ye 3 Novembris.

MARGRET MIT----- ... baptised ye 30 Novembris.

ALICE KINGSWOOD baptised ye same daye.

---------- "ye dowghter of nobody".

1583. contd.

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-------- BOYES baptised .....

-------- TOOTH and MARGRETT WALLER were maryed the 3 Febreuarii.

---------- and BRYGETT BONNER were maryed the 7 Junii.

RICHARD PICKERING buryed the .. October.

KATHARINA PICKERING buryed the 29 Octobris.

THOMAS BENINGTON buryed the 20 Febreuarii.

WILLm.GRAYE buryed the 20 Febreuarii.

JOHN a bastard buryed the 24 Febreuarii.

EDMOND TREW buryed the 29 Junii.

KATHARINE WHYPE buryed the 12 Julii.

ALICE PRESTON buryed the 18 Julii.

RICHARD PEELL buryed the 20 August.

MICKELL BEDALL buryed the 25 August.

ELIZABETH BEDALL wx.Robert buryed the 2 Septembris.

ROBERT WALKER buryed the 20 Septembris.

MARGRETT WALKER buryed the 18 Septembris.

1584.

Anno Domini 1584.

Anno Elizabethae V .... Septimo.

Bap. LANCELOT HOBSON filius Anthony baptised the sept daye of December.

WILLm. BENNYTT baptised the 6 Januarii.

ROBERT WATSON baptised the 8 Febreuarii.

BARBARAY RECORD baptised 6 March.

JOHN BLANCHED baptised the 7 Aprill.

ELIZABETH CHEALES baptised the 1 Maii.

GEORGE TREW baptised the 11 Julii 1584

THOMAS PEELL baptised the 25 Julii.

MARYE EMPSON baptised the 5 September.

JAYNE OBERRY baptised the 8 September.

WILLm. KYNGE baptised the 19 September.

1584 contd.

Ma. JOHN SPARROW and MARGRITT PICKERING were maryed the 13 Octobris.

WILLm. PINDER and MARGRETT MAUNINGS were maryed the 27 Octobris.

WILLm. MYNTINGS and MARGRETT GRENE were maryed the 28 Januarii.

RICHARD PEELL and JOHAN MYTTINGS were maryed the 19 Maii.

WILLm. FLECHER and ISBELL LINCOLN were maryed the 5 Junii.

JOHN TOWLE and ELIZABETH MANINGE were maryed the 13 Junii.

JOHN HUDSON and JAYNE COTNAM were maryed ye 15 Junii.

THOMAS SPARROWE and BRIDGET HUDSON were maryed ye same daye.

NICHOLAS SMYTHE and BARBARAY COPPYE were maryed ye 5 Julii.

(Buri)alls in Anno predicto 1584.

JOHN CROFT buryed the 4 Octobris.

JOHAN MARSHLANDS buryed the 15 Novembris.

JOHN COWPER buryed the 23 Novembris.

JOHN COPPYE buryed the 26 Novembris.

BENETT BENTON buryed the same daye.

JOHN TROWTINGS buryed the 6 die Decembris.

THOMAS MARSHALL buryed the 7 die Decembris.

ELIZABETH PEEL wx Richard buryed the 31 Decembris.

WILLm HALL buryed the 25 Januarii.

WILLm CLAYE buryed the 16 Januarii.

ANNA CORTOWS buryed the 19 Januarii.

EDITHA GRAY buryed the 27 Januarii.

JOHAN READ buryed the 5 Feberuarii.

FRANCYS GRAYE buryed the 16 Martii.

ELIZABETH ENDERBY ux.Fr. buryed ye 28 Martii.

ROBERT DANNELL buryed ye 27 Aprilis.

JOHN FETHERSTON buryed ye same daye.

ISABELL FETHERSTON ux.carto ? buryed the same daye.

JOHAN EYER filia Richd. buryed ye 15 Junii.

JOHN SPENDLEY buryed ye 16 Junii.

MARGRET MILNES buryed ye 11 Septemberi.

1585.

Anno Domini 1585.

Anno Regni Elizabethae vicessimo octavo.

Bap. THOMASIN COTNAM filia John baptised the 24 Novembris.

MARTHA WARNSLEY filia Francis baptised ye 23 Januarii.

JOHAN RIGE filia John baptised ye 16 Februarii.

BARBARAY STRICKLANDS ye 23 Februarii.

KATHERINA HUDSON baptised ye same daye.

NICHOLAS SMITH filius nicholas baptised ye 20 Februarii.

ALICE FLETCHER baptised ye 13 Maii.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON filia John baptised the 20 of Maii.

JOHN PERSON baptised the 10 Aprilis.

ANNA BRODWHITT baptised ye 1 Maii.

MARTHA TOWLE baptised ye 23 Maii.

MARY EYER baptised ye 29 Maii.

THOMAS WATSON filius Tho baptised the 5 of Junii.

WILLm.READ filius ALAN baptised 19 Julii.

JOHN THORYE filius Nicholas baptised 24 Julii.

THOMAS PARAM filius Symond baptised 26 Julii.

WILLm. SPAROW filius Tho. baptised 30 Julii.

Mar. LIBIDUS ALCOKE et EDITH CLAYE were maryed the 23rd November.

ROBERT CAWDORN and ELIZABETH FENN were maryed the 30 Maye.

RICHARD SAYNTON and KATHERINE WRIGHT were maryed the fift ? of June.

JOHN WALKER and ELINA WARNAR were maryed the 29 August.

SYMOND PARRAM and JOHAN WHIPE ? were maryed the fift of October.

Buryalls in Anno predicto 1585.

RICHERD BOYES buryed the 10 of November.

THOMAS TREW buryed the 31 of December.

JOHN RIGE buryed the vi of Februarii.

ALICE RIGE buryed the 10 Februarii.

MARTHA WALMSLEY buryed the xix Februarii.

MARGRET CROFT uxor Thomas buryed the xxii th.of Februarii 1585.

SARAY MARGESON buryed the 13 Maye.

1585 contd.

JOHN PINDER filius Wm. buryed the 15 Maye.

JOHN PEELL buryed ye 23 of Aprill.

ALICE FRANK vid buryed ye 26 March.

THOMAS HUDSON buryed ye 6 Maye.

JOHN a bastard buryed ye 20 Julye.

THOMAS COPPYE buryed ye 22 Julye.

MARGRET LOWLANDS buryed the same daye.

WILLm.READ filius Alane buryed xii th of August.

THOMAS PEELL filius Thomas Peell buryed the xxixth August.

1586.

Anno Domini 1586.

Anno Regni Elizabethae Vicessimo nono.

Bap. NICHOLAS KINSWOOD filius Radulph baptised the 11th of October.

ALICE EMPSON the daughter of Edward baptised the 3rd of October.

THOMAS SPEEDY the sonne of Thomas baptised the xxxth of October.

GEORGE MAYDES the sonne of Willm baptised the vith November.

SYMONE BENNETT the sonne of John baptised the same daye.

THOMAS BELL the sonne of Willm baptised the xxth of November.

ELIZABETH MYCKELBAROW the daughter of Leonard baptised the xth December.

BARBARAY TREW the daughter of Wm baptised the fyrst of Januarye.

MARGRET CAWDERN the daughter of Robert baptised the vith of Februarye

THOMAS SEARSON the sonne of Thomas baptised the xiiith of February.

JOHN TREW baptised the xxvth of February.

WILLIAM WATSON the sonne of Thomas baptised the xviiith of Marche.

THOMAS CROSFELD baptised the xxiith daye of June.

EDWARD STORYE baptised the viiith of July.

Marages in 1586.

JOHN KEMPE and ELIZABETH JOHNSON were marryed the xiiith of June.

THOMAS CORTOWS and SUSANA CLAYE were maryed the iiiith of Julye

1586 contd.

THOMAS TAYLOR and ISBELL DANNELL were marryed the iiiith of August.

Buryalls in Anno predicto 1586.

BENNETT BELL the sonne of William buryed the xxii of November.

WILLIAM BELL and SYMONE BENNETT buryed the fyrst of December.

GEORGE MAYDES buryed the ii December.

MATHEW HALL buryed the xviiith of December.

ELIZABETH HALL the daughter of Alixander buryed the xiiith of January

MARGRET WALMSLEY the wyff of Francys buryed the xxviith of January.

Widow JOHNSON buryed ye fyrst of September.

THOMAS SEARSON the sonne of Thomas buryed the xxviiith of Februarye.

Widow TOTHE buryed the iii of Aprill.

WILLm.EYER the sone of Richard buryed the viii of June.

JOHN TOTHE buryed the xviith of June.

JOHN KENDRICK buryed the xxv of June.

JOHN COTNAM buryed the vi July.

MARGRET CAWDORN the daughter of Robert buryed the vith August.

WILLm.CHAPMAN buryed the iiith of August.

Widow TROWTINGS buryed the xviith September.

JOHAN TOTHE buryed the vii September.

JAYNE PEELL buryed the xviiith September.

THOMAS BELL buryed the xix September.

SAMEUELL BOYES buryed the xxiii September.

AGNES KYME buryed the same daye.

THOMAS PARAM buryed the xxviith daye of September 1586.

1587.

Anno Domini 1587.

Anno Regni Elizabethae Trecesimo.....

Bap. THOMAS READ filius Alane baptised ye 17 October.

ALICE HICKSON filia Wm. baptised primo Novembris.

ELIZABETH PINDER filia Wm. baptised quarto die Novembris.

ALICE PEELL baptised ye 14 Januarii.

1587 contd.

WILLm.THORYE filius Nicolas baptised 19 Februarii.

AGNES RECORD filia Richd. baptised ye 22 Februarii.

ELIZABETH PREEDY filia Thomas baptised ye 10 Martii.

AUGUSTINE HOBSON filius Anthonye baptised ye same daye.

MARYE JOHNSON filia John baptised ye 16 Martii.

ALICE HUDSON filia John baptised ye 24 die Martii.

ALICE BOYES filia Willm baptised ye 30 die Martii.

WILLm.EMPSON filius Willm. baptised ye 2 die Junii.

RICHARD KEMPE filius John baptised ye-same-daye, 8 Junii.

ANDRIA YONGE filia John baptised ye same daye.

JOHN EYER filius Ricd. baptised ye ii Septembris.

Maryges this yeare 1587.

DAVID GRIFFINE and KATHERINIA PEELE were maryed the 5 die Novembris.

ROBERT RYDALL and ALICE CHAPMAN were maryed ye 3 Septembris.

JOHN HALL and ELIZABETH TORRINGTON were maryed ye 16 die Aprillis.

THOMAS HALL and MARGRET HUCHINSON were maryed ye same daye.

ALIXANDER BAYLLES and AGNES DANDISSON were maryed ye 6 die Junii.

Burialls in Anno predicto 1587.

WILLIAM CLAYE buryed ye 23 Januarii.

ROBERT ANTON buryed ye 29 die Januarii.

AGNES CAWDORN buryed ye 6 Januarii.

Copy of Transcripts of the HALTON Registers in the Muniment Room of the Lincoln Diocesan Registrar, the originals of which are missing in the Registers in Halton Church.

1664 - 1665.

THOMAS HALL the sonne of CHRISTOPHER HALL and ANNE his wife the 27th of March, bapt.

JOHN COLLITT the somne of RICHARD COLLIT and ELIZABETH his wife the 27th of April, bapt.

MARY the daughter of WILLIAM HILTON and MARY his wife the 8th of May bapt.

CHARLES the son of George HARDING and MARY his wife both strangers the 22nd of May bapt.

JOHN the son of WILLIAM ATKINSON the 17th of July bapt.

JOSEPH the son of ROBERT and OLIVE FALBECK his wife the 24th of July bapt., & borne 27th of July 1661.

GABRIEL the son of WILLIAM QUADRING & ..... his wife the 30th of August bapt.

FRANCIS the sonne GEORGE & ELIZABETH HARR..(?) the 23rd of October bapt.

MARGARET the daughter of ADAM & MARGARET STAMP his wife the 25th of October bapt.

ELIZABETH the daughter of JAMES BURKE and MAUDE his wife December the 17th bapt.

ANNE the daughter of THOMAS and ELIZABETH THORNEL the 18th of December bapt.

ELIZABETH the daughter of WILLIAM BRIERLY and ALICE his wife the 20th of December bapt.

WILLIAM the son of VINDENT KENT and ELIZABETH his wife January the 28th bapt.

NICOLAS the sonne of TIMOTHY LUPTON and ELIZABETH his wife the 8th of March bapt.

BENJAMIN the sonne of ROBERT & SUSANIE KEALE the 19th of March bapt.

ALICE the daughter of JOHN & ALICE BLACKBOURNE the 19th of March bapt.

RICHARD the son of RICHARD ROBINSON and ELLEN his wife the 24th of March bapt.

M A R R I A G E S.

THOMAS DAVISON and JANE KEALE the 5th of May Mar.

GEORGE JOHNSON and SARAH FOSSET the 15th of Sept. mar.

WILLIAM ATKIN and ANNIE FRIER the 24th of November married.

B U R I A L S.

JANE the wife of WILLIAM ATKINSON the first of April buried.

MARY the wife of JOHN HAUTON .... buried.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.....

MARY LAMSDALE .....

ELIZABETH CUS.....

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the 11th of September .....

GILBERT CLARK the .....

ROBERT BLANCHARD December the .....

ANNE THORNEL the daughter of ..... THORNEL the 27th of December

1667 - 1669.

MARGARET BECK the daughter of ROBERT & DOROTHY BECK 13th Sept bapt.

ELIZABETH the daughter of LAWRENCE COTTON & ..... his wife the 8th day of November bapt.

SUSANE the daughter of WILLIAM BEEDALE and ..... his wife the 25th December bapt.

JANE the daughter of ELIZABETH THORNEL the 27th of December bapt.

JOHN the son of EDWARD HOLDERNESS & MARY, the second of Feb. bapt.

MARGARET the daughter of WILLIAM HILTON, his wife, bapt. the 24th of February.

FRANCIS the son of GEORGE HAWSON and ELIZABETH, the 24th of March bapt.

WILLIAM the son of ROBERT WRAY & ANNE his wife 4th of March bapt.

MARY the daughter of ROBERT KEALE & SUSANE his wife the 21st of March bapt.

MARRIAGES- None.

BURIALLS.

MARY the wife of JOHN FORMAN the 9th of April.

RICHARD RYMER & MARY RYMER his wife the 19th Sept. sepult.

WILLIAM WHITE ALIENUS the 19th May sepult.

MARGARET daughter of ROBERT BECKE alias Hall & Dorothy his wife sepult.

MARY the daughter of ROBERT & MARY HIGGS the .... of January sepult.

ROBERT WRABY the 29th of January sepult.

SUSANNA WRABY the 29th of January sepult.

JANE the daughter of ELIZABETH THORNELL illegitimate the 15th of February sepult.

JOHN the son of THOMAS BRINE the 25th of Feb. sepult.

FRANCIS LAWSON the daughter of GEORGE LAWSON and Elizabeth his wife the 25th day of February sepult.

THOMAS FLETCHER a stranger the first of March.

ELIZABETH the daughter of GEORGE HAWSON and ELIZABETH his wife the 5th of March sepult.

GEORGE HIGGS the sonne of HAMBET HIGGS and .... his wife the 8th of March sepult.

THOMAS the son of ROBERT ..... and MARY the 8th of March sepult.

MARY the daughter of GEORGE ..... & ELIZABETH, 15th of March sepult.

ROBERT HIGGS the 14th of March sepult.

FRANCISCUS the sone of GEORGE and ELIZABETH HAWSON the 24th of March sepult.

1669 - 1670.

B A P T I S M S.

ANNE the daughter VINCENT KENT and ELIZABETH his wife the 2nd of March.

RICHARD the son of THOMAS ENDERSON and ELLEN his wife the 3rd April bapt.

ELIZABETH the daughter of CHRISTOPHER HALL and ANNE his wife the sixt of August bapt.

MARY the daughter of ROBERT BECKE and DOROTHY his wife the 7th of November baptised.

SUSANIE the daughter of JOHN WRIGHTON and MARY his wife the 14th of November bapt.

ANNE the daughter of SIMONDS HALL and ANNE his wife the 14th of November bapt.

ELIZABETH the daughter of RICHARD ROBINSON and ELLEN his wife the 21st of March bapt.

SARAH the daughter of RICHARD LEA and KATHARINE his wife the 20th of March bapt.

THOMAS the sonne of THOMAS CARRE and ALICE his wife the 16th of March baptised.

MARRIAGES.

RICHARD HOBSTAR and ALICE FRIER 4° of May married.

EDWARD PEASGOOD and ANNE HALL the 29° June married.

BURIALLS.

SUSANNA WRABY the 8th of April buried.

SUSANNA STALKER the 12th of April buried.

RICHARD the sonne of THOMAS ENDERSON the 25th of April buried.

ANNE the daughter of VINCEN KENT the 8th of May buried.

ALICE BRIERLEY the wife of WILLIAM BRIERLEY the twelft of May buried.

ELIZABETH the daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH HILTON the 7th of September buried.

EDWARD HALL the 30th of September buried.

ALICE daughter of JOHN and ALICE BLACKBORNE the 15th of November buried.

WILLIAM SUTTON the 30th day of November buried.

ISABEL TRUE vid: 31st of December buried.

ELIZABETH KEALE the daughter of ROBERT KEALE the 13th of January buried.

SUSANNA the daughter of JOHN WRIGHTON and MARY his wife the 14th of January buried.

MARY the wife of RICHARD BARTON the 18th of January buried.

WILLIAM the son of RICHARD ROBINSON the 29th of January buried.

ELLEN LOWIN vid: the 13° March buried.

1671.

EDWARD the sonne of THOMAS CARRE and ALICE his wife March the 24th baptised.

ANNE the daughter of HENRY DICKENS and ELIZABETH his wife March the 26th baptised.

ANNE the daughter of ROBERT KEALE and SUSANA his wife May the 17th.

ELIZABETH the daughter of WILLIAM ATKIN and ANNE his wife August the 13th baptised.

HENRY BEEDALE the sonne of WILLIAM BEEDALE and ELLEN his wife August the 20th baptised.

JOHN BONTOFT the sonne of JOHN BONTOFT and MARY his wife September the 12th baptised.

SUSANNA the daughter of THOMAS SILESTER and ELIZABETH his wife February the 18th .....

ELIZABETH the daughter of EDWARD PEASGOOD and ANNE his wife February the 25th.

MARY the daughter of JOHN HALLES and ANNE his wife March the 7th.

MARAGES.

JOHN DICKENSON and ANNE HUNTINTON May the 25th marryed.

WILLIAM BECKINGHAM and JANE HOOTON widdow June the 29th Maryed.

JOHN HALL and DORRATHY CROKE widdow July the 6th Marryed.

CHRISTOPHER HOLMES and ALICE HOBSTER widdow July the 6th Marryed.

THOMAS WHITE and MARY LATHORPE November the 24th married.

BURIALLS.

THOMAS HOOTON the 28th of March.

WILLIAM MELLSON the 6th of April.

MARTHA COOPER wife of THOMAS COOPER April 10th.

FAITH BECKINGHAM the wife of WILLIAM BECKINGHAM March the 30th.

JOHN the son of ROBERT KEALE the 17th of May.

MICHAEL LATHORPE May the 18th.

THOMAS sonne of THOMAS CARRE May the 19th.

NICOLAS the son of NICHOLAS LITTLEBURY April the 22nd.

EDWARD LAWSON Rector May 29th.

RICHARD DAWSON June 26th.

JOHN COULTY August the 4th.

ELIZABETH GREENE Aug. 13th.

SARAI LEE September the 8th.

HENRY BARKER November the 3rd.

THOMAS TOLLEN November the 23rd.

RICHARD ROBINSON March the 17th

the Towne's Clark.

James Seaton Rector.

1673 - 1674.

BAPTISINGS.

MARY the daughter of GEORGE HAUTON and ELIZABETH his wife July the 6th.

JOHN DONABY the sonne of JOHN DONABY and JANE his wife August the 24th.

MARGRIT the daughter of SYMOND HALL add ANNE his wife Sept. the 28th.

ANN the daughter of EDWARD PEASGOOD and ANNE his wife Sept. the 28th.

MARGRIT the daughter of ROBERT HALL and DORATHY his wife Novr. the 25th.

RUTH the daughter of WILLIAM SUTTON and KATHRINE his wife Dec. the 7th.

GREBBY and JANE the sonne and daughter of VINCENT KENT and ELIZABETH his wife January the 22nd.

MARY the daughter of EDWARD BEDALE and ELIZABETH his wife March the 23rd.

MARAGES.

JOHN DONABY and ANNE BARKER June the 4th.

BURYALLS.

NICOLAS TOKEN Aprill the 20th.

MARY the wife of THOMAS WHIT Aprill the 22nd.

OLIVE WINBECKE May the 11th.

JOHN HALLES June the 12th.

MARY HAWSON July the 13th.

GEORGE HAWSON July the 14th.

Elizabeth Hawson July the 21st.

ALICE HOLMES November the 23rd.

Jane KENT January the 23rd.

ELIZABETH KENT and GREBBY KENT January the 27th.

HENRY HOLMES March the 3rd.

Wm.BUTLER March the 23rd.

J. HARDY, Curate.

1674- 1675.

Bap. JOHN the son of JAMES DAWSON and PRISCILLA his wife March the 1st.

Bap. JOHN the sonne of THOMAS SILVESTER and ELIZABETH his wife May the 17th.

,, ELIZABETH the daughter Wm.BEDALE and ELLENOR his wife May the 24th.

,, CHRISTOPHER the sonne of CHRISTOPHER HALL and ANNE his wife July the 19th.

,, RICHARD the son of ROBERT RICHARDSON and HANNA his wife A August the 9th.

,, THOMAS the sonne of HAMLET HIGGS and CATHERINE his wife August the 2°.

,, WILLIAM the sonne of WILLIAM BURNET and JUDITH his wife September the 20th.

,, ABIGALL the daughter of HENRY DICKENS and ELIZABETH his wife November the 5th.

BURYALLS.

Bu. JOHN the sonne of James THOMAS-DAWSON May the 4th.

Bu. PRISCILLA the wife of JAMES DAWSON May the 7th.

,, THOMAS CARRE the younger May the 12th.

,, ELIZABETH the daughter of ROBERT HALL May the 18th.

,, THOMAS the sonne JAMES DAWSON June the 10th.

,, EDWARD PEASGOOD September the 10th.

,, AMY the daughter ANN PEASGOOD November the 24th.

,, MARGRIT the daughter of ROBERT HALL February the 14th.

,, ROBERT CROSSE December the 31st.

,, Widdow SIMSON January the 11th.

,, ELIZABETH RATHBE February the 15th.

,, THOMAS COLLIT February the 17th.

,, ALICE BLACKBURNE March the 12th.

,, Widdow DAWSON March the 19th.

He: . Reg. ibid.

1676. BAPTISINGS.

Wm. the sonne of THOMAS KEALE and ANNE his wife was baptised March 23rd 1676.

MARY the daughter of FRANCIS BONTOFT and MARY his wife baptised March 27th.

SUSANNA the daughter of EDWARD BEEDHALL and AMY his wife was baptised the 14th day of May 1676.

JOHN the sonne of WILLIAM HILTON and ELIZABETH his wife was baptised June 1st 1676.

SARAH the daughter of JOHN TREW and SARAH his wife was baptised March the 18th 1676.

MARRYAGES.

PHILIP DONNABY and MARGARET HALL was marryed May 25th 1676.

RICHARD COULTER and MARY STAMP was marryed September 28th 1676.

BURYALLS.

MARY the daughter of WILLIAM HILTON and ELIZABETH his wife was buryed the 16th of April 1676.

CHARLES BEEDHALL buryed August 9th 1676.

MARY the wife of JOHN RIGHTON was buryed the 8th of October 1676.

JOHN HALL the sonne of CHRISTOPHER HALL and MARY his wife was

buryed ye 9th of October 1676.

RICHARD RAIBY buryed Jan 20th 1676.

Nicolas More,Curate.

1677.

May the 6th day 1677. EASTER the daughter of THOMAS WHITE and EASTER his wife was baptised.

May the 27th day, 1677. MARGARETT the daughter of WILLIAM BEEDALL and ELIZABETH his wife was baptised.

May the 30th day, 1677. ELLEN the daughter of TIMOTHY LUPTON and ELIZABET H his wife was baptised.

June the 10th day, 1677. ELIZABETH the daughter of PHILLIPP DONABIE and MARGARET his wife was baptised.

August the 5th 1677. ELIZABETH the daughter of JOHN DONABIE and ANNE his wife was baptised.

August the 19th 1677. Catharine the daughter of WILLIAM SUTTON and CATHARINE his wife was baptised.

August the 19th 1677. SARAH the daughter of CHRISTOPHER HOLMES and ANNE his wife was baptised.

November the 11th day 1677. EDWARD the sonne of EDWARD BEEDALL the younger and ANNE his wife was baptised.

November the 28th day 1677. WILLIAM the sonne of SIMON HALL and ANNE his wife was baptised.

Januarie the 17th day 1677. MARK the sonne of JOHN HALES and ANNE his wife was baptised.

Januarie the 17th day 1677. ELIZABETH the daughter of FRANCIS BONTOFT and MARY his wife was baptised.

March the 17th day 1677. HENRY the sonne of WILLIAM HILTON and ELIZABETH his wife was baptised.

June the 2nd day 1677. THOMAS CLAY was buried.

September the 6th day 1677. ELIZABETH the daughter of CHRISTOPHER HALL and ANNE his wife was buried.

October the 20th day 1677. Thomas More was buried.

February the 10th day 1677. ELIZABETH the wife of STEPHEN NIKISSON was buried.

May the 17th day 1677. EDWARD REMPSON and ANNE BARKE was maried.

BROWN BUSHELL DOBSON.
Cur.

1678.

JOHN HALL son of ROBERT HALL and DOROTHEY his wife baptised ye 21st of July 1678.

JOHN BLACKBOURNE sonne of JOHN BLACKBOURNE and MARY his wife baptised Aug ye 11th 1678.

JOHN KYMPSON sonne of EDWARD KYMPSON and ANNE his wife baptised September ye 22nd 1678.

JOHN WHITE son of THOMAS WHITE and EASTER his wife baptised Feb. 23rd 1678.

JANE LEA daughter of RICHARD LEA and KATHARINE his wife baptised March the 2nd 1678.

MARY DONABEY daughter of JOHN DONABEY and ANNE his wife baptised March ye 9th 1678.

MARRYAGES 1678.

ROBERT TOMPSON and ELIZABETH SPIKING Marryed May ye second 1678.

DAVID STAMPE and MARY GREEBEY Marryed November ye 27th 1678.

BURYALLS 1678.

SARAH HOLMES daughter of CHRISTOPHER HOLMES and ANNE his wife buryed June the 28th 1678.

JOHN BLACKBORNE sonne of JOHN BLACKBORNE and MARY his wife buryed August ye 23rd 1678.

1680.

BAPTISINGS.

ANNE (?) the daughter of CHRISTOPHER HALL and ANNE his wife was baptised the 7th of September.

MARRIAGES.

THOMAS ANDREW and MARY GRANTHAM was married the 19th day of June.

BURIALLS.

JOHN FISHER was buried the 1st of May.

CATHARINE the wife of RICHARD LEA was buried the 5th of May.

JOHN HUNTINGTON nephew of RICHARD HUNTINGTON was buried the 11th day of May.

RICHARD son of JAMES CLARKE buried the 28th May.

MARY the daughter of FRANCIS BONTOFT buried the 2nd June.

ELIZABETH the daughter of LAURENCE COLTON was buried 11th June.

THOMAS ANABLE was buried the 4th of June.

HENEAGE the sone of WILLIAM HILTON buried the 16th of June.

HANNA the daughter of THOMAS CROFT buried the 9th July.

JOHN sone of EDWARD KYMPSON buried the 7th of August.

JOHN son of ROBERT KEAL buried the 16th of August.

ANNE the wife of ROBERT JOHNSON buried the 30th day of August.

ANNE the wife of EDWARD BEEDHALL buried the 7th of October.

THOMAS COOPER was buried the 14th October.

CATHARINE the daughter of WILLIAM SUTTON buried the 21st October.

ROBERT the sone of ROBERT RICHISON buried the 10th of November.

JOHN CLARKE buried the 12th day of November.

Church Wardens' Accounts.

Except the one odd sheet shown below for 1779-80
no accounts (shewing details) are forthcoming before 1830

The Disbursments of Henery Blanchard Churchwarden of the Parish of Hallon, Hollowgate From Easter 1779 to Easter 1780

	£	s	d
Spent at Easter 1779	0	7	0
Paid four Briefs	0	6	8
Paid Parish fees	0	9	2
My Expences at the Visitation	0	4	0
Paid to the Revd Mr Brackenbury	0	5	0
Paid for the Jury May 4th 13th	0	5	0
Paid for the Jewry May 4th 27	0	5	0
Paid the Clargy in America	0	5	0
Paid for a forme of prayer	0	1	0
Paid for the Jewry	0	4	0
Paid to the Saxon	0	18	0
Paid for 2 pints of Oyl for the Bells	0	2	0
Paid to the Moulder	0	10	0
Paid to Edward Sympson for Work as by Bill	2	1	10
Paid to the Revd Mr Brackenbury	0	5	0
Paid Parish fees	0	7	8
My Expences at the Visitation	0	4	0
Paid two Briefs	0	2	6
Paid the proppriators	0	7	6
Paid to Mr Manby for Cancels as by bill	0	6	6
Paid to Wm Smith for work as by bill	0	8	6
Paid to Wm Ward as by bill	1	2	6
Paid to Georges Holden as by bill	0	15	10
Paid to Joshua Rutter	1	1	0
Paid to Joshua Rutter as by bill	0	19	6
Paid to Mrs Michelwhite as by bill	0	17	6
	13	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Mr. Atkin, his salary	1	1	0
Paid to Mr. Wm. Goodwin, for 3 pound of Candels	0	1	7
Paid to Mr. Holms by bill.	0	1	0
Paid to Mr. Atkin, for Mending the cloth & pillow	0	2	0
Paid to Mr. Wilson, for bell roapes	1	1	0
Paid to Mr. Wm. Granthom, for Learning the Prishoners to sing	6	0	0
Out of Pocket Last year	0	0	11
Accounts writing	0	4	0
£	21	13	2
Rec. of last Churchwarden	0	15	1½
£	20	18	0½

Church Wardens' Accounts.

Average cost of Church Expenses at different periods

	£	s.	d
1656 – 1662	10	1	6
1700 – 1706	20	2	7
1750 – 1756	16	8	5
1800 – 1804	13	9	11
1830 – 1840	26	0	0
1850 – 1856	15	17	8
1900 – 1906	36	17	2.

Voluntary Church Rate.

1895 – 1900 — Average £9. 15. 10½.

Changed to Subscription List

1901 – 1906 — Average £12. 7. 3.

Some Notes

In the Accounts in the last page, note the number of "Briefs". These were Royal Letters sent round by Archbishop or Bishop directing collections to be made for certain purposes e.g "the Clergy in America" (1779). These became so numerous that the collections did not always pay the postage & the were gradually discontinued.

There appear to have been two Visitations in this year.

The item "Paid the Propperiator" may possibly mean "Apparitor" an official of the Bishop.

"Paid for the Jewry" means Jury probably for Inquests.

Then the Account shows that the Salary of the Clerk was then only £1. 1. 0. (Thos Atkin) & the Saxon's (Sexton's) was 18/.

Paid "Mr Wm Grantham for learning the Parishioners to sing" is interesting. £6 (Churchwardens accounts 1779) page 141

Churchwardens Accounts

1830 – 1912.

Regular entries till more recent years

"Expenses of Rector & Churchwardens to Visitation"
After abolition of Church Rates they have had to pay these expenses personally.

1831 "Six quarts of ale after Bells were repaired"
Charge for Cholera Prayers — 18/11.

1834 Refreshment to those confirmed 8 in no 8/-

1837 Two ton 53 stone old lead carried to Spilsby 7/6
Plumbers bill for Steeple — £45.

1839 Moler's salary £4.4.0

1840 Wine & biscuits for 15 young persons at the Confirmation — 8/-

1847 "Paid to the Rector ..... for putting on new roof on the Nave .... releading, restoring all the windows broke by the storm & the parapets on the afore-said Nave & pinnacles of the Steeple £115"
This sounds a small amount for all this work but really it is only the amount raised by a Church Rate, the balance of the sum spent viz £1900 was raised by subscriptions by the Rector, the Rev. T. H. Rawnsley.

1848 For paving Church floor & sawing pavins £20.14.3
New Gates & fencing adjoining Road £11.6.6.

1862 Mr Eve for use of black cloth for covering the Pulpit. This was no doubt for the Funeral of the Prince Consort in the preceeding December.

1868 Rehanging Tenor Bell, £13.17.0.

1883 First entry of Coal Bill.

Constables' Accounts

The Constables outfit as we gather from a fragment in the Vestry Book 1628 consisted of 2 Mattocks, 3 Watching Bills & one gavelock (javelin).

The Constables duties were various. The consisted of Police Duties including such minor things as preventing the boys from playing on Sundays, Inquests, Arrests, providing men for the militia &

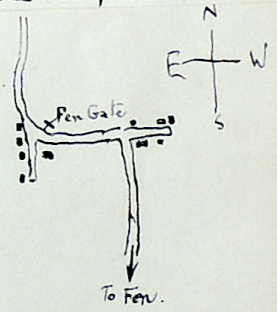
The had to attend to various water coorses. Finding men sometimes to keep Wainfleet Haven clear.

Then the was some Fen watercoorse with a Gate constantly needing opening & shutting & repairs with "Dem Boards", Toynton Beck, the River, &c.

Regular entries are "the Fen Ride", "the River Ride" "Warning the Drifts". "Ride" here probably means "Reed", "the River Ride" means clearing the reeds &c.

The Bridges like Halton Bridge, Northorpe Bridge & others less important wanted constant Repairs

The Gates like Holegate, Northorpe Gate, the Fen Gate (in Fenside opposite where the late Mr Keal lived as shown in plan) required repairs, "A Stoop (ie support, prop, or post) for a Gate" is a frequent entry.



Various Taxes had to be paid.

Occasionally attendances are mentioned at Manor Courts e.g Halton, Steeping, Reves by Court where payment was made to the Fen Bailiff.

Many payments were formerly made for the "Mouler" Killing foxes, otters & badgers

Often record is made of help given to "travilers" of all sorts. A few extracts will illustrate

Constables' Accounts

1717 The earliest entry.

1733. 5 Foxes caught 6d each.
3 Badgers 3d each.
Given to 3 seamen which had been in Turkey 6d
Given to a disbanded soldier 6d
Given to 3 seamen whose ship was burnt by lightning 6d
Given to 9 men which had been prisoners in Turkey 1/-

1734. Paid for a piece of oakwood for the Stock 10/-
Leading the same 4/-, spent when it was loaded 8d in all.
For six days of Henry Beneworth making of the Stocks & his allowance 9/- [H.B came from Hottoft, he also put up new Stocks at Spilsby]
For a man sowing (sawing) against him 2 days
And his allowance 2/6
For my tending of him the last day 8d

Foxes caught 5 Badgers 3

1733 Given to 3 seamen which had been in Turkey 6d
do a disbanded soldier 6d
do 3 seamen whose ship was burnt by Lightning 6d
do 9 men which had been prisoners in Turkey 1/-

1789 Paid at attending Spinning Show.
"Fower" men, a "Knew" certificate.
Paid Fen Bailif, Revesby Court.

1794 Paid to a Militiaman £17. 6. 6.

1804 For going to Horncastle for classes for the Mass Army.
Paid to a man for the Army of Reserve £17. 6. 1½
Expenses when carried to his Regiment.

For having John Goodrick in hould one day 2/6

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Roads.—With the revived interest in our roads the following historical note may not be out of place:—The first Act of Parliament passed to secure improvements in the highways, viz., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary c. 8 (1555), came into force at the same time that Walter Rippon built, for the Earl of Rutland, the first coach ever seen in England. The Act stated "that inasmuch as the Highways are become noisom and tedious to travel in and dangerous to all passengers and carriages," Surveyors were to be elected in every parish by popular vote to take charge of the roads, and these surveyors were empowered to exact four days work from every parishioner every year. Queen Elizabeth was the first English Monarch to own a coach. She was a famous horsewoman. The Act of 1562 authorized the supervisors of the highways to take loose rubbish or smallest broken stones of any quarry within the parish, and required owners of the ground to cut down all trees and bushes growing in the highway. The Act of 1662, when stage coaches had come into use, forbade any waggon plying for hire to use more than 7 horses or 8 oxen, and the tire of the wheel was not to be less than 4 inches in width. From 15th October to 1st May the seven horse waggon might carry 1 ton, and from 1st May to 15th October 1½ ton. In 1663 turnpikes were established to levy tolls for the maintenance of the road. The Act also enabled surveyors to take gravel, chalk, sand or stone from the next parish if material were wanted for the roads.

The Roads in 1699.

The earliest names of Roads now obtainable are found in a Terrier of the Parish made in 1699.

Cross Hill Laine, probably includes Highfield Lane Spark Lane & ran down to River where there was a Ford leading to Ashby

Spilsby Gate (i.e. Road from Stone Bridge to Tan House)

Peasgate or Pearsgate Lane, or **Peasgore Lane**. This incredible as it may seem was formerly the Coach Road to London from Spilsby. Eresby Park stretched across what is the modern road from Toynton to Spilsby and the Public Road had to wind outside it.

Southend Gate (from Village to Fenside)

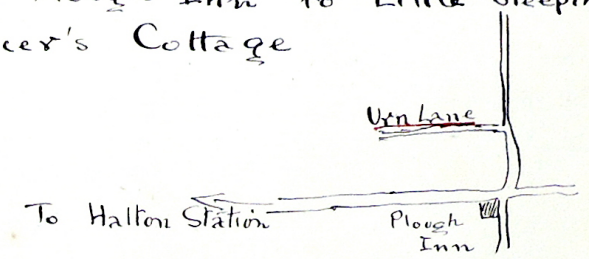
Stockbridge Lane (From Rose Cottage towards River. A stream formerly ran from Village past school, now only a ditch & passed between Rose Cottage & the next cottage Eastwards where there was a bridge for stock to pass over called "Stockbridge" where the stream crossed Stockbridge Road.

Rodley Lane now **Washdyke Lane**

Succrofts Lane, also called Sudcrofts, Sootcrofts. This was exchanged for a strip running on north side of Railway when line was made. It formerly ran from opposite Washdyke Lane over fields north of the Grange.

Roads in 1699

Toalth Lane. I cannot identify. Perhaps it was the Lane in which Robt Toalth lived in 1628. The Vestry Book records that he owed the town no 10/- Possibly this is the same as **Urn** or **Hurn Lane** a name we find in 1803 a lane running out of the road from the Plough Inn to Little Sleeping near Mrs Spencer's Cottage



Eastfield Lane

Northorp Gate i.e Northorp Road

This list of Roads made in 1854 given on next page shows that the following old names disappear, viz;

Cross Hill Laine (now Highfield Lane)
Southend Gate £
Stockbridge Lane now Wadsley
Succrofts Lane (called Crofts Drove incorrectly in 1854.)
Eastfield Lane

New names appearing are,

Thorpe Bank
Washdyke Lane
Simpsons Drove
Atkinson's Lane
Walkers Drove
Wadsleys Lane
Holmes House Lane (opposite W. Haw's house, in field)
Northfield Lane
Highfield Lane.
Ings Drove.

Roads in 1854.

Public Roads.

	Chains	Links
Thorpe Bank	67	13
From Clarke's Bridge to Pinfold corner.	112	–
From Pinfold corner to Spilsby road end	108	–
From Balderstone's corner ("The Plough Inn") to Steeping Wath	38	35
From Balderstone's corner (Westward) "Toynton lane"	34	50
Washdyke Lane	45	–
From Spilsby road end to the "Tan Houses"	40	72
From Spilsby road end to the Stone Bridge	58	26
Peasgate Lane	42	–
Northorpe road – "Between Spilsby and Ashby" –	29	56
	575	52

miles	Chains	links
7	15	52

Private Roads.

		Chains	Links
Crofts drove		25	39
Simpson's drove		5	56
Atkinson's Lane	(Kept in repair)	4	48
Walker's drove	(Kept in repair) ... "Mr Smith's lane" ...	7	7
Wadsley's Lane		5	75
Holmes' House Lane		10	40
Northfield Lane (Northorpe road 1890)	(Kept in repair)	20	–
Do – Do	(not repaired)	25	–
Highfield Lane (or sandlane)		45	80
Ings drove		80	–
		229	45

	miles	Chains	links
Private	2	69	45
Public	7	15	52
Total.	10	4	97

Copied from Vestry Book.

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TERRIER of 1699

In the Terrier of 1699 the names of the different parts of the parish, with the names of a few fields named in them, is of interest.

PASTURE.—In the Hales (15½ acres) contained fields called Colwick and Lowdale. "Northorpe" (119 acres) contained Wath Close, Seaven Acres, the Lower Eight Acres, Matthams, Bachelor Close, the Upper Eight Acres, Key's Wong, Peasborrow, Laith Close. "Potlands" (14 acres), "High Field" (58½ acres), "Cross Hill" (25 acres) included Peartree Close, "Wrangdens" (10 acres), "Ashby Mill Close" (13½ acres), "Caudell Hill" 4 acres, "Walkmill Field" (31 acres) include the Horse Close, Roath Close; "Closes lying east on Cross Hill Lane" (34 acres), "Closes lying west on Cross Hill Lane" (30½ acres) include Durdailes, "Closes lying south of Spilsby Oate" (63½ acres) include Forman Close, Leg Close, Stone Pit Close, Holmes Hill, Great Holmes, Little Holmes; "Closes abutting on Pearsgate Lane" (57 acres) include Robcrofts, Weatherdales, Ladycrofts; "Holegate Head Closes" (52 acres) Mr. Peachel, his Manor House anp onsett; "Closes adjoining to Halton Milne" (9½ acres); "Bramewong Closes" (38½ acres) include two closes called Stonewath Closes; "Closes lying east of Southend Gate" (24 acres) include the Lady Dallison, the Manor House and onsett; Closes lying north of Stockbridge Lane" (22 acres) includes Stockingbridge Close; "Closes lying west on Southend Gate" (44 acres) include Townes Garth, Shortland Close, Lamecrofts; "Closes lying south of Stockbridge Lane" (27 acres) include Long Close; "Closes lying south of Rodley Lane" (49 acres) include Wakebed, West Wong; "Closes lying south of Succrofts Lane" (34½ acres) include Shenn Pingle; "Closes lying betwixt Stock and Succroft on laine" (9½ acres); "Closes lying south of Great Succrofts" (24½ acres); "Closes lying south of Toath Lane" (40 acres); "Closes lying south of Eastfield Lane" (90 acres) include Lay Wong, Goose Acres.

The NEW ENCLOSURE.—"The Short Furlong, butting upon Wranglands" (5 acres); "The Short Furlong, butting upon Foxholes" (3 acres); "Our Lands, butting upon Foxholes Marces" (11½ acres); "The Short Furlong, butting upon Northorp Gate" (3 acres); "Walkmill Field" includes the Parsonage Land (4 acres). Total of Pasture 999 acres.

ARRABLE & MEADOW GROUND.—"In the North Field Ashby Garth Furlong" (10½ acres); "In Carlands" (2 acres(; "The Furlong, butting on Cross Hill Lane"; "The Furlong, lying east from Cross Hill Lane"; "The Furlong, butting east on Wrang Lands"; "The Little Field, in the North End"; "The East Furlong, in the High Field"; "Nor England Meadow," including Croft Close; "The Furlong, butting north on Nor England"; "Bours Hill Furlong, now called the Wind Mill Hill"; "Open Close," "Rainbeck Hill," "Durdales Furlong," "Holmes Button," "Holmes Hill," "Holmes Bottom Close," including Hobhead Land; "Longlands, the East Furlong," includes land called Cat and Kitland; "The North Corner, towards Pearsgate"; "The Furlong, north and south"; "The South End Field;" "Short Furlony, abutting upon the Closes"; "East Field," "Great Succrofts," "Little Succrofts, "The West Ings," includes Smithy Croft, Hubert Hill, Little Hubert; "The East Ings." The acreage of in this latter division reckoned in gadds. The Fen, of course, is not included, as the Enclosure Act was not passed till 1801.

From a lengthy Terrier of the pasture ground, meadow and arable land of Halton Holegate made in 1699. which is too long to print, we are able to give a list of owners and many tenants living here at that date.

The Terrier was made by John Bell, Rector (this should be Joseph), Henry Mowbray, gentleman; John Harby, gentleman, and William Carter, freeholders; Robert Chambers, overseer; Richard Jackson, constable, and the rest of the inhabitants.

The owners named are Capt. Bryan, the Earl of Lindsay, Madam Browne, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Edmund Wayte, Mr. Mowbray, Mr. Peachel (lord of the manor), Madam Dallison, Mr. Brinkle, Mr. Newcomb, Wm. Carter, Madam Hobby, Baron Hall, Katharine Hopkin, Edward Kimpson, Wm. Swindale, Matthew Hubbert, Mr. Harby, Mr. Rowston, Wm. King, Sir Wm. Massingberd, Mr. Boston, Mr. Paddison, Joseph Fulbeck, Mr. Ridgley, George Davenport, Mr. Davison, Ben Harrold, Mr. Hussey, Wm. Simpson, Richard Lake, Thomas Goatley, Wm. Fox, Mr. Christian, Thomas Hall, Madam Dawson, Richard Johnson, Edw. Simpson, Mr. Dyson (?), Ham (Hamlet) Higg, Sarah Carter, Mr. Pickle, Mrs. Rudgley, John of Jerusalem (this would be the order of St. John of Jerusalem), Wm. Fox, the towne of Little Steeping, the poor lands, the King's land, Mr. Ayscogh.

The names of the tenants were:—George Coddington, John Hewison, Matthew Atkin, David Hutton, young John Grantham, Sam Nichols, Edw. Kimpson, George Harpstead, Wm. Baxter, Wid. Keale, Edward Barker, Robert Evering, Richard Jackson, Wm. Mawer, Symon Hall, Robert Chambers, old John Grantham, Robert Kent, Cuthbert Blyth, Mr. Mowbray, Mr. Elsom, Wm. Lupton, John Gardner, Dorothy Beck, Robt. Wilson, John Fisher, Wm. Huddleston, Wm. King, Wm. Carter, James Paddison, Richard White, Pearcivall Higgs, Fr. Blythe, John Atkinson, Robert Wright, George Goodwin, Hugh Clark, Richd. Johnson, Gabriel Elsom, Fr. Beckworth, — Skepper, — Clisby, — — Reeds, — Beedale, — Clisby, — Thompson, — Camock, — Boutoft, Ben Harold, — Holderness, Christopher Hall, — Burton, — Spalding, — Croft, Thomas Beck, — Hilton, — Boutoft, James Antient, John Croft, Wm. Fox, — Handsley, John Harpham, — Sawer.

Old Field Names in 1699

Note. The numbers refer to the Map see page

The Hales (Hale is archaic form of Hole - Spencer uses it) This contained fields called Colnick (2) + Low dales (1) These were on north side of Road from Spilsby to Northorp Corner. + I think the Hales is the same as "the Hall Field in Northorpe. (3)

Northorp contained Wath Close (7) where the footpath crossed the River to Ashby by a "Wath" or Stepping Stones; Malthams, Open Malthams Foxholes (11), Batchelor Close, Laith Close, Keys Wong, Peasborrow.

The Present names of fields in Northorp are comparatively modern e.g. The Chiseldens probably called after Cheseldon Needham who owned land in Northorp early in 19th Century; the Great Park, the Little Park ~~The Horse Close~~ &c.

Adjoining Northorp + new enclosed were

Wranglands, this is probably the same as "Wrangendys" mentioned in the will of Richard Elston of Halton in 1521. He also owned "Fayr Close, Blawmebeke, Landes in Carlandes, Mathum Hill, Walkmyln Croft, North Field, Landes in "Estfield" in Cawdell Hill (10) in Dirdall, (17) upon Flatlandes.

Walkmill Field (8) The footpath to Ashby passed through this field near where one of the old Roman Water Mills was situated, the site of which can still be identified, so we get the name "Walk (bath) Mill".

The Pingle (6) which means a small enclosed field was a small enclosure in what is now called the "River Ground"

Ashby Mill Closes probably included Walkmill Field and others.

Old Field Names in 1699

East of Spilsby Gate (i.e. Road).

Forman Close.
Stonepitt Close (21) near Tutthole (22) & formerly included what is now called the Greens.
Holmes Hill 24
Holmes Bottom 23
Great Holmes 25
Lille Holmes
Tutthole [22] the modern name of the Quarry on the Spilsby Road is so named in a document of 1803, but I think it is a very old name

Abutting on Pearsgate Lane or Peasgate Lane

Robcrofts
Weatherdales (26)

Holegate Head Closes

The Manor House (27) There was formerly another Manor House somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Grange. In 1699 Mr. Peachell was Lord of the Manor but Lady Dallison also owned a Manor house "east of Southend Gate." For list of Lords of the Manor see page .

Potlands (15?) probably somewhere between Northorpe and High Field Farm

High Field (16)
Deedates (17)
Cross Hill
Peartree Close (20)
Halton Milne between River & Wongs. Gets its name from old Roman Water Mill now known as the Mill Grounds. 28, 29, 30, 32,
Brame wong closes (28) = the Wongs. Wong means a meadow.
Stone wath (34)
Stockbridge Close (35)
Great Sweecrofts

(61)

Old Field Names

In "New enclosed" i.e. 1699

"Bowis Hill now called ye Windmill Hill" (18)
Open Close
Raynsbeck Hill
Dordales Furlong
Longlands
A stinting of land called "Calt or Kitling"
Southend Field "John of Jerusalem owns part" i.e
the Order of St John of Jerusalem"
"Nor" i.e. "North England Meadow"
Shortlands
WEST INGS
Smith Croft
The Church Dale
Hubert Hill see page
Little Hubard
East Ings
The Chequer Close
New Lands

In 1803

Some new names are noticed
e.g.
Windmill Hill
High Mill Close
Low Mill Close
Jordans Slab. The was formerly a slab here where
the stood to draw water. The water for brewing
ale was got from here 37
Crabnook
Brickyard (36)
Bracken Close (12)
Bull Close. It was formerly the custom for the
Parson to provide a Bull or the Parish to
keep it. Probably in Bull Close.

Old Field Names in 1803

Dogcrofts
Ashby Garth
Rush Close (13)
The Bents
Holebecks (19)
Short Butts
Spa Grounds (14)
The Rout. This is the Homefield of the Manor, where cattle staying the night were put until it was changed in Mrs. Vessey's time to a field near River the "Stripe."

The Map (see next page)

The Map is taken from the Ordnance Survey. The divisions of the fields are quite different from those of earlier days but in many cases the approximate sites can be shown.

The position of two of the four Roman Watermills is clear but the other two are less certain, see ~~Nos~~ Letters M.


To Spilsby
To Ashby
Northorpe Bridge
Hall Field
Northorpe
Home Field
Dirdale's
River
Little Park
Great Park
1st Chiseldens
2nd Chiseldens
Ground
To Spilsby
High Farm
Highfield Lane
Sparks Lane
Tan House
Pit Hole
High Barn
Old Hall
Rectory
Hallam House
Manor
Church
Wangs
Mill
Grounds
Pear Tree House
Mill
To Firsby
G.N. Rly
School
Peasgate Lane
Longlands Field
G.N. Railway
Kiw Close
Sucroffs
Washdyke
The Grange
Wash Dyke Lane
Horn Lane
Tointon Lane
Steeping Road
Chapel (formerly)
Fenside
Ings Drove
Ings Bridge
Cathwater Drain
INGS
Thorpe Drain

Population.

From the return made by the Archdeacon to the Bishop of Lincoln in 1563 we find that there were then 63 families living in "Haltonne." At an average of 5 per family this would make the population about 315, although at that time the fen was not enclosed. In 1553 "there were at 'Haltone' four great bells in the steeple." In 1676 the inhabitants of "Halton Holgate" over 16 years of age numbered 168, of whom 157 were conformists and 11 non-conformists.

1563 Estimated ——— 315

1676 Over 16 years ——— 168

The Census

1801 ——— 410

1811 ——— 399

1821 ——— 460

1831 ——— 520

1841 ——— 544

1851 ——— 539

1861 ——— 531

1871 ——— 606

1881 ——— 499

1891 ——— 427

1901 ——— 406

1911 ——— 388

As various instances of longevity have appeared in Local Papers of late, we may remark that we had no death in the parish for 13 months previous to Nov., 1908. The two following instances, taken from our Registers, show that as a healthy parish this is bad to beat. In 1885, taking *eleven consecutive entries* of burials, the average age works out at 78; and in 1896, taking *eighteen consecutive entries*, the average works out at 76 years. We regret, however, to state that never in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant have we had so many cases of long continued illness as at the present moment.

Residents in 1896 & 1899

Only 10 New Names appear in 3 years & 12 disappear.

Abbot W, Northorpe road
Allison J, Fenside
Ascough J W, Fen
Atkinson A, Fenside
Baker E, Post office
Baker J, Gatehouse
Balderson J W, Fenside
Balderson J H, nr School
Balderson J W, Fenside
Betts T, Northorpe road
Bonnett Thos, Fenside
Bonnett W, Fenside
Borrill J, Mill
Bowins J, Northorpe road
Brown D, near School
Brown H, Fenside
Brown T, Fenside
Chambers I, Northorpe rd
Chapman W, Fen
Clark F, Northorpe road
Croft W J, Northorpe road
Curle W, near Station
Cussons W M, Northorpe rd
Dawson Jane, Fenside
Dickinson F, Northorpe rd
Ellis Capt G A, Halton House
Enderby G W, Holegate
Grant S, near Station
Grantham J, Northorpe rd
Grantham W, near Post office
Gray Z H, near Station
Gray Thomas, Fenside
Grayson T, near School
Gunnis G, Northorpe road
Hall Geo, Fenside
Handsley S A, Northorpe road
Haw E, Tut Hole
Haw F, Tut Hole
Haw W, near Tan House
Heath N G, School House
Holmes W, Fen
Hotchin H, near Station
Hurton T, Fenside
Johnson J, nr Stone bridge
Johnson S, Catchwater side
Vessey J H, Manor House
Vinter P, near School
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Emma, nr Plough
Keal W, Fenside
Keller Mrs, the Cottages
Kidd G, Plough inn
Lee T, Fen
Lee W, Fenside
Mablestone Rosetta, Fen
Mager J, Northorpe road
Meeres J, Fenside
Moore E, Tan House
Moore L W, Highfields
Mundy Mrs, Fenside
Oliver W, Wadsby's lane
Orry W, Fenside
Parker J, Toynton road
Raithby A, nr Plough inn
Raithby T, near Stone bridge
Robinson W, Northorpe road
Roughton A, Fen
Russell T, Fenside
Sale Rev T W, M.A., the Rectory
Scott E, Northorpe road
Scott E, Fenside
Scott J, Fenside
Sharpe W, Tointon road
Shaw A, Northorpe road
Shaw A, Bell inn
Shaw C, Village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw R, Keight Farm
Shaw T, Village
Shaw W, Village
Simpson J, Fen
Simpson S A, Fenside
Smalley E, Northorpe rd
Smith T, the Grange
Spencer B, Steeping road
Stephenson Mary, Northorpe road
Stones W, Fenside
Stothard T C, Fenside
Stothard W H, Fenside
Stubbs F, Fen
Tasker T, Fen
Twigg J, Fenside
Vessey Mrs, Manor House
Watson Eliza, nr School
Woodthorpe J, nr Station
Woodward P, Fenside

Abbott W, Northorpe road
Allen Mrs, near station
Allison J, Fenside
Ascough J W, Fen
Atkinson A, Fenside
Baker E, post office
Baker J, gatehouse
Balderson J W, Fenside
Balderson J H, near school
Betts T, Northorpe road
Bonnett Thos, Fenside
Bonnett W, Fenside
Borrill J, mill
Bowins J, near school
Brown H, Fenside
Brown T, Fenside
Bull Rev, the Cottages
Chambers I, Northorpe rd
Chapman W, Fen
Clarke F, Northorpe road
Clough Chas, near school
Curle W, near station
Cussons W M, Northorpe rd
Dawson Jane, Fenside
Dickinson F, Northorpe rd
Enderby G W, Northorpe rd
Espin Wm, stationmaster
Grant S, near station
Grantham J, Northorpe rd
Grantham W, nr post office
Gray Z H, near station
Gray Thomas, Fenside
Grayson T, near station
Gunnis G, Northorpe road
Hall Geo, Fenside
Handsley S A, Northorpe rd
Haw E, Tut Hole
Haw F, Tut Hole
Haw W, near Tan house
Heath N G, school house
Holmes W, Fen
Hotchin H, near station
Hurton T, Fenside
Johnson J, nr stone bridge
Johnson S, Catchwater side
Keal W, Fenside
Kidd G, Plough inn
Lee T, Fen
Lee W, Fenside
Mablestone Rosetta, Fen
Mager J, near school
Meeres J, Fenside
Moor E, Tan house
Moore L W, Highfields
Oliver W, Northorpe
Orry W F, Fenside
Parker J, Toynton road
Raithby A, nr Plough inn
Raithby M, nr Plough inn
Raithby T, nr stone bridge
Roberts M, Northorpe rd
Roughton A, Fen
Russell T, Fenside
Sale Rev T W, M.A., the Rectory
Sanderson J, Northorpe rd
Scott Mrs E, Northorpe rd
Scott E, Fenside
Scott J, Fenside
Shaw A, Bell inn
Shaw C, village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw T, village
Shaw W, village
Simpson J, Fen
Simpson S A, Fenside
Smalley E, Northorpe rd
Smith T, the Grange
Spencer B, Steeping road
Stones W, Fenside
Stothard T C, Fenside
Stothard W H, Fenside
Stubbs F, Fen
Tasker T, Fen
Tayles —, Toynton road
Twigg J, Fenside
Vessey J H, Manor house
Vinter P, near school
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Emma, nr Plough
Wells F W, the Mill, Holegate
White W, Halton Fen
Whiting C, near school
Wilson —, High farm
Woodthorpe W, nr station
Woodthorpe J, nr station
Woodward P, Fenside

1903

21 Names in 1896 List disappear & 42 new names appear in the 7 years.

Abbott W, Northorpe road
Allison J, Fenside
Ascough J W, Fen
Atkin C, Northorpe road
Atkinson A, Fenside
Bonnett W, Fenside
Borrill J, mill
Bowins J, near school
Brown H, Fenside
Brown T, Fenside
Chambers I, Northorpe rd
Chapman J A, Fen
Chapman W, Fen
Clarke H, Fen
Clough Chas, near school
Clough James, Spilsby rd
Congreve W, near station
Coot J, Northorpe road
Curle W, near station
Cussons W M, The Nook, Northorpe road
Dawson Jane, Fenside
Dickinson F, Northorpe rd
Disbrowe Rev C P, the Rectory
Enderby G W, Halton House Lodge
Espin Wm, stationmaster
Goodrick W, Fen
Grant S, near station
Grantham J, Northorpe rd
Grantham W, nr post office
Gray Thomas, Fenside
Gray T, jun Fen
Grayson T, Fenside
Gunnis G, Northorpe rd
Hall Geo, Fenside
Handsley S A, Northorpe rd
Haw E, Tut hole
Haw W, near Tan house
Hides Ann, near school
Holmes W, Fen
Horry W F, Fenside
Hotchin H, near station
Houghtby —, near station
Hurton T, Fenside
Hutson H, Fenside
Johnson A, near station
Johnson Mrs, village
Johnson J, nr stone bridge
Johnson S, Catchwater side
Keal W, Fenside
Kidd G, Plough inn
Lee T, Fenside
Lee W, Fenside
Lindeboom Rev H, the Cottage
Baker E D, post office
Balderson J W, Fen
Balderson J H, near school
Baxter J, near school
Betts T, Northorpe road
Lidgard J, nr Plough inn
Mablestone Rosetta, Fen
Meanwell W E, Holgate
Moor E, Tan house
Oliver W, Northorpe
Pape W, Northorpe road
Parker J, Toynton road
Parsons J W, Fenside
Raithby A, nr Plough inn
Raithby M, nr Plough inn
Raithby T sen, N'thorpe rd
Raithby T, nr Stone bridge
Rattenbury Miss S, Northorpe road
Richardson Major-General, Halton house
Roberts M, Northorpe road
Roughton A, Fen
Russell T, Fenside
Sanderson J, Northorpe rd
Scott Mrs E, Fenside
Scott J, Fenside
Shaw A, Bell inn
Shaw C, village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw T, village
Shaw W, village
Simpson J, Fen
Simpson Miss S A, Fenside
Smalley E, Northorpe road
Smalley Geo, near school
Smith Mrs, the Grange
Smith J, Fenside
Spencer B, Steeping road
Stones W, Fenside
Stothard T C, Fenside
Stothard W H, Fenside
Stubbs F, Fen
Tasker T, Fen
Toin J, Highfields
Turnor D M, Northorpe rd
Vessey J H, Manor house
Vinter P, Northorpe road
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Emma, nr Plough
Wells F W, mill, Holgate
Whiting C, near school
Wilson B, High farm
Winterton Jas, gatehouse
Woodthorpe W, nr station
Woodthorpe J, nr station
Woodward P, Fenside

1906

1906 – 41 Names found in 1896 still appear & 65 new names in 10 years.

Atkin C, Northorpe road
Atkinson J T, Fenside
Atkinson Miss, Fenside
Baker E D, post office
Balderson Mrs, Fenside
Balderson J H, near school
Baxter J, near school
Betts T, Northorpe road
Bonnet W, Fenside
Borrill J, mill
Bowins J, near school
Brown H, near station
Brown T, Fenside
Burkitt F, Fenside
Clarey T, High farm
Clark F, Fenside
Clark H, Fen
Clough Chas, near school
Clough Jas, Spilsby road
Congreave W, near station
Coot J, Northorpe road
Coote J, Toynton road
Curle W, near station
Cussons W M, The Nook, Northorpe road (*see advt*)
Davison F, Northorpe road
Dawson Jane, Fenside
Dickens Capt R A, Cottage
Disbrowe Rev C P, Rectory
Ellis Capt, R.N, Old Hall
Enderby G W, Halton House Lodge
Epton S, Northorpe road
Espin Wm, Stationmaster
Goodrick W, Fen
Grantham W, nr post office
Grantham Wm, Northorpe road
Gray T, Fen
Grayson T, Fenside
Gunnis G, Northorpe road
Hall Geo, Fenside
Handsley S A, Northorpe rd
Haw W, near Tan House
Hides Ann, near school
Horry W F, Fenside
Horsewood D, Wadsley's ln
Hotchin H, near Station
Houghtby H, near Station
Hunt A, Schoolhouse
Hurton T, Fenside
Johnson Mrs, village
Johnson J, nr stone bridge
Johnson S, catchwater side
Keal W, Fenside
Kidd G, Plough inn
Lawson G, Fenside
Lee T, Fenside
Lee W, Fenside
Lilley G, Northorpe road
Lidgard J, nr Plough inn
Mablestone Rosetta, Fen
Meanwell W E, Holgate
Moore E, Tan House
Motson J, nr Station
Pape W, Northorpe road
Parker W, Fenside
Parkinson J, Toynton lane
Parsons J W, Fenside
Raithby A, nr Plough inn
Raithby T, nr stone bridge
Raithby Mrs, near Plough
Rattenbury Miss S, Northorpe road
Richardson, Major-General J B, Halton House
Roberts M, Northorpe road
Robinson J, nr Plough inn
Roughton A, Fen
Russell T, Fenside
Scott Mrs E, Fenside
Shaw A, Bell inn
Shaw A, Northorpe road
Shaw T, village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw Mrs, village
Simpson J, Fen
Simpson Miss S A, Fenside
Smalley E, Northorpe road
Smalley Geo, near school
Smith Mrs, the Grange
Spencer B, Steeping road
Stones Mrs, Fenside
Stothard T C, Fenside
Stothard W H, Fenside
Stubbs F, Fen
Tasker T E, Spilsby road
Tasker T, Fen
Taylor E, Fenside
Toin J, Highfields
Turnor D M, Northorpe rd
Tye F W, the Mill
Vessey J H, Manor House
Vinter P, Northorpe road
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Emma, nr Plough
Whiting C, near school
Winterton Jas, gatehouse
Woodthorpe W, nr Station
Woodthorpe J, nr Station
Woodward P, Fenside

Residents

40 of the 1896 list remain with 63 New names including Widows.

1912

Atkin C, Northorpe road, *Lincs. Chronicle* agent
Atkinson J T, fen side
Baker E D, post office
Baker Mrs, the bungalow
Balderson J H, near school
Baxter J, near school
Betts T, Northorpe road
Blakey A, Halton house lodge
Borrill J, the mill
Brown H, near station
Clarey T, high farm
Clark H, fen
Clark R, fen
Clough Chas, near school
Clough Jas, Spilsby road
Clough J, jun, near station
Coote J, Northorpe road
Coote J, Toynton road
Curle W, near station
Dales W, near station
Davison F, Northorpe road
Disbrowe Rev C P, Rectory
Ellis Capt, RN, old hall
Epton S, Northorpe road
Espin Wm, stationmaster
Garner J H, nr stone bridge
Goodrick W, fen
Grantham W, nr post office
Grantham Wm, Northorpe road
Gray Mrs, station road
Gray T, fenside
Grayson T, fenside
Gunnis G, Northorpe road
Hall Geo, fenside
Handsley Mrs S A, Northorpe road
Hanson A, Bell inn
Harker J W, the mill
Hauton T, fenside
Haw W, near tan house
Hawkesworth Mrs, fenside
Hides Mrs Ann, near school
Horry W F, fenside
Horsewood D, near station
Hunt A, school house
Johnson Mrs, village
Johnson G, fenside
Johnson J, nr stone bridge
Johnson S, catchwater side
Keal W, fenside
Kidd Mrs M A, Plough inn
Lawson G, fen
Lee W, fenside
Lilley G, Northorpe road
Lilley G H, near school
Mablestone Mrs R, fen
Meanwell W E, Holgate
Norris G, near school
Padley H, fenside
Parkinson J, fenside
Parsons J W, fenside
Raithby T, Northorpe
Rattenbury G, the cottage
Rattenbury Miss S, Northorpe road
Richardson Major-General J B, Halton house
Risdale E, the Villa
Roberts H, Northorpe road
Robinson J, nr Plough inn
Roughton A, fen
Russell T, fenside
Rymer E, fenside
Rymer Mrs, fenside
Scott Mrs E, fenside
Shaw A, tan house
Shaw J A, Northorpe road
Shaw T, village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw Mrs, village
Shinn J, fen
Simpson J, fen
Simpson Miss S A, fenside
Smalley Geo, near school
Smith Mrs, the Grange
Smith W, Northorpe road
Snell G, fenside
Spencer B, Steeping road
Spring W, Wadsley lane
Stothard T C, fenside
Stothard W H, fenside
Stubbs F, fen
Tasker T E, Spilsby road
Tasker Miss, fen
Toin J, Highfields
Turnor D M, the Hollies
Vessey J H, Manor house
Vinter Mrs, Northorpe road
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Mrs Emma, near Plough
Whiting C, fenside
Winterton Jas, gatehouse
Woodthorpe Mrs, nr station
Woodthorpe W, nr station
Woodward P, fenside
Wright Allan, Toynton lane

1915

Atkin C, Northorpe road,
Atkinson J T, fenside
Baker E D, post office
Baker Mrs, the bungalow
Balderson J H, near school
Balderson Mrs C, fenside
Borrill J, the mill
Brown H, near station
Cartwright W, the mill
Clarey T, high farm
Clarke H, fen
Clough Chas, near school
Clough Jas, Spilsby road
Clough J jun, near station
Cooper C, Bell inn
Coote J, Toynton road
Curle W, near station
Dales W, near station
Davison F, Northorpe road
Disbrowe Rev C P, Rectory
Ellis Capt, R.N, old hall
Epton S, Northorpe road
Espin Wm, stationmaster
Garner A L, Wadsley lane
Garner J H, nr stone bridge
Goodrick W, fen
Grant C, fen
Grantham H, fenside
Grantham Mrs, Northorpe road
Grantham W, nr post office
Grantham Wm, Northorpe road
Gray Mrs, station road
Gray T, fenside
Grayson T, fenside
Gunnis G, Northorpe road
Hall Mrs G, Steeping road
Handsley Mrs S A, Northorpe road
Hauton Wm, fenside
Haw W, near tan house
Hides Mrs Ann, nr school
Horry W F, fenside
Horsewood D, nr station
Hunt A, school house
Johnson Mrs, village
Johnson G, fenside
Johnson J, nr stone bridge
Johnson S, catchwater side
Keal W, fenside
Kidd T W, Plough inn
Lawson G, fen
Lee W, fenside
Lilley G, Northorpe road
Lilley G H, near school
Massey J, fenside
Mableson H, Halton fen
Baker W, fenside
Baxter J, near school
Blakey A, Halton house lodge
Betts T, Northorpe road
Borrill C, near station
Mableson John, fen
Meanwell W E, Holgate
Norris G, near school
Parkinson J, fenside
Parsons J W, fenside
Peltell H, fenside
Raithby T, Northorpe
Rattenbury G, the cottage
Rattenbury Miss S, Northorpe road
Richardson Major-General J B, Halton house
Richardson Captain J F, Halton house
Roberts H, Northorpe road
Robinson J, nr Plough inn
Roughton A, fen
Russell T, fenside
Rutter H, fen
Rymer E, Fenside
Rymer Mrs, fenside
Shaw Mrs A, tan house
Shaw F, tan house
Shaw J A, Northorpe road
Shaw T, village
Shaw G, Highfield road
Shaw Mrs, village
Simpson H, Northorpe road
Simpson J, fen
Simpson Miss M A, fenside
Smalley Geo, near school
Smith Mrs, the Grange
Smith W, Northorpe road
Snell G, fenside
Stothard T C, fenside
Stothard W H, fenside
Stubbs F, fen
Tasker T E, fen
Toin J T, Highfields
Taylor H R, Northorpe rd
Turnor D M, the Hollies
Vessey J H, Manor house
Wain H, Northorpe road
Warth Mrs Emma, near Plough
Whiting C, fenside
Winterton Jas, gatehouse
Woodthorpe Mrs, nr statn.
Woodthorpe W, nr station
Woodward P, fenside
Wright Allan, Toynton lane

37 of the 1896 list remain with 70 New names including Widows.

The Station



The Spilsby & Firsby Railway was opened May 8th 1868. In Spilsby flags were flown & the Church Bells rang. Manders Menagerie added to the crowd. The Directors, amongst them the Rector of Halton, with nomerous ladies & gentlemen assembled at the Town Hall & proceeded in procession to the Station, where the train awaited them to take them to Firsby. "The carriages were speedily filled, the whistle was soonded, the iron horse glided forward & the train was soon safe at Firsby." (Stamford Mercury.)

Station Masters

1868.	F Royce	5½ years	1882	C Shelley	3 mos.
1872	W. Hone	1 do.	1896	W. Clarke	2 years.
1873	R Liddall	7½ do.	1898	W. Espin, still in	
1882	J Crouter	13¼ do.		Office in 1919.	



View from Railway Bridge looking North.

The two children are Nora Hauton and Florence Woodward.



Halton House (left) and
Halton Manor (right)

The Rev: G. Vessey is Lord of the Manor.
For list of former Lords of the Manor see page.
Mr Vesseys grandfather, a well Known Estate Agent & Agriculturalist, was specially noted for breeding rams. He used to hold annual Shows & Sales at the Manor which attracted breeders from all parts. They are still talked about by old Parishioners. The account of one of them taken from the Stamford Mercury in 1867 is here given:

"The Halton Rams

The season has again arrived for the celebration of these large festive & business gatherings for which Lincolnshire is so preeminently distinguished & which are not only distinguished by a profuse & genuine hospitality, but are by the free interchange of opinions, & communication of results of various modes of feeding & management of the greatest importance to all persons engaged in the breeding & grazing of sheep. The show at Halton Manor was on Monday last. 217 sheep were submitted for examination. The business of the day began in good earnest & before the time appointed for dinner

Ram Sales

all the rams were engaged. The prices obtained we are not able to state as the system of private letting continues to be the rule at Hallon Manor.
Mr Vessey took the chair at dinner supported by J. Banks Stanhope Esq M.P., Thomas Garfit Esq, Rev D. Rawnsley, Gen Rawnsley &c &c.





Views on the River at Hallon.

Wills.

In Vols V & X of Lincoln Record Society will be found a number of Wills of Halton people.

As a specimen of a Will of that date a copy of that of one is here given.

The Testament of Margaret Frysmer

16 January 1521. I Margaret Frysmer &c. To be Buried in the churche yarde off saynt andrews in Halton with my mortuarye after the custom of the towne. To our lady warke of Lincoln vj d † To the hye awter (high altar) off halton ffor tithes forgotton viij d. To our lady off grace a silver ryng or the price. To our lady of pety (pity) an yeyrne (iron) candilstike. To the Trynite altar iiij d. To saynt Kateryne iiij d. To Ashby church xij d. To scremby church xij d. To lytill stepinge church xij d. To nether toynton churche xij d, and to the over parishe xij d. To my daughter Isabell a pair of yerne gallows &c.* To my daughter Agnes. to syr Robert porchylt xij d.⊗ To William gibson an acre land lying at stanwith. To the gild hall at Halton a borde.†† To our lady gild off Halton all my vessil & dishes. To the paintinge of saynt Androw ijs. I will

Notes

† i.e for the work, on Lady Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral

* an iron support for a pot over a fire.

⊗ probably one of the Chantry Priest connected with Chantry Chapel in the Church. Sir Will Ryngott who witnessed will was probably another. Sir is a translation of Latin word Dominus a title commonly applied to the Clergy in former times.

†† A table.

Wills

That Richard Langer & John gibson my son be my executors. The residew of all my goodys I will that they dispose them for my husbandes saull & my saull & all cristen saulles. †

Thies wytnes, Syr Will ryngott, John maninge & Richard malney with other moo (more).

Proved at Eslerkele (East Keal) 17 March 1522.

† i.e. for saying Masses for their souls which were usually said by Chantry Priests, when for the souls of the Founders of Chantries & by the parish priests in other cases when masses were to be said for stated periods & not in perpetuity.

In all wills of the Pre Reformation period something is always left to the Church in some form & frequently as in the above will to neighbouring Churches. Perhaps this is to be accounted for partly by the fact that all wills were then made by the Clergy.

Bequests to the Bells were very frequent.

Richard Elston a man of considerable property in Halton who died 1512 left "to the heye ways of Halton wher most nede ys vj s viij d."

From the same Will we find that the price of joisting a horse or as it reads "gressing of it" was 8d a week.

"I will that when the parsons hors is sold my executor have for every week viij d from the Thursday afore the fest of Penty cost last past unto the fest of sent Micaill the archangell next following for gressing of the said hors."

Wills

1518 The price of a cow appears to have been X s. & a duck 3d!

"I will that the Church of Hallon have a cow or ~~the price~~ x s for to keep the yereday of Robert Mytton & Agnes." From wife of John Crooke of Hallon 1518.

Sir Charles Hussey compounded for his estate at Hallon during Oliver Cromwells Protectorate for £110.

1572 Wm Manby Esq died seized of a Manor in Hallon & Steeping Magna held of the King as of the Manor of Steeping Parva, parcel of the Dutchy of Lancaster by fealty suit of Court & seuenpence halfpenny rent.

Hallon House



Mr Augustus Booth, Mr W.M. Cussons & Commander Ellis lived here in their turn. The house was then purchased



by Major General Richardson & enlarged, as shown in photo, on his retirement in 1899. The sketch is by Gen: J.B. Richardson.

Thomas Grantham born 1634.

The family of Grantham is the oldest Halton family. Mr. Wm Grantham is now living in a house which is said to have been held by one of his name for 600 years. There are about 230 entries in the Parish Registers relating to the Granthams.

The Grantham who came most prominently before the public was Thomas Grantham born in Halton 1634. A full account of his life will be found in Oldfield's History of Wainfleet.

At the age of 14 or 15 "the Lord wrought repentance & faith in his soul". In 1633 he made "open profession of religion" at Boston & joined the General Baptist Chapel there. He still lived at Halton & was very active in providing ministers. In 1656 he became minister to the Baptists at Halton. He suffered much at the hands of the Magistrates & was stoned by the "fellows of the baser sort" for his opinions. He was prosecuted by Cromwells government because he would not worship according to that particular form of dissent favoured by the Protector. So his goods were taken from him. This he appears to have endured cheerfully till they obtained a chapel at North holme. On the Restoration of Charles II all the late Protectorate Regulations were superseded.

The Magistrates would not redress the violent outrages committed against the Baptists & Independents.

T. G & Joseph Wright presented a petition to the King, who promised redress but did nothing.

In 1661 A Proclamation was issued forbidding Anabaptists to worship anywhere except in church.

Two further Petitions were presented by T. G & others.

In 1662 T. G. was arrested at Boston & charged with being a Jesuit in disguise! He was 15 months in prison in Lincoln.

Thomas Grantham.

1664. Conventicle Act passed. Soldiers searched for Anabaptists, disarmed them & broke up meetings.
T.G and others were apprehended & made to run by the horses side from town to town.
T.G. again imprisoned but afterwards set free.
Next T.G was prosecuted for beating a woman whom he had baptised. The case was dismissed.
After this he was attacked ~~by his Ad colleague~~ by Robert Wright who had left the Baptists & taken a living in the Church of England.

1672. The King issued a Proclamation in favour of Dissenters & T.G. was sent by the Lincs Baptists to thank the King.

1686 T.G. settled in Norwich & founded a Baptist Chapel.
He had to meet many calumnies one by the Vicar of Tattershall who confessed in court that his base charge was an invention.
T.G. intended to return to Lincs but died before doing so in 1686.
His virtues are set out at length on a Memorial in the General Baptist Chapel at Norwich.

Musical Competitions 1906.



Back Row (left to right) Dorothy Woodthorpe, Beatrice Clough, Lizzie Bass, Caroline Borrill, Elfleda Woodthorpe, Kathleen Enderby, Nellie Baker, Nellie Carey, Annie Coole.

Front Row. Sidney Woodthorpe, Cecil Atkin, Grace Bonnett, Betsy Shaw, Connie Stevenson, Beatrice Clough, Lucy Clough, William Shaw, Charles Woodward.



1915.

Back Row (left to right) G. Crost, A. Clough, J. Norris, H. Coole, H. Atkin, A. Shaw, H. Clough, W. Robinson, W. Harry.

Middle Row. Miss Enderby, H. Tain, E. Shinn, C. Hunt, R. Thornally, G. Shaw, J.R. Garner, E. Crost, A. Crost, A. Davidson, W. Mableson, G. Shinn, G. Rymer, H. Coole,

Front Row. E. Woodward, - Revell, ——, A. Hanson, T. Hanson, J. Smith, A. Shaw, B. Spring, A. Mableson, ——, S. Haulow.

The National School.

The school was opened in 1847. The site was given by the Rev: F.H. Rawnsley, Rector.
A grant was given towards the cost of building by the National Society for the Education of the children in the principles of the Church of England & by the Trust Deed the School is incorporated with the National Society. It is believed that the rest of the money was raised by Voluntary Contributions & the ~~cost of~~ carting of materials was done by Parishioners.

The early records are not forthcoming. The Rector is ex officio Chairman of the Managers & the Religious Instruction is under his direction. The Head Teacher must be a member of the Church of England.

Under the conditions of the Education Act of 19 the Managers now consist of the Rector The Lord of the Manor, one representative of the Subscribers, one of the Parents & two of the Parish Council.

Considerable improvements were made to the building in 19 . New Cloak Room & Offices being erected. The cost of the additions & alterations was about £120.

Head Teachers

1847
— 1864 R.J. Clark.
1864 — 67 G.H. Nicholls
1867 — 1900. Nicholas G. Heath. A faithful Master for 33 years. On his resignation a Testimonial amounting to about £50 was given to him. See page
1901 — 1905 Albert Roulston.
1905 — 1917 Arthur Hunt.
1917 Annie Maria Evans



'Group in 1872 or 1873.
Shows School as it was before enlargement.

Mr William Naw's Recollections.

Mr William Naw was appointed Parish Clerk in sucession to his father Mr Francis Naw in . He lives in the smallest house in Halton the only wooden dwelling house in the Parish, on the Spilsby Road.

William Naw's Recollections

I can remember the Christmas Eve of 1869. A woman was found nearly frozen to death opposite Mr Vessey's yard by the ringers, one being one of my brothers. The ringers did not go to bed on Christmas Eve in those days, for they used to start Ringing the Bells about 4 o'clock on Christmas morning. Neither did the servants go to bed on Christmas Eve at the Rectory, Halton House, or Mr Vessey's as they were busy cooking the dinner for the children and aged poor of the parish, who were always invited to those three houses for dinner on Christmas Day.
I can remember how the Church was decorated at Christmas 1870 over the North door in large letters made of evergreen, was "Peace on Earth", over the South door "Good Will to Men" & a large star over the Chancel Arch, and Stars and Triangles from all the other Arches and the pillars lined round with evergreen and a piece of holly in every pew end.
I was prepared for Confirmation by Canon Rawnsley the then Rector in 1876 and Confirmed in Spilsby Church by Bishop Wordsworth. About the year 1878 they started ringing the Bells on Easter Sunday Morning. My Father revived an old custom, which died out before he was made Parish Clerk, of chiming two bells at half past 7 on Sunday Morning. Mr Samuel Vessey said to my Father, he should scarcely remember it was Sunday Morning if he did not hear those bells.
When my Father was made Parish Clerk, one of his duties was to go into the Vestry to help the Rector to change his surplice for his black gown in which he used to preach. That was the

early part of the time, but later, he kept the surplice on for all the service. Then he followed the Rector to the Pulpit and closed the door. The Pulpit was higher then it is now and had a door to it, he then went to his desk below the Pulpit. The Rector used to read one verse of the Psalm and the Clerk the other. The Clerk used to show people into seats who were not regular and afterwards go round with a plate(the Churchwardens did not do it in those days), take up the collection. Another custom was when there was a funeral, the Rector and Clerk met the funeral at the Churchyard gate and both read the opening sentence of the burial service until they entered the Church.

Custom for ringing the Bells for Sunday service, 10.30 the big Bell is raised and lowered again, chiming a quarter of an hour, Ting Tang 5 minutes.

That custom I can trace back to Rashdall Holderness who was once Parish Clerk this was told me by his son.

Canon Rawnsley died and is buried in Halton Churchyard. It was a very large funeral. The Magistrates came from Spilsby. We afterwards rang a muffled Peal. The Rev T.W.Sale then became our Rector he entered upon his duties the following Easter. He at once set to work to improve the choir which needed some improvement and encouraged Bell ringing.

While Mr Sale was Rector the Church was again restored 1894 the present vestry built and the Organ put in. There used to be an Organ near the Font, but for some years before the present one was erected we had a harmonium.

Recollections of what my F ather told me.

Our forelders came from Belchford after the battle of Winceby Field . They had killed two fat pigs and they did not want the Cromwell's soldiers to eat the , they had a donkey and cart so they put the pigs and a few other things in the cart and came by night through Hagg to Spilsby and settled there in a house near the Avenue and started business as a Wheelwright, Bellhanger and Harpsichord tuner. There were two brothers. My Father's Mother knew the Franklins well and, when a girl, had nursed some of the children.

My Father can remember the alarm which was caused in Spilsby and the surrounding Villages when it was remoured that the French were going to land at Skegness. A Drum was sent round Spilsby in the night to call out the Volunteers, his Father bd being one. The beacons were lighted on Burgh Church, Crebby Hill, Halton Church, Keal Hill. The man at Tattershall Castle was ordered not to light his that night as it was but a false alarm, to see how many men could be got together in a short time. Th e Farmers were ordered to have waggons in readiness to take the women and children away. The Volunteers were mustered in the Market Place at Spilsby. Barrells of beer were brought out the ends knocked out and then they set off in waggons for Skegness shouting and singing. That was just a test, but they really did think that Napoleon would try to land at Skegness sometime. As soon as my Father was old enough he was taught Bellringing and music and played in the Church band. He played the Bassoon.

My Father could remember seeing a man whipped round Spilsby for some offence. He skated across the canal one Good Friday morning. He could also remember the f irst balloon that visited Spilsby, come down on Blue Hill. Also seeing a woman sold in Spilsby Market, the man whose wife she was delivered h her to the man who bought her in a round halter, as the people

at that time thought if she was thus delivered up, the Law could not interfere but of course the Law did interfere.
He could remember William Hunt the Blacksmith of Halton who was hung for stealing the valuable horse of Dr Bass. In the afternoon he had to shoe the horse and accidently pricked its foot, and he could not sleep aboutit, so he got up in the night and fetched the horse from the stable to take the shoe off again and attend to the foot. The next morning the horse was gone, although Hunt had taken it back after attending to the pricked foot. A year after a man was convicted for horsebreaking and and was sentenced to be hung, before he was hung he wished to make a confession. Hesaid "I am the man who stole the horse t that William Hunt was hung for".
The blacksmith's shop was where Shaw's butcher's shop is now.
The church band used to have a practice in a plantation below the Tan House on a Sunday Morning at 6 o'clock. The members of the band were Augustus BoothEsq, Francis Haw, Edward Sorfleet, George Smith each in turn would come up on the road to listen to the others playing. Francis Haw used to warn the others on a Saturday night not to be late.
During the time my Father was parish clerk he had to help to take up a man who had been buried three weeks, (on a very hot day) named Westerby as there was a suspicion abroad that he had been poisoned b ut it was proved to be false.

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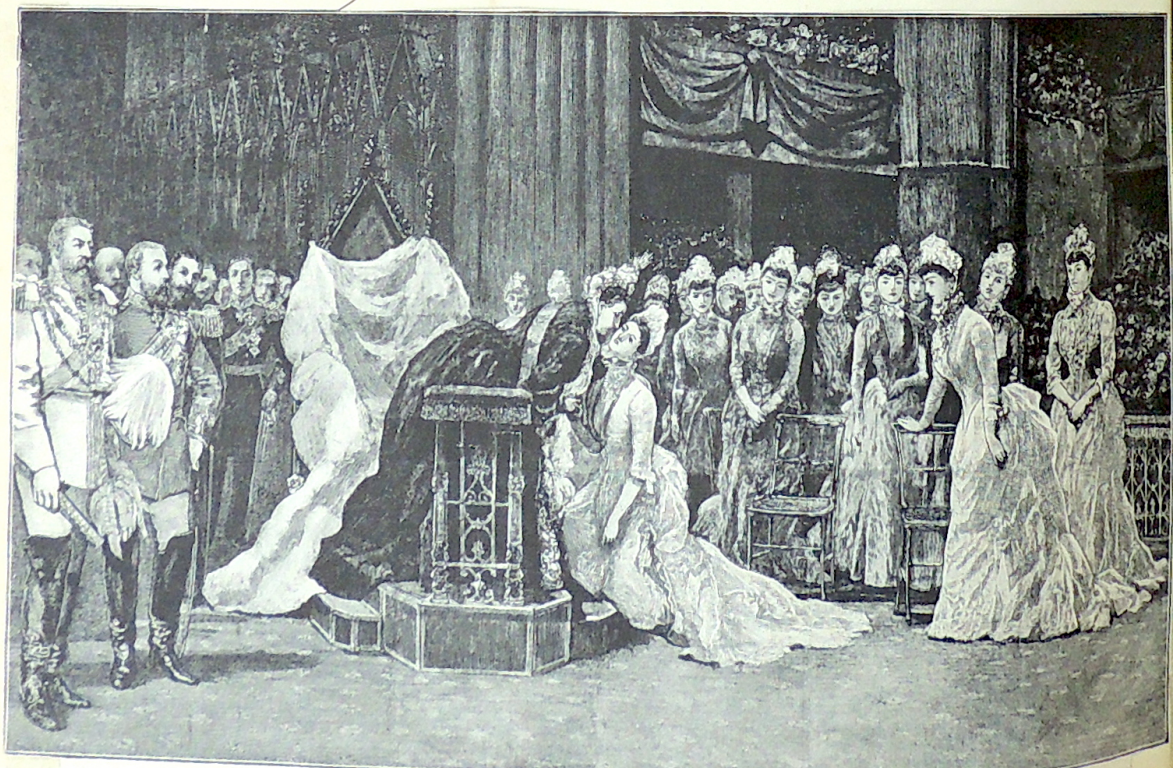
THE PRINCE OF WALES
At the time of his marriage, March 10, 1863



HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE, JUNE 21, 1887—THE QUEEN EMBRACING THE PRINCESS OF WALES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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FEBRUARY THE 27TH, 1872.

Thanksgiving Service

FOR THE

RECOVERY

OF

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SPECIAL PSALMS:

PSALMS 32nd, 103rd, and 116th.

LESSONS:

Ist.—JOB xxxiii.

IInd—II COR., Ist chap., to verse 12.

SPECIAL PRAYER:

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, we thank Thee that Thou hast heard the prayers of this nation in the day of our trial: We praise and magnify Thy glorious name for that Thou hast raised Thy servant ALBERT EDWARD Prince of WALES from the bed of sickness: Thou castest down and Thou liftest up, and health and strength are Thy gifts: We pray Thee to perfect the recovery of Thy servant, and to crown him day by day with more abundant blessings, both for body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Thanksgiving Hymn.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1872.

I.

O THOU our soul's salvation!
Our Hope for earthly weal!
We, who in tribulation
Did for Thy mercy kneel,
Lift up glad hearts before Thee,
And eyes no longer dim,
And for Thy grace adore Thee
In eucharistic hymn.

II.

Forth went the nation weeping
With precious seed of prayer,
Hope's awful vigil keeping
'Mid rumours of despair:
Then did Thy love deliver!
And from Thy gracious Hand,
Joy, like the southern river,
O'erflowed the weary land.

III.

Bless Thou our adoration!
Our gladness sanctify!
Make this rejoicing nation
To Thee by joy more nigh;
O be this great Thanksgiving
Throughout the land we raise,
Wrought into holier living
In all our after days.

IV.

Bless, FATHER, him thou gavest
Back to the loyal land,
O, SAVIOUR, him Thou savest
Still cover with Thine hand:
O, SPIRIT, the Defender,
Be his to guard and guide,
Now in life's midday splendour,
On to the even tide! *Amen.*

JOHN MORTON, PRINTER AND STATIONER, STAMP OFFICE, BOSTON.

1887

A Form

OF

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

TO

ALMIGHTY GOD,

UPON THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY YEARS OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN;

TO BE USED

On Tuesday the 21st day of June next, and certain other days as herein appointed,

IN ALL CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN ENGLAND AND WALES, AND IN THE TOWN OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

By Authority.

LONDON: Printed by EYRE AND SPOTTISWOODE,
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1887.

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THE ARCHBISHOP DOING HOMAGE TO HER MAJESTY

AFTER THE DIAMOND JUBILEE SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S, JUNE 22, 1897

DRAWN BY W. SMALL

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OF

PRAYER WITH THANKSGIVING

TO

ALMIGHTY GOD,

TO BE USED

In all Churches and Chapels in England and Wales,
and in the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed,

UPON

Sunday the Twentieth Day of June 1897.

LONDON:
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Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.
1897.

The Jubilee & Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria were loyally celebrated. In 1887 A Service was held. A Knife & fork Tea was provided for everybody in the Parish. Sports were held & medals distributed. Subscriptions amounted to £34.

In 1897 practically the same amount was raised & a similar programme was carried out.

A

FORM

OF

INTERCESSION

WITH

ALMIGHTY GOD,

ON BEHALF OF

HER MAJESTY'S NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA,

TO BE USED

In all CHURCHES and CHAPELS in ENGLAND and WALES, and in the Town of BERWICK-UPON-TWEED,

On such occasions as each BISHOP shall appoint for his own Diocese.

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1900.

Capt J. F. Richardson then 2nd Lt in 2nd Line Regiment served in the South African war.
Sergt Hammerton who formerly lived here with Mr Wain by whom he had been adopted also served.
At the end of the War they were heartily welcomed
The carriage was pulled up from the Station preceeded by the band of the Spilsby Company of Volunteers in the midst of a large torch Light procession
Lce Corp Charles Taylor also served in 2nd Lincolns.
Mr Hickman who has since (1915) come to reside here also served in the war.

1900

The Rev. C.P. Disbrowe began his Residence as Rector in January. 1900

At that time the only way of lighting the Church was by candles at the top of the "Poppy Heads" i.e the Bench ends. This was so inadequate that Evening services could not be held in the Winter. Subscriptions were therefore invited to provide Lamps £16 being given. The cost of Lamps &c was £25.

It was therefore decided to have a Garden Fete in the Rectory Garden to provide the deficit of £9 & for other purposes.

The Fete produced £58 gross & £47. 8. 0 nett. £35. 4. 0 was given to the National School for some necessary work. The willing assistance given by Parishioners in running this & many subsequent Fetes & Entertainments will always be remembered with gratitude by the Late Rector & Mrs Disbrowe.

Evening Services were begun in the winter of this year.

1901 This year Halton began its association with the Village Magazine some extracts from which are given below.

January

EDITORIAL.

A new Magazine, or rather an old Magazine in a new form, makes its appearance with this number for January, 1901. For nine years a "Village Magazine" has been circulated among the country parishes of the Alford and, to some extent also, the Spilsby District. Its success has been considerable, and now that Alford itself wishes also to join, it has been thought best to make a division, and this new form under the old name will be issued monthly from Spilsby. It will circulate among the following parishes—New Bolingbroke, Bratoft and Irby, Candlesby, Firsby and Great Steeping, Mavis Enderby and Raithby, East Kirkby and Hagnaby, Halton Holegate, Orby, Partney and Dalby, Little Steeping, Stickney, Thorpe St. Peter's, East Keal and West Keal. The demand at present is for 560 copies a month. Let us hope that before the year is out this number will be doubled, and that other parishes will have joined us. Meanwhile for all our readers our best wish is A Happy New Year.

My dear Friends,

When this Magazine reaches you, a New Year and a New Century will have begun. To one and all I heartily wish a most Happy New Year, and that each year of the new century may bring with it new joys. We have no complete record of the doings of Halton Parish for the last century, but it is hoped that this effort in joining our neighbours in a new Magazine, may prove of such lasting use as to furnish a complete record of our parochical life during this new century. I earnestly hope that you will all be found worshipping in your Parish Church on the first Sunday of the New Century. Special sermons will be preached in reference to the century now past,

Yours faithfully,

C. P. DISBROWE.

The School.—It is with very sincere sorrow, that we have to announce the resignation of Mr. N. G. Heath, who has been master of our National School for 34 years. We had hoped that Mr. Heath might have recovered his health sufficiently to have continued his work at the school, but unfortunately, the improvement in his health which enabled him to take charge of the school after the summer holidays has not been continued, and the managers have reluctantly been obliged to accept his resignation. At their last meeting, the following resolution was passed by them—"that the managers desire to place on record their great regret at the resignation of Mr. Heath through illhealth, and their deep sympathy with him and his family, and their best wishes for the recovery of his health. At the same time, to also place on record, their great appreciation of the value of Mr. Heath's excellent work in the school extending over 34 years, during which time he has won the esteem and affection of manager, parents and children alike."

S.P.G.—Sermons in connection with the Bicentenary of the S.P.G., were preached here on Dec. 9th, when the Rev. H. J. Bassett preached in the morning, and the Rev. W. O. Peile in the evening. The Annual Meeting was held on Dec. 19th, a dark and rainy night, the Deputation, the Rev. Deans Cowan, giving a most interesting lecture on life in Madagascar. There was a good attendance.

Accounts.—Offertory, £1 17s. 11d.; Meeting, 14s. 9d.; Boxes, £1 15s. 10d.; Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, £1 1s.; Total, £5 9s. 6d. Boxes were returned by—E. Baker, Ethel and Caroline Borrill, Henry Disbrowe, Wilfrid Disbrowe, George Grantham, Margaret and George Heath, Miss Tasker, Mrs. Abrahall. We still require one more subscriber to the Mission Field in order to get them at half-price.

Lance-Corporal Charles Taylor sailed for South Africa in December, and Second Lieutenant John F. Richardson is under orders to join his regiment at the front. Both belong to the 2nd Lincolns. We wish them good luck and a safe return.

Offertories in Dec.—Sick and poor, Dec. 2nd, 11 a.m., 9s. 1½d.; Dec. 16th, 11 a.m., 5s. 7½d. S.P.G., Dec. 16th, 8 a.m., 14s. 1d.; 11 a.m., 9s. 3d.; 3 p.m., 2s. 9d.; 6-30 p.m., 11s. 10½d. Total £1 17s. 11½d.

The Fonside Service will be continued till further notice. This is held at Mrs. Scott's house on Fridays at 2-30 in one week, and at 7 p.m. on the next.

1901 Queen Victoria died Jan. 22 1901

Born 24 May 1819. Began to reign 1837

All loyal subjects of the British Empire are mourning the loss of their Queen. Full of years, crowned with glories, and loved by all her people, Queen Victoria has passed away. For 64 years she has been not only the Sovereign of a great Empire, but the personification of all that is good, virtuous, and honourable. She leaves behind her the tradition of difficult duties faithfully performed, and of wisdom developed by attention to principle. A reign is ended which in length and splendour has had no equal, and a life is closed which in beauty and pathos has never been surpassed. Part of ourselves as no other monarch has ever been before, what must she have been to her nearest and dearest? And if we think of the Queen and the mother, we forget not also those 40 years of widowhood, and we feel that our own Lincolnshire poet's prayer for her has found its fulfilment at last.

His love unseen but felt o'ershadow Thee,
The love of all Thy sons encompass Thee,
The love of all Thy daughters cherish Thee,
The love of all Thy people comfort Thee,
Till God's love set Thee at his side again.

Burial—Jan. 22nd, Elizabeth Enderby, aged 61.

Great credit is due to the choir for the excellent manner in which they rendered a selection of Carols on the evening of the Sunday after Christmas. The following was the programme :—(1) "O Bethlehem Fair,"



THE QUEEN IN MILITARY COSTUME AT A REVIEW AT WINDSOR 1837
From the Picture by Prentice



THE QUEEN,

Turn over

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MARRIAGE.—Feb. 21st, Harry Simons and Anna Curle.

BURIAL.—Feb. 15th, Francis Haw, aged 50.

Offertories.—
Jan. 27th—General Fund, 4s. 4d.
Feb. 3rd—Sick and Poor, 7s. 10d.
" 10th—Diocesan Sunday Fund, 16s. 10d.
" 17th—Sick and Poor, 8s. 6d.
" 20th—Waifs and Strays, 3s. 7d.

"All offerings placed in the box in the Church during Lent will be given to the Waifs and Strays.

Presentation to Mr. N. G. Heath.—It was a great satisfaction to Mr. Heath's many friends who crowded the Schoolroom on Feb. 19th, that he was well enough to be present to meet them. The chair was taken by the Rector, who spoke of the great advantage to the parish when the Schoolmaster exerted all his influence for the promotion of all good works as Mr. Heath had always done. He gratefully acknowledged the help he had received from him when he first came to the parish, and he pointed to the long list of the members of the families of the two late Rectors as an evidence of the respect always felt for Mr. Heath at the Rectory. He trusted that his health might be restored to him. Mr. Vessey, in a few well-chosen sentences, spoke eulogistically of Mr. Heath's work amongst them, and heartily wished him a restoration to health. Mr. J. F. Rawnsley said he was an old pupil of Mr. Heath. He felt it was a sad occasion, but it must be something for Mr. Heath to feel, when he looked at the list of subscribers, that he had at least two hundred friends. General Richardson said he could not help thinking that one reason why people in Halton pulled so well together was that Mr. Heath had been educating them for 34 years. It was greatly due to his good influence. Mr. W. M. Cussons went back to the time when he remembered the alms-houses standing where the school now stood. These were sold by the parish and the present school built. He was the first boy educated there. He drew a graphic picture of the difference between things then and now. As an office-bearer he spoke feelingly of the constant support he had received from Mr. Heath and his grief at his departure. The presentation of the address was then made by Mr. E. D. Baker. He said, as a member of one branch of the building trade he knew how important a good foundation was. Mr. Heath laid the foundation of his education and he was grateful to him for it. He then, amid loud applause, presented the following Address:—

Presented to Mr. Nicholas George Heath upon his resignation of the Head Mastership of Halton Holgate National School.

We, whose names appear below, desire to express to Mr. Heath our deep regret at his resignation of the Head Mastership of Halton Holgate National School, after 34 years faithful service. We beg him to accept this address, together with the accompanying Purse of Gold, as an expression of our respect and esteem. We heartily appreciate the good work he has done in Halton. As a Schoolmaster the high order of his teaching has not only been recognized by the hearty approval of Managers, Teachers, Parents, and Scholars of Halton and the neighbouring parishes, but also the uniformly excellent reports of H.M. Inspectors. As a parishioner Mr. Heath has heartily co-operated in all work connected with the Church; with the Choir; as Organist; in the Sunday School; as well as in every movement for the general good of the Parish. We sincerely regret that ill-health has obliged him to sever his connection with us, but we earnestly trust that care, and rest from his labours, will restore him to health, and that the blessing of God may be with him and his family in the years to come.

Mr. G. W. Enderby stated that he and all his brothers had been educated by Mr. Heath. He had great pleasure, on behalf of the subscribers, in presenting him with a purse, on which his name was stamped and which contained £50 5s. 6d. (Loud applause.) Master E. D. Baker then presented a beautiful ebony walking stick, mounted in silver, from the children of Halton, "in gratitude for what Mr. Heath had done for them." Mr. N. G. Heath, on rising to reply, was loudly cheered. He said words seemed cold and he could not express what he felt, but he thanked them all. He was most grateful to them, and would value what had been said, and their gifts, very highly. He gave an amusing account of his journey across the fens when he first came to Halton, and how he thought he would not stay long. But he had stayed till then and always received the greatest kindness, for which he thanked them. Mr. T. Smith then moved and Captain Ellis seconded a vote of thanks to General Richardson for so beautifully illuminating the Address, and to Mr. Baker for acting as Secretary. These having been suitably acknowledged, a vote of thanks to the chairman was also passed, and the National Anthem brought a memorable meeting to a close.

On Feb. 4th, a most interesting Lecture, illustrated by lantern views, on the work of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, was given by Rev. J. P. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney. The collection amounted to 16s.

Lent Preachers.—
Friday, March 1st, Rev. K. B. Hancock.
Wednesday, March 6th, Rev. G. G. Walker.
Wednesday, March 13th, Rev. T. H. Bailey.
Friday, March 29th, Rev. R. Barrow.

Except on March 1st, the Special Services will be at 7-30 p.m.

PARISH REGISTER.—Helen Meres buried Mar. 6th, aged 75 years.

The Sunday School Treat was held in the School on Feb. 12th. Tea, followed by games and a distribution of prizes made the evening pass all too quickly. The following children obtained most marks in their respective classes, viz.: Class I., Margaret Heath; Class II., Elsie Heath; Class III., Caroline Borrill; Class IV., David Lilley.

Good Friday—Services, 11 a.m. and 7-30 p.m.

Easter Day.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Lamp Fund.—Mr. E. Haw, 2s. 6d. We regret that we omitted "Mrs. Keal 6d." in the first list of subscribers.

The Easter Vestry was held on April 12th. The Rector nominated Mr. W. M. Cussons as his Warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. E. D. Baker was elected Parish Warden. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to both these gentlemen for their services in the past year. A similar vote was also passed to the voluntary Church workers. Mr. Baker presented the Churchwardens' accounts, which showed an adverse balance of £11 5s. 9d. This balance is accounted for by the extraordinary expenditure incurred during the past year. The thorough cleaning, painting, repairs to lead, renewing water pipes, and repairs to fences have cost £15 1s. 1d. Against this the only extraordinary receipt has been the balance from the last rummage sale, viz., £6 6s. 6d. Then the evening service has considerably added to the annual expenses. The cost of oil, and trimming and lighting lamps, &c., amounting to £4 6s. 2d. The meeting decided that a further subscription list be opened, and that notice be given that the Churchwardens would be glad to receive extra subscriptions towards wiping off the deficit. The following have been received: Gen. Richardson £1, J. H. Vessey, Esq., £1, The Rector £1, Mrs. Disbrowe 10s., Col. Goodwin £1, Mr. W. M. Cussons 5s.

Summary of Churchwardens' Accounts for year ending 1901:

Receipts: Balance from Special Fund raised in 1899, £6 6s. 6d.; Balance from 1900, 13s. 7½d.; From General Offertory Fund, £5 15s. 1d.; Other Offertories, £7 15s. 4d.; Donation, 2s. 6d.; 70 Annual Subscribers, £9 10s. 10d.; Balance due to Churchwardens, £11 5s. 9d. Total, £41 9s. 7½d.

Payments: Insurance, £1 10s.; Salaries and Labour, £15 14s. 3d.; Ringers, 10s.; Tradesmen's Bills, £23 10s. 7½d.; Churchwardens' Allowance, 4s.; Receipt Book and Stamps, 9d. Total, £41 9s. 7½d.

There were 59 Communicants on Easter Day.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.—A Garden Fête will be held in the Rectory Grounds, Halton Holgate, on Tuesday, June 18th. The programme will consist of—Sale of Work, &c., Rummage Stall, Public Tea, Dramatic Entertainment, Gymkhana, Lightning Portraits, Donkey Riding, Cocoa Nuts, Performance by Halton Nigger Troupe, Dancing, Spilsby Volunteer Band, Refreshments, Ices, &c., &c. Proceeds will be devoted to paying balance of Lamp Fund and to repairs and improvements at the National School. All contributions for New or Rummage Stall thankfully received. Also any offers of personal help from parishioners or gifts of provisions for Tea or Refreshment Stall. Further particulars next month.

MARRIAGE.—April 7th, William Henry England and Lizzie Creasey.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—Owing to various causes the expenses have this year been unusually heavy, and consequently the accounts show a deficit of £34 14s. 7½d. The following subscriptions have been received this year. It is hoped that some new subscribers may be obtained. Miss Rattenbury 1s. 6d., Friend 1s. 6d., Rev. G. Vessey £2, Executors of late J. H. Vessey, Esq., £3, Friend £1, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe £3, Mr. W. Shaw 2s. 6d., Mr. Congreve 4s., Mr. Woodthorpe 5s., Mr. T. Smith £1, Miss Simpson 2s. 6d., Mr. Pape 2s. 6d., Mr. Cussons 5s., Mr. Gunnis 2s. 6d., Mr. Roughton 10s., Mr. Stubbs 2s. 6d., Mr. J. Simpson 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Hoff £5, Mr. Wells 5s., General Richardson £1, Mr. E. D. Baker 7s. 6d., Mr. A. Raithby 2s. 6d., Mr. Stones 7s., Mr. Grant 1s., Mr. T. Grey 10s., Mr. E. Haw 5s., Mr. W. F. Rawnsley £2, Mr. A. Shaw 2s. 6d., Mr. Borrill 10s., Mr. Abbott 1/-, Mr. M. Enderby 10/-, Mr. G. Walker 10s., Mr. Balderson 5s., Great Northern Railway £1, Lord Willoughby-de-Eresby, M.P., £2, Mr. W. H. Ward 2s. 6d., Offertory £2. Total, £32 1s.

Garden Fete.

We feel that we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon the results of our Garden Fête. We had a fine day in the midst of unsettled weather, though the cold wind caused several changes in arrangements on the morning of the event. It is very pleasing to be able to record how willingly and unselfishly all our parishioners gave every assistance in their power, both in preparing for the Fête and in carrying it out, and we also beg to thank all our kind neighbours from other parishes for their liberal support on this occasion. The gross receipts amounted to £57. From two o'clock in the afternoon, when the Rummage Sale commenced, till after 11 at night, there was a large concourse of visitors, who had a variety of attractions provided for them. These were all well patronised. The Rummage Stalls were in charge of the following ladies: Mrs. Disbrowe, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Enderby, Mrs. E. Haw, Mrs. W. Haw, Mrs. Waite, Miss Sale, Miss Atkinson, Miss Gunnis, Miss Espin, Miss Borrill, Miss Tasker. The Gentlemen's Department was managed by General Richardson. The New Stall was managed by Mrs. Richardson, who was assisted by Mrs. Goodwyn, Mrs. G. Vessey, Mrs. Baker, senr., and the Misses Biddulph. Much amusement was caused by the Gramophone, under the charge of Mr. E. A. Cass, Colonel Goodwyn, and Rev. G. Ridley; whilst the donkeys found many patrons, being managed by Messrs. A. E. Roulston, Wells, Woodthorpe, and F. Shaw. The Cocoa-nuts were exhausted early in the evening: these were in charge of Mr. G. Enderby and Mr. T. Grey. The Rev. C. H. Murray, assisted by Mr. H. Vessey, took Lightning Portraits, this proving a popular novelty. Ices, kindly provided by Mrs. B. C. Garfit, were dispensed by Admiral Buckle. The children were not forgotten, their wants being provided for by a Bran Tub, managed by Misses Enderby, M. Smith, M. Heath, and Bird, and Masters Baker and Heath; tricycles by Miss Freshney, Miss Ellis, and Master H. C. Disbrowe; swing, Master C. W. Disbrowe and Miss Lee. Miss Rawnsley and Miss Buckle gave an entertainment, entitled, "Two Geese," to purchasers of Rummage, and also at higher prices; and Miss Rawnsley and Mr. Montgomery gave a performance of "The Mousetrap," all of which were much enjoyed. About 300 sat down to Tea, which was provided indoors and also on the lawn. The tea makers were Mesdames Atkin, E. Baker, Borrill, Cussons, Enderby, W. Haw, Roulston, T. Smith, Waite, and Miss Skelton. These were assisted by a large number of helpers, including Mrs. F. Haw, and the Misses Baker, Borrill, Espin, Elvin (2), Hales, Jackson, Storr, Tasker, Messrs. C. Borrill, A. E. Roulston, M. Shaw, W. Haw, and R. Wharfe. The Gymkhana, which was organised by General Richardson, was most successful. He was assisted by the following Stewards, viz.: Colonel Goodwyn, Mr. J. Rawnsley, Mr. H. Vessey, Mr. J. Borrill, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. C. Booth, and others. The prize winners were: Hop, walk, and run race—1, Mr. G. F. Burgess, Partney; 2, Mr. H. Bond, Partney.

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The picture here is omitted as it is deemed offensive in the current climate. It pictures a minstrel show. It is still available in the Historic Volume.

Halton Concert Troupe.

Performed at intervals during several years

Bicycle potato race—1, Mr. P. Moody, Skegness; 2, Miss D. Ellis, Spilsby. Donkey polo race—1, Mr. T. Lansdale, Spilsby; 2, Mr. F. H. Witty. Bicycle competition: Turk's head, and ring taking and tent pegging —1, Mr. J. H. Walker, Spilsby; 2, Mr. H. Bond, Partney. Most accomplished couple race—1, Mr. J. H. Walker and Miss D. Ellis, Spilsby; 2, Mr. T. H. Lansdale and Miss M. Bamber, Spilsby. The Halton Concert Troupe gave three performances during the evening and gave much pleasure to their audiences, not finishing their labours until 11 o'clock. They consisted of Messrs. A. E. Roulston, J. Enderby, F. Shaw, M. Shaw, J. Lilley, G. Lilley, A. Chapman, H. Haw, and R. Wharfe. Dancing to the strains of the Volunteer Brass Band was kept up until after 11 p.m., the M.C.'s being General Richardson, Colonel Goodwyn, and Mr. J. F. Rawnsley. Besides the above-named, much assistance was given in money taking and other ways by Mr. W. M. Cussons, Mr. E. D. Baker, Mr. G. Gunnis, Mr. Atkin, Mr. W. Hoff, the Rev. G. G. Walker, W. Coote, &c. The lighting of the Fairy Lamps and Chinese Lanterns was undertaken by Mr. E. D. Baker. We wish particularly to thank Mr. E. D. Baker for erecting platform and giving other assistance; Mr. E. Haw for kindly carting chairs and tables, &c.; Mr. W. Haw for loan of copper; Messrs. Green & Crofts (Skegness), for flags and lamps; and the following for kindly providing provisions for Tea and Refreshment Stall: Mesdames Allison, Baker, senr., E. D. Baker, Barrow, Cussons, Dickenson, Disbrowe, Ellis, Goodwyn, T. Grey, W. Haw, Pape, Richardson, Roulston, Roughton, A. Shaw, J. Simpson, T. Smith, Stones, Tasker, Woodthorpe, the Misses Atkinson and Cussons, and Messrs. Borrill Pape, Vessey, and Wells; Mr. Shaw ("The Shades") and Mr. Witty for loan of their tables and crockery; Mr. Bailey (Spilsby); Messrs. M. Enderby, H. Vessey, T. Smith, Stones, and Gray for waggons.

Balance in hand £47 8s.; Total £58 10s. 9d. It will be seen from the above account that we cleared £47 8s. at our Fête, after paying expenses. Out of this sum the balance of the account of the new lamps, amounting to £12 4s., has been paid, and the sum of £35 4s. has been paid to the School account towards the expenses of proposed improvements.

Baptism.—July 21st, Horace Arthur Clough.

The Spilsby Company of the Rifle Volunteers attended Halton Church on Sunday, June 30th, when there was a good muster of Volunteers and of the general public.

Our hearty congratulations are offered to Colonel and Mrs. Goodwyn, whose son, Lieut. Goodwyn, has been specially recommended for reward by Lord Kitchener in his despatch of 8th of May. Lord Kitchener's last despatch gives a detailed accounnt of the operations of the two preceding months. Among the list of Officers and N.C.O.'s mentioned for rewards for distinguished service in the field are: 1st Batt. East Lancashire Regt., mentioned by General Willson and General Babington on conduct of convoy from Cyferkenil to Klerksdorp, 22nd April. Lieut. P. C. W. Goodwyn, in command of left flank guard, with only 10 men galloped for a spur to which Boers were making. With great gallantry got to close quarters with the enemy, killing one and wounding two. I regret to say that he lost two killed and three wounded and the remainder were taken prisoners. This attack, made on his own initiative, was of very great assistance in detaining the enemy. Enemy themselves stated they had 180 men on the Kopje. "Has been conspicuous on more than one previous occasion" (General Babington). "Lieut. Goodwyn by his daring charge contributed without doubt to the successful safe conduct of the convoy" (General Willson). The undermentioned men were recommended by Lieut. Goodwyn for conspicuous gallantry on this occasion. L.-Corpl. Connrey, who had his horse twice wounded, and himself received five bullet wounds. Pte. Burrows under a heavy fire removed the bolts of the rifles from the dead and wounded to prevent their being made use of by the enemy. Lord Kitchener, on receipt of General Willson's despatch, promoted L.-Corpl. Connrey to be Sergeant, and Pte. Burrows to be Corporal, and has recommended them for the "Distinguished Conduct in the Field" Medal.

Baptisms.—June 2nd, Daisy, daughter of John William and Mary Askew. July 2nd, Horace Arthur, son of Charles and Sarah Ann Clough.

Burials.—July 24th, Luke William Moore, aged 83. Aug. 23rd, William Stones, aged 77.

The children belonging to the Sunday School, numbering 56, together with some of their parents, went to Skegness on Aug. 10th. The weather was all that could be desired and a very enjoyable day was spent.

In response to an appeal for a fund to be raised for the endowment of the Cottage Hospital at present in course of erection on the Hundleby Road, the fund to be called the "Queen Victoria Endowment Fund," in memory of our late beloved Queen, Halton Holgate, as usual, has done well, £12 0s. 9d. being the amount collected.

Baptisms.—Sept. 1st, Florence Lucy, daughter of Parker and Mary Jane Woodward. Doris May, daughter of George Samuel and Martha Smalley. Sept. 8th, Blanche May, Harry, and Ivy Louisa, children of Frederick William and Anne Wells.

The Schoolroom has been opened as a Reading Room for the Winter months. The subscription is 2s. 6d. for the season or 1s. down and 1d. a week whilst the club is open. The room is open each weeknight except Saturday from 7—9-30. The club opened on October 14th and now numbers 20 members. The committee consist of the following. Chairman, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe; Patrons, Major-General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker; Committee, Messrs. C. Atkin, C. Borrill, G. Congreve, S. Congreve, G. Enderby, J. Lilley, G. Lilley, A. E. Roulston, J. Shaw, F. Shaw, G. R. Snell, R. Wharfe.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, October 6th. The preacher at evensong was the Rev. J. Howard, Rector of Ashby. The bad weather prevented some from being present and the offertory also suffered. The offertory amounted to £5 0s. 10d.,

The sudden death of Mr. Nicholas G. Heath cast a gloom over the parish. The deepest sympathy was universally felt for Mrs. Heath and her children in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place here on Nov. 8th. Besides the mourners a large number of the friends of the late Mr. Heath were present at the service, including the churchwardens, the choir, the teachers and children of the National School, a number of teachers from neighbouring schools, and many past and present Halton parishioners. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Ward and the Rector, and the choir sang the appropriate hymns with much feeling. The Rector preached on Sunday morning on the words, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou," pointing out the marks of the true teacher, and speaking sympathetically of the good work done in the place by the late Mr. Heath.

It is proposed to hold two cheap entertainments, on Nov. 28th and Dec. 26th. The proceeds for the Reading Room.

The Adult Clothing Club cards have been given out, a bonus of 4s. 8d. being paid on each fully and regularly paid-up card.

S.P.G.—A general exchange of pulpits will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8th, and collections be made for the S.P.G. morning, afternoon, and evening. The preacher here will be Rev. R. Barrow in the morning, and Rev. C. T. Williams afternoon and evening.

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Burial.—Nov. 8th, Nicholas G. Heath, aged 55.

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S.P.G.—Sermons on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel were preached here on Dec. 8th; in the morning by Rev. R. Barrow, and afternoon and evening by Rev. C. T. Williams. The sum of £5 8s. 6d., has been forwarded to the Society from this Parish, made up as follows: Sermons £1 4s. 7d., Meeting £1 9s. 4d., Subscription (Rev. C. P. Disbrowe) £1 1s.; Boxes, E.D. Baker 2s. 11½; Nellie Baker 3s. 3½d., Mrs. Allison 3s. 1d., Kathleen Enderby 1s. 2d., Ethel and Caroline Borrill 3s. 7½d., Mary Woodward 2s. 10½d., Henry Disbrowe 2s. 3½d., Wilfrid Disbrowe 2s. 6d., George Grantham 3s. 1½d., George Smith 1s. 6d., Miss Tasker 3s. 1d., Mr. W. Haw 4s. 1d. Total ~~£5 8s. 6d.~~ £5. 3. 5

An Entertainment was given in the Schoolroom on Nov. 27th in aid of the Reading Room Funds. The room was very crowded and the efforts of the performers were much appreciated. The following was the programme. Pianoforte, Mr. Roulston; Song, "The German Band," Master E. Baker; Song, "Poor old Joe," Mr. G. Lilley; Reading, Mr. Roulston; Gramophone, Rev. G. Ridley; Song, "The gallant 24th," Mr. G. Enderby; Song, Miss Gunnis; Stump Speech, Mr. C. Atkin; Song, Mr. A. Cheales; Song, Mr. Carr; Recitation, General Richardson; Song, Mr. Parsons; Song, Miss Read; Song Mr. A. Cheales; Song, Mr. Carr; Song, Mr. Parsons.

Considerable repairs and improvements are being carried out at the School House.

At the last periodical examination the following names appear in order of merit. *Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.*—Class I:—1 B. Bosworth, 2 C. Shaw, 3 F. Clark, 4 H. Stones, 5 E. Baker, 6 K. Congreve, 7 J. Clarey; Class II:—1 C. Borrill, 2 H. Harrison, 3 C. Haw, 4 E. Clough, 5 C. Horry, 6 K. Enderby, 7 E. Borrill; Class III:—1 T. Carey, 2 F. Johnson 3 J. Clough, 4 H. Bonnett, 5 E. Woodthorpe, 6 B. Bass, 7 W. Smith, 8 D. Lilley; Junior Class:—1 E. Baker, equal, C. Atkin, E. Carey, M. Johnson; 5 C. Woodward, 6 E. Wells; *Geography and History*:—Class I:—1 E. Baker, 2 B. Bosworth 3 E. Stones, 4 F. Carey, 5 F. Bourne, 6 E. Leggate, 7 K. Congreve, 8 C. Clough; Class II:—1 T. Lee, 2 C. Borrill, 3 K. Enderby, 4 E. Borrill; *Writing Prizes*:—1 B. Bosworth, 2 K. Congreve, 3 K. Enderby, 4 F. Johnson, 5 W. Smith, 6 M. Johnson, 7 E. Wells.

The following special donations have been received: Churchwardens' Fund: Mrs. Richardson £1; Col. Goodwyn £1; Rector £1. Sick and Poor: Col. Goodwyn £1 1s. Reading Room: Col. Goodwyn 5s., Gen. Richardson 10s. Concert £1 17s. 2d.

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Burial.—Jan. 13th, Amy Gladys Clough, aged 4 months.

A most successful Entertainment was held on Boxing Night. Cheap prices and an excellent programme enabled many to enjoy the efforts of our kind friends who contributed to the programme. Songs were sung by Miss Richardson, Miss E. Howard, Mrs. McDuff, Messrs. J. Badley, J. Enderby, G. Smalley, A. E. Roulston, and Parsons. Miss Burgess gave violin solos. A quartette party, consisting of Mrs. McDuff, Miss E. Howard, Rev. J. Howard, and Rev. C. P. Disbrowe contributed two glees. Amusing readings were given by General Richardson and Rev. W. Howard; whilst the amusing trio, "A Little farm well tilled," was sung by Messrs. A. E. Roulston, F. Shaw, and the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe. The most onerous part of the accompanying fell to the lot of Mrs. Disbrowe, Miss Burgess, and Mr. McDuff, F.R.C.O.

On the evening of the Sunday after Xmas the Choir sang a selection of music suitable to the Xmas season, at a special evening service, Evensong having been said in the afternoon. The programme included the following items: (1) Anthem, "A Saviour Christ the Lord," *Clare*, Choir; (2) Carol, "Nowell," solo, the Rector; (3) "Nazareth," *Gounod*, Miss M. Elvin, Miss E. Enderby, Mr. Roulston, and Mr. F. Shaw; (4) Carol, "Bethlehem Fair," solos, F. Clarke, Miss Lee and Miss Jackson; (5) Short Organ Recital by Mr. McDuff, F.R.C.O.; (6) Anthem, "Peace on Earth," *Simper*, the Choir; (7) Carol, "Emmanuel," solos, Messrs. G. Enderby, C. Atkin, A. E. Roulston; (8) Carol, "Angels Bright," solos, Miss E. Elvin, Mr. G. Lilley, Mr. R. Wharfe; (9) Carol, "Good King Wenceslas," *King* Mr. F. Shaw, *Page* Mr. E. Baker; (10) Carol, "See the joyful day begin," solos, F. Haw, E. Shaw, C. Haw.

On Jan. 23rd, the Halton Concert Troupe gave their second performance. The room was crowded to excess, and £4 1s. 5d. was taken for the Reading Room, of which all the performers were members. Proceedings commenced with a most excellently performed little piece, entitled, "How Bill Adams won the Battle of Waterloo." Mr. C. Shaw made a capital landlord, whilst Messrs. Basker and Snell acquitted themselves well as the Stranger and Bill Adams respectively. The Concert Troupe was composed of the following: Mr. Johnson—Mr. A. E. Roulston; Bones and Peter (Cornermen)—Messrs. F. Shaw and G. Enderby; Diogenes—Mr. J. Lilley; John—Mr. C. Atkin; Tambo—Mr. J. Shaw; —Mr. R. Wharfe; Ferdinand Adolphus—Mr. G. Lilley; Artie—Mr. G. Smalley.

The performers must be congratulated upon the success of their efforts, both from the financial and the artistic point of view.

Lent.—A course of five sermons will be preached by the Rev. G. G. Walker, Rector of Partney, on Friday evenings at 7 p.m., commencing Friday, Feb. 21st. The Rector will preach on the same evenings at Partney. During Lent a Working Party for Ladies will be held at the Rectory at 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, commencing Feb. 13th.

The Sunday School Prize-giving will be on Feb. 11th.

Burial.—Feb. 3rd, Harold Johnson, aged 9 years.

We are much indebted to the Rev. T. H. Bailey for kindly taking the place of Rev. G. G. Walker on Friday evenings. Mr. Walker, we regret to say, is still too unwell to undertake any work.

The Sunday School prize-giving took place on Shrove Tuesday in the Schoolroom. After Tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson, the children gave a performance to their parents and friends, for which they had been prepared by Mrs. Disbrowe. The following gave songs or recitations, viz.: Eva Wells, Dorothy Woodthorpe, Mary Woodward, Lizzie Lilley, Lizzie Shaw, Cecil Atkin, Fred Hauton, Elfreda Woodthorpe, Willie Smith, Emily Haw, Edward Baker, J. R. Clough, F. Haw, B. Wells, T. Lee, R. Hauton, Elizabeth Lilley, Ethel Borrill, David Lilley, Caroline Borrill, Kathleen Enderby, and others who sang in chorus. The performance closed with a Dialogue in Costume, entitled, "Deaf as a Post," which was most creditably given, the characters being taken by F. Clarke, K. Congreve, G. Grantham, E. Shaw, E. Baker, E. Grantham, C. Haw. The Rector then presented prizes to fifty-four children; the following were the highest in each class: Class I.—Elizabeth Shaw, Edward Baker. Class II.—Charlotte Shaw, Ethel Borrill. Class III.—Caroline Borrill, Kathleen Enderby. Class IV.—Nellie Baker, Grace Bonnett.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Smith. He had long been resident in Halton and took a considerable interest in all that concerned its welfare. A large number of friends attended his funeral, including the staff of the National School of which Mr. Smith was a manager.

Clothing Club.—*Receipts*: Deposits, Children, £6 18s.; ditto Adults; £20 7s.; Subscriptions.—Mrs. Richardson, £1; Mrs. Goodwyn, £1; Mrs. Disbrowe, £1; Mrs. Cussons, 5s.; Mr. T. H. Vessey, £1; Mr. Hoff, £1; Mr. Turner, 5s.; A Friend £2 2s.; Bank Interest, 5s.; Discount, 1s.; Balance against Treasurer, 4s. 5d. Total £35 7s. 5d. *Expenditure*: Tradesmen's Bills, £34 5s. 5d.; Paid in cash, £1 2s.; Total £35 7s. 5d.

The Church clock is in great need of overhauling and cleaning but there are no funds in hand to pay for the work. The Churchwarden's would be very thankful to receive a gift of £5 or subscriptions to that amount for this purpose.

Five male candidates from this parish were confirmed at Spilsby on March 11th.

Churchwarden's Fund.—*Receipts*: Collections in Church, £15 17s. 5d.; Donations and Annual Subscriptions, £20 13s. 6d.; from General Offertory Fund, £1; Total, £37 10s. 11d. *Expenditure*: Balance, Easter 1901, £11 5s. 9d. Bills—Mr. Johnson 12s.; Mr. Dodds 3s. 4d.; Mr. Woodthorpe £4 14s.; Mr. Baker £3 3s. 8d.; Mr. Ellerby 1s. 6d.;—£8 14s. 6d. Salaries—W. Haw £11 10s.; E. D. Baker £2; Other labour £1 7s.; Ringers 10s.;—£15 7s.; Insurance £1 10s.; Churchwardens, Receipt-book and stamps, 4s. 8d.; Balance in hand 9s.; Total £37 10s. 11d. *Subscriptions and Donations*: Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Disbrowe, £4; General and Mrs. Richardson, £3 10s.; J. H. Vessey, Esq., £3; Colonel and Mrs. Goodwyn, £2 2s.; Mr. W. Hoff, £1; Rev. G. B. Vessey, £1; Mrs. E. Garfit, Mrs. Abrahall, Miss Vessey, Mrs. Smith, each 10s.—£2; Mr. Cussons, 7s. 6d.; Mr. Turnor, 5s.; Mr. J. Woodthorpe, 3s. 6d.; Mr. J. Simpson, Mr. W. Grantham, Mr. J. H. Balderston, Mr. W. Haw, Mr. Roulston, each 2s. 6d.—12s. 6d.; Miss Rattenbury, Mr. E. D. Baker, Mr. G. Gunnis, Mr. Wells, Mr. Borrill, Mr. W. Curl, Messrs. H. and F. Stones, Mrs. A. Shaw, each 2s.—16s.; Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. Enderby, Mr. Pape, a donation, each 1s. 6d.—6s.; Mr. T. Tasker, Mr. C. Atkin, Mr. F. Shaw, Mr. Snell, Miss Lee, Mr. Baker, senr., Miss E. Elvin, Miss M. Elvin, Mrs. Baxter, Miss Cook, Mr. W. Balderston, Mr. E. Tasker, Mr. E. Haw, Mr. F. Basker, Mr. W. Shaw, Mrs. W. Shaw, Mrs. Whiting, Mr. W. Woodthorpe, Mrs. F. Dickenson, Master E. D. Baker, Mr. M. Shaw, Miss Howard, Mr. C. Borrill, each 1s.—£1 2s.; Mr. Roughton, Miss Tasker, Miss Skelton, Miss Jackson, Mr. G. Shaw, Mr. E. Smalley, Mr. Abbot, Miss Moody, Mr. H. Wain, Mr. Hides, Mr. T. R. Raithby, Mr. Houtby, Mr. T. Allison, Mr. J. Lilley, Mr. M. Raithby, Mr. H. Keal, each 6d.—8s.; Mrs. Handley, Mr. H. Handsley, Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Russell, each 3d.—1s. Total, £20 13s. 6d.

At a Public Meeting held on May 8th, which was largely attended, it was decided to celebrate the Coronation by having a meat tea for all inhabitants, and sports if funds permitted. At a Committee meeting held on May 23rd, it was reported that so far £19 18s. had been collected, and a small sum in addition might be expected. It was decided to have a Meat Tea, followed by Sports. Also to give all Children under 12 a mug and older Children a portrait of the King. There will be a bonfire in a fallow field belonging to Mr. Clough. It is hoped that any who wish to contribute material will convey it to this field. Tickets will be distributed to all parishioners desiring to attend. The Rector will be away during Coronation week, but special services will be held on the following ~~Saturday~~. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend on Sunday Morning to join in the Special Prayers for the King.

In the Musical Competition at Spilsby, the Halton School-children took third place in their Competition and the Halton Choir obtained third prize in the Village Choral Class.

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Postponed from June 29th to Aug. 10th 1902 owing to the King's illness.

BURIAL.—May 12th, James Twigg, aged 66.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The School year, which closed on April 30th, finds us with an adverse balance £61 4s. 2½d. This is, however, owing to special circumstances and will be almost met by a grant of £55 from the Special Aid Grant. The voluntary contributions to the School have been as follows:—Offertory, £2 18s. 2d.; Garden Fête, £34 19s.; Mr. Hoff, £5; Rector, £3; Friend, £4; Mr. W. F. Rawnsley, £2; Rev. G. B. Vessey, £2; Executors of late Mr. J. H. Vessey, £3; Genl. Richardson, £1; Mrs. Smith, £1; Mr. J. H. Vessey, £1; Lord Willoughby, £2; Miss Rattenbury, 1s. 6d.; Mr. Gunnis, 5s.; Mr. J. Shaw, 1s.; Mrs. Allison, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Raithby, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Shaw, 4s.; Mr. Wells, 10s.; Mr. E. Haw, 5s.; Mr. Chambers, 1s.; Mr. E. Baker, junr., 1s.; Mr. E. D. Baker, 10s.; Mr. Cussons, 5s.; Mr. G. Enderby, 2s.; Mr. J. H. Balderson, 5s.; Mr. Woodthorpe, 6s.; Mr. M. Enderby, 10s.; Mr. Roughton, 10s.; Mr. Horry, 1s.; Great Northern Railway, £1; Mrs. Stones, 6s.; Mr. Roberts, 1s.; Miss Simpson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Stubbs, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Simpson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. T. Grey, 10s.; Mr. Borrill, 10s.; Mr. W. H. Ward, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. Wain, 1s.; Mr. Coote, 1s.; Mr. Atkin, 1s.; Mr. W. Curle, 2s. Total, £69 1s. 8d.

The Gardens at Halton House and the Rectory are open to visitors on Sunday nights after the Evening Service.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEACE was followed by great rejoicing in Halton. The flag was hoisted at 10 o'clock, and the bells rang a merry peal from 11 onwards. The children went in procession round the parish singing the National Anthem, &c. On the Sunday following a Special Service was held: the Anthem, "Peace on Earth," was excellently rendered by the choir, as was also the Te Deum by Simper. The Dead March was played in memory of those who had fallen in winning Peace for us. The offertory, amounting to £1 13s. 6d., for Soldiers' Charities, was personally acknowledged by Lord Roberts. The ringers rang joyful peals during the day, commencing at 7-15 a.m.

THE SPECIAL CORONATION SERVICE will (D.V.) be held on Sunday Morning, Aug. 10th, at 11 a.m. Offertories, morning, afternoon, and evening for Churchwarden's Fund.

When the sad news of the King's illness was received in Halton Holgate, preparations for the Coronation festivities were so far advanced that it was decided to take advantage of the King's kindly expressed wish and to carry out the programme as arranged, except that the bonfire should be reserved to celebrate His Majesty's recovery, and the dancing was omitted. The weather on the 26th was magnificent, enabling a very extensive and entertaining programme to be got through between 2.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. There were some novelties, notably the Telephone Game, which so caught on that "are you there?" came to be a familiar greeting for many days after. The Rummage Race, Cotton Reel Competition and Obstacle races afforded much amusement. The untiring exertions of the chairman, General Richardson, and an energetic committee did much to render the fête successful. The tea, which was served in Halton House Grounds, was excellently managed and some 400 were seated and provided for without a hitch.

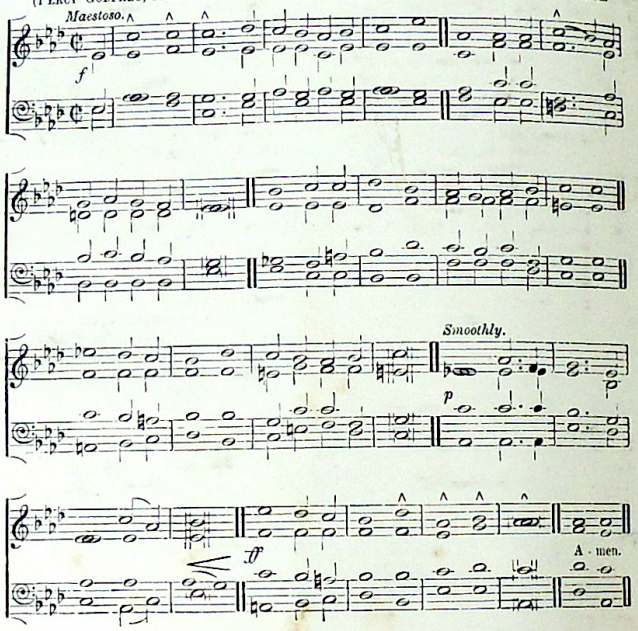
THE CORONATION.—The Special Services which were to have been held on June 29th were held on August 10th. The musical portion of the service had been carefully prepared and the Choir acquitted themselves excellently. The Anthem was, "The Lord is My Light," by H. Hiles, which was sung morning and evening. The special Coronation Hymn, "The King, O Lord, in Thee this day rejoices," was quickly picked up by the congregation, having been already taught to the school children. At the close of the evening service a Te Deum by Simper was impressively sung as a special act of thanksgiving for the accomplishment of the Coronation.

On Tuesday, August 12th, the children and their mothers had a most enjoyable Coronation trip to Skegness. The Coronation Committee accepted with thanks a kind contribution of £2 from Mrs. Sale, which, added to the balance in hand of £3 15s. 5d., sufficed to pay for fares and a good tea. The sum of 5s. 1d. being over was spent in sweets for the children on returning home. Cheers were given for Mrs. Sale and her family, the Rector remarking that the pleasure of the treat was doubled by the presence of Mrs. Sale and so many members of the family.

A Coronation Hymn.

From the Coronation Prize-March (PERCY GODFREY, Mus. Bac.).

Arranged by SIR FREDERICK BRIDGE.



The King shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord.—Ps. xxi. 1.

The King, O Lord, in Thee this day rejoices,
Glad in the grace of Thy abundance poured:
Round him the People with ten thousand voices
Loudly acclaim th' Anointed of the Lord:
His heart's desire by Thee is given,
His kingly state is sealed in heaven.

His Head, Heart, Hands Thy unction overflowing
Hallows him now to sit upon his throne;
Counsel and Strength and Government bestowing,
Making his kingship shadow forth Thine own:
Thy holy Oil his face shall cheer
And fill him with Thy holy fear.

A Crown of gold upon his head is planted;
Blessings of goodness on him Thou dost pour:
Life he has asked of Thee, and Thou hast granted
Long life, for ever and for evermore:
Glory and worship now are his,
Pledge of an everlasting bliss.

(*Unison*) O Lord our God, be with us for a Saviour,
As with our fathers in the ancient days:
Pardon our faults, and fashion our behaviour
After Thy laws and in Thy holy ways:
So shall the King rejoice; and we,
Thy people, not go back from Thee.

To God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Glory and might and majesty belong:
Praise we ascribe to His eternal merit,
Raising on high a nation's thankful song:
Our adoration we outpour:
Glory to God for evermore. AMEN.

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Dedication of Window.

THE WINDOW given by Mrs. Sale and the sons and daughters of the late Rev. T. W. Sale, formerly Rector of the Parish, was unveiled and dedicated on Monday, August 18th, at 5 p.m. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Ward, Rector of Mavis Enderby and Raithby. Mr. Ward's address was much appreciated by the many friends of the late Rector who were present. His text was, "That he was worthy for whom he should do this: for he loveth our nation and he hath built us a synagogue." The lesson was read by the Rev. R. Barrow, the service being intoned by the Rector. Amongst those present were Mrs. Sale, Rev. T. R. and Mrs. Sale, Rev. A. W. Sale, Mr. J. C. Sale, Mr. C. T. Sale, Miss Sale, Miss M. Sale, Miss E. Sale, Miss G. Sale. Amongst the clergy present, either robed or in the congregation, were the Revs. W. Greenwood, C. T. Williams, G. G. Walker, J. Howard, J. P. Cheales, T. J. Whitworth. The Rev. R. W. Craeroft had to return before the service. It was pleasant to see such a large gathering of parishioners and neighbours who desired to be present to testify to their regard for the late Rector. The Rector preached on the following Sunday night on the subject matter of the window. The window is the work of Messrs. Burtison & Grylls, who were assisted by Mr. E. D. Baker, who measured the window and helped to place it in position. The three large lights contain figures of St. Andrew in the centre, St. Peter on his right, and St. Paul on the left. Below the figure of St. Andrew is represented the call of St. Peter. In the small lights above St. Peter and St. Paul are a font and a paten and chalice, and above these two angels bearing a scroll, and above each of these a crown.

BAPTISMS.—Aug. 3rd, Agnes, the daughter of John Thomas and Ester Ann Toin. Aug. 31st, Harold Harry, the son of Harry and Lily Wain.

MARRIAGE.—Aug. 28th, Edward Thornalley Haw and Fanny Hezzel.

BURIAL.—Aug. 27th, Rebecca Grantham, aged 79 years.

We were fortunate in having a beautiful day for the outing of the Choir, Ringers, and other Church-workers. Thanks to the kindness of General Richardson, the Rector, Mr. Wells, Mr. Borrill, and Mr. W. Shaw, who lent horses and carts, the whole party drove down to Skegness, arriving before 11. Dinner was, as usual, provided by Mr. Green. For tea a visit was paid to the Skegness Church Bazaar, where excellent provision was made for our party of 38, and where most of the party found congenial amusements subsequently. The ringers started home before the rest of the party, whom they merrily rang into Burgh, the Vicar having kindly given leave to have the bells rung. On arriving home, the Rector thanked all who had lent horses and conveyances, for whom three hearty cheers were given, as also for the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe. Mrs. Richardson kindly contributed £1 towards expenses, the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe providing the remainder.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES took place on Sunday, Oct. 12th. There were good congregations at all the services and a fair number of Communicants. The preachers were the Rector in the Morning, the Rev. M. Murray at the Children's Service, and the Rev. H. G. Alington in the Evening. The offerings amounted to £5 3s. 6d.; of this, the sum of three guineas is given to Lincoln Hospital and the balance of £2 0s. 6d. to the Churchwarden's Fund. The Anthem, "Give Thanks unto the Lord," was well rendered by the Choir. A box of vegetables and fruit was sent to the Spilsby Cottage Hospital and St. Hugh's Home for Waifs and Strays at Lincoln.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—H.M. Inspector visited the School on Oct. 22nd, and again pointed out that the attendance of children was most irregular. It is earnestly hoped that parents will co-operate with the Managers as far as possible by sending their children regularly now that the Harvest is at length over. The Managers will do their best to fix the holidays at times most convenient to parents. H.M. Inspector instructed the master to make regular reports of absent children, but it is hoped that he may have very few to report. The Rector makes these remarks in the interests of the parents.

THE SCHOOL has again been opened as a Reading Room on all week-nights except Saturday. The subscription is 2/6 for the winter. The following are the Committee, viz., Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, the Rector; Patrons, General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker; Committee, Messrs. Enderby, Roulston, Greyson, Borrill, F. Shaw, M. Shaw, G. Congreve, R. Wharfe, G. Lilley and L. R. Snell.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. — Major-General Richardson has been elected a Manager of the School by the Rector and the Lord of the Manor, according to the terms of the Trust Deed. We much regret that Miss Johnson intends to resign her position at the School at Christmas. Her work has been satisfactory both to the Managers and H.M. Inspector, and she has been liked by the children.

Last Voluntary Rate for National School

BAPTISM.—Nov. 9th, Albert James Clough.

MARRIAGE.—Harry Goodhand and Ethel Annie Haw.

BURIAL.—Nov. 27th, William Enoch Enderby, aged 38.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—After March 26th, 1903, the financial control of the School will come under the control of the Lindsey County Council. This will, therefore, be the last time voluntary subscriptions will be collected for the current expenses of the School. The duty of maintaining the fabric of the School will still rest with the Trustees of the School, who will have to obtain funds for this purpose from voluntary sources. Miss Esther Enderby has been elected Assistant Mistress at the School. Miss Johnson was the recipient of a handsome umbrella from the children on her departure. This was presented by Mr. Roulston in suitable terms.

The Rector proposes to give his first Lecture on "Halton in the Past," on Friday, Jan. 2nd, at 7.30, in the Schoolroom.

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RURAL DEAN.

The Bishop of the Diocese has appointed the Rev. G. G. Walker, Rector of Partney with Dalby, to be Rural Dean of Candleshoe No. 1, in succession to the Rev. W. O. Peile, resigned.

MARRIAGES.—Jan. 24th, James William Dowse and Mary Ann Moody. Jan. 24th, Henry Whitaker and Annie Elizabeth Haw.

BURIAL. — Dec. 28th, 1902, Benjamin Spencer, aged 80. Jan 29th, 1903, Eliza Brown, aged 76.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING took place in the Schoolroom on Jan. 22nd. After tea had been done full justice to the children were entertained by an excellent Lantern Exhibition kindly given by Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Simpson, to whom our best thanks are due. The slides included Pictures of the War, the Coronation and comic subjects. After this entertainment the chair was taken by General Richardson, the Rector being unable to be present owing to illness. The prizes given by the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe were then presented by Mrs. Disbrowe. We give the names of the six children in each class who obtained the highest number of marks, viz: Class I.: Edward Baker 627, Charlotte Shaw 622, Elizabeth Shaw 618, Ethel Borrill 571, Clara Clough 550, Lizze Lilley 434. E. Baker was neither absent nor late during the whole year. Class II.: Caroline Borrill 497, Mary Woodward 477, J. R. Clough 466, Elizabeth Grantham 463, Kathleen Enderby 423, Tom Lee 312. Class III. Nellie Baker 536, D. Woodthorps 515, E. Woodthorpe 510, E. Wells 437, C. Atkin 426, F. Hawton 397. Class IV.: W. Shaw 516, G. Woodward 514, B. Clough 492, C. Woodward 450, B. Wells 444, L. Sanderson 418. The number of children on the books is 55. The children having been fortified with oranges and buns departed homewards. We acknowledge with thanks 10/- from Mrs. Richardson towards the Treat.

After the Sunday School Prize-giving the members of the Reading Room held a Social Evening which was well carried out and much enjoyed. A second Social Evening was held on Feb. 17th, when dancing, songs, and recitations afforded a pleasant evening to the members and their friends.

A Concert Performance will be given soon after Easter.

LENT SERVICES.—A Course of Sermons will be preached by the Rev. G. G. Walker, Rector of Partney and R. D., on Friday Evenings at 7 p.m.

The Rector hopes to give a Second Lecture on "Halton in the Past" on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7-15 p.m.

BURIAL.—March 11, Joseph Parker, aged 80.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The following are now managers of the School, viz: The Rector; The Lord of the Manor, Rev. G. B. Vessey; Major General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker (Foundation Managers); Mr. J. H. Vessey (Elected by Parish Council); and Mr. J. Clough (Elected by County Council). These hold office for 3 years.

BAPTISM.—Arthur Frederick Wells.

Easter Day there were 56 Communicants. The anthem was "Give thanks unto the Lord," by Simper, and was well rendered by the Choir. On the following Sunday we had an unexpected visit from Canon Murray, who kindly preached.

The Waifs and Strays Box produced 11/7½ during Lent. The S. P. C. K. Meeting 14/5½.

THE EASTER VESTRY was held on Easter Monday. The Churchwardens' accounts, which will be printed in next months Magazine, showed a deficit. The Rector nominated Mr. W. M. Cussons as his warden and Mr. E. D. Baker was unanimously elected Parish warden. Votes of thanks to the Churchwardens' and all the Churchworkers were passsd. The Churchwardens stated that the expenses would be specially heavy this year owing to the renewal of the fire-boxes and the cleaning of the clock.

On April 20th, an excellent performance was given by the Halton Concert Troupe which consisted of Messrs A. Roulston, (Interlocutor), G. Enderby and F. Shaw (Cornermen), R. Wharfe (Tamborine), M. Shaw (Bones), C. Atkin, H. Haw, C. Shaw, G. Lilly, W. Coote, and A. Chapman; Accompanist Mrs. Disbrowe. A Party of School Children sang "The Minstrel Boy" and "Golden Slumbers" in a manner which reflected much credit upon Mr. Roulston and themselves; Miss Enderby accompanied. A farce entitled "Paddy and the Ghost" fairly brought down the house, the piece is very funny and thanks to the ability of the actors and the able coaching of Gen. and Mrs. Richardson was very well acted. The Characters, Squire Neville, a land owner, Mr. O'Brain, his Agent, Mr. W. Basker, Paddy O'Rogan, Mr. G. R. Snell, Billy O'Brain, Mr. E. D. Baker Junior, Proceeds £2 16s. 2d.

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BAPTISMS.—May 2nd, Albert Edward, the son of John Henry and Elizabeth Clark.

We have this month to chronicle two interesting weddings, viz., that of Mr. J. H. Vessey and Miss Waddilove, at St. Mary Abbots on April 23rd, 1903, and that of Capt. E. Grantham and Miss Evelyn Sale at Durban, South Africa, on May 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Vessey received an enthusiastic welcome on their return home. The bells were rung and the carriage dragged by hand through the village to the Manor House. On Ascension Day the bells were rung at frequent intervals in honour of Miss E. Sale's marriage. To both the happy pairs we offer our congratulations and best wishes.

Universal sympathy was felt by all with Mr. E. Haw and Mrs. F. Haw and their families on account of the recent fire by which the two houses they inhabited were burnt to the ground. Mrs. F. Haw desires to thank all those who so kindly contributed towards the fund raised in the parish and by Messrs. Searby and Rayner, of Spilsby, for their kindness to her in her trouble. The amount collected by Mrs. Enderby and Mrs. E. D. Baker in Halton was £13 4s. 9d. and by Messrs. Searby and Rayner, £4 3s. 6d. Total, £17 8s. 3d.

MARRIAGE.—June 2nd, 1903, Albert Sharman and Eleanor Wright Gunnis.

BURIAL.—June 6th, 1903, John Meers, aged 85 years.

BURIALS.—July 3rd, 1903, James Allison, aged 73 years. July 7th, 1903, Samuel Rattenbury, aged 61 years.

The new stoves have now been placed in the Church, and the Church has been thoroughly cleaned. New hassocks are still required. It only remains to pay for these luxuries. It is proposed to have a Rummage Sale, Public Tea, and Harvest Thanksgiving Service on some day at the end of September. We should be glad to receive any gift, new or old, animal, vegetable or mineral, dead or alive, from friends at Halton or anywhere else for the Rummage Sale, the date of which will be announced in the next Magazine.

On June 11th, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vessey entertained a large party of parishioners at the Manor on their return home. In a short speech the Rector wished health and happiness to the bridegroom and this having been ably seconded by Mr. A. Shaw was passed with acclamation

BURIAL.—August 7th, James Balderston, aged 78.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY.—We omitted to mention last month that at the recent Festival the following prizes were won by Halton girls: Needlework, E. Storr, E. Kidd, E. Borrill, C. Clough; Premiums for long service, A. Raithby, E. Bowins. These, together with premiums on savings, amount to 27/-.

The Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe entertained the Choir, Ringers, Churchwardens, and other Church-workers at Skegness on Aug. 5th. Hearty thanks are due to Gen. Richardson, Mr. Vessey, Mr. Borrill, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Smith, Mr. W. Shaw, and the Rector, who kindly conveyed the party to Skegness by road. In spite of many heavy showers a most enjoyable time was spent by the 41 members of the party.

The Sunday School children had their summer outing to Skegness on Aug. 11th, and this time the weather was delightful.

BAPTISM.—Oct. 14th, George William Johnson.
BURIAL.—Oct. 7th, Charlotte Allison, aged 73; died at Swineshead.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Thursday, Oct. 13th. There was a good number of Communicants at 8 a.m., and in spite of wet and blowy weather, a good congregation at Evensong, when the preacher was the Rev. J. W. Layng, Vicar of Spilsby. The Anthem, Sullivan's "Ye shall dwell in the Land," was rendered with good feeling by the choir. The Harvest Services were continued on the following Sunday: the morning preacher was the Rev. R. H. Simpson, Rector of East Keal. The offertories were given to Lincoln County Hospital, £3 3s. and Church Expenses £1 6s. 4d., total £4 9s. 4d.

A Rummage Sale was held on Oct. 11th, at Halton House, by kind permission of General Richardson; the weather was appalling, but still the result was excellent, the sum of £24 14s. 2d. being cleared and paid to the churchwardens for the new heating apparatus. Total Receipts £24 19s. 8d. Expenses: Printing, 5s. 6d. We are very much indebted to our many kind helpers, namely the sellers—Mesdames Baker, sen., Cussons, Disbrowe, Ellis, Enderby, W. Haw, Roulston, Waite, the Misses Atkinson, Borrill, Elvin, M. Elvin, Enderby, Espin, Freshney, Howard, Jackson, Skelton, Smith, Tasker, Messrs. Atkin, Baker, Coote, Cussons, Enderby, and Gunnis; the tea makers—Mesdames Baker, sen., E. D. Baker, Borrill, Cussons, Enderby and Waite, and F. and M. Shaw, who gave valuable assistance. All the materials for the tea were given by kind friends, to whom our best thanks are due. After Tea an excellent entertainment was given, but space only permits us to record the names of the performers, viz: Mrs. G. Vessey, Miss Howard, Miss Watson, Capt. Dickens, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, and Messrs. C. Atkin, F. Basker, C. W. Disbrowe, J. J. Rainey, A. Roulston, and F. Shaw. Accompanists, Mrs. Disbrowe, Mrs. Sharman, and Miss E. Enderby. Encores were frequent and well deserved.

The School has again been opened as a Reading Room, we hope we may have as successful a Season as last year. We want a Bagatelle Board most.

BAPTISM.—Nov. 22nd, Alice Mary Askew.
BURIALS.—Oct. 29th, Mary Whiting, aged 58 years. Nov. 3rd, Charles Shaw, aged 67 years.

A very hearty welcome home was given to Mr. John Richardson, of the 2nd Lincolns, on his return home from South Africa, on Dec. 19th. We were able at the same time to welcome home Sergeant Hammerton, of the Manchester Regiment, who served throughout the war. All Halton turned out to meet the 7.10 train, and cheered loudly on the appearance of Mr. J. Richardson and Sergeant Hammerton. The Spilsby Rifle Volunteer Band kindly gave their assistance and mustered strong. As the train steamed into the Station the Band struck up "Home, Sweet Home," a merry peal was rung on the Church bells. After the cheers had subsided a procession was formed: In front marched a number of lantern bearers, followed by the band, which preceded General Richardson's carriage, which was dragged up from the station by numberless willing hands. The whole of the procession was flanked by torch bearers, the effect on a very dark night being strikingly pretty. On arrival at Halton House the Rector said a few words of welcome and congratulation to Mr. Richardson and Sergeant Hammerton, to which Mr. Richardson replied in an excellent speech, remarking that it was worth going away from Halton to receive such a welcome back. He wished he could shake hands with them all but his paw was not big enough: but he thanked them all most sincerely for the welcome they had given him. Sergeant Hammerton asked the Rector to return thanks for him: the Rector said that though the Sergeant said he could not make a *speech*, he knew by the bars on his medals he could *do* something and that he had *done* something out in S. Africa. Cheers were then given for Mrs. Richardson and General Richardson. The General said they had been much touched by the kindness shewn to them on this occasion, which was a great one for himself and Mrs. Richardson.

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BAPTISMS.— Dec. 27th, Horace Stanley Pattern. Dec. 28th, Lilian Aydes Turnor. Jan. 11th, Harold Louth and Joseph Louth.

BURIALS.—Jan. 5th, Elsie Heath, aged 12 years. Jan. 15th, John Edward Dennis, aged 76 years.

The Christmas Day Services were well attended and there was an increase in the number of Communicants. A Carol Service was held in the afternoon and was fairly attended. Carols were nicely sung by the children. The Solos were taken by Lizzie Shaw, Charlotte Shaw, Kathleen Enderby, Ethel Borrill, Nellie Baker, Fred Shaw and C. Haw. At the evening service on the Sunday after Christmas, instead of a sermon, the Choir rendered a selection of Anthems and Carols. The Anthems sung were: "Peace on Earth," and "Sing O Heavens." "The Story of Bethlehem," in four parts, which was also sung, is a very pleasing composition and was done full justice to, as was also the Carol, "Angels Bright." Solos were taken by the Misses E. Elvin, M. Elvin, F. Jackson, N. Moody, A. Debus and E. Shaw, and Messrs. A. Roulston, G. Enderby, G. Lilley, F. Shaw, R. Warth, and the Rector.

READING ROOM. — The Miniature Rifle Range, kindly provided by the Spilsby Rifle Association to encourage shooting in the villages, has been well used during the month of its visit. Mr. Sydney Smith, to whom we are in many ways indebted, kindly conveyed it here. The members of the Reading Room fired about 4,000 rounds, and at the end a competition was held under the management of Gen. Richardson and Lt. Richardson. The result was: at standing target, 8 rounds each, handicap, 1st prize 2/6, presented by Lt. Richardson, C. Shaw, handicap 27, total 68. Open competition at moving target, 8 rounds each, 1st prize 5/-, presented by General Richardson, F. Shaw; 2nd, 2/6, presented by the Rector, A. Roulston.

The Sunday School Treat and Prize-giving took place on Jan. 23rd. The children assembled at 4-45 for tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Disbrowe. After tea numerous games were indulged in until the time for the distribution of Prizes, given by the Rector, who stated that an improvement had been shown both in regularity and conduct. There were 58 children on the books. The following were respectively first in their Classes, viz.: Class I., Charlotte Shaw; Class II., Nellie Baker; Class III., William Shaw; Class IV., George Woodward.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—We congratulate Miss Esther Enderby on passing the King's Scholarship Examination. Constance Clough will join the School Staff on May 1st as Probationer.

The Managers besides undertaking other needed repairs are putting the playground into good condition.

An interesting Concert was given in the Schoolroom on April 14th by members of the Choral Society and others. The five items contributed by the Society were well received and showed that much progress had been made since the last concert. The following is taken from the *Chronicle*:—"The Schoolroom at Halton was well filled on Thursday evening last, when an enjoyable entertainment was given in aid of the school library. The Halton Choral Class were responsible for several excellent selections, and numerous encores were accorded. Mr. E. J. Farmer, of Spilsby, proved a special favourite, his comic songs being enthusiastically received, as were Miss Ellis's violin solos. The full programme was: Overture, Mr. Dickens; madrigal, 'Come let us join our roundelay;' song, 'The slave song,' Miss E. Howard (Ashby); violin solo, Miss Daphne Ellis (Spilsby); song, 'His day's work was done,' the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe; part song, 'The miller's daughter;' reading from Rudyard Kipling, General Richardson; song, 'To Althea,' Rev. F. M. Yglesias; part song, 'To arms prepare;' song, 'How I mesmerised 'em,' Mr. E. J. Farmer (Spilsby); madrigal, 'In going to my lonely bed;' song, 'The baby on the shore,' Rev. C. P. Disbrowe; hornpipe, The Masters Disbrowe; song, 'The song of the bow,' Rev. F. M. Yglesias; recitation, Mr. E. Tasker; violin solo, Miss Daphne Ellis; song, 'The song of thanksgiving,' Miss E. Howard; song, "Old Madrid,' Mr. Dickens; madrigal, 'Since first I saw your face;' song, 'The horse the Missus dries the clothes on,' Mr. E. J. Farmer; 'God Save the King.'"

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MARRIAGE.—April 3rd, 1904, George Henry Taylor and Eliza Raithby.

BURIALS.—March 23rd, Amy Johnson, aged 9 years.

MARRIAGE.—May 17th, Thomas Edwin Tasker and Mary Basker.

BURIAL.—Jan. 23rd, Joseph Lowth, Infant.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS, 1903—1904. —*Receipts:* Offertories, £11/17/10½; From General Offertory Fund, £2; Rummage Sale, £24/14/2; Annual Subscriptions, £8/19/6; Balance due to Churchwardens, £6/5/5½; Total, £53/17. *List of Subscribers:* J. H. Vessey, Esq., Capt. W. Hoff, General Richardson, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, Mrs. Disbrowe, each £1; Mr. D. M. Turnor, Mrs. T. Smith, each 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. W. Grantham, 3/-; Mr. T. Simpson, Capt. Dickens, Mr. Cussons, Mr. J. H. Balderson, Mr. J. Woodthorpe, Mr. W. Haw, each 2/6; Mr. J. Simpson, Miss Rattenbury, Mr. A. Shaw, Mr. W. Curle, Mr. G. Gunnis, Mr. Borrill, Mr. Roulston, Mr. Wells, Mr. Snell, each 2/-; Mr. G. Enderby, 1/6; Messrs. E. Haw, E. Tasker, J. Coote, C. Atkin W. Shaw, J. Whiting, W. Woodthorpe, Houtby, Motson, M. Shaw, C. Borrill, F. Basker, F. Shaw, F. Stones, H. Stones, W. Balderson, Pape, Clough, Mesdames Rutter and Stones, The Missses Elvin, M. Elvin, F. Jackson, N. Moody, Debus, Howard, Atkinson, each 1/-; Messrs. Roughton, Wain, Mackrill, R. Warth, G. Grayson, Horsewood, Mrs. Hides, Misses Skelton, and Shaw, each 6d. To all of the above the best thanks of the Churchwardens are offered.

Expenses: Balance due to Churchwardens, 3/3; Insurance, £1/10; Dodds—New Stove and Piping, £15/2; J. Baker, £3/11/2; Wordsworth—Organ Tuning, £2/10; Fox & Co.—Carpet, 9/9; Dodds—Sundries, £1/6/4; Whippell & Co.—Hassocks, £4/10/10; Carrriage do., 8/2; J. Woodthorpe—Coal, £4 0/6; Mr. Johnson, 7/-; E. D. Baker—Repairs, Oil, Candles, &c., £3/17/9; Wain—Labour, £1/1/3; Ringers, 10/-; Mrs. Wain—Washing Surplices, 4/-; W. Haw, £12; E. D. Baker —attending to Lamps, £2; Churchwardens —for keeping Accounts, 4/-; Receipt Book and Stamps, 1/-; Total, £53/17.

BAPTISMS.—June 19th, William, son of William and Harriet Wain. June 19th, Lilian Elsie, daughter of Harry and Lily Wain.

MARRIAGE.—Jesse Richard Willerton and Alice Ann Russell.

OFFERTORIES.—Church Expenses: 6.30 p.m., May 29th, 10s. 3d.; June 26th, £2 5s. 4d. General: 8 a.m., May 29th, 3s. 3d.;

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—We much regret that owing to illness Mrs. Vinter and Miss E. Enderby have been absent from School for three weeks, but we are much indebted to Mrs. Roulston for kindly giving assistance with the Sewing. Miss K. Congreve has also acted as temporary monitress. We trust that for the sake of the children and the Headmaster, who has had so arduous a task owing to illness in the staff during the past 12 months, that we may be able to show a clean bill of health in the future. The report of the Inspector of Religious Knowledge has been received and is as follows: "The Infants did not pass as good an examination as in past years, owing no doubt to the present Teacher having been in poor health for a considerable period of time. The Senior Division did very well in all subjects, and seem to be thoroughly interested in their work. The written work was well done, but rather deficient in quantity. —C. T. Williams." The gravel has at length arrived and been put on the School playground.

We had a most pleasant outing with our Choir and Ringers this year, on July 23rd. The weather was all that could be desired and the catering excellent. We are much obliged to Gen. and Mrs. Richardson for a kind contribution of £1 5s., towards the expenses, and also to those who so kindly lent horses and carts, to convey the party to Skegness, viz., Gen. Richardson, Mr. Borrill, Mr. Wells, and Mrs. Shaw. We much regretted that owing to the prevalence of mumps, the junior members of the choir had to be left behind. The gift of half-a-crown apiece, however, proved an acceptable substitute for the Treat.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The following is the report of H.M. Inspector:—"The children are under good discipline and are creditably taught. The playground should be made suitable for instruction in Physical Training. The Infants are apparently backward, but the Mistress was absent at second visit."

The Rev. T. R. Sale preached on Sunday, Aug. 21st. We have also had the pleasure of a three weeks visit by Mrs. Sale and her family, which has made a pleasant link with the past.

BURIAL.—July 2nd, 1904, William Rowston Shaw, aged 61.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The following premiums and prizes were given to Halton members of the Spilsby Branch of the above Society at the Annual Festival, which was held this year at Gunby Hall, when 14 members were present from Halton:—*Premiums*—3rd year service to E. Bowins; 2nd year, E. Warth; Wedding Present to E. Raithby (Mrs. Taylor); Card for ten years faithful membership to M. E. Haw. *Needlework Prizes*—Class IV., 1st Prize, C. Clough; Class III., 2nd Prize, E. Borrill. Prize for Marking, C. Clough.

MARRIAGE.—Aug. 21st, Jonas Stephen Garner and Annie Snell.

BURIAL.—28th Sept., Sarah Stothard, aged 49 years.

BURIAL.—13th October, 1904, William Abbott, aged 82.

OFFERTORIES.—Church Expenses, Sept. 25th, £1 6s. 2d.; Sick and Needy, Oct. 2nd, 9s. 5½d.; Oct. 16th, 7s. 6½d.; General Fund, Sept. 25th, 3s. 9d.; Oct. 23rd. 4s. 9d.; Harvest Thanksgiving, £5 14s. 1½d., of which £3 3s. has been forwarded to the County Hospital, and £2 11s. 1½d. to the Church Expenses Fund.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Thursday, Oct. 6th, the preacher at Evensong being the Rev. H. B. St. John, Vicar of Thorpe. For the fifth year in succession heavy rains fell at the time of service, preventing some of the more distant parishioners from attending. The Services were continued on Sunday. Elvey's beautiful Anthem, "The eyes of all wait on Thee, O Lord," was very well rendered by the choir, and the ringers gave some excellent peals both on Thursday and Sunday. Our decorations as usual made the Church beautiful for the occasion. Boxes of fruit and vegetables were despatched to S. Hugh's Home for Waifs and Strays at Lincoln and to the Cottage Hospital at Spilsby. The offertories amounted to £5 14s. 1½d.

The Members of the Reading Room have again commenced their meetings in the Schoolroom on five nights a week for the winter months. The accounts which were passed at the General Meeting on Oct. 14th, show a balance due to the Treasurer of 15s. 9d. It is hoped, however, to have an extra entertainment to wipe this off: only one being given last season for the Reading room.

A Course of Lectures will be given in the Schoolroom on "First Aid to the Injured and Sick" by Miss A. E. Morgan, of the National Heath Society. These are provided by the Lindsey County Council Educational Committee. They will commence on Friday, Nov. 18th, and will be continued on the four following Fridays. Admission free to Adults of both sexes. A practice class will follow each Lecture for the benefit of those who may wish to enter for examination.

BURIALS.—Oct. 25th, Samuel Rodgers, aged 63 years. Nov. 14th, Thomas Gray, aged 56 years. Sarah Rattenbury, aged 99 years.

The late Mrs. Sarah Rattenbury, who has passed away at the great age of 99 and who would have reached her 100th birthday had she lived seven weeks longer, is the oldest person buried in Halton Churchyard whose age can be authenticated. In 1865 Elizabeth Dawson was buried. Her age was given as "supposed to be 90, on her coffin 107." For many years the average age of the inhabitants of Halton buried here has been very high, *e.g.*, in 1885, taking 11 consecutive entries, the average age amounts to 76; and in 1896, taking 18 consecutive entries, the average age is 76.

The First Aid Lectures given by Miss Morgan have started well; 64 adults attended the first lecture and the practising class is more than full.

The weather on Nov. 22nd, when many had hoped to attend a lecture on Spain, kindly given by General Richardson, was most inauspicious. The Rev. J. P. Cheales drove in the teeth of the blizzard to bring his lantern for the occasion, and being unable to get through by Thorpe, owing to snowdrifts, drove round by Eastville and arrived with difficulty by that route. The few Spartans who turned up at the lecture were rewarded for their enterprise by a most interesting account of Spain, admirably illustrated by lantern slides.

BURIAL.—Dec. 2nd, Andrew Atkinson, aged 86.

The Reading Room will be open one hour later during Xmas. week and old members home for the holidays will be welcomed.

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We are glad to be able to report that our Church clock is again in first-rate going order. It has been thoroughly overhauled and cleaned by Mr. Newey, of York, who states that except for the want of cleaning every part of the clock is in splendid condition. The cost of the work has been £6 3s., and it is needless to remark that we should be glad to receive contributions towards this, in addition to 10s. kindly given by General Richardson. This is a good opportunity of thanking the Churchwardens for their constant personal attention to the clock, without which it could not have gone for seven years without calling in a clock maker.

The Examination for National Health Society Certificates for First Aid was held on Jan. 6th by Miss Badock. The Secretary has since heard that the following have qualified for Certificates:—Mrs. Enderby, Mrs. Haw, Mrs. Waite, Miss E. Clough, Miss K. Freshney, Mr. E. D. Baker, jun., Mr. C. Borrill, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, Mr. W. Espin, Mr. G. Grayson, Mr. G. E. Mackrill, Mr. A. Roulston, Mr. R. Warth, Mr. W. Woodthorpe. It is to be regretted that illness and other causes prevented some of the candidates from being present at the Examination.

A Lantern Lecture will be given on behalf of the Waifs and Strays on Feb. 9th. The Lecture will describe "Coal Mining." Admission free; collection at close.

The Sunday School Treat had to be postponed owing to the great prevalence of sickness in the parish. It will be held on Feb. 3rd.

Children's Service.—At the end of each quarter the Rector will examine the children in the work they have done during that quarter. He hopes parents will encourage their children by coming to hear how they are getting on. The next "Review Lesson", will be on Quinquagesima Sunday, March 5th

Baptisms.—Jan. 1st, Grace Kathleen Wells. Jan. 22nd, Elsie Toin.

The two elms in the Churchyard Avenue, nearest to the tower, have been beheaded, as it was found that they were damaging the fabric of the Church. Owing to their great height and their proximity to the Church the work of "topping" them required great care to avoid damage or accident. Mr. E. Tasker, however, proved equal to the task and to him credit is due.

Burials.—Jan. 31st, John Chapman, aged 64 years. Feb. 3rd, Harry Milsom Enderby, aged 22 years.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Jan. 26th. Tea and games were followed by the Prize-giving. The Rector said he could give a good report of the attendance and conduct of the children, but thought more might learn the lessons. There were now 62 children on the books, and almost without exception they were most regular in their attendance. Four children were not absent or late during the year, except owing to illness when an attendance is allowed, viz., Edward Baker, Charles Woodward, George Woodward, and Ernest Woodward. The following were the first 3 children in each class, adding lesson marks to attendances:—Class I., Edward Baker, Charlotte Shaw, and John Clough and Lizzie Grantham, equal; Class II., Nellie Baker, Amelia Shaw, Robert Horton; Class III., William Shaw, Eva Wells, and Cecil Atkin; Class IV. (Infants): attendance—Ernest Woodward, Walter Horton, and Harry Wells; Lessons—Arthur Roulston, Ivy Brown, and Harry Wells. Mrs. Richardson kindly sent a contribution of 10s. towards the tea. Mrs. Ellis and Miss Kate Congreve have kindly taken the places of Miss Freshney and Miss E. Shaw, who have left the parish.

A most successful Social Evening was held in the Schoolroom, on Jan. 24th, in aid of the Funds of the Reading Room. Many hands make light labour, and consequently all the arrangements were carried out efficiently. After paying expenses, £4 1s. 5½d. was left for the Reading Room, the members of which wish to thank all who helped by contributions of food or music. An excellent entertainment was afforded by Mr. and Mrs. Sharman, Miss Watson, Miss Ellis, Messrs. Jarvis Rainey, C. Atkin, and the Rector; whilst Mr. Sharman gave a much appreciated conjuring performance. A Coffee Supper and Dance followed, the following kindly playing dance music: Mrs. Disbrowe, Mr. and Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Vessey, Mrs. S. Smith and Miss Stamper.

Another very pleasant evening was spent by the guests of the Reading Room at their "Social" on Feb. 15th.

Lent Preachers.

Thursday, Mar. 6th, Rev. S. C. Moseley.
Thursday, Mar. 23rd, Rev. Canon Staffurth.
Thursday, Mar. 30th, Rev. Brice Smith.
Wednesday, April 6th, Rev. W. G. Peacock.
Thursday, April 30th, Rev. T. H. Bailey.

The Services on Ash Wednesday were kindly taken by the Rev. W. E. Boulter, Vice-principal of Burgh Missionary College.

On Sunday Evenings in Lent the Rector is preaching a course of Sermons on "Bible Lents," the subjects being: 1, Forty Days Fasting. 2, Forty Days Punishment. 3, Forty Days with God. 4, Forty Days searching the Land. 5, Forty Days Teaching. 6, Forty Days Strength.

At the Confirmation on April 21st, five Candidates were presented from this parish.

To those who wish to use the Psalms in Church with intelligence and devotion the Rector recommends a small book published by Elliot Stock, entitled, "The People's Psalter." This shows the occasion for which the Psalm was written, when known, and the application of the Psalm. There are also occasional headlines between the verses shewing the general line of thought of the writer.

Baptism.—April 23rd, 1905, Ada Ivy Tasker.

Burial.—March 31st, 1905, David Enderby, of Boston, Aged 39 years.

Wedding.—April 3rd, 1905, Thomas Borrill and Kate Borrill.

The Easter Vestry was held on Easter Monday. Present: The Rector in the Chair, the Churchwardens, General Richardson, Mr. J. H. Vessey, and Mr. Gunnis. Mr. E. D. Baker presented the Churchwardens' Accounts, which were duly examined and passed. *Receipts:* Offertories for Church Expenses, £23 4s. 1½d.; Annual Subscriptions and Donations, £13 11s. 8d.; From General Offertory Fund, £2 9s. 10d.; Other Receipts, £1 8s. 1d.; Total, £40 13s. 8½d. *Expenditure:* Balance, 1905, £6 5s. 5½d.; Insurance, £1 10s.; Lincoln Hospital, Ringers, and Poor, £4 13s.; Tradesmen's Bills, £6 14s. 7d.; Clerk's salary and labour bills, £15 7s. 6d.; Churchwardens for writing accounts, 4s. Receipt book and Stamps, 9d; Total, £44 15s. 3½d.; leaving a balance against the Churchwardens of £4 1s. 7d. In addition to the offertories for Church Expenses there was collected in Church: General Offertory Fund, £5 11s. 4d.; Sick and Needy, £12 9s. 5d.; Special Offertories, £7 2s. 0½d.; the total of all offertories being £45 3s. 11d., as compared with £34 14s. 10d. last year. The Rector again nominated Mr. W. M. Cussons as his Warden and Mr. E. D. Baker was again elected Parish Warden. A very warm vote of thanks was accorded to the Churchwardens for their services in the past year, on the motion of General Richardson, seconded by Mr. Vessey. The Rector also moved a hearty vote of thanks to all Church-workers—voluntary or paid—for their willing assistance in all ways.

List of Subscribers to Church Expenses:—Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, Mrs. Disbrowe, Capt. Hoff, General Richardson, Rev. G. B. Vessey (two years), Mr. J. H. Vessey, each £1; Capt Ellis, 10s.; Mr. D. Montagu-Turnor, 5s. Capt. Dickens, Mr. W. Grantham, each 3s.; Messrs. J. H. Balderstone, W. M. Cussons, W. Haw, T. Simpson, J. Woodthorpe, each 2s. 6d.; Miss Rattenbury, Messrs. J. Borrill, W. Curle, G. Gunnis, J. Simpson, G. Snell, E. Tasker, each 2s.; Miss Simons, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Shaw, Miss Shaw, each 1s. 3d.; Mesdames Coote, Enderby, Handsley, Horsewood, Kemp, W. Shaw, Stones, Winterton, Misses Atkinson, Debus, L. Elvin, M. Elvin, Howard, Moody, Padley, Skelton, Tasker, Messrs. C. Atkin, W. Balderstone, C. Borrill, W. Clark, J. Clough, G. Enderby, T. Gray, C. Grayson, Houghtby, Motson, F. Shaw, M. Shaw, H. Stones, Wain, Whiting, W. Woodthorpe, each 1/-; and eight below 1s. Donations:—Mrs. Richardson, £1; General Richardson and Capt. Ellis, each 10s.; A Friend, 3s. 5d; Total, £13 11s. 8d.

Easter Day.—Communicants, 55. The Church was, as usual, beautifully decorated. Congregations good. The Choir added to the brightness of the Services by excellent singing, the Anthem being especially well sung. The Ringers also added much to the day's Festal Character.

Marriage.—May 25th, John Henry Wilkinson and Ada Chapman.

Offertories.—April 23rd, Church Expenses, £2 9s. 6½d.; May 7th, Sick and Needy, 6s. 9d.; May 14th, General, 5s. 1d.; May 21st, Sick and Needy, 9s. 3½d.

National School.—The Report of H.M. Inspector has been received and is as follows: "The children are taught in a painstaking manner. Improvement must be made in Reading and Oral Answering, both as regards accuracy and expression, and more practice should be given in Composition. The Infants are creditably managed, but should be trained to speak and recite with more animation and distinctness, and reading should be taught in a properly systematic and progressive manner."

Baptism.—June 10th, David Wilkinson.

Burial.—June 6th, Mary Oliver, 72 years.

Parish Registers.—The Rector has much pleasure in announcing to the Parishioners of Halton that through the kindness of the Rev. R. H. Simpson, Rector of East Keal, a portion of our registers from 1675—1700 has been restored to the Parish. These Registers have long been in the Parish chest at East Keal, upon them being written "Supposed to belong to East Keal." On investigation, however, they prove undoubtedly to belong to Halton, the signature of the Rector, Joseph Bell, and the names of the Churchwardens being clear evidence apart from other things. The Rector has not had time to thoroughly examine them, but it is clear that there are some discrepancies between them and the transcripts at Lincoln which happen to have been preserved for most of the years with which this fragment of our registers is concerned. Some time ago the Rector of Halton was able to restore to the Chairman of the Charities at Spilsby some of the Charity Accounts for the 17th Century which were in the Halton safe!

Twenty-four members of our Choir were able to take part in the Choral Festival on June 13th. Two had attended everyone of Mr. Gregory's practices in the neighbourhood.

The Gardens at Halton House and the Rectory are now open to visitors after Church on Sunday Evenings.

National School.—The Managers have received notice of his cancellation of his agreement with them by the Headmaster, Mr. A Roulston.

Marriage.—July 6th, George Thomas Hutchinson and Mary Ann Kidd.

Burial.—July 12th, Fanny Hotchin, aged 70 years.

Girls' Friendly Society.—Eight members from here were present at the Annual Festival at Skegness on July 11th. Elizabeth Grantham was successful in taking a first prize for needlework, whilst Emma Bowins, Elizabeth Warth, and Annie Brown received premiums for 4, 3, and 2 years' service respectively.

Marriage.—Aug. 3rd, 1905, Edgar Chapman and Ada Mary Johnson.

The Sunday School Treat, as usual, took the form of an outing to Skegness, when a large party of mothers and children thoroughly enjoyed the well-known air and attractions of Skegness.

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Mr. Arthur Hunt has been appointed Master of the National School, and comes into residence in time to commence his duties on September 25th, when the school re-opens.



Mr and Mrs A. Hunt and Geoffry Hunt.——.



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Back Row (left to right) Evelyn Crust, Bertha Woodthorpe, Annie Garner, May Crust, Maggie Thomally, Alice Shaw, Ethel Robinson, Clara Davidson, Miss E. Enderby, Mr Hunt, Agnes Tain, Florence Woodward, Joan Crust, Edith Crust, Doris Smalley, Grace Bonnett, Mary Hanson.

Front Row. Vivian Smalley, Grace Clough, Eva Hanton, Ada Atkin, Annie Swaby, Elsie Tain, Ada Shaw, Camilla Crust, Winnie Spring.

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BURIAL.—Aug. 31st, Susan Parker, aged 79.

On Sept. 14th we were favoured by a beautiful day for the annual outing for the Choir and Ringers. The thanks of the party are due to Messrs. Cussons, Borrill, Tye, E. Haw, and Mrs. W. Shaw, who, together with the Rector, kindly lent horses and carts for the conveyance of the party to Skegness, and to Mr. J. H. Vessey for a contribution. The party was accompanied by the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe, and the Churchwardens, Mr. W. M. Cussons and Mr. E. D. Baker. The attractions of Skegness are too well known and too highly appreciated to require description by us, needless to say they were freely patronised by our party. Our arrival home, a little before 9 p.m., was signalised by a peal on the bells. We want another tenor, another alto, and another adult treble. Any one wishing to fill these places is requested to communicate with the Rector.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 8th. For the sixth year in succession we had unfavourable weather, but good congregations assembled nevertheless. As usual, the church was beautifully docorated and the services bright and hearty. The Rev. W. E. Boulter kindly preached in the evening, as well as assisting the Rector in the morning and addressing the children in the afternoon. The Anthem, "Blessed be the name of the Lord" (Gadsby), like all the rest of the singing, was well rendered by the choir. The offertories amounted to £5 2s. 3½d., of which £3 3s. was forwarded to Lincoln Hospital and the rest given to Church Expenses.

The Reading Room has again been opened for the winter. The subscription is 2/6, paid in advance. Several new members have joined, and if others wish to join, the sooner they do so the better. We start the season with 19/7 in hand. Last year showed a balance against the Treasurer.

On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, being the Nelson Centenary, special sermons were preached and the National Anthem sung. The flag would have flown from the church tower, but unfortunately the ancient flagstaff collapsed when being prepared for the hoisting of the flag.

The Library at the School has been overhauled and re-catalogued, and new books added, and will re-open at the beginning of November. The subscription will be altered to 1d. a month, paid in advance. It is open to children and adults.

THE CHURCHYARD.—Owing to the hot summer some of the shrubs planted by the Rector in the Churchyard have died. Would any parishioner like to give a shrub for the adornment of the Churchyard? if so, will they kindly consult the Rector during the month of October as to the best kind to buy?

A framed photograph of the Rector and Churchwardens, and the Ringers who rang for the Coronation, has been placed in the Vestry. Also two historical notes from the pen of the Rev. G. G. Walker have been framed and placed near the figure of Sir Henry de Halton, and the inscription on coffin lid of Sir Walter de Bec. These have been a boon to visitors to the Church.

BAPTISM.—Nov. 11th, George Coote.
BURIALS.—Nov. 14th, Maria Coote, aged 39 years. George Coote, 2 days.

The Reading Room has not been patronised as well as usual this season. A Meeting was held on Nov. 20th, to decide whether it should continue to open or be opened on a fewer number of evenings. It was decided however to continue to have the room open 5 nights a week for the present, as there were likely to be others join.

A Choral Class has been formed and we hope to be able to compete in the Musical Competitions in April. The Meetings take place at Halton House, by kind invitation of General and Mrs. Richardson.

MARRIAGE.—Dec. 18th, 1905, Frank Overton and Esther Elizabeth Baker.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Curle on their golden wedding. They celebrated the event on Xmas Day, when Mr. and Mrs. Curle and eight sons and daughters, besides grandchildren, were present at the morning service at the Church.

Christmas Day was ushered in by a merry peal of bells before the early celebration. The School Children sang their Carols before morning service very creditably, thanks to the training of Mr. Hunt and Miss Enderby. The Choir sang one of Simper's Anthems, "His Name shall be called Wonderful." This, like all the Xmas. music, was well rendered. On Xmas. Eve they sang two anthems, "The Story of Bethlehem," and a number of Carols, which were much enjoyed by both choir and congregation.

Lord and Lady Willoughby de Eresby have taken Halton House for the election. Lord Willoughby is patron of the living, and his ancestor, Sir Walter Bec, lies buried beneath a stone in Halton Church. The Parish of Halton has therefore a distinct connection with the family of Lord Willoughby, which we are pleased to think will be strengthened by Lord and Lady Willoughby's short residence amongst us. We regret that owing to the big bell requiring repairs, the bells could not be rung on the occasion of Lord Willoughby's wedding.

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A most successful Social Evening was held on Feb. 6th, in aid of the Reading Room funds. Proceedings commenced with an entertainment, to which the following kindly contributed items, viz., Songs by Miss Baumber (encored), Miss Snell, Mr. F. Banks (encored), Mr. G. Snell, Mr. R. Warth (encored); Quartette, the Misses Enderby, Mr. Hunt, and Rector; an amusing sketch by the Misses Crofts concluded the programme. Mr. Sharman owing to illness was unable to give a Conjuring Performance. The room was cleared for Dancing which was kept up till 1 o'clock. During the evening songs were contributed by Miss Crofts, Misses Enderby (duet), Messrs. Atkin, G. Snell, R. Warth (encored on each occasion), and the Rector. The Supper was ably managed by a small committee with Mr. G. Snell as Secretary, and special thanks should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt for so kindly lending their house for supper, as well as to those who kindly gave provisions and prepared and served the supper. Mrs. Disbrowe, Miss Crofts, and Mr. Simpson, played for dancing and accompanied the songs. After paying expenses, £3 17s. 10d. was cleared.

A Whist Drive on Feb. 24th, at which there were 72 players, produced a further profit of £1 16s. 3d. The prize-winners were, Gentlemen, 1st Mr. F. Banks, 147; 2nd Capt. Ellis, 142. Ladies, 1st, Mrs. F. Carey, 144; 2nd, Miss M. I. Thompson, 142. The booby prizes went to Mr. T. Raithby and Miss Wright. The difficult work of serving refreshments in a room crowded with tables and chairs was ably carried out by Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Swaby, Miss Borrill, Miss Tasker, Miss Skelton, Mr. Hunt and Mr. G. Snell, to whom we are indebted for a repetition of their kind help at the social evening.

The Sunday School Treat was held on Wednesday, Feb. 14th. After Tea games were played until the time came for distribution of prizes. The Rector said that on the whole the attendance had been regular, and in most cases, excellent. Chas. Woodward, Geo. Woodward, Ernest Woodward, and William Shaw having been present on every occasion. There was, however, still some need for improvement in learning lessons by some of the children.

The Lent Service will be at 7 on Thursday evenings. Preachers: March 8th, Rev. J. W. Layng, Vicar of Spilsby; March 15th, Rev. S. C. Moseley, Curate of Spilsby; Mar. 22nd, Rev. H. Fawssett, Rector of Sausthorpe; March 29th, Rev. R. H. Simpson, Rector of East Keal; April 5th, Rev. G. G. Walker, Rector of Somerby. Sunday Evenings: March 11th, Rev. W. F. S. Noble, Rector of Little Steeping, Great Steeping and Firsby; April 1st, Rev. J. Howard, Rector of Ashby.

BAPTISM.—Feb. 25th, 1906, Arthur William Mableson.

BURIALS.—March 1st, Henry Houghtby, aged 54 years, and Mary Elizabeth Houghtby, his wife, aged 60 years. Buried side by side in one grave.

It is not often that we have the sad duty of burying husband and wife on the same day, but this sad occurence has taken place here three times within the last 15 years, the late Gilby Robinson and his wife Mary Ann, being buried on April 25th, 1891, and William Sharp and his wife Margaret on Feb. 15th, 1898. In the year 1584 there were three burials on the same day, including John and Isabell Fetherston.

BAPTISMS.—Feb. 25th, Arthur William Mableson. April 15th, Clara Borrill.

MARRIAGE.—April 17th, Charles Whiting and Ann Balderson.

BURIAL.—April 14th, Henry Hotchin, aged 59 years.

We are very much indebted to the Rev. J. Howard for kindly taking two Sunday evening services for the Rector, whose throat had been somewhat troublesome.

The Easter Services were particularly bright and well attended, and the number of Communicants showed a slight advance on previous years. The choir gave a very good account of themselves, rendering a new anthem by Caleb Simper with excellent effect.

MUSICAL COMPETITIONS.—We must heartily congratulate Mr. Hunt and his children on their success in taking first prize in Class II. in the Junior Competition, and more especially on hearing the Judge call theirs "an extremely pleasing performance." In the Senior Competition we only succeeded in tying with Gunby for fifth place: but after hearing the Judge's remarks on the exceedingly high standard of singing reached by all the Village Classes, we are not discouraged and will try again. It is something to be one of those villages who have reached a high standard, and we take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs. Massingberd on the great improvement in the singing in this neighbourhood, brought about by her untiring and much appreciated efforts. The Musical Competitions have certainly done much to develop latent musical instincts. Even though unsuccessful in taking a prize, the mere fact of taking the utmost pains in preparing the music helps to keep up our standard of singing. We are greatly indebted to the Rev. F. M. Yglesias for kindly conducting us and taking three practices. His skill and kindness have been much appreciated by all the class.

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The Easter Vestry was held on April 19th. The Rector again nominated Mr. W. M. Cussons as his Warden, and Mr. E. D. Baker was unanimously elected Parish Warden. The following resolution was passed by the Vestry, viz., "That this Vestry entirely disapproves of and protests against the provisions of the Government's Education Bill, and pledges itself to do all in its power to oppose it." This was forwarded to Mr. Birrell, the Prime Minister, and Lord Willoughby de Eresby, M.P. The Churchwarden's accounts showed a deficit of £5 0s. 7½d. The accounts will be published next month.

On Ascension Day we celebrated both the Church Festival and also "Empire Day." The Children formed a procession to Church and afterwards proceeded with flags flying to General Richardson's field, where a flagstaff had been erected. At the proper moment General Richardson hoisted the flag and the Children sang the "Flag of England" and saluted the flag. Other Patriotic Songs were sung and General Richardson recited Rudyard Kipling's "Lest we forget." After the National Anthem and many cheers for the King and others, the children dispersed, to meet again in the Rectory Field for sports in the afternoon. A Festival Service in Church in the Evening concluded the day's observance. We must particularly compliment Mr. Hunt and the Teachers and the Children on the way in which they carried out their respective duties. The Prizes for the sports were given by the Managers and Mr. Baker gave oranges all round, and Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Vessey kindly provided material for "Scrambles."



Mr William Marsar Cussons
36 years Churchwarden.

We very sincerely regret having to record the death of Mr. William Marsar Cussons, who for over 36 years has faithfully and zealously performed the duties of Rector's Churchwarden. After a long illness Mr. Cussons rallied sufficiently to attend a celebration on Easter Day, but this proved to be his last visit to the Church. The funeral on June 14th was marked by every token of respect for the late Mr. Cussons's memory. The Choir attended and the Ringers rang a muffled peal. During the course of his sermon on the Sunday after, the Rector stated that Mr. Cussons had served as Churchwarden for a longer period than any of his predecessors since the year 1581. John Ancient served for 30 years, viz., 1738-1768, and the late Mr. Cussons' father also for 30 years. Mr. Cussons during all these years never missed attending Church morning and evening except when prevented by illness or some other unavoidable cause. We take this opportunity of expressing our most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Cussons in her sad bereavement.

National School.—The Inspector of Religious Knowledge reports as follows: "There is a distinct improvement in the tone of the school, which is a happy augury for the administration of the new Teacher, Mr. A. Hunt. The Infants passed a creditable examination and will make further improvement. The Senior Scholars of the Upper Division passed a good examination in all subjects." Caroline Annie Borrill has joined the staff as a Candidate on probation for Pupil Teachership.

A Public Meeting was held in the School on June 8th, to explain the Education Bill. It was not so largely attended as might have been hoped, but those present, after Mr. Varah's lucid explanation of the Bill, must have gone away with a clearer notion of what is proposed. General Richardson presided. The Rector offered £5 to anybody who could point to a clause in the Bill which required (not only permitted) that simple Bible teaching should be given in all schools. This has not yet been claimed. The Rev. W. E. Varah then explained the Bill, and moved the following resolution, viz. "That this Meeting of Inhabitants of Halton Holgate indignantly protests against the Education Bill as being unjust, interfering with the freedom of the subject, and not affording a final settlement of the Education Question." This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Vessey and passed unanimously. A vote of thanks to the Speaker and Chairman was passed on the motion of Mr. E. D. Baker, seconded by Capt. Ellis.

Sacred to the Memory of

GEORGE CUSSONS,

Who died June 6th, 1817, Aged 82 Years.

Having been a Member of the Methodist Society 63 Years;
He was a Christian of the first-rate eminence and worth;
Saved by grace through faith,
He worshipped God in Spirit, rejoiced in Christ Jesus,
And was esteemed by all who knew him, to be
An Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile;
In active and self-denying benevolence he has not often been surpassed.
Of the sick, the poor, and distressed, he was the sympathizing friend.
And went about doing good to the bodies and souls of men.
He was one of the founders, in the year 1779, of the
Naval and Military Bible Society.
Towards the erection of this Chapel he gave three hundred pounds.
And by various bequests of his last will evinced how much he loved
The cause of God in general,
The Methodist Society in particular,
And the poor of Christ's flock.

(From a Tablet in Great Queen Street Chapel, London.)

Mr W.M. Cussons Grandfather

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MARRIAGE.—July 10th, 1906, George Smith and Annie Jackson Snell.

BURIALS.—June 21st, William Oliver, aged 77 years. July 1st, George Kidd, aged 62 years.

The Services during the Rector's absence from home were taken by the Revs. W. E. Boulter, J. W. Layng, J. N. Crosthwaite, and W. Disney, to all of whom our best thanks are due, and particularly to the Rev. W. F. S. Noble, who kindly took the occasional duty and visited the sick.

Aug. 3rd, the annual Sunday School Treat was held. As usual, we proceeded by train to Skegness, where a very enjoyable day was spent, ninety-two sitting down to tea at the Pavilion.

The children attending the National School were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs J. H. Vessey at the Manor House, on Saturday, August 11th. All sorts of amusements and sports, and, not least important, a good tea were thoroughly enjoyed. Hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Vessey and others before the party dispersed.

The National School has now re-opened. Another Pupil Teacher or Candidate is required by the Managers. The regularity of the children of late has been very good; last year one child, Annie Swaby, was awarded a medal by the Education Committee for being neither absent nor late during the year. Certificates of Merit were also awarded to Florence Vivian Smalley, Doris Smalley, May Bates, George Shaw, Alice Shaw, Violet Bonnett. We hope that even more will be earned in the future.

The annual Choir Outing was held on Sep. 6th. Unfortunately several members of the Choir were away from home, and the harvest prevented three ringers from being present, which was much regretted by the Rector and the rest of the party. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Borrill, Tye, and J. Simpson for kindly driving parties down to Skegness. The Rector also drove a party, and the boys went by train. A first-class dinner and tea was done full justice to at the Pavilion, where, under Mr. Trevitt's able management, we annually receive every attention. Our party of 35 had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the weather, and made full use of the many amusements provided at our "Queen of (Lincolnshire) Watering-places."

The Library re-opens on Friday, Oct. 5th, and will be open on Fridays and Sundays during the winter. We have obtained some new books and expect they will be highly appreciated by the members.

It is proposed to hold two very interesting Church History Lectures in November and December. Dates will be announced later.

The Rector has much pleasure in announcing that Major-General Richardson has been admitted as Rector's Warden in place of the late Mr. W. M. Cussons. We may express the hope that he may emulate the example of his relative, the late Mr. Augustus Booth, in holding the office for many years to come.

READING ROOM.—At a meeting of members held on October 19th, fourteen being present, it was decided to open the Schoolroom up to Xmas as a Reading Room. The subscription up to Dec. 31st is 1s., and if the attendance justifies the attempt the room will be open from Jan. 1st for a further subscription of 1s. The accounts show a satisfactory balance of £4 10s. in hand, so that we ought to manage without the assistance of entertainments this year.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.—The first meeting is on Oct. 24th. We shall be glad to see old and new members.

LIBRARY.—There is still a good demand for books and more new books have been added this month.

BAPTISMS.—Nov. 14th, 1906, Betsy Ann, daughter of Henry and Emily Smith. Nov. 18th, 1906, Anthony, son of John Albert and Rose Amelia Shaw.

It was a disappointment to the party of ten who journeyed to Lincoln to join in the Demonstration on October 27th, to be too late to join in the Procession owing to the lateness of the train. They were however in time for the overflow meeting.

CHURCH HISTORY LECTURES.—The first of these, entitled "What is the Church of England?" was given on November 16th, by the Rev. H. Bedford Pim. In spite of a tremendous downpour almost until the time of the meeting, the room was filled by a most attentive audience, so that we may conclude the Lecture proved generally interesting. The collection amounted to 19s. 6d. The next Lecture is on Friday, December 14th, and will be on "The story of the Prayer Book."

The Choral Class now number 27 members and meets once a fortnight.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—It is not often that we have to record a golden wedding, but it is even more unusual to have to record two in the course of one year in a country parish of the size of Halton. At Xmas we had the pleasure of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Curle on this happy event, and now we are able to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Shaw, of the Bell Inn, on their golden wedding, which took place on November 19th. We wish them every happiness and trust that they may long be spared to each other and their many friends at Halton.

The second Church History Lecture was held on Dec. 14th, and was well attended. The subject was "The Story of the Prayer Book;" the lecturer, the Rev. H. Bedford Pim, made this most interesting. Some of those present who had not made a special study of the subject, admitted that there was more new historical material given than they could assimilate at one sitting, but we hope it may stimulate them to further study of this interesting subject.

S.P.G.—The annual sermons were preached on Sunday, Dec. 9th. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. R. Barrow. The collections amounted to £1 14s. 5d. The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. The Deputation was the Rev. J. Shaul, late of Jamaica, who gave us a most interesting account of the work in that part of the world. The collection amounted to 19s. 10d.

CRICKET CLUB.—A most successful Whist Drive was held on Dec. 4th, in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club; 72 players took part. The winners were: Ladies, 1st prize, Mrs. Waite; 2nd, Miss Jackson; Consolation prize, Miss Thorpe; Gentlemen, 1st prize, Mr. C. Miller, jun.; 2nd, Mr. Parrott; Consolation prize, Mr. M. Turnor.

Acknowledged with thanks: Gen. and Mrs. Richardson for Sick and Needy Fund, £1.

The Rev. J. Howard kindly preached on Dec. 23rd.

At a meeting of the Choral Class on Dec. 11th, a collection was made by the members for the "Mrs. Massingberd Memorial Fund," £2 10s. being placed in the bag passed round for that purpose.

The Reading Room is proving a greater attraction than was the case last winter, and it has been decided to carry it on till April 1st.

The Church was most elaborately adorned for Xmas by an army of willing workers, whose efforts were most successful.

There were 56 communicants on Xmas morning. The Schoolchildren, ably trained by Mr. Hunt and accompanied by Miss Enderby, sang three Carols with much taste and precision at the commencement of the morning service. The Choir sang the Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," by *Barnby*, very well, especially considering that it is not one of the easiest to do full justice to.

The Ringers as usual added a touch of joyfulness to the Festal Season by ringing on Xmas Eve, and at 7 a.m. and 10-15 a.m. on Xmas morning.

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BURIAL.—Jan. 19th, 1907, Sarah Grantham, of New Sleaford, aged 75 years.

CLOTHING CLUB ACCOUNTS.—*Receipts*:—Balance, Dec. 1905, £1 0s. 4d.; Members' Deposits, £28 16s. 8d.; Subscriptions—Mr. J. H. Vessey £1, Mrs. Richardson £1, Capt. Hoff £1, Mrs. Disbrowe £1, Capt. Ellis 10s., Mr. M. Turnor 5s., Miss Jackson 2s. 6d., A Friend £3 7s. 7d. Total, £38 2s.

A Social Evening was held on Dec. 31st, in the Schoolroom. A Whist Drive, Dancing and Songs afforded a pleasant Evening's Entertainment, and though the tickets were only 6d. each, there was a balance in hand of 2s. 5d.

The members of the Girls' Friendly were entertained at the Rectory on Jan. 8th, and a pleasant evening was spent.

BURIALS.—Jan. 2nd, Verna Clarey, aged 3 months. Jan. 19th, Sarah Grantham, aged 75 years. Feb. 21st, Jane Raithby, aged 72 years. Feb. 23rd, Salome Berry, aged 89 years.

The Winter Treat for the Sunday School was held on Jan. 31st. Proceedings commenced with tea which was done ample justice to, after this games were played, the most popular being as usual "Dumb Crambo." Mr. A. Sharman then very kindly gave a most entertaining Conjuring Performance which was highly appreciated by old and young alike. The prizes were then distributed. The best attendances were made by Charles Woodward, George Woodward, Ivy Brown, Annie Shaw, who were not once absent, and Ernest Woodward and Florence Woodward were never absent except for sickness. Eleven other children were only absent once. There were 65 on the books. We beg to acknowledge with thanks a donation of 10s. towards the treat from Mrs. Richardson.

A Concert was given by the Choral Class and other friends on Feb. 11th. There was a fair attendance. The performers included Mrs. S. Smith, Miss. D. Thimbleby, Miss I. Ellis, Col. G. Beaumont Walker, Mr. J. J. Rainey, Mr. A. J. Thompson, Mr. S. Smith, and Mr. A. J. Searby. When we say that all these received enthusiastic encores, as did the Choral Class for their rendering of "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe," it is sufficient to show that the efforts of the entertainers proved most acceptable to the audience. We take this opportunity of congratulating the choral class upon a performance which testified to the pains they had taken in practising. We should like also to express the thanks of the conductor and the class to Gen. and Mrs. Richardson for kindly allowing them to practise at Halton House. After paying expenses £1 15s. 3d. was realized for music for the class and choir books.

Our preachers during Lent have been the Revs. G. W. Ridley, G. B. Vessey, H. Fawssett and C. Langton. We are much indebted to them for so kindly helping us in this way.

BURIAL.—March 18th, John Bowins, aged 66 years.

A successful Rummage Sale was held on April 23rd in aid of the Fund for Enlarging the School. Since this Fund was started further demands have been made by the Board of Education, and until the plans are passed we cannot give an accurate estimate of the amount required. The amount cleared at the Rummage Sale was £18. As there were no tea or side shows this is very satisfactory. The managers now have £43 1s. 7d. in hand, but not less than £45 more is required. The stalls at the sale were as follows: New Stall—Mrs. Baker, sen., and Miss Smith; Ladies' Clothing—Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Enderby, Miss Keller, Miss Debus, Miss C. Clough; Gentlemen's Clothing—General Richardson, the Rector, Mr. Atkin, and Master H. Disbrowe. Children's Clothing—Mrs. Ellis, Miss Thorpe, and Miss Raithby; Boots and Shoes—Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Haw; Hats—Mrs. Vessey and Miss Espin; Books and Music—Mr. Hunt and Mr. A. Ellis; Miscellaneous—Miss Borrill, Miss Skelton and Miss Tasker; Plants and Flowers—Cecil Atkin and N. Baker.

The Easter Vestry was held on April 2nd, when there was a small attendance. Mr. E. D. Baker was elected Parish Warden and General Richardson was nominated as Rector's Warden. The accounts were presented and passed, showing a deficit of £4 17s. 9d. This is a slight improvement on last year. The full accounts will be published in the next Magazine. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"The members of this Vestry desire to place on record their deep appreciation of the faithful services rendered to the Church and Parish by the late Mr. W. M. Cussons during the 35 years in which he filled the office of Rector's Churchwarden, this period forming a record. They

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desire also to tender their sincere condolences to his widow in her heavy bereavement." A vote of thanks to the Churchwardens for their services was also passed unanimously, and also a vote of thanks to the Organist and Choir, Bellringers, Decorators and all other Church-workers, whether voluntary or paid.

EASTER DAY.—In spite of the expected dearth of flowers, enough were found, under skilful hands, to give a festal aspect to the Church. There were 62 Communicants. The Choir were heard to advantage, particularly in the Anthem and Little's "Te Deum."

BURIAL.—April 27th, 1907, Mary Ann Spencer, aged 79 years.

The Church will be closed on Sunday, June 30th, for the Triennial Cleaning. As all parishioners are within reasonable distance of either Spilsby, Great Steeping, Little Steeping, Ashby, or Eastville Churches, it is hoped that they will attend one of these on that day.

Our Garden Fête was held on June 10th Considering the heavy downfall of rain which came down during the afternoon and spoilt the illuminations, we must congratulate ourselves in doing as well as we did. No doubt many more visitors would have arrived during the evening but for the threatening weather. The gross takings amounted to £32. 16s. 10d., which were made up of the following items: Mr. Lawton's Entertainments £3. 3s. 3d., Bran Tub £1. 5s., Dancing £1. 1s. 3d., Tea £7. 8s., Refreshments £1. 6s. 7d., Baby Show £4. 7s. 9d., Lightning Portraits £1. 7s., Tasting 10s. 9d., Smelling 8s. 9d., Donkey Rides 11s. 8d., Weighing 9s. 3d., Target Croquet 12s. 6d., Croquet Breaks 7s., Gramaphone 7s. 8d., Clock Putting 13s. 3d., Miss Rawnsley's Entertainments £1. 16s. 5d., Putting 11s. 6d., Cocoanuts (for stand) 5s., Gate £6 1s. 3d., Visitors to Church 2s., Mr. Atkinson 1/-. Total, £32. 16s. 10d. *Expenses:* Mr Lawton £1. 3s., Donkeys 10s., Portage 6s. 8d. Advertizing and Bill Sticking 9s., Printing 19s. 6d., Carting 3s. 6d., Band £2. 0s. 10d., Prizes 13s., Tent £1. 15s., Sundry Expenses —tickets, rope, candles, &c.—9s. 4d. Total, £11. 2s. 10d., leaving nett proceeds of £21. 14s. 0d. The most novel feature of the Fête was the Baby Show. A large number of the babies were prevented from coming owing to the weather, but four entered in Class I. (under 18 months) and 10 in Class II. (under 9 months). The winner in Class I. was George Samuel Sharman, Spilsby, the second prize being taken by Lizzie Ladds, Boston, this child being the 22nd in family. In Class II. Dorothy May Martin, Spilsby, was first, and Alan Valentine Taylor, of Winthorpe, 2nd. The Champion Prize, presented by Mrs. Disbrowe, went to Dorothy Martin. Handsome 1st prizes were presented by Gen. and Mrs. Richardson and 2nd prizes by the Rector. Two prizes for other competitions were given by Mrs. Disbrowe. The winners in other competitions were:—*Croquet Breaks*, Dr. Moxham, Stickney, who made a wonderful break of 51; *Croquet Target*, Dr. Moxham; *Clock Putting*, Rev. R. Barrow; *Nine Hole Putting*, Miss Williams and Miss Grantham; *Smelling*, Miss Watkins and Mrs. Ridley; *Tasting*, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. H. Mawer. It is impossible to acknowledge all the kind help given by an army of officials, but we must thank all for their ready and efficient help, which was very much appreciated by the Hon. Sec., who has never had a better set of workers with whom to co-operate. Contributions of provisions were kindly given by Mesdames Richardson, Vessey, Ellis, Disbrowe, Smith, Baker, E. D. Baker, Bonnett, J. Clough, Walter Grantham, Wm. Grantham, Murray, Wilson, Ridley, Barrow, Preston, Enderby, Roberts, Roughton, Borrill, Tye, Simpson, A. Shaw, the Misses Dixon and Tasker. We must particularly thank Mr. E. D. Baker and his son for nearly three days labour kindly given, and also Mr. Marslon, "White Hart," Spilsby, for kindly lending and carting tables and forms. Also Capt. Hoff for loan of chairs from Drill Hall. Mrs. Hunt kindly collected the material to fill a remunerative Bran Tub. The officials taking various duties were Gen. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Vessey, Capt. and Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Disbrowe, Mesdames Ridley, F. Walker, Slocock and Hunt, the Misses Keller, Pruen, Walker, Enderby, Howard, Ellis, Waite, Shaw, Tasker, Pape, Messrs. J. Clough, Clarke, Pape, Rev. C. H. Murray, Rev. G. Ridley, B. C. Garfit, Dr. Slocock, Rev. R. Barrow, H. W. Bidgood, Maddison, Capt. W. Hoff, E. D. Baker, sen., E. D. Baker, jun., F. Basker, G. Grayson, M. Turnor, Davidson, Atkin, R. Clough, Coote, Wain, Gunnis, Enderby, C. Borrill, W. Simpson, Capt. Hoff, G. Snell, besides whom the following ladies by their exertions made the tea a success:—Mesdames E. Baker, Baker, sen., Atkin, Enderby, Clough, Hunt, Roberts, Grantham, W. Haw, Tye, the Misses Borrill, Espin, Skelton, Scott, Clough (3), Woodthorpe, G. Grantham, N. Baker, years Knowles, Elvin, E. Elvin, Thorpe, Debus, Bell, Raithby, Peacock, Johnson, C. Shaw, Kidd, Robinson, Horsewood.

Miss C. Borrill has passed the Entrance Examination for Pupil Teachers. Considering the long list of unfortunates who failed this is very satisfactory.

Rain fell on 20 days in May, the total rainfall for the month being 5.59 inches.

Empire Day was observed on the 24th May. The Flag was saluted, the children sang patriotic songs, General Richardson recited Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional." The children were entertained to tea by General Richardson and Mr. Vessey, and a long programme of sports was successfully carried out, prizes being given by the Managers, Gen. Richardson, Mr. Vessey, Mr. E. D. Baker, Mr. Clough, and the Rector. We must specially congratulate Mr. Hunt on the singing of the children.

BURIAL.—July 24th, Thomas Tasker, aged 69 years.

We were most fortunate in having a beautiful day in the midst of very bad days for our Choir Outing on July 11th. The drive down to Skegness was much enjoyed and a party of over 40 did full justice to the excellent dinner and tea provided by Mr. Green at the Pavilion. The Rector is much indebted to Gen. Richardson, Mr. Borrill and Mr. Simpson for kindly lending horses and conveyances.

We must congratulate Lance Corporal Woodward on obtaining the Volunteer Long Service Medal. This is a most honourable distinction and we hope others will follow in the footsteps of the first Haltonian to win it. We understand that though Mr. Woodward qualified for his medal nearly four years ago, it has taken the War Office all this time to get it forwarded.

The plans for the alterations and additions have now been passed by the various authorities and the work will shortly be carried out. The estimate comes to £105, and in addition to this there will be the Opex Ventilation. We may therefore estimate the total required as £115. Of this we now have, including the balance in hand on our current account, about £70. Mrs. Sale has kindly forwarded £2. 2s. towards the Fund.

OFFERTORIES.—Church Expenses, May 26th, £1. 9s. 7d.; June 23rd, £1. 6s. 6d. Sick and Needy, June 2nd, 9s. 7½d.; June 16th, 9s.; July 11th, 6s. 8d. Spilsby Cottage Hospital, £1. 12s.

The total rainfall for June amounted to 2·32 inches. Rain fell on 22 days.

We regret that we omitted last month to give the names of the children who in August received Medals and Certificates for good attendance, given by the Lindsey Education Committee. They were as follows:—Bronze Medals: Annie Elizabeth Swaby (Clasp), Sydney Hauton, Ernest Harold Woodward, Geoffrey Prince Hunt, Doris May Smalley, Violet Augusta Bonnett. Merit Certificates: Walter J. Horsewood, Albert Shaw, Dorothy Grace Clough.

MARRIAGE.—Oct. 15th, Joseph Coote and Charlotte Parker.

BURIAL.—Oct. 1st, Elizabeth Scott, aged 81

We were again fortunate in having a fine day for the annual visit of the Sunday School to Skegness on August 16th. A party of 91 sat down to tea at the Pavilion, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the various attractions of the "Queen of Lincolnshire Watering places."

During the month of July it only rained 15 days at Halton, the total rainfall being 1·47 inches.

The Rev. W. F. S. Noble preached here on August 18th.

We congratulate the Cricket Club on winning their match with Hagg. In the match with Spilsby II. time was called with the last Spilsby bat in and the chances decidedly in our favour. Sausthorpe again proved too strong for us by a small margin. The match with Burgh was most interesting up to a certain point, when F. Hirsch began hitting and turned the game in favour of his side, who eventually won.

The Building operations at the School are now completed. The School has been thereby immensely improved. The Class-room is not only larger but warmer and lighter. The Main Room is better ventilated. The Cloak Rooms are luxurious, and the new sanitary arrangements thoroughly up-to-date. Now all we want is about £25 more money. The total cost has been about £120. A Rummage Sale will be held early in 1908 for this purpose.

There is not much to chronicle this month, except the presence of measles in most of the houses in the Parish, which has caused the Medical Officer to close the School, and as a consequence, Choir Practice, Reading Room, Clothing Club, Library, &c., have been temporarily suspended.

After being closed for a month on account of measles, the School re-opened on Dec. 9th. We must congratulate ourselves on so far escaping Whooping Cough.

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A most enjoyable Social Evening was held on Jan. 1st in the schoolroom. The promoters were the members of the Reading Room and all the arrangements were admirably carried out. A Whist Drive was the first item on the programme. The winning lady was Mrs. Turner, and Miss E. Johnson came second, Miss E. Shaw winning the consolation prize. Mr. G. Enderby took the first gentleman's prize, and Master C. W. Disbrowe second, Mr. C. Shaw third, and Mr. A. Shaw the consolation prize. After supper, Dancing and Songs were the order of events. Mrs. Disbrowe played for Dancing, and Miss Enderby and Mr. Hunt accompanied the songs, the performers including Messrs. Atkin, Enderby, Lilley, Basker, Wharf and the Rector.

On Jan. 6th, Mrs. Richardson gave a most interesting Lecture entitled "A tour round the Empire." This was illustrated by some excellent Lantern Pictures, which added much to the value and enjoyment of the Lecture. The Rev. R. H. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson kindly brought and manipulated a Lantern. Admission was free and the room was crowded. We are much indebted to Mrs. Richardson for thus, not only giving us a pleasant evening, but also enabling us to realise to some extent the vastness and the value of our great Empire as well as our responsibilities as members of it.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The Rector has received a grant of £20 from Belton's Charity, and a promise of £5 from Capt. Hoff towards the Building Fund. A Rummage Sale will be held about Easter to wipe off the small deficit and also provide funds to put the girls' playground into better order.

The Halton Carol Singers who collected one guinea for Dr. Barnardo's Homes on Xmas. Eve, desire to thank all those who supported them so liberally on that occasion.

The total rainfall for 1907 was 25·65 inches, rain falling on 197 days. The average at Greenwich for the last 40 years is 24·13 inches. The rainfall for Dec. was 2·99 inches on 21 days. The fall in Jan. to the 21st was ·98 in 8 days.

The following children are top in their respective standards at the last examination at the National School: Standard vii., Hilda Baker, Beatrice Clough; vi., Dorothy Woodthorpe; v., William Shaw, Betsy Shaw; iv., George Woodward; iii., Annie Shaw; ii., Geoffrey Hunt; i., Annie Swaby.

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The Winter Sunday School Treat was held on Jan 31st, in the Schoolroom. After full justice had been done to the tea the room was cleared and various games were entered into with intelligence and spirit. "Magic writing," "Mahatma," "Post," "Bib above all," "Dumb Crambo," proved most popular. At the close of the evening came Prize giving. The Rector stated that the attendance, with a very few exceptions, has been excellent; out of 68 children on the books, twelve had never been absent or late during the year unless sick, viz., Charles Woodward, Nellie Baker, Cecil Atkin, Betsy Shaw, Gertrude Coote, William Atkin, George Woodward, Ernest Woodward, Ivy Brown, May Bates, Florence Coote, Florence Woodward, and fourteen others from once to four times absent. The tea was given by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson, the Prizes by the Rector, whilst Mr. Ellis contributed sweets.

Our representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference are the Rector and Churchwardens, Gen. Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker, ex-officio, and Mr. A. Hunt and Mr. C. Atkin elected at a meeeting of those with the "Status of Communicants." It was disappointing to see only four men present at this meeting, though we believe several were prevented from attending by illness. The first meeting of the Conference will be held in the Franklin Room, Spilsby, on March 10th at 7 o'clock.

The special Lent services will be held on Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m. The Preachers will be: March 11th, Rev. R. H. Simpson; March 18th, Rev. R. Barrow; March 25th, Rev. W. E. Brown; April 1st, Rev. W. E. Varah; April 8th, ————.

The Rainfall in January was 1.32 inches on 17 days. During February to the 21st, .83 inches fell on 12 days.

The Tornado of Feb. 22nd will long be remembered, but happily very little damage was done in this parish. It reminds us of the similiar visitation in 1846 when the roof of the Nave of the Church was destroyed and part of it carried on to the Rectory Stables.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Monday, April 20th. The Rector nominated General Richardson as his warden, and Mr. E. D. Baker was re-elected Parish warden. Hearty and well deserved votes of thanks were passed to the Churchwardens and to all the Churchworkers, paid or voluntary.

In spite of the wintry weather, the Easter Communicants numbered 60. The Anthem was Simper's "Christ is Risen," and was really excellently rendered, as was the other special music.

BURIAL.—May 20th, Elizabeth Hall, aged 73 years.

In the Musical Competitions the School Children performed very creditably. They were second in the Class for Schools with an average under 70, and in the Open Class, though they did not take a high place in one piece, yet they gave a very good rendering of a Round, and in fact the Judge declared this to be the best performance of a Round given during the Competitions. The Adult Class enjoyed their practices and benefited by them, and though the Judge was not lavish in his praises, we are still prepared to "face the music" once more at the next Competitions.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner, whose daughter has just been elected to the Earlswood Asylum, desire most sincerely to thank all those who have helped to get her elected by giving or obtaining votes or in other ways.

The Rev. Canon Disbrowe preached here on May 17th. His subject was the Pan-Anglican Congress, which was most opportune, as a House to House Collection for this purpose was at the time being made.

The Rainfall in April was 2.96, falling on 19 days. To May 20th, the rainfall has been 1.98 on 10 days.

The Rummage Sale in aid of the School Enlargement Fund, realized a profit of £13. 8s. 2d. This will put a balance on the right side, and the Managers desire to offer their most hearty thanks to all who have assisted in raising the sum of £120 required.

BURIAL.—June 4th, David Keal, aged 30 years.

Empire Day was observed on May 24th. A Special Afternoon Service was held when the Rector gave an address on the duties of Citizenship. The lessons were read by General Richardson. After the Service the children marched to the "Wongs" and saluted the flag as they sang "Flag of Britain." This was very effectively arrived at by the children under Mr. Hunt's able management. The Anthem "From the rising of the Sun to the going down of the same" gave an appropriate Empire Day note in the Evening Service.

The Collection for the Pan-Anglican Thankoffering amounted to £5. 0s. 8d.

The Lightning Conductor on the Church Tower recently broke away from its rod and on being tested by an expert is declared to be quite useless for the purpose for which it is intended and even a source of danger rather than a protection. It has been in position a good many years and has corroded badly. The Churchwardens have therefore had to order a new one, which will cost over £9, without including the expense of testing the

The Report of the Diocesan Inspector has been received and is very satisfactory. He includes our school in the list of those marked "very good," a result upon which the Teachers should be heartily congratulated.

The Halton Cricket xi. were successful in their first match, beating Spilsby 2nd xi. by four runs. Sausthorpe however proved too strong for us and we had to retire defeated by 59 runs.

The Annual Outing of the Choir and Ringers took place on Aug. 18th. Thanks to the kindness of General Richardson, Messrs. Borrill, Harker and Simpson, who lent horses and conveyances for the occasion, the party were able to enjoy a drive to Skegness and back in addition to the perennial joys of the seaside. The day selected proved in every way fortunate. Fine weather, a Flower and Poultry Show, a most deeply interesting Parade of the Crimean and Mutiny Veterans, and a phenomenally high tide, not to mention the Rev. T. R. Sale's Cricket Match, afforded a programme varied enough for all.

The School Children also had their treat on July 31st. Skegness again proved equal to our wants in providing a good day's pleasure. A visit to the camp of the "Terrors," where there were three Halton representatives, proved an interesting novelty to many of the children. Really, where should we be without our Skegness? It is hard to say which is the most necessary in the order of things—whether Skegness to the trippers or the trippers to Skegness.

A Garden Meeting in aid of the Church Army was held at Halton House on Aug. 10th, by invitation of Gen. and Mrs. Richardson. The collections amounted to £10 18s. 6d. and fifteen new subscribers were enrolled—a very encouraging result for those who are responsible for the organisation of the Church Army.

The Halton Cricket Club has up to the present time played six matches: won 4, lost 2. The scores have been as follows:—July 11th, Halton 41 (Rev. C. P. Disbrowe 12) v. Spilsby 2nd 37 (R. Driffield 16); C. Revell 7 wickets, M. Turnor 3. July 18th, Halton 24 (M. Turner 12), Sausthorpe 82 (C. Revell 2 wickets, M. Turnor 3, and Rev. C. P. Disbrowe 4). July 28th, Halton 70 (Rev. C. P. Disbrowe 28 not out, C. Miller 28) v. Burgh 59 (Turnor 8 wickets, Bogg 2.) Aug. 1st, Halton 53 (G. Enderby 10, C. Revell 18) v. Spilsby 2nd 84, (Revell 7 wickets.) Aug. 6th, Halton 67(Rev. C. P. Disbrowe 21, A. Ellis 18) v. Oxford House 52 (Turnor 7 wickets, Revell 3.) Aug. 18th, Halton 53 (C. Revell 20, R. L. Little 11) v. Burgh 52 (C. Revell 3 wickets, Little 4, Ashton 3.)

The Rainfall for July was 3.63ins. on 16 days. Aug. 1—21 on 8 days 1.28in. Exactly half of this fell on Aug. 21st.

The chief event to record is a visit from Canon Hicks, the Diocesan Missioner, on August 30th. He arrived by motor from Lincoln in time to address the Sunday School children and afterwards preached Morning and Evening and gave an Address at a Service for men in the Afternoon. The Afternoon and Evening Services were very well attended and it was fortunate that extra seating for 120 had been provided. We were glad to see a number of visitors from neighbouring Parishes and most cordially thank the Clergy of those Parishes for so kindly letting their congregations know of the Diocesan Missioner's visit.

We are pleased to announce that Canon Hicks, who is Organizing Secretary for S.P.G., proposes to speak at a Meeting here on behalf of that Society on some day between October 19th and 22nd. We feel sure that the idea of "Ember Pennies" will commend itself to all. This simple but brilliant idea is that Churchpeople should be provided with an opportunity of contributing a penny on each of the four Ember Sundays and so helping to provide a Fund for the Education of Candidates for Holy Orders, who cannot afford to pay for a suitable Education. Though no notice was given beforehand, we were able to forward 32 pennies for the last Ember Sunday.

The Library has been enriched by the addition of over fifty new books.

The Reading Room has started again with a good number of members. This is our eighth season, during which time we have always managed to have a balance in hand. With this good record is it not time that some effort should be made by the members to procure a permanent Reading Room which would be more comfortable and more suitable than their present quarters in the National School?

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 18th, and for once in eight years we had a day almost free from rain. The ringers rang three merry peals, commencing at 7.15 a.m. This early peal on Festivals is always much appreciated. The morning congregation was very fair and in the evning, when the Rev. J. W. Layng, vicar of Spilsby, very kindly preached, the Church was crowded. The services were very hearty and the expressive singing of the special music by the choir gave evidence of very careful preparation, without which no excellence is possible. The Anthem in the morning was "O how plentiful" *(Paterson)*, and in the evening "Thy Barns shall be filled" *(Simper)*. The collections amounted to £5. 0s. 10d., of which £3. 3s. goes to Lincoln County Hospital and the remainder to Church Expenses. The Church was more beautifully decorated than ever before. This remark, which is by some made annually, has never before appeared in the Halton Magazine, but being a historical fact, and not an effort of a kindly imagination, must be inserted on this occasion.

BAPTISM.—Oct. 24th, 1908, Edith, daughter of George Samuel and Martha Smalley.

BURIAL.—Nov. 22nd, 1908, Elizabeth Ann Moore, aged 71 years.

The Annual Sermons on behalf of the S.P.G. will be preached and collections made on Sunday, Dec. 6th.

The Whist Drive and Dance on Nov. 3rd was well patronised by our friends from other parishes as well as from here and the nett proceeds amounted to £4, which will materially help to reduce the debt on the Lightning Conductor Fund.

Xmas Day was ushered in by the ringing of a peal before the early Celebration. We must congratulate the Ringers on their excellent performance this year. The Carols sung by the children before the Morning Service, under Mr. Hunt's able direction, were particularly sweetly sang. The Anthem, "In the beginning was the Word" (Allen), was evidently much appreciated by the Choir, if we could judge by the excellent rendering they gave of it. Our decorators also gave a good account of themselves and adorned the Church with their usual skill.

On the Sunday after Xmas, in the Evening, the Choir sang two Anthems and two Carols, and two other well-known Carols were sung by Congregation and Choir combined. We were much pleased with our new Anthems and Carols this year. One Carol, "The Silent Stars illume the deep," Words by H. E. Branch and Music by Heller Nicholls, deserves to be better known than it is.

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We had a most successful Whist Drive and Dance on Jan. 5th, in aid of the Reading Room. The Committee, consisting of Messrs. Enderby, Snell, and Lilley, with the assistance of Mr. Hunt and the ladies who kindly helped with the Refreshment department, carried out the arrangements excellently. Mrs. Disbrowe played for Dancing. The prize winners were: Ladies—1st, Miss Haw, 178; 2nd, Miss Dring, 174; 3rd, Mrs. E Haw, 171; Consolation, Miss K. Enderby, 133. Gentlemen—1st, P. Walker, 177; 2nd, B. Winn, 177; Consolation, F. Basker, 135. The nett proceeds amounted to £2. 15s. 4d. Two prizes were given by the Rector and Mr. A. H. Sharman.

The Rainfall for the year 1908 amounted to 23·43in. on 191 days. During 1907 it was 25·65in. on 197 days. During Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1908, there fell 3·72in. on 48 days, as compared with 10·40in. on 57 days during the same period of 1907. The rainfall Jan. 1—19, 1909, was ·98in. on 12 days.

The Sunday School Treat was held later than usual this year, viz., on Shrove Tuesday. After tea and games the Rector gave a Report for the year and distributed the prizes. There are now 65 children on the books, and in addition 4 who attend the children's service only. Out of these, 20 children have not been absent once, morning or afternoon, except when sick or away from home, and 3 have each been only once absent. This is very satisfactory—but we should like to see some of the irregular children attend more regularly. A few of the most irregular children did not receive prizes, and a higher standard of attendance will be required next year to qualify for a prize. The following 20 children made a perfect attendance:—Charles Woodward, Cecil Atkin, Wm. Shaw, Nellie Baker, Beatrice Clough, Gertrude Coote, Walter Grantham, Wm. Atkin, Sidney Woodthorpe, George Woodward, Annie Shaw, Ivy Brown, George Shaw, Ernest Woodward, Ada Atkin, Walter Hauton, Bertha Woodthorpe, Florence Woodward, Doris Smalley, and Sidney Hauton; whilst Vivian Smalley, Florence Coote, and May Bates were only absent once. The highest marks for lessons were: Ivy Brown 101, Nellie Baker 98, Beatrice Clough 97, Ada Atkin 93, Florence Woodward 93, Wm. Shaw 88, Florence Coote 88, Violet Bonnett 88, May Bates 87.

Owing to the state of the weather the number of those taking part in the Whist Drive in aid of the Cricket Club was smaller than usual, but the sum of £2. 0s. 4d. was cleared, which, under the circumstances, was very good, and the Club is much indebted to those who kindly gave the prizes and provisions.

The Rev. C. H. W. Bellairs, Rector of Lusby, has very kindly promised to preach a course of sermons here during Lent as follows:—Wednesday, March 3rd, "Our Creation." Wednesday, March 10th, "The end for which we were made." Tuesday, March 16th, "The Benefits of God." Wednesday, March 24th, "Sin." Wednesday, March 31st, "Death."

On Sunday Evenings the subjects will be: 1st Sunday, "Repentance." 2nd Sunday, Rev. J. Howard. 3rd Sunday, "Infant Baptism." 4th Sunday, Rev. J. W. Layng: "That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet." 5th Sunday, "The Three Creeds." 6th Sunday, "Therefore be ye also ready."

Burial.—Feb. 13th, 1909, Parkinson Vinter, aged 72 years.

Baptisms.—March 28th, 1909, Cyril, son of Jonathan and Sarah Elizabeth Coote; April 11th, 1909, Norman William, son of Herbert William and Rebecca Grantham.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Friday, April 16th. At this meeting the Rector again nominated General Richardson as his Warden, in his enforced absence at Woodhall Spa, and the Parishioners re-elected Mr. E. D. Baker. Mr. Baker presented his accounts, which, in spite of the extra expense of putting up a new Lightning Conductor, showed a smaller balance to the bad than for many years.

A discussion took place in reference to the state of the Churchyard paths and it was left to the Churchwardens to take suitable steps to improve the same. A very warm vote of thanks was passed to the Churchwardens and all voluntary and paid Churchworkers for their acceptable labours during the year.

A Meeting of Communicants was then held, at which Messrs. A. Hunt and C. Atkin were re-elected as representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference, of which body the Churchwardens are ex-officio members.

The usual number of "flittings" took place on April 6th; we wish them who have left and those who have arrived amongst us the best of good fortune and happiness in their new homes.

Burials.—March 25th, John Beacock, aged 91 years; March 29th, Tom Brown, aged 45 years.

The number of Communicants on Easter Day was rather less than last year, but illness and absence from home more than accounts for this slight diminution in numbers. In spite of all prospects to the contrary, plenty of flowers were forthcoming to suitably garb the Church in Festal Array, and our decorators, as usual, made the best possible use of the material at their disposal. Church Festivals, and especially Easter, are most invigorating and inspiring breaks in the quiet routine of our ordinary Sundays, and the Decorators, and the Choir, who sang two joyful Anthems in excellent style, and the Ringers can and do help materially to impress upon all the aspect of thankful rejoicing which should mark the Christian life.

Burial.—May 12th, 1909, Edmund Smalley, aged 89.

A pleasant little ceremony took place in the Vestry on Sunday Evening, April 15th, when a clock was presented to Mr. George Lilley, a member of the Choir, as a wedding present. The inscription on the Clock was: "Presented to Mr. George Lilley on the occasion of his marriage, by the Rector, Churchwardens, Organist, Choir, and Parish Clerk of Halton Holegate." The Rector having expressed the good wishes of the Subscribers, Mr. George Enderby, the senior member of the Choir, made the presentation, after making some particularly appropriate remarks, and Mr. Lilley feelingly returned thanks.

Empire Day as usual was observed in Halton. The Rector, both at the Children's Service and in the Evening of the preceding Sunday, spoke of the duties of good citizens and the great moral responsibility involved by the extent of our Empire. On Empire Day the children had a half holiday and proceeded to the Wongs, kindly lent by Mr. Vessey, where General Richardson had erected a flagpost. Various patriotic songs were sung and General Richardson recited Rudyard Kipling's well-known "Recessional Hymn." The Children then sang "Flag of Britain" and saluted the Flag. The National Anthem, which concluded this part of the ceremony, was heartily taken up by all present. An excellent programme of Sports was then proceeded with, which, it is needless to say, the children thoroughly enjoyed. A procession, well equipped with Union Jacks, then marched through the Village to the School, where Tea was provided by the generosity of General Richardson and Mrs. Vessey, supplemented by Milk kindly given by Mr. Clough, and Jam by Mrs. Disbrowe; Mr. E. D. Baker also kindly gave a packet of sweets to each child. The Prize Fund was founded by the Rector, General Richardson, Mr. Vessey, and Mr. J. Clough. The chief brunt of the work fell upon Mr. A. Hunt, who entered enthusiastically into the proceedings; and we must not forget to thank Mrs. Hunt for her exertions, as well as the Teachers and the other helpers at the Tea.

A meeting was held in the Schoolroom, on June 10th, at which most of the members of the Reading Room were present, and also Gen. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. Clough, Mrs. Disbrowe, and Mr. C. Atkin. It was decided that it was desirable, if possible, to build a permanent room for use of the members and of ladies at certain hours. The members present undertook to take collecting cards and see what could be collected. Mrs. Richardson started the subscription list with a guinea, a good example followed by the Rector. When it is seen what the result of the collecting cards is, then steps will be taken to raise the remainder of the £45 probably required.

Marriage.—Edward Rymer and Naomi Robinson, June 30th, 1909.

Burials.—Sarah Elizabeth Simpson, aged 62 years, May 31st, 1909. Thomas Lee, aged 88 years, July 2nd, 1909.

The outing for the Choir and Ringers and the Sunday School Treat were this year combined. We were most fortunate in having a fine, warm day, though the weather looked at times very threatening. The party left Halton at 8.20 a.m., the children returning by the 6.10 from Skegness and the adults, after 11 hours by the sea, by the 8.45 p.m. The Choir and Ringers were entertained to Dinner at 1 p.m. at the Pavilion, where, as usual, an excellent repast was provided. At tea, when our party numbered 112, in addition to a few visitors, we were placed next to a party belonging to the Salvation Army, who, led by the Rector, heartily joined in singing grace with our party. After tea, all the donkeys on the sands were engaged and the Sunday School made a dignified procession round the town. Each year some new attraction is found at "go-a-head" Skegness, and this year the joys of the Figure of Eight were much appreciated by the Choir, though a few preferred the known safety of solid mother earth. The cricket ground also proved attractive to some, whilst others braved the dangers of the German Ocean, and, since the sea was calm, with no diminution of appetite. No novelties marked the journey home, though as usual every opportunity was given for something to turn up during our lengthy wait at that very well-known junction between Spilsby and Skegness.

The Cricket Club finds itself in difficulties as to raising teams this year, but with the help of some outside friends we took an XI. to Ormsby on July 13th. Our score was 55, of which Mr. Warner contributed 40! Our opponents had made 14 for 2 wickets when a thunderstorm put an end to the encounter.

St. Cuthbert's,
Chitts Hill,
August 21st, 1909.

My dear Friends,

I am hardly in a position to record the history of Halton for this month, as I have been so far away, so instead I send a letter. We can hardly flatter ourselves that our leaving home was the cause of the heavy rainfall on 27th July, but it was enormous. We arrived in a tremendous downpour and were not surprised when we received Mr. Rattenbury's Rainfall record to-day to see that 1.33 inches, or 133 tons to the acre fell on that day. The hayfield next to the Church here was, though so far south, cut on August 4th, which made us think we were not so behind the times at Halton as we might have imagined.

Immediately on our arrival here we seemed to be at once brought into touch with Lincolnshire, for one of the Churchwardens paid us a visit and declared himself a Lincolnshire Man, and that his sister was Churchwarden of a South Lincolnshire parish. Then curiously the nearest butcher's shop is kept by a Lincolnshire Man, who kept the nearest shop to us when living at Skegness.

Walking along the streets of London it is impossible to get away from the splendid poster of Skegness, on which a hardy mariner is depicted bounding over the shore, to the great surprise of a starfish, and the legend below reads—"Skegness is so bracing."

Then on visiting St. Paul's Cathedral, we met Mr. Smalley, one of the vergers, who courteously did what he could for us, thereby returning the hospitality of the Halton Rectory Garden, which he enjoyed two years ago.

We also noticed Mr. and Mrs. H. Wain and family in Church one Sunday morning. I had to baptise a nice little boy of 5, my first Sunday here, who did not understand what was required of him, and protested that "he had been washed once."

I hope the Magazine will come out up to date, but I have serious doubts, as I have twice met the worthy Editor at the Oval, and he seemed quite doubtful as to the date of his return home. By the bye, if you want to see a picture of the Halton Contingent

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enjoying themselves at the Test Match, look in the *Daily Telegraph* of August 11th, the pictorial reporter, having, with excellent judgment, selected that particular section of the crowd, in which we were sitting, for a photograph. There was a well-known "Spilsbyite" present a little further away but he is not included.

There is no verger or clerk at this Church, but an army of Sidesmen and voluntary workers each take a turn of duty and enthusiastically work for the Church.

The heat was intense for about 10 days, which caused me to leave a window open at night on the ground floor, and we were reminded in the small hours of the morning that we were not living in the country by a tremendous onslaught upon the front door knocker by an agitated Policeman.

We are very pleased to hear that Mr. George Lilley's operation was successful and hope he may speedily recover.

Yours very truly,
C. P. DISBROWE.

THE RAINFALL.—In July the rainfall was 3.90 inches on 19 days. On July 27th the rainfall was 1.33 inches, and August 1st, 1.25. January 1st 1908 to August 17th 1908, it was 15.77 on 121 days, and for the same of 1909, 17.32 on 100 days.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 10th. We were thankful to have a fine morning and afternoon, but history again repeated itself, we believe for the ninth time during the residence of the present Rector, and we must therefore record only a partly fine day once more. Often we have had rain all day, sometimes a fine morning or a fine evening, but only once, as far as we can recollect, a *really* fine day. There was a good congregation in the morning, but the rain thinned us somewhat in the evening. The Rector was unfortunate in being unable to obtain a preacher, partly owing to delay in fixing the date until there was a reasonable prospect of having all the corn carried. On this occasion all would have been in but for the weather of the preceding week. It is needless to say that the Church was beautifully decorated. The choir were in full force both in numbers and voice, and they helped thereby to bring out the decidedly musical abilities of the congregation. The anthem and other special music, to which considerable attention had been given, were excellently rendered. The ringers rang three times. Certainly the merry sound of the bells before the 8 o'clock Celebration seems most suitably to usher in a Festival.

The Reading Room is now in full swing and some of the members have joined a "Concert Troupe" and hope to give a performance early in January. A site for the new Reading Room has, we hope, been secured, and we only wait the formal sanction of the Governors of the Beverly Poor.

The Men's Bible Class has commenced to meet. We shall be glad to see old and new members. Notice of meetings is given in Church.

Mrs. Disbrowe's Girls' Friendly Working Party begins Oct. 27th, at 3 p.m., at the Rectory, and meets fortnightly. There is an idea of utilising the alternate Wednesdays for another working party. By next month we shall know whether the idea has developed into action.

The Rector and Major General Richardson attended the Diocesan Conference, and the Rector gave some account of the Conference in his sermons on the following Sunday.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The following rewards have been given by the Lindsey Education Committee for attendance:—Third year perfect attendance: Knife, Geoffrey Hunt; Case of Scissors, Doris Smalley. Second year perfect attendance: Gilt Medals, Mary Bates, Ivy Brown, Florrie Woodward. First year perfect attendance: Bronze Medal, George Woodward. Merit Certificates for Infants, Horace Clough, Walter Robinson, Wilfrid Horry, Albert Clough, Russell Barrett, Stanley Pattren, Clara Davison, Eva Hauton. Case of Scissors, Annie Swaby, 14 weeks at Spilsby School.

The Rainfall in September was 1.21 inches on 17 days. In October to the 21st, 1.68 on 16 days. The lowest Rainfall recorded in 1908 was at Colchester, 15.43, Bourne, in this County, coming next with 15.63. Our record was 23.44, but in moments of depression contrast that with Llyn Llydaw Copper Mill, 237.32 inches!

We regret that owing to the fact that the late Mrs. Jane Motson was buried at Little Steeping, no record of her burial occurred in our Magazine. She died on May 10th, aged 61, after a long illness, borne with exemplary patience.

BURIAL.—Reuben Keal, aged 35, buried on October 30th, 1909.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.—Oct. 31st, General Fund, 4s.; Church Expenses, 18s. 9d.; Nov. 7th, Sick and Needy, 12s. 10d.; Nov. 14th, Church Expenses, £1. 6s. 5½d.; Nov. 21st, Sick and Needy, 5s. 10d.

The Annual Meeting on behalf of the S.P.G. was held at the Schoolroom, on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. A Lantern Lecture by the Rev. A. Robinson on the work of the Church in the Transvaal, where Mr. Robinson was working for 5 years, had been announced, but unfortunately just before the Meeting commenced, a leak in the generator was discovered, which made the use of the Lantern impossible. We are nevertheless much indebted to the Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Simpson for "showing willing" by bringing over their Lantern, and they have as good a claim on our sympathy as had the one hundred and four persons in the room. Mr. Robinson's address was listened to with the closest attention and we hope all acquired a clearer idea of the condition of things in South Africa in consequence. The Collection amounted to 19s. 2d., less than often, but still a useful contribution.

The Rector and the Rev. W. F. S. Noble exchanged pulpits on Sunday, Oct. 14th. A similar course will be taken on Sunday, Dec. 5th, when the Rev. G. Ward will preach here.

Five Haltonians helped to swell the Chorus in the "Elijah" recently given at Spilsby. All concerned in the performance must be heartily congratulated upon the splendid results of their labours.

The suggestion of a Working Party has been carried out and the ladies now meet on alternate Wednesdays. The work will be sold for the benefit of the Fund for the erection of a Reading Room.

Some more books have, this month, been added to the Library.

The weather! What should we do without the weather. Rain, snow, frost, slush! Note the Rainfall. In November ·78in. on 15 days, and from December 1—21, 15 days, 4·04 inches.

We are much indebted to the Rev. G. Ward and the Rev. H. L. Harrison for kindly exchanging with the Rector on two Sunday evenings recently. We hope that similar exchanges may take place on future occasions.

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The Rainfall last month, Jan. 1—21, amounted to ·72in. The total rainfall last year was 28·65 inches. Rain fell on 187 days. The biggest rainfall in 24 hours was on Aug. 1st, when 1·25in. fell. Since May 31st, 1909, the number of wet days was very much in excess of the average. Perhaps, however, our readers may have noticed this! We are again indebted to Mr. Rattenbury for these particulars.

On Jan. 4th and 5th, the Halton Minstrel Troupe gave performances. The programme also included a laughable Sketch, entitled: "Tit for Tat," the characters being very ably sustained by Messrs. G. R. Snell and F. Basker. This was very well received by the audience. It is difficult for the writer to praise the performance of the players, seeing that he had a good deal to do with the training of the Troupe, but we can only say that the favourable comments of the audience were the best indication of the excellence of the performance and the members will be encouraged to again perform at some future date. The Musical Director was Mr. A. Hunt and the Accompanist was Miss Enderby, both of whom gave very valuable assistance. Mrs. Disbrowe was Costumier and Mr. Bailey very kindly made up the cast in the proper manner. The names of the performers were:

Mr. Johnson	...	Mr. A. Hunt
Cambo, Tambo, Cornermen	...	„ G. Enderby
		„ C. Atkin
Pompey	...	„ G. Lilley
Coriolanus	...	„ G. Grantham
Frederic Augustus	...	„ S. Lilley
Lucifer	...	„ J. Coote
Cæsar	...	„ F. Shaw
Jumbo	...	„ R. Wharf
Pears Soap	...	„ E. D. Baker, jun.

Unfortunately we had two very bad nights, as far as the weather was concerned, but £6. 10s. was taken; the nett proceeds being £5. 10s. 6d., which has been banked for the Reading Room Building Fund.

The remains of the late Mrs. Crowther were laid to rest in our Churchyard, on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Mr. Crowther was formerly Station Master here and for many years he and his sons were members of th Choir.

Baptism.—Feb. 13th, Gladys, daughter of John Thomas and Esther Ann Toin.

Burial.—Feb. 11th, Eliza Tasker, aged 73 years.

Lent Preachers.—

Feb 16th, Rev. W. O. Peacock, Rector of Ulceby.

Feb. 23rd, Rev. Canon Staffurth, Vicar of Freiston.

March 3rd, Rev. W. L. Harrison, Rector of Sausthorpe.

March 9th, Rev. C. Langton, Rector of Langton.

March 16th, Rev. Guy Warne, Rector of Muckton.

Burial.—March 5th, John Woodthorpe, aged 79 years.

We regret that no account appeared in the March Magazine of the Sunday School Prize-giving. After full justice had been done to a Tea provided by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson and various games had been played, Mr. A. Sharman very kindly gave a first-class Conjuring Exhibition, which it is needless to say was highby appreciated by young and old alike. The prizes, provided by the Rector, were presented to the children by General Richardson; the Rector, to his great regret, being absent owing to illness. All the arrangements being in Mrs. Disbrowe's hands, it was not surprising that everything went off "without a hitch." Mrs. Ellis provided a liberal supply of sweets and, as usual, we were endebted to Mrs. Hunt for hot water, &c. Out of the 69 children on the books the best attendances were made by the following:—Perfect Attendance, neither absent nor late during 1909, William Atkin, Wm. Henry Bonnett, George Woodward, George Shaw, Florence Woodward, Albert Shaw. Once Absent: William Shaw, Walter Grantham, Annie Shaw, Ivy Brown, Ernest Woodward, Walter Horton, Mary Hanson, Sidney Horton, Eva Horton, Charles Hanson. Fourteen others were less than five times absent. The Highest Marks for Lessons were obtained by: Class I.—Wm. Shaw, 93; Wm. Atkin, 89; Beatrice Clough, 84. Class II.—Edith Wilson, 84. Class III.—Violet Bonnett, 94; Ivy Brown, 93; May Bates, 87; Florence Coote, 83. Infants—Florence Woodward, 90; Albert Shaw, 83; May Crust, 82.

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In Memoriam.

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EDWARD KING,

Born Dec. 29th, 1829.
Died March 8th, 1910.

Lord Bishop of Lincoln, 1885—1910.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

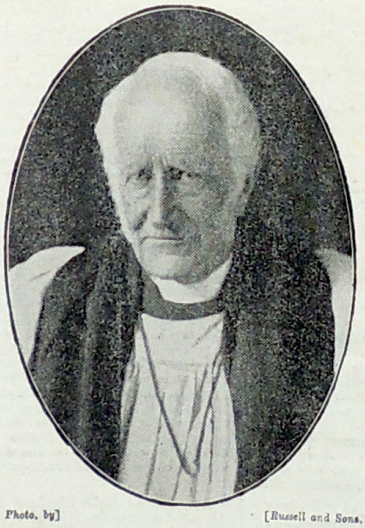
A SAINTLY PRELATE.

It is with the deepest regret we announce that the Bishop of Lincoln passed away on Tuesday morning at 9.45. During the early part of last week he was able to dictate a farewell letter to his Diocese and a touching message to the Cathedral choir, but the bulletins issued since Saturday indicated a gradual loss of strength. On Sunday it was stated that he had passed another disturbed night, and during the day he appeared to be gradually sinking, but in the afternoon he rallied somewhat. In the Cathedral and the churches in the city, and in many of the Nonconformist places of worship also, special prayers were offered for him. On Monday he was much weaker, and throughout the day was losing strength. At night he lost consciousness, and he continued unconscious until his death. It was seen about an hour before that the end was approaching, and there were gathered at the bedside Mr. William King, of Burridge, Chard, Somerset, the Bishop's brother; his nephew and Chaplain, Canon Wilgress; Miss E. C. Wilgress, niece; and the nurse. Shortly afterwards notice of the Bishop's death was posted outside the Old Palace, and later the news was communicated to the citizens by the tolling of "Great Tom," the Cathedral bell, the flag over the Guildhall also being hoisted to half-mast.

The following is the late Bishop's farewell letter alluded to above:—

Old Palace, Lincoln, March 2nd, 1910.

My dear People—I fear I am not able to write the letter I should wish to write. I have for some time been praying



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Edward Lincoln

God to tell me when I should give up my work. Now He has sent me in His loving wisdom a clear answer. It is a very great comfort to me to be relieved from the responsibility of leaving you. All I have to do is to ask you to forgive the many faults and innumerable shortcomings during the twenty-five years I have been with you, and ask you to pray God to perfect my repentance and strengthen my faith to the end. All has been done in perfect love and wisdom.

My great wish has been to lead you to be Christ-like Christians. In Christ is the only true hope of unity and peace. In Him we may be united to God and to one another.

May God guide and bless you all, and refresh you with the increasing consciousness of His Presence and His Love!—I am, to the end, your Friend and Bishop,

EDWARD LINCOLN.

The late Bishop.—The Rector was amongst the many hundreds of Clergy attending the funeral. A Muffled Peal was rung by our ringers on the night of the funeral. The Rector alluded to the late Bishop in his sermons on the following Sunday, taking for his texts: "The Lord God of Israel liveth, before Whom I stand," and "A good man." Mrs. Disbrowe played the Dead March at the close of the morning service.

In Memoriam.

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KING EDWARD VII.

BORN NOVEMBER 9TH, 1841;
DIED MAY 6TH, 1910.

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A pleasant Social Evening took place on Feb. 6th, under the management of members of the Reading Room. In spite of cheap tickets and other attractions a nett profit of £1. 16s. resulted for the current expenses of the Reading Room.

Most of our invalids are now convalescent, and we hope that that very excellent Institution, the Cottage Hospital, may continue free from Halton patients for some time to come.

At the Triennial Election of Parish Councillors, at which the Rector presided, the following were elected, viz., Messrs. J. T. Atkinson, J. Clough, Wm. Hoff, G. Rattenbury, A. Shaw, T. Shaw, and J. H. Vessey. The question of putting up a seat in the Hollowgate, in place of that originally put up by the late Mr. W. M. Cussons, was discussed and referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

The Easter Vestry was held on Thursday, 31st March. General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker were re-elected Churchwardens and warmly thanked for their past services, as were all the churchworkers, voluntary and paid. It was decided that at the next Easter Vestry, sidesmen should be elected and notice given to that effect.

Baptisms.—Feb. 13th, Gladys Toin. March 27th, John Borrill.

Burial.—March 5th, John Woodthorpe, aged 73 years.

The universal grief at the death of the late King, which has been manifested in so extraordinary a way over the whole civilized world, made itself very evident in Halton, when the tolling of the bell on May 7th announced his death. The large attendance at the Memorial Service, and the evident fact that those who were present were real mourners was only what would have been expected. The Screen was draped with violet hangings adorned with laurel wreaths and a large wreath of laurel rested against the Litany Desk, which was draped with violet. Conspicuous upon the Pulpit was a beautiful wreath made by the school children. The choir had diligently practised special music which was throughout rendered with reverence and feeling. The opening sentences were sung to music from the Cathedral Prayer Book, arranged by *Stainer & Russel*, on the lines of *Dyce's* adaptation of *Merbecke*. The Anthem was "Peace I leave with you," by *Clare*. The Antiphons were sung and the special hymns were "Nearer my God to Thee," "Jesu Lover of my Soul," and "O God our help in ages past." The Dead March was played at the close of the service and the congregation dispersed at the first sound of the muffled peal excellently rung by our ringers. On the Sunday night following the Rector preached a Memorial Sermon, taking for his text, *Rev. xxi. 24*, "And the Kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." The National Anthem was sung at the close of the service.

Owing to the tremendous downpour of rain the early celebration and morning service on Whit Sunday were naturally not so well attended as usual, but the services were bright and hearty and the Choir sang two anthems and other special music excellently, and the Festival was marked by two peals on the Bells.

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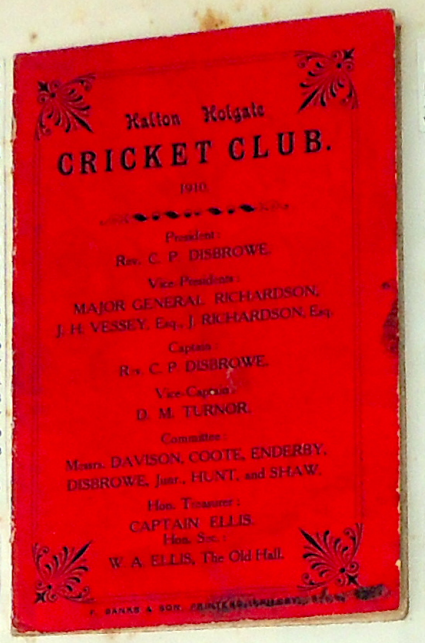
The chief event this month has been our Garden Fête, on June 14th. We were favoured with beautiful weather and our neighbours and parishioners supported us in such numbers that success was assured. But success can only be the reward of careful preparation and the army of willing workers who supported the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe was not only numerous but, what is more important, efficient. The efficient and unselfish manner in which all our workers carried out their particular duties made the work of organisation a pleasure. It is not our intention to mention the names of all who helped, as the list would be so long, but the best thanks of the members of the Reading Room, who themselves did so much to promote the success of the Show, are hereby given to all their friends in the neighbourhood and parish who supported them on this occasion and gave their assistance in so many ways. The gross sum taken amounted to £42 5s. 6½d., and after paying expenses the handsome sum of £32. 15s. 8½d. was cleared. The accounts, as follow, were passed at a meeting on June 20th :



The Rev. Gilbert Walker, Rector of Somerby, has kindly forwarded to the Rector some volumes of sermons by the late Rev. Drummond Rawnsley to be placed in the vestry as a memento of his incumbency.

The Rev. T. R. Sale has kindly forwarded a photograph of his father, the late Rector, to place in the Vestry. Mr. Willingham Rawnsley has also kindly promised portraits of his father and grandfather, both Rectors of Halton. Considerable restorations of the Church were made during the time that these three Rectors resided here, and it will be interesting to be reminded of their good work by their portraits, which will shortly be hung in the Vestry.

Mrs. Vinter, who after 27 years' work as Sewing Mistress terminated her connection with the School on Nov. 26th, was that day presented with a testimonial subscribed by the Managers, Teachers, and past and present Scholars. The work of collecting was undertaken by Mr. Hunt, who was the originator of the idea, which came as a welcome opportunity of testifying to our appreciation of Mrs. Vinter's work.

Sixteen members of the Girls' Friendly Society from this parish were present at the annual Festival, at Sausthorpe Hall, on June 21st. Two members, Annie Brown and Alice Raithby, were awarded Cards for ten years' faithful membership.

The outing for the Choir, Ringers and Sunday School Children took place on Aug. 4th. The programme was the same as last year. The party left Halton Station at 8.19 and returned at 7.10, except that some of the adults preferred to return by the later train. Fortunately, except for a shower in the afternoon, the day was fine and warm. For the first time on record we had a somewhat anxious time in searching for a lost child. After some hours he was found at the Police Station where he had been taken by a kind visitor, who found the little boy of three years old wandering in a dangerous position, owing to the rising tide, in the neighbourhood of Gibraltar Point! It may not be generally known but the usual practice at Skegness is to take lost children to the Police Officer on point duty at the Clock Tower, who deposits them on the steps until claimed. When we consider the number of children who find a happy play ground on the sands at Skegness, it is not surprising to hear that a considerable number are lost and found every day.

The Halton Cricket Club has experienced varied fortunes this season. Two matches have been scratched by our opponents and we have been defeated by South Ormsby, Spilsby and Burgh. At Sausthorpe however we tasted the sweets of victory, though our opponents were not at full strength, as was also the case with ourselves at Burgh and South Ormsby.

The National School.—We much regret that we are losing Mrs. Vinter, the Sewing Mistress. Mrs. Vinter has done her work to the satisfaction of the Managers and His Majesty's Inspectors for 26 years, but there comes a time to all when age begins to tell its tale and the work of life has to be laid aside.

Baptism.—John Robert Hanson.

Marriage. — Walter Smith and Harriet Elizabeth Clough ; on Sept. 14th, 1910.

Miss C. Borrill's time as Pupil Teacher has expired and we also regret losing her from the School. The Managers have a high opinion of her character and conduct, and hope she may get a good appointment as Assistant Teacher.

The building of the Reading Room will be about finished by the time this Magazine is printed. The building is of wood, with rubberoid roof, and though not quite so large as originally intended, will, we hope, fully serve the purpose for which it is being erected. We hope that now we have a building the membership will increase. At all events during the ten years the School has been used for the purpose of a Reading Room we have been able to pay our way, and this is a good augury for the future. Would anybody like to give us a chair or table towards furnishing? We are told there is nothing lost by asking.

Marriage.—Sept. 14th, 1910, Walter Smith and Harriet Elizabeth Clough.

Burials. — October 8th, 1910, Salome Balderston, aged 93 years ; Oct. 13th, 1910, Harriet Keal, aged 71 years ; Oct. 21st, 1910, Margaret Elizabeth Bowker Gunnis, aged 80 years.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. For once in ten years we had a whole fine day. The services were well attended and, as usual, the decorations were beautifully carried out by a number of willing hands. We had our usual early peal at 7.15 a.m., which so fittingly announces a Festival to the Parish. The Rector preached in the morning, and the Rev. G. H. Harries, Vicar of Burgh, in the evening. The anthem in the morning was "Praise thy God, O Zion," and in the evening "The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord," both by *Caleb Simper*. "Lift high the Cross" was the opening hymn in the evening, but contrary to expectation many of the congregation did not take the opportunity of joining in the chorus at the end of each verse, which is a very unusual experience when this hymn is sung. The Collections were for the Lincoln County Hospital and Church Expenses and amounted to £5. 5s. 5d., of which £3. 3s. was sent to Lincoln.

Burial.—Dec. 30th, 1910, Jacob Pinchbeck, aged 64 years.

The rainfall for the year 1910 was 28.03 inches, slightly less than in 1909. In January, 1911, 2.03 inches fell on 16 days.

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A Whist Drive in aid of the Cricket Club was held on April 19th, and something over £2. was cleared after paying expenses.

We had a strange visitor in the Church on Sunday, April 17th, a large white owl. This intelligent bird behaved very well, only showing itself just as the children were filing out of Church in the afternoon and as the Rector concluded his sermon in the evening. Had it insisted on flying about earlier, we fear the Preacher would have had some difficulty in keeping the attention of his hearers.

The Rector has had a communication from the County Museum suggesting that every Parish should contribute some object of interest to the Museum. He will be glad to hear from anybody willing to contribute an object of real interest.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Easter Monday, March 28th, when Mr. G. R. Snell and Miss Alice Clark were married. The Choir attended, all who were at home being present, the service being fully choral. Mr. Snell has been a member of the Choir for many years and is also one of our Ringers, and Miss Clark had also been a regular member of the Choir when residing here. The Choir took the opportunity of expressing their good wishes by presenting Mr. Snell with a handsome clock and the Ringers presented him with a weighing machine. Our best wishes to Bride and Bridegroom.

The Reading Room members recently presented Mr. George Enderby with a very handsome walking stick on his leaving the parish. Mr. Enderby will not only be missed at the Reading Room but also in the Choir. We had no more regular member both at Services and Practice and shall feel his loss greatly. Miss Enderby will also be greatly missed in the Choir, if she should find the distance too great to enable her to remain in it, but she has kindly offered her services at the Organ on all occasions of emergency.

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Ground:
FIRSBY ROAD, HALTON.
Practice:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.

HALTON HOLGATE C.C.

FIXTURES, 1910.

July.			
Thursday,	7th.	South Ormsby.	Home.
Thursday,	14th.	South Ormsby.	Away.
Aug.			
Saturday,	6th.	Spilsby "A" Team.	Away.
Tuesday,	9th.	Burgh Town.	Home.
Saturday,	13th.	Spilsby "A" Team.	Home.
Tuesday,	16th.	Sausthorpe.	Away.
Tuesday,	23rd.	Burgh Town.	Away.
Tuesday,	30th.	Sausthorpe.	Home.
Sept.			

21st. Two [illegible]
Alice Raithby, were awarded [illegible]
years' faithful membership.

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A Whist Drive and Dance took place on Jan. 3rd, when £3. 1s. 7d., less expenses, was taken in aid of the funds of the Reading Room.

Burial.—Feb. 1st, John Thomas Walter Horsewood.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Feb. 2nd. Tea was provided by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson, sweets by Mrs. Ellis and prizes by the Rector. After tea various games were indulged in, as usual Dumb Crambo being the most popular. At 7.30 the prizes were distributed. The Rector stated that he had been pleased with the behaviour of the children which had been good. What he wanted was to see an improvement in the way in which the lessons were learnt and in answering in the children's service. For the future no prizes would be given except to those who got into the list of "Triers." This could easily be done by being attentive in the children's service and learning the short lessons set for Sundays. The highest number of marks for lessons was obtained by Florence Coote in Class II., Violet Bonnett (Class II.) being second, Ada Atkin (Class II.) and Nellie Baker (Class I.) coming next in order, closely followed by George Shaw (Class III.) fourth. In the Infant Class Charles Hanson and Joan Crust were equal 1st; Arthur Crust 3rd, and Doris Smalley, 4th. The best attendances were made in Class I. by William Atkin, once absent; Class II. Ada Atkin, once absent; Florence Coote, twice absent; Class III. Albert Shaw and George Shaw, never absent, Alice Shaw, once absent. Infants: Charles Hanson, never absent. The number on the books is 54, this is smaller than for a long time past. The number in the National School is also dwindling and the supply of young children coming on is unusually small.

In the Musical Competitions our School children competed without winning a prize, but they enjoyed their day and the care given in preparation and in hearing the Judge's comments is always valuable. Better luck next time.

The deepest sympathy was shown by all, young and old, with Mr. and Mrs. Horsewood and their family in the loss of their son Walter, aged 11 years. He was a member of the choir and a boy whose character had won him many friends. At the funeral the choir and the school children were present and also members of the Band of Hope and Rechabites.

Baptism.—March 5th, Annie Mary Snell.

Burial.—March 14th, Susannah Lucy Horsewood.

The visit of the Church Army Van lasted from March 1—14. Capt. Hill was in charge assisted by Cadet Cooke. It undoubtedly aroused considerable interest in the Parish and we trust that it has proved a means of blessing. The meetings were well attended and the addresses and lantern lectures of Capt. Hill, the Evangelist, were much appreciated. Capt. Hill also preached in Church on the two Sunday evenings during his visit. The Evangelists met with great hospitality from parishioners, for which Capt. Hill tendered hearty thanks at the closing meeting. As the Rector announced at the last meeting Mr. George Lilley has kindly offered to act as Hon. Sec. for the Church Army in the parish, and anyone wishing for information or to help the Church Army should apply to him.

Capt. Hill has forwarded the following:—

TATTERSHALL THORPE.

I should like, through the Magazine, to thank all kind friends at Halton Holgate for their kindness during our stay with the Van.

We are glad to use the word friends—not merely because of the feelings of Mr. Cooke and myself—but we know that the Church Army has now a great many more friends than formerly: we hope that friendship may last and that you will be always ready to help in its work, whether the local Van work or the more general work of the Society, even though your mite be *prayer*—a mighty mite.

We hope the Church Army Gazette may have a good circulation.

And we earnestly pray that when the Van pays its second visit it may receive an even heartier welcome and be even more successful (if possible) then on its first visit.

Yours most sincerely,
C. HILL,
Captain.

Our Lent Preachers this year are:—
March 17th, Rev. B. Steinmetz, Vicar of Spilsby.

March 24th, Rev. W. F. S. Noble, Rector of Great Steeping.
March 31st, Rev. H. L. Harrison, Rector of Sausthorpe.
April 6th, Rev. C. H. Murray, Rector of Partney.

Marriage.—Anthony Reginald Hewson, to Fanny Johnson.

The Easter Services were as usual bright and well attended, and the number of Communicants was 70.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18th. For the first time for nine years the Churchwarden's accounts showed a balance in hand, viz., £3. 6s. 5d.; upon this they, *i.e.* General Richardson and Mr. E. D. Baker, were duly thanked and congratulated and obviously re-elected. General Richardson suggested that it was desirable to protect the Church from fire by providing some extinguishers. The Churchwardens were thereupon empowered to take the necessary steps to obtain some. Sidesmen were then elected, viz., Messrs. G. R. Snell, G. Lilley, C. Atkin, and F. Basker. The Rector stated that Mrs. Disbrowe was obliged to resign the office of Organist and he proposed to appoint Miss Enderby, if she would take it. The Meeting empowered the Rector and Churchwardens to offer her an acknowledgement of her services. The following Resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the members of the Vestry desire to express their sincere appreciation of the generosity of General Richardson in presenting a Memorial of former Rectors, Churchwardens, and Parish Clerks, to the Church; that they thank him for his persevering labours to which he has devoted himself for some years past and congratulate him, not only on the successful termination of his labours, but also upon the undeniably artistic success of his design, which will add new beauty to the Church as well as a Record of great Historical Interest."

Marriages.—April 28th, George Gilbert, of Somersby, to Edith Smith. June 5th, James Napier Woods, of New Clecthorpes, to Annie

Baptism.—May 14th, George Edmund Smalley.

Burial.—May 3rd, Thirza Kemp, aged 82 years.

Coronation
June 22nd 1911

The sum of
£27. 7. 7½
was subscribed
for the Festivities

President.
Gen: J. B. Richardson
Hon Sec: & Treasurer
The Rector.

The Coronation.—The Rector is unable to report this event, as, after taking his share of work as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, he went to London for the event. The parish was well represented there, as General Richardson was honoured with an invitation to the Abbey, whilst H. C. Disbrowe helped to line the streets as a member of the Officers Training Corps, and the Rector and C. W. occupied a humble and hot position in the crowd. The following account is kindly contributed by Mr. A. Hunt, Hon. Sec. of the Sports Committee:—Coronation Day was heralded in here by a merry peal of bells at about 10 o'clock a.m., which was continued at intervals during the day. At 2 p.m. sports commenced in the Wongs, which were carried on until 3.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made. Gathering near the "Union Jack" the whole assembly sang the National Anthem with spirit and feeling and then gave three hearty cheers for King George and three more of the right kind for Queen Mary. The children up to 12 years of age were then presented with souvenir mugs and those from 12 to 15 years with medals. A good tea was immediately partaken of by the children, and a knife and fork tea by the remainder. About 400 were catered for altogether. A resumption was now made with the sports which terminated shortly before 9 o'clock. The children were again served with refreshments and each was presented with a packet of sweets. The lawn of Halton House was next visited, where dancing was indulged in to the strains of the pianolo, after which a torchlight procession was formed which marched through the Holgate towards Mr. Clough's field, where a gigantic bonfire was lighted. This concluded a programme which throughout had been entered into in that spirit which should actuate all at such times. When we say that all were thoroughly tired out at the close, we are sure that all would feel that they had had a most enjoyable time and one that would long live in the memory. When all worked in such harmony and displayed such spirit and energy it would be out of place to mention any one in particlular, but a word of thanks is due to the various committees—gift, food, sports and bonfire—who so efficiently carried out their allotted duties. A permanent memento of the event remains in the flagstaff erected on the Church Tower. *Result of Sports:*—Flat race for boys, 7 and under—1 Aubrey Hanson, 2 Arthur Mableson. Flat race for girls, 7 and under—1 Joan Crust, 2 Camilla Crust. Flat race for boys, 8 to 12—1 Geo. Shaw, 2 Chas. Hanson, 3 Winifred Mableson. Flat race for girls, 8 to 12—1 Mary Hanson, 2 Florrie Woodward, 3 Doris Smalley. Flat race for boys, 12 to 16—1 Cunliffe Turnor, 2 Ernest Mableson, 3 Edward Crust. Skipping race for girls, 8 and under—1 Eva Hauton, 2 Ada Shaw, 3 Agnes Toin. Skipping race for girls, 8 to 14—1 Florrie Woodward, 2 Mary Hanson, 3 Annie Crust. Potato race for boys, under 14—Edward Crust Geo. Shaw, dead heat, 3 A. Davison. Potato race for men and boys, over 14—1 J. Coote, 2 A. Blakey, 3 F. Davison. Potato race for girls, under 14—1 Alice Shaw, 2 Evelyn Crust, 3 Florrie Woodward. Obstacle race, boys under 15—1 Cunliffe Turnor, 2 Ernest Mableson, 3 Albert Shaw. Sack race (open)—1 Albert Shaw, 2 Geo. Rymer, 3 Arthur Davison. Obstacle race, men and boys, 15 and upwards—1 Chas. Shaw, 2 Fred Bourne, 3 Maurice Prentice. Rummage, men—1 Fred Bourne, 2 Chas. Woodward, 3 Geo. Orry. Jingling match, men—Chas. Woodward. Open flat race, 15 and upwards, 300 yds.—1 Chas. Shaw, 2 Fred Bourne, 3 Geo. Orry. Telephone, men and boys—1 Albert Shaw, 2 Arthur Blakey. Cotton reel competition—1 Mrs. Spring, 2 Mrs. G. Lilley, 3 Mrs. Blakey. Wheelbarrow race, men, 100 yds.—1 Jos. Shaw, 2 Arthur Blakey, 3 Chas. Woodward. Three-legged, boys under 14—1 Wilfred Mableson and George Shaw, 2 Ernest Mableson and Edward Crust. Three-legged, men—J. Coote and J. Shaw, A. Blakey and C. Shaw, dead heat. Flat race, women—1 Miss Ellis, 2 Miss F. Holloway, 3 Mrs. Blakey. Pick-a-back—1 A. Blakey and C. Shaw, 2 Alf. Hanson and Fred Basker. Egg and spoon (open)—1 J. R. Clough, 2 F. Davison, 3 M. Thornally. Bicycle tortoise, men—1 E. D. Baker, 2 F. Parkinson, 3 Walter Grantham. Bicycle tortoise, women—1 Miss Elliss, 2 Miss Smith. Veterans race, men—1 A. Hanson, A. Blakey and J. Harker, dead heat. Consolation race, boys—1 Sidney Hauton, 2 Harry Coote, 3 Arthur Crust. Consolation race, girls—1 May Crust, 2 Annie Swaby, 3 V. Smalley. Marathon race—1 F. Bourne, 2 J. Harker, 3 Geo. Grantham. Tug-of-war—Married beat single.

A Thanksgiving Service was held at the Church on the Sunday after the Coronation. A special Hymn, "The King O Lord in thee this day rejoices," was sung, and the Choir sang the Anthem, "The King shall rejoice in Thy strength O Lord."

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In her Coronation Dress and Train: Queen Mary in the Robes She Wore for her Crowning.

The Queen's dress, a white satin Princess gown, had front and back panels thickly embroidered in bright and dull gold. The emblems upon it were the Rose of England, the Shamrock of Ireland, the Thistle of Scotland, the Lotus of Ind... and the Star of ...dia. At the foot of the skirt was a waved effect, representing the s... which surrounds Empire, and a cable linking oak leaves and acorns, to signify the linking of Great ... Colonies. Her Majesty's train, of royal purple velvet, had upon it the ..., and the Thistle, growing up from a thick root of interlaced stems.

The main stem of Roses, Shamrocks, and Thistles was surmounted by the Queen's cypher and Royal Crown. The solid design of one and a-half yards tapered off to a point. The upper part of the train was powdered with Roses, Thistles, and Shamrocks. The border was of oak leaves and acorns, with badges of England, Scotland, and Ireland in oak wreaths at the foot of the train. The remarkably beautiful embroidery both of the dress and the train was executed by that admirable and charitable institution, the Ladies' Work Society, and may be taken as typical of the perfection of its work.

FROM THE PAINTING BY S. BEGG.

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In his Imperial Mantle and Wearing the Armilla: King George in his Coronation Robes.

The Imperial Mantle, or Pall, worn by King George at his Coronation, was that worn by King George IV. at his Coronation. This is of the finest cloth-of-gold, and has woven upon it the badges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. It has a fringe of gold threads. On the Armilla, or Stole, at each end of which are the Red Cross of St. George on a white ground and the Eagle typifying Empire, are the Lotus of India, emblems of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, the Rose, the Shamrock, the Thistle, and the Welsh Dragon. The Girdle is of plain cloth-of-gold. Armilla and Girdle were accepted by his Majesty from the Worshipful Company of Girdlers. It need scarcely be pointed out that the Armilla worn by the King is of especial interest as having upon it for the first time emblems of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas. King Edward VII., it will be remembered, had the now meaningless Fleurs-de-Lis (formerly emblematic of the long-departed sovereignty of England over part of France) replaced by the Lotus of India on his Imperial Mantle; King George, with the design for his Armilla, has gone an excellent and most significant step further.

From the Painting by S. Begg.

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are comparatively so little felt here, though it is probably true that nobody in the country has failed to feel the effect of this disastrous stoppage of work to some extent and must continue to feel it for some time to come.

Three Candidates were presented from this parish at the Confirmation at Spilsby, on March 12th.

On Feb. 20th a well attended meeting was held when the Rev. E. N. Evans gave an interesting and inspiring lecture on the Church in Wales. He showed how the Church in Wales was not an Alien Church, and was doing its work well. That it was the only growing religious body in Wales and the largest religious body to-day. That Nonconformists by their own returns did not claim half the population as adherents. That the Church if Disendowed would be crippled and that as it was proposed to use her endowments for secular and not religious purposes, religion must be the loser. The tithe would continue to be paid even if the Church was Disestablished and Disendowed. The Rector followed, pointing out that the union of the Welsh Diocese with the Province of Canterbury was at the request of the Welsh Diocese and took place 150 years before the union of England and Wales, and the Church in Wales was therefore not an Alien Church imposed upon the people by the English Parliament.

General Richardson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Evans, which Mr. E. D. Baker seconded.

Easter, 1912. — The Communicants numbered 76, of whom 55 were present at 8 a.m. The Church was again very beautifully decked for the great Festival and our decorators must have felt much satisfaction in having made so satisfactory a contribution towards the brightness of the celebration of Easter, a satisfaction no doubt shared by the Ringers who as usual ushered the Festival by a Peal before the Early Service. To all the thanks of the congregation are due, nor must we forget the successful efforts of the Choir to mark the day. The two Anthems were "The Lord is my strength (*Lowe*) and "This is the Lord's doing" (*Simper*), the latter being especially well rendered.

The New Prayer Desk, which has been placed within the Altar rails, which is a very handsome addition to the church, is made up of the old Pulpit Door and two very finely carved Bench Ends, with the addition of the old Pulpit Chair. The Bench Ends, which were in the rough, were given by General Richardson. These had apparently been carved for use in an Essex Church but had not been completed. Mr. E. D. Baker gave some new material and the bill for labour which, owing to the hardness of the oak and other causes, amounted to £7. 7s. 6d., was paid as a thankoffering. Visiting Clergy will now have a very comfortable and beautiful seat provided for them and our neighbours will not be surprised if they receive an invitation to occupy it, and we hope they will follow the example of Mr. Howard, who used it for the first time on April 21st.

The Rector has placed a pump in the Churchyard. This will not only be of use to Church-cleaners, but also to those who bring flowers to place on graves. No more suitable mark of remembrance can be found. The glass shades are constantly getting broken by frost and accident and generally afford a shelter for ants who very quickly destroy the shape of the mounds.

Our best wishes are offered to Mr. and Mrs. F. Shaw on their marriage. Mr. Shaw is a Ringer and both were for many years members of the Choir. His fellow Ringers rang a peal of welcome on their return from their honeymoon on April 23rd.

Burial.—May 18th, Rebecca Hutson, aged 65 years.

The National School.—The attendance for the School year, ending April 31st, 1912, is not quite so good as usual. Is it possible that in addition to illness the abolition of the Medal System has something to do with this? Out of a possible 412 the best attendances are:

Albert Shaw	410
Alice Leeman	406
Harry Coote	405
Eva Hauton	404
Doris Smalley	404
Harry Atkin	403
Sidney Hauton	401
Florrie Woodward	400

In the examination at the end of the School year the top children in each Standard are:

VI. Geoffrey Hunt.
V. Ernest Toin.
IV. Florrie Woodward.
III. Charles Hanson.
II. Albert Shaw.
I. Winnie Spring.

The Rev. H. L. Harrison, who inspected the School in Religious Knowledge on June 3rd, reports as follows:—

"The behaviour and attention of the children are all that can be desired. The Singing was above the average, and the Infants did well and anwered readily. In the Upper Standards the answering was good and especially on the Old Testament Subjects. The Catechism was well known, and the children showed a satisfactory grasp of its meaning. Some of the children wrote distinctly good accounts of New Testament incidents, but the rest were not quite as good as last year."

Empire Day was enthusiastically observed here on May 24th. Addresses were given by the teachers in the morning on patriotism and the duties of citizens. At 2 p.m. the children assembled in the playground and sang patriotic songs and saluted the flag, the ceremony concluding with three lusty cheers for the King. An adjournment was then made to the Wongs, to which the children marched in procession through the village, where sports were held, by kind permission of Mr. Vessey. The Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Vessey, Mr. J. Clough, and Mr. Hunt (Hon. Sec.), acted as officials and some keenly contested events took place. Tea, kindly provided by the Managers and arranged for by their wives, came as a welcome refreshment after the strenuous exertions of the youthful athletes. After Tea the prizes were presented by Mrs. Vessey, and after many cheers for all and several who had contributed to the success of the day, whether in money or other ways, the children dispersed. The following were the winners in the heats of the various events:

Flat Race, Handicap, Boys, 12 and over: W. Mableson 1, G. Rymer 2, G. Shaw 3.
Ditto, 9—12: S. Hauton 1, W. Robinson 2, C. Hanson 3.
Ditto, under 9: H. Atkin 1, W. Spring 2, A. Mableson 3.
Ditto, Girls over 12: N. Crust 1, A. Shaw 2, E. Robinson 3.
Ditto 9—12: M. Hanson 1, D. Smalley 2, F. Woodward 3.
Ditto, under 9: J. Crust 1, C. Crust 2, E. Winn 3.
Skipping, Girls: F. Woodward 1, M. Crust 2, A. Crust 3.
Sack Race, Girls: Alice Shaw 1, A Crust 2, Ada Shaw 3.
Ditto, Boys: A. Shaw 1, J. Norris 2, G. Rymer 3.
Egg and spoon Race, Boys: S. Hauton 1, W. Mableson 2, H. Toin 3.
Ditto, Girls: A. Shaw 1, M. Hanson 2, V. Smalley 3.
Three-legged Race, Boys: S. Shaw and W. Mableson 1, E. Crust and H. Toin 2, A. Shaw and A. Crust 3.
Ditto, Girls: A. Crust and A. Shaw 1, A. Garner and M. Crust, and F. Woodward and Ethel Robinson dead heat 2.
Potato Race, Boys: W. Mableson 1, E. Crust 2, J. Walker 3.
Ditto, Girls: S. Johnson 1, A. Shaw 2, M. Hanson 3.
Marathon Race, Open: G. Rymer 1, J. Walker 2, S. Hauton 3, H. Clough 4, special prize for juniors.

A numerously signed Petition against the Bill to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales has been forwarded to the Central Church Committee. It is hoped that the fact that so many supporters of the Government in their general policy are signing this Petition in the various Parishes, including this, will carry special weight.

Baptism.—Aug. 4th, 1912, John Thomas Pocklington.

Burial.—July 6th, 1912, George Spencer, aged 62 years (by the Rev. W. F. S. Noble).

Fifteen of the Halton Members were present at the Girls' Friendly Society Industrial Exhibition, which was carried out with such success on July 4th, at Spilsby. A First Prize in the Cake Competition was won by Miss Elizabeth Grantham and a Third Prize by Miss Eva Clough. A Wedding Present was given to Mrs. Fisher (Susannah Horry). A Card for ten years Faithful Membership was presented to Miss Edith Ellen Kidd. A Bonus on Savings was also given to Miss E. Grantham.

The weather was a great disappointment on June 25th, when, by kind permission of General and Mrs. Richardson, a Pastoral Performance of "As You Like It" was given by the pupils of the Essendon Girls' School, Skegness, in aid of the Little Steeping Church Restoration Fund, in the Gardens at Halton House. The fact that £5 was cleared on such a day only shows how great a success would have been scored had the weather been more kind. Great credit is due to all the performers for the excellent manner in which they played their parts.

The National School.—We are pleased to be able to announce that Geoffry Hunt has obtained a Junior County Council Scholarship and hope it may be the prelude to further success for himself and also encourage others to qualify in the future.

The Rainfall for June amounted to 2·98 inches, falling on 19 days. From July 1st to 21st rain fell on 10 days to the depth of 2·33 inches.

Our best wishes are here given to Mr. C. Borrill on his marriage with Miss L. Clarey of Thorpe St. Peters, which took place on July 24th.

The Annual Outing of the Choir, Ringers and Sunday School took place on August 8th. We were once more fortunate in the weather and were favoured by a considerable proportion of the 61 hours of sun which have brightened the month of August at infrequent intervals up to the date of writing. Glad as we were that for once it was possible to work in the hay field, still we were sorry to miss some from our party in consequence. It is also a satisfaction to know that our four Territorials, who deserve so well of their country, were busy in Camp, but it was a matter of regret to the Rector that owing to the Territorial Camp being one week later this year and also the Annual Outing we were minus the presence of two more valued members of our party. However, we had a most enjoyable day and even the sea was so kind that those who ventured on the briny ocean suffered no loss of appetite in consequence.

Owing to the weather and other causes Halton has only played one match so far, viz., against Spilsby 2nd XI., which resulted in a drawn game. Had the rain held off there might have been an interesting finish.

Baptism.—On Sept. 1st, Dorothy Emily Hanson.

The churchyard has been mowed and trimmed for the winter. A parishioner has kindly given a pair of shears to hang in the Church tower for the use of any who wish to keep graves tidy.

Rainfall.—The rainfall for August amounted to 5.66 inches, falling on 23 days. The biggest fall was on the 26th, when 1.85 was measured. This compares favourably with the 6 inches measured in Norfolk. The total fall for August last year was 2.69 inches.

Burial.—On Oct. 17th, 1912, William Smith, aged 80 years.

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HARVEST SERVICES

WILL BE HELD IN

HALTON HOLGATE CHURCH,

On Thursday, October 3rd, 1912.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.

PREACHER:

The Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln.

A

CANTATA

"The Rolling Seasons"

will be sung by the united Choirs of Halton and East Kirkby.

The Services will be continued on Sunday, October 6th.

The Collections will be for the Lincoln County Hospital and Church Expenses.

C. P. DISBROWE, *Rector.*

W. K. MORTON & SONS, PRINTERS, SPILSBY.

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Our Harvest Services, which were held on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, and the following Sunday, were remarkable for one or two reasons. First, the experiment of having a week night service was again tried and proved successful. Then we also tried the experiment of joining forces with our neighbours of East Kirkby, and with the assistance of their excellent voices we were able to give a rendering of *Simper's* "Rolling Seasons," which gave pleasure to many and received much kind and appreciative criticism. Mr. Hand conducted with his well-known ability, Miss Enderby being Organist. The solos, duets, trios, and quartette were all sung by members of the two choirs, all of whom acquitted themselves excellently. The special pleasing feature of their singing, as also of the chorus, numbering 55, was that they appeared evidently to be more intent on reverently rendering the meaning of the sacred words than on merely acquiring fame for themselves, and the object of singing this Cantata, which was to offer it as an act of worship and praise to God, was practically achieved. Another incidental advantage of this united effort was the intercourse thus promoted between churchpeople of two parishes. The other unusual incident was the non-arrival of the Dean of Lincoln, who was prevented by illness from preaching, but who kindly sent us the Chancellor, Canon Crowfoot, to take his place. To him our most sincere thanks are tendered, not alone for coming, but especially for his deeply devotional sermon. There was a large congregation both on the Thursday and also on Sunday when parts of the Cantata were repeated. On the Thursday night the Revs. H. G. Alington, R.D., H. J. Bassett, J. Howard, and W. F. S. Noble were present to support us. There was a cheering attendance at the Celebrations and the offertories amounted to £6. 15s. 11¼d., of which £3. 3s. goes to Lincoln Hospital and the remainder to Church Expenses.

Baptism.—Nov. 11th, 1912, Diana Maria Dundas, daughter of John F. and Frances Maria Richardson.

We take this opportunity of expressing the deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Horry and their family in the very sad trouble which has fallen upon them and which is felt by all in the parish.

A Meeting of Churchwardens and Sidesmen was held at the Rectory to discuss the new scheme of Diocesan Finance. The idea is that each parish should be asked to contribute a certain sum towards Diocesan needs each year. When the scheme, which has been adopted by the Diocesan Conference, is in working order the Diocesan Board of Finance will make a budget for the year, and each parish will be assessed according to the number of Churchpeople in it and their means and other circumstances. The parish and the Ruri-decanal Conference will, of course, be consulted as to the amount. The whole scheme is not compulsory but voluntary, but parishes which do not fall in with the scheme will not be eligible for assistance from Diocesan Funds. We have in this parish received more for church building and restoration and school enlargement than we have contributed to the Diocesan Sunday Fund and the Board of Education. An opportunity will be taken to fully explain this new scheme to the congregation.

Marriage.—Dec. 8th, Walter Smith and Mary Maria Woodward.

Clothing Club, 1911-12.—*Receipts*:—Deposits of Members, £24. 1s.; Subscription, Mrs. Richardson, £1.; Capt. Hoff, £1.; Mrs. Disbrowe, £1.; Capt. Ellis, 10s.; Mr. J. H. Vessey, 10s.; Mr. M. Turnor, 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, £3. 8s. 5d.; Bank Interest, 5s. 7d.; Total, £31. 17s. 6d. *Expenditure*:—Tradesmen's Bills, Wakeling, £3. 16s. 6d.; Stead & Simpson, £1. 6s.; Hilton & Son, £1. 12s. 6d.; Woodthorpe, £13. 5s. 9d.; Reynolds, £8. 2s. 6d.; Fox & Co., £2. 19s. 9d.; Taylor, 6s. 6d.; Banks (Printing), 3s.; Use of room, 5s.; £31. 17s. 6d.

Burial.—March 5th, Maria Scott, aged 77 years.

A most successful Concert in aid of the Reading Room was held in the school, on Nov. 26th. Owing to the date we cannot give a full account but when we mention the names of the performers our readers will easily believe that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Our friends from outside included the Rev. C. H. W. Bellairs, Messrs. Badley, P. Caple, B. Robinson, W. Carr, and Master Badley, whilst Halton provided performers in the persons of Miss Enderby, Miss Baker, Mr. Hunt, Mr. C. Atkin, the Rector, Mr. G. Lilley, Mr. E. D. Baker. The accompanists included Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Disbrowe, Miss Lilley, Mr. Bellairs, and Mr. Barwis, who also played, in a most admirable manner, for the dance, which was carried out with great vigour. All the members of the Reading Room, with the assistance of some ladies, carried out the arrangements most admirably, the coffee supper being of a most superior quality.

The Rainfall statistics for 1912 will be of interest, and compare unfavourably with those of 1912 and the three preceeding years, when the rainfall was only 28 inches and a fraction in each year. The rainfall is measured each day for the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a.m. We are much obliged to Mr. Rattenbury for keeping us posted up.

Month.	Total Depth inches	Greatest fall in 24 hours. inches.	date	Number of days with ·01 or more recorded.
Jan.	2·97	0·75	6	21
Feb.	1·43	0·21	12	15
Mar.	2·21	0.35	21	19
Apr.	0·26	0·10	9	5
May	2.18	0·86	22	14
June	2·08	0·41	4	19
July	3·90	0·80	20	19
Aug.	5.66	2·85	26	23
Sept.	2·15	0·52	29	13
Oct.	2·10	0·45	26	15
Nov.	3·39	0.84	12	16
Dec.	3.42	0·68	1	21
Total	32·65			200

Note.—2·30 in. fell in 12 hours Aug. 26th, between 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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Burial.—Jan. 22nd, 1913, Betsy Meanwell, aged 75.

A most successful Social Evening, arranged by the members of the Reading Room, was held on Dec. 31st from 7 to 12. The object was to provide a pleasant evening for parishioners and their specially invited friends at the cheapest possible rate. The charge was accordingly only sixpence including supper and it is therefore all the more satisfactory that after paying all expenses we were left with a balance in hand of £1. 7s. 6d. Proceedings commenced with a Whist Drive, 72 players taking part. The prizes, presented by Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Turnor, the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe, and the consolation prizes by Mr. Coote and the Rector, were won by Miss M. Clark and Mrs. Hunt, and Messrs. C. Shaw and Plant, and consolation prizes by Miss Balderson and Mr. S. Woodthorpe. Afterwards dancing followed, interspersed by songs and recitations, the the performers including Miss F. Bourne, C. Atkin (encored), E. D. Baker, jun., Rev. C. and H. C. Disbrowe and W. Leeman. Mrs. Vessey, Miss Pruen and Miss Thornally kindly played for dancing.

The meeting to elect Parish Councillors on March 17th was much better attended than usual. The Rector was voted to the chair. There were 10 nominations for 7 seats on the Council and the voting was as follows: Mr. J. Clough 21, Capt. Hoff 18, Mr. J. H. Vessey 18, Mr. T. Shaw 17, Mr. J. Toin 16, Mr. G. Rattenbury 15, Mr. J. T. Atkinson 15, Mr. Wm. Gray 15, Mr. F. Shaw 8, Mr. A. Shaw 7. As the 6th, 7th and 8th candidates tied the chairman gave his casting vote to the two old members, Messrs. Rattenbury and Atkinson and declared the first seven elected. Mr. Gray then demanded a poll and was supported by six other electors. This will be held on April 7th. As Mr. A. Shaw has withdrawn this leaves 9 candidates for 7 seats. Mr. Rattenbury then asked for the production of the accounts of the Charity Trustees. Unfortunately the clerk had not brought them. The chairman stated that they should have been produced and hoped that they would be next year. A vote of thanks to the chairman was passed and the meeting closed.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Shrove Tuesday. Owing to the decrease in population, especially in the number of children in the parish, we have now only fifty children on the books of the Sunday School, there are also only fifty on the books of the Day School and in all probability we shall be even further reduced in the future. We trust however to make up for a deficiency in quantity by a corresponding increase of quality. After tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson, various games were played with much zest and enjoyment. A plentiful supply of sweets, kindly given by Mrs. Ellis, were much appreciated. There were four competitions, viz., giving names of animals, insects, birds, and for the helpers the names of any material used for dress. Later the Rector distributed prizes to those who had qualified for them and stated that there had been a great improvement in the learning of the lessons and the conduct throughout the school had been most satisfactory. He much regretted that owing to uncertain health Mrs. Richardson had felt bound to give up her class, which she had taken for thirteen years. He thanked her most sincerely for her help. He much regretted that Mrs. Ellis was unable to be present owing to a previous engagement. The best attendances were: Sidney Hauton and S. Patren (once absent), A. Shaw, F. Woodward, E. Hauton and H. Atkin (twice absent). The highest in each Class for lessons were: Class I., G. Shaw; II., H. Clough; III., F. Woodward; IV., H. Atkin.

We are much indebted to the Revs. C. G. Hodge, G. W. Ridley and W. F. Fielding for kindly coming to preach on week-nights in Lent. We have also had two interesting meetings during Lent, the S.P.G. as recorded in the last magazine and the S.P.C.K. on March 10th. The latter was very well attended and proved full of interest.

The Parish Council. — Considerable interest was aroused by the Poll taken on April 7th to elect Parish Councillors. Ninety-four per cent. of the electors went to the poll, and the result was declared by Mr. Turnor, the presiding officer, as follows: Elected: Wm. Hoff, 74; J. H. Vessey, 71; Fred Shaw, 71; Wm. Gray, 64; J. T. Atkinson, 60; J. Clough, 56; T. Shaw, 52. Not elected: J. Toin, 51; G. Rattenbury, 38.

Burial.—March 5th, Maria Scott, aged 77 years.

The Easter Vestry was held on Monday, March 24th, and was fairly well attended. The Churchwardens presented their accounts, which were duly passed together with a very hearty vote of thanks to them for their past services. They stated that the Nave was now insured for £4,700, and in addition the Rector insured the Chancel for £1,500 and the Rectory and other buildings on the Glebe for £4,000. Owing to the absence of special expenses there is a balance in hand of £5. 4s. 2d. But as the Churchyard paths will require attention it will still be necessary to support the Church Expenses Fund as liberally as formerly. The accounts appear below. The Rector stated that £40. 3s. 6d. had been collected in the Church for Church expenses and other special causes. The Rector nominated General Richardson as his Warden, and Mr. E. D. Baker was re-elected Parish Warden. Though one Churchwarden is elected by the Rector and one by the Vestry, their duties and responsibilities are of course exactly the same. Messrs. G. R. Snell and G. Lilley were nominated as Sidesmen by the Rector, and Messrs. C. Atkin and F. Basker by the Vestry. A vote of thanks was passed to the Churchworkers, paid and voluntary. A discussion also took place on the subject of "Church Finance," but it was decided to do nothing in the matter until hearing the amount of apportionment made by the Diocesan Finance Committee. Messrs. Hunt and Snell were elected as representatives on the Ruri-Decanal Conference.

Empire Day was celebaated on the 24th. The Flag was saluted and patriotic songs sung, after which sports were the order of the day, followed by tea, kindly given by General Richardson and Mr. J. H. Vessey. The Sports prizes were given by Messrs. E. D. Baker, J. Clough, the Rector, and Captain Richardson. Mr. Hunt ably acted as Secretary and Manager and was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Vessey, Mrs. Disbrowe, Captain and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. Clough, and Miss Enderby. Mrs. Clough, Mrs. Hunt, and Miss Baker carried out the arrangements for tea in first rate style. The Rector was absent owing to a slight indisposition.

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CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The sixteenth Festival of the Association of Parish Choirs for Spilsby and District was held in the Parish Church, Spilsby, on Tuesday, June 10th, 1913. For many weeks previously the choirs of the following parishes had been practising assiduously for this Festival service: — Sausthorpe, Halton, Scremby, Ashby, Steeping, Partney, Spilsby, Hundleby, Stickford, Bratoft, Hagworthingham, West Keal, Eastville, Lusby Skendleby, Mavis Enderby, Claxby, Raithby, Stickney, East Kirkby, Ormsby, Toynton. The voices numbered 287, composed of 196 sopranos, 28 altos, 26 tenors, 37 bass. G. H. Gregory, Esq., Mus. Bac., Organist of Boston Parish Church, conducted. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Carr Smith, Vicar of Grantham, and the collection, made in aid of the Choral Union Funds, amounted to £3. 18s. 7d. In the opinion of those qualified to judge the rendering of the selected music by the choirs in 1913 in no way fell short of the high standard of excellence which has been attained since these Festivals became firmly established, and the greatest credit is due to all who worked so hard together to attain such results.

Only one shadow fell across an otherwise bright and happy Festival and that was due to the regrettable absence through illness of the hardworking Hon. Sec., the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, Rector of Halton Holegate, and it speaks volumes for his gifts for organisation when we record that the final rehearsal, intervening refreshment arrangements, and the Festival service itself, passed off as smoothly as though under his personal supervision.

Baptisms.—June 1st, John Charles, son of John William and Elizabeth Ann Robinson. ——June 15th, Charles Edward, son of Charles and Lilly Borrill.

Baptism.—July 6th, Walter Clarence, son of Walter Charles and Mary Jane Pockington.

On July 3rd, sixteen Halton G.F.S Members attended the Spilsby G.F.S. Branch Festival, held at Boothby Hall, by the kind invitation of Miss Walls. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Three of our Members, E. Borrill, C. Clough and E. Grantham, were presented with Faithful Membership Cards, M. Clarke with a Premium for two year's service, and a Marriage Card was sent to Mrs. W. Smith.

On July 22nd, a large number from Halton started by the 8.19 train for a long day at Skegness. Among the number were all the members of the Choir, all the Ringers, the Sunday School Children and their Mothers. At one o'clock the members of the Choir, the Ringers and the Sunday School Teachers were entertained to dinner at the Pavilion by the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe, and then an adjournment was made to the Figure of Eight, the Joy Wheel and other amusements. At 4.30 a party of 83, including Children, Mothers, Ringers and Singers, sat down to tea at the Pavilion given by the Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe, General and Mrs. Richardson, and Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Richardson. After tea the 41 donkeys on the sands were monopolised by the Halton young ones, and a little later all re-assembled at the station for the 6.25 train. Much regret was expressed at the Rector's enforced absence, but a telegram was received from him during the day wishing the Halton party "a good time at Skegness."

During July the Sunday Services at Halton have been taken by the Rev. W. Gerrish of Magdalen School, Wainfleet. The Rev. J. S. Ladds and the Rev. J. Howard are kindly taking the services on Aug. 3rd and 10th. After that date the Rev. A. Gedge, Military Chaplain at Preston, will be in charge of the parish for some weeks and will reside at Halton Rectory.

Many kind enquirers will be glad to know that the Rector is much better than when he left home.

Marriage.—On Oct. 8th, 1913, George Hall, widower, and Mary Ann Spencer, widow.

Burial.—Oct. 21st, 1913, John Crouter of Spilsby, aged 83 years.

Mr. Crouter was formerly Station Master at Halton and for many years was a valued member of the choir.

The Rector and Mrs. Disbrowe returned home on Oct. 16th, after an absence of fifteen weeks. The Rector is very much improved in health. He would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have so kindly done all in their power to keep the parochial machinery running smoothly in his absence. He also is under a debt of gratitude to his many clerical friends for their very kind assistance in taking many services for him.

The Harvest Festival took place on Sept. 28th. The preacher in the morning was the Rev. W. Gerrish, and in the evening the Rev. N. K. Leach, whom the congregation were glad to welcome on his first visit to the church. The decorations and singing are reported to have been of the usual excellent quality, but the collection was nearly £4 less than in 1912, only amounting to £2. 18s. 1d., quite the smallest on record.

A Whist Drive, arranged by Miss Ellis, was held on Oct. 21st in aid of the East London Children's Holiday Fund. About £3. 10s. was realised for this good object.

Burial.—Nov. 8th, 1913, Ann Moore, aged 91 years.

Mrs. Moore was our oldest Communicant and a devout Christian. She had a wonderful memory and could tell many interesting stories of the past. We miss the "old standards" as they pass away.

The Rector recently received a request from a gentleman for photographs of Halton, which he desired to send to an old Haltonian now living in Michigan, U.S.A., who, he said, still had a great affection for the place and desired these photographs. A number of picture postcards, of which Mr. Bundock has so excellent a selection, has been forwarded. It is pleasant to feel how those who have left us so long ago, like Mrs. Kime (formerly Miss Wanty), still have affection for the old home. Let us all try to keep it a pleasant and wholesome place. Our last American visitors connected with the parish came from Maryland, their ancestor having emigrated 280 years ago, but the Rector had pleasure in being able to show them the signature of their ancestor who was Churchwarden in 1656.

Xmas has come and gone and it only remains to wish our readers a very Happy New Year. Xmas was marked as usual here. The communicants were about the average. The ringers rang, and the choir sang an anthem, "O Zion that bringeth good tidings," excellently.

On the Sunday after Xmas a selection of Anthems and Carols was sung. The congregation as well as the choir acquitted themselves admirably in the parts assigned to each. The decorations were never better done though the holly berries were scarce.

The Social Evening, promoted by the members of the Reading Room on Dec. 15th, passed off successfully. The proceeds after paying expenses amounted to £1. 17s. 7d.

Rainfall at Halton Holgate 1913.—

	Total Depth. Inches.	Greatest fall in 24 hours. Inches.	Date.	No. of days ·01 or more recorded.
Jan.....	2·93	0·66	11	18
Feb.....	0·67	0·26	9	9
March....	2·24	0·40	16	19
April	2·05	0·49	11	20
May.....	2·13	0·65	8	16
June	0·70	0·12	8	12
July.....	0·80	0·34	21	9
Aug.	0·52	0·16	22	9
Sept.	3·02	1·85	1	12
Oct.....	4·69	1·38	5	15
Nov.....	1·97	0·44	13	21
Dec.....	0·83	0·36	20	9
Total	22·55			169

1912, the total was 32·65in. on 200 days.

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Baptism.—January 4th, 1914, Gertrude Annie, daughter of Percy and Clara Annie Cartwright. Received into the Church at the same time William and Frank Cartwright, twin sons of the above.

Lent Services.—The Vicar of Spilsby has very kindly consented to give a course of sermons on Thursday evenings during Lent. The subjects will be announced later.

A "Sixpenny Social," for past and present parishioners, was held on Jan. 5th. The attendance was not quite so large as was hoped for, but a very pleasant evening was spent. The proceeds, 19s. 11d., after paying expenses will go towards Crockery Fund. The Whist Drive prizes, given by the Rector, Mr. W. Shaw, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Turnor and "Anon," went to Mrs. Turnor, Miss Cousins, Mr. Grayson and Mr. Blakey; consolation prizes being won by Miss Stothart and E. F. Disbrowe. Mr. Hunt was the experienced manager. The refreshment department was admirably managed by Messrs. Atkin, J. Shaw, F. Parkinson, J. R. Clough and F. Basker, and Mesdames Atkin, Grantham, and the Misses Borrill and Espin. Mrs. Townell and Mr. Bond played for dancing, and at intervals a programme of songs, &c., arranged by Miss Enderby, was much appreciated. The following taking part:— Miss Enderby, Messrs. Atkin, Bond, Bourne, Cartwright, Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, H. C. Disbrowe, Hunt; Mrs. Disbrowe, Miss Enderby and Mrs. Townell were accompanists.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Feb. 11th and followed the usual lines including, we hope and feel confident in asserting, the enjoyment of the evening by all concerned. The prizes included an extra number of Dictionaries this year, which may be taken to indicate a proper desire for useful information in those who asked for them in preference to story books. After tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Disbrowe and Mrs. Richardson, at which we had our usual number of competent helpers, various games were indulged in, but none equalled in popularity the old favourite, "Dumb Crambo." Our stock of stage costumes appear to appeal equally and impartially to those of both sexes and in some cases the necessity of quick change would result in a difficulty experienced by the spectators in diagnosing the sex of the performer, owing to the fact that one part of the costume appeared to belong to the female and another to the male sex. But the main point was "dressing up." Two pleasant interludes were the performance of two short "Sketches" by children, trained and stage managed by Miss Enderby. These were most creditably performed and proved of equal interest to the children and "grown ups." Altogether all seemed to enjoy themselves strenuously and the supply of sweets, kindly provided by Mrs. Ellis, proved most refreshing to the hard working revellers. The prizes were given by the Rector. The best marks for attendance were obtained by George Shaw, W. Mableson, Albert Shaw, Florence Woodward (never absent), Edward Crust, Ethel Robinson, Eva Hauton, Harry Atkin (once absent). The highest number of marks for lessons were: Class I.—George Shaw 102, Edward Crust and W. Mableson 101; Class II.—Ethel Robinson 90; Class III.—Eva Horton 106, Doris Smalley 104, Florence Woodwood 103 (the number of possible marks in this class was four more than in the other classes); Class IV.—Camilla Crust 95, Harry Atkin 94, Anthony Shaw 93. No prizes are given to children who fail to obtain half-marks for lessons, except in the Infant Class where this rule does not apply. The lessons have been much better learned this year, and the attendance has been good. The usual cheers for the Rector, Mrs. Disbrowe (who really deserved the loudest), the Teachers and helpers, and "our noble selves" at length exhausted themselves sufficiently to enable the strains of the National Anthem to wind up a very pleasant evening.

The following course of sermons will be preached during Lent, on Thursdays, at 7 p.m., by the Vicar of Spilsby:—

March 5th, "Temptation and Gifts."
" 12th, "Is it worth while."
" 19th, "The dangers of the empty Soul."
" 26th, "The value of fragments."
April 2nd, "The instinct of Sacrifice."

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Baptism.—Mabel Frances, daughter of George Richard and Alice Snell.

Eleven members have joined the Candidates' Class in connection with the Girls' Friendly Society which is held at the Rectory on Tuesdays.

There has been a good deal of sickness in the parish lately, though fortunately, except in a few cases, not of a dangerous character. The attendance at our special Lent services has of necessity been affected in consequence.

Burial.—George Hall, aged 74.

Mrs. Hall will have everybody's sympathy in losing her husband only 7 months after marriage. The funeral was kindly taken by the Rev. J. Howard.

In the Musical Competitions our school secured a second prize in Class III., being beaten by four marks by Partney. The Judge's comments on our children will be of interest: Song, "Rather out of tune, at cadences especially, tone quite pleasant, words very moderate, still quite a musical rendering with some expression." Round, "Fairly well together, in time, and chords more or less in tune, pitch maintained, adequate rendering."

Empire Day was celebrated here on May 22nd, as the 24th fell on Sunday. London being probably the next most important city to Halton also kept it in all the schools on the same day. Here the flag was duly saluted in the school playground. Patriotic songs were sung and an adjournment made to the Wongs, where, by kind permission of Mr. J. H. Vessey, the sports took place. Mr. Hunt was in charge of the arrangements and all went without a hitch. Captain Richardson and Mr. Clough gave able assistance as starter and judge, assisted by Mr. Vessey and Miss Enderby.

Tea was afterwards provided by the generosity of General Richardson and Mr. Vessey. This was arranged and carried out by the wives of the managers and the master. The prize fund was subscribed by Messrs. Baker, Clough, Vessey, Mrs. Richardson and the Rector. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Richardson. General Richardson was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness.

Burials.—June 6th, 1914, Mary Ann Kidd, aged 68 years.——June 13th, 1914, George Warth, aged 34 years.——Eliza Dickenson, aged 76.

The sympathy of all will be felt for the friends of the above. Mrs. Kidd, after a long illness, was carried off by the same malady as her late husband, and by a singular coincidence, by the advice of the Doctor, both were buried on Sunday, these being the only two Sunday funerals during the last 14 years. Mr. George Warth was a young man who had been unable to work, owing to ill health, for some time. Mrs. Dickenson was an old and respected inhabitant and a devoted churchwoman who latterly lived at Great Steeping. She died on a visit in her old house at Halton.

The eleven burials during the first six months of 1914 are equal to the largest number during any whole year since 1905. The average number of funerals from 1899—1913 is 7.13, or deducting the 17 non-parishioners buried during that period 6.6. The number of non-parishioners buried here since 1884 is 45. Most of these were old Haltonians and of course some few who died here were buried elsewhere, but the present accommodation in the Churchyard is getting limited and the question of the burial of non-parishioners will require consideration in the future, though everyone will desire to meet the wishes of the friends of old Haltonians as far as possible.

Eighteen members of the Halton Girls' Friendly Society were present at the annual Festival, which was held at Skegness, on June 16th. Three of our members, namely, Miss A. E. Clough, Miss M. Waite and Miss E. Clough were among the prize winners for Needlework, and in the Needlework Competition for Candidates two of our members, Miss F. Woodward and Miss A. Crust, received prizes. The day was much enjoyed by all. There are now twenty-seven members in the Halton Branch of the Society.

The Rector has to announce, with sincere regret, that he has now definitely decided to resign the living and to take a prolonged rest. He cannot state the actual date of his resignation, which must depend upon the completion of dilapidations, but he proposes to say farewell to the congregation on Sunday evening, October 11th. He does not wish, at the present time, to add more on a subject which is to him one of such unqualified regret.

Baptism.—July 19th, Selina Mary, daughter of Walter and Mary Maria Smith.

Marriage.—July 1st, 1914, Frank Basker and Gertrude Mary Cousins.

A portrait of the late Mr. Thomas Hunter (formerly Parish Clerk) has been presented by his brother, Mr. Joseph Hunter, and added to the Portrait Gallery in the Vestry

War
declared with
Germany
Aug 4th 1914.

Armistice
Nov. 11th 1918.

Years ago, in the days of the Agricultural Depression, I remember talking to some farmers in Boston market who were sadly discussing the price of wheat. "What we want" said one "is a great old war." "Aye" said the other "that's it."——I wonder if any of us, farmers or others, would say the same now. The shadow of a great war has fallen on every man, women and child. Plans have to be changed. Sacrifices have to be made.

Already eight officers and men belonging to four Battalions of the Lincolnshire Regiment have left us for service in the war. Capt. J. F. Richardson, 3rd Battn. (Provost Marshall at Grimsby); Lieut. W. A. Ellis, 5th Battn.; Second Lieut. H. C. Disbrowe, 3rd Battn.; Private J. Lilley, 1st Battn. (Expeditionary Force); Private G. Lilley, 5th Battn.; Private C. Woodward, 5th Battn.; Private Walter Grantham, 5th Battn.; Private R. Hauton, when the war broke out, was with the 2nd Battn. at Bermuda. The Red Cross is also represented by Mr. Blakey, 13th Voluntary Aid Detachment; Mrs. Blakey, 24th Voluntary Aid Detachment; Mrs. W. Haw, 24th Voluntary Aid Detachment.

Mr. Cunliffe Turnor, who joined his ship at Cardiff to have his first experience of service in the Mercantile Marine, expected nothing more than a peaceful voyage to China, but the ship was commandeered to take coal to the fleet in the North Sea and afterwards to convey troops to France. He will not forget his first experience of seafaring life.

On Sunday, August 9th, the Rector read the following statement: "In a time of such crisis, in addition to financial reasons, I do not feel it possible to leave this parish and perhaps leave you without a clergyman for a time as no one has yet been appointed to the living. And I do not think it right to give the Patron of the living the additional trouble of finding a clergyman for the parish as he is now at the head of his regiment. I have therefore postponed my resignation until the times are settled." It will be seen from this that the report appearing in some local papers, that the Rector is staying at the request of the Earl of Ancaster, is not correct.

By the time this magazine reaches you we shall have two more men at the front. Private R. Hauton, who has just returned with the 2nd Lincolns from Bermuda, has been home for two days prior to leaving for the front. We trust the 2nd Battalion may not have as heavy losses as have the 1st Battalion. We are glad to hear that Pte. J. Lilley, at the time of writing, is well. The 5th Batt. (Territorials) are also under orders for France, and with them will go Private C. Woodward, who has now recovered from his accident.

We much regret that Lieutenant W. A. Ellis will not be able to go out at present, as he has to undergo an operation on an injured knee. We hope he may make a speedy recovery. Mr. Sam Lilley, who went to Canada some time ago, belongs to the Saskatchawan Light Horse, and was one of those who volunteered for active service with the Canadian contingent, but owing to the enormous rush of volunteers he did not get a place. But the three Lilley brothers are all "doing their bit."

Under the able tuition of Mr. Robinson and Sergeant Driffield the "all-ages" squad of would-be riflemen are showing some progress, and so increasing the number of the last Reserve from whom to call for volunteers if needed, even though our ages may range from 14 to 60.

Mrs. G. Rattenbury, assisted by Mr. Rattenbury, has collected £7 3s. for the Belgian Relief Fund. Other subscriptions have also been sent direct to the Central Fund.

The Library is again open for the winter, but the demand for books is not quite up to the usual standard.

A meeting of the members of the Reading Room was held on Oct. 12th. The Rector presided, and there were eight members present. Mr. Atkin presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £1 18s. 10d. After discussion it was decided to open the room until the end of December and then consider the financial position again.

The Rector was re-elected Hon. Sec., and Mr. C. Atkin re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and Committee, Messrs. F. Bourne, S. Woodthorpe, R. Clough, G. Grayson, F. Parkinson, G. Grantham, F. Shaw.

A Call to Prayer.

At 12 noon every day

remember in prayer:—

THE KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY,

OUR SAILORS, SOLDIERS and ALLIES,

THE SUFFERING, THE ANXIOUS,

THE SORROWFUL.

"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers."

A Call to Arms.

Your
King and Country want
You.

100,000 more men are wanted
by
LORD KITCHENER
now
and until the end of the war.

For terms of service apply to the Recruiting Sergeants.

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We are pleased to hear that some of the members of the Girls' Friendly Society have been knitting socks for the use of Belgians or the troops.

We understand that Mr. Sam Lilley will come over in the next Canadian contingent.

It has been decided to form a Local Branch of the Central Volunteer Training Corps for the District. This force is open to those who are too old or too young to join the army or territorials, but who wish to help to defend the country in case of invasion. In some cases also where the responsible officer is satisfied that for good and sufficient reasons individuals of army age appear to be justified in not enlisting, these persons may join this new corps; but recruiting officers may at any time call upon such persons who have joined the Training Corps to enlist in the army. Every corps must be responsible for its own expenses. Neither rifles nor ammunition will be provided by the Government. Further particulars will be given as soon as the Committee are able to make arrangements.

Burials.—Nov. 27, 1914, Hannah Brown, aged 52 years.

Nov. 28, Joseph Haw, of Spilsby, aged 62.

Dec. 10th, Thomas Baxter, aged 48.

The New Year! The words seem generally to bring with them hope—old troubles and griefs so often grow less poignant in the course of time. Yet in the midst of so many national and family anxieties, and with the knowledge that so many more will have sons and husbands and brothers at the front, we cannot think that the new year will abolish our anxieties. But hope is the life of nations and individuals, and the nation or the individual who faces the future with hope is doubly armed. Let us hope and pray and fight, and we can then confidently look the future in the face.

We much regret to have to report that Private R. Hauton has been very seriously wounded and now lies in the Base Hospital at Boulogne-sur-Mer, in France. He was carrying water to the communication trenches when he was hit by a shell. He has lost his left leg, and the other was seriously wounded in two places and broken. Yet, in spite of this, he writes cheerfully to his parents and reports rapid progress. Truly the brave and cheerful way in which our soldiers and sailors are bearing themselves, whether in battle or in hospital, should teach us all to bear our minor troubles patiently.

Second Lieut. H. C. Disbrowe took out a draft for the 2nd Lincolns recently, and has been now attached to the 1st Lincolns at the front, where they are taking their share of the work in the trenches. Private J. Lilley is well. He has written to the Rector lately, and an extract may be of interest:—"... I hope I shall have the luck to stick it all through. I have got a good job, groom to an officer, and I am pleased to say I am getting on well. I wish some more of the Halton lads would join their old county regiment and come out here and do their bit. I think all young men should be doing a little towards it in some way. ..."

Private Barker has joined the Foreign Service Battalion of the 5th Lincolns. Lieut. Ellis is again on duty after an operation to his knee. William Smith has joined the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. Charles Horry has enlisted in the Army Service Corps.

Capt. E. M. Grantham, who married Miss E. Sale, has come back specially from South Africa and joined the 3rd Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment. Capt. J. E. Richardson is on sick leave.

A most successful and interesting entertainment was given in the School on behalf of the Belgian Relief Fund by our children on Dec. 3rd. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Denyer, and the children were trained by Miss Enderby, and National songs were sung under the direction of Mr. Hunt. All acquitted themselves well, and a handsome sum was handed over to the fund.

Thirteen Haltonians have joined the new Volunteer Training Corps. Who will make it fourteen to avoid the unlucky number?

Burials.

Dec. 28th, 1914, Thomas Betts, aged 76 years.

Jan. 26th, 1915, Herbert Keal, aged 35 years.

Rainfall at Holton Holegate, 1914.

Month	Tot. Depth Inches	Greatest Fall in 24 hrs. Inches	Greatest Fall in 24 hrs. Date	No. Days with ·01 or more rec'd
Jan.....	1·65	0·60	10	15
Feb.....	0·90	0·24	17	14
Mar.	2·70	0·34	20	19
Apr.....	0·89	0·29	11	9
May	1·07	0·26	22	13
June	2·64	1·11	9	10
July	1·02	0·21	12	17
Aug.	1·26	0·51	1	13
Sept.	1·01	0·23	17	10
Oct.....	1·98	0·60	25	16
Nov.	2·72	0·35	11	21
Dec.....	5·21	1·44	28	23
Total..	23·05			180

The total rainfall in 1913 was 22·55 inches.

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Burial.—March 12th, 1915, Alice Raithby, aged 65 years.

The Rector will say "Farewell" to the congregation on Sunday, April 18th, at the Evening Service, which will be at 6 p.m., as by that time it is hoped that there will be sufficient light for a service to be held at that hour. The services during the vacancy of the Living will be conducted by the Rev. W. Gerrish.

At the request of the School Managers, General Richardson has kindly consented to act temporarily as Correspondent and Paymaster after April 1st.

The Easter Vestry will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, at 7 p.m.

Private R. Hauton is now in Hospital at Brighton, where he has undergone two further operations. We trust that he may now make more rapid progress.

Second Lieut. Disbrowe, who was wounded on Feb. 27th, has been transferred to a London Hospital, and hopes he may get home by the middle of April.

It is reported that our "Terriers" are now in the Trenches. We have no doubt they will give a good account of themselves, and we wish them good luck, and a safe retnrn.

All who knew the late Rector and his family have felt the deepest possible sympathy with Mrs. E. M. Grantham and her children in the very sad bereavement which they have sustained by the death of Capt. E. M. Grantham, who was killed at the front on Feb. 27th. The loss of so gallant and well-loved an Officer is not only a grief to his family and friends, but forms part of that great aggregate loss to the Nation of so large a proportion of all that is best in the manhood of this Great Empire.

PARISH REGISTER.

Baptisms.—Feb. 7th, Rupert Henry, son of Henry Rodd and Edith Taylor.

April 11th, Dorothy, daughter of Herbert and Mary Ann Simpson.

Burial.—April 17th, Salome Dennis, of Great Steeping, aged 83 years.

The Earl of Ancaster has presented the living to the Rev. Thomas Church, who is at present living at Nottingham. Having already held two country livings, he will come with a knowledge of country life, which is always so valuable in the work of a country parish. We wish him all good success. Mr. Church is anxious to get into residence as soon as the necessary legal delays will permit.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 9th. The Churchwardens' accounts were presented, showing a balance in hand of £2 8s. 9d. The offertories in church amounted to £42 10s. 0d. A vote of thanks was passed to the Churchwardens for their services in the past year. Gen. Richardson consented to act again as Rector's Warden and Mr. E. D. Baker was re-elected Parish Warden. The Rector nominated Messrs. G. R. Snell and G. Lilley as sidesmen, and Messrs. C. Atkin and F. Basker were re-elected as parish sidesmen. The fact of Messrs. Lilley and Basker being now on service with the Territorials was entered on the minutes. The Rector moved a hearty vote of thanks to all the churchworkers whether paid or voluntary, and thanked them sincerely for all the help they had given him during the past 15 years. General Richardson then, after a speech marked by very kind feeling, moved the following resolution: "That the Vestry records a warm vote of thanks to the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe for the way in which, during his long term of office as Rector, he has always conducted their meetings. In the past it has not been unusual in some places for difference of opinions at Vestry meetings. No Vestry meetings could be more unanimous than ours for the last 15 years. I desire that we should put on the minutes our deep regret that we shall see the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe no more presiding over us. Our hope is that the ill-health which has caused his resignation may soon, with well-earned rest, cease from troubling him." This was seconded by Mr. Vessey and supported by Mr. E. D. Baker, who both endorsed all that Gen. Richardson had said, and passed unanimously. The Rector expressed his heartfelt thanks, and said that it gave him great pleasure to know that his endeavour in the past to avoid friction at all meetings and in parochial affairs had been recognised. He knew his own limitations but at least he had tried to make things go smoothly, and he thanked them for their kind co-operation which had made this possible.

Mrs. Disbrowe was completely taken by surprise on Sunday, April 11th, when Alice Shaw, on behalf of the children in the Sunday School, at the beginning of morning school rose from her place and said how sorry they were that she was leaving them, and, on behalf of the children, asked her to accept a beautiful Prayer and Hymn Book bound in ivory. Mrs. Disbrowe said how great a pleasure it had been to be among them in the Sunday School, and hoped that in after life, if they met her and had grown out of her recollection, they would make themselves known to her, as it would always be a pleasure to renew their acquaintance.

Farewell Sermon, preached on April 18th, 1815. John i., 29: "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

I hardly think it probable that any of you will notice the coincidence that my text this evening, on the last occasion when I speak to you from this pulpit as Rector of this parish, was also the text on which I preached on the first occasion when I officiated in this church

It is also a coincidence that I came to you when the great Boer War was being fought and I leave you at a time when we and other nations are involved in the most momentous war in the history of the world.

It is also a coincidence that I was succeeding a Rector who was leaving on account of ill health, and now in my turn I am leaving for the same reason.

Thus, as we find all through our lives, *History repeats itself.*

We are looking forward to the time when this terrible war will cease and peace will be made, and anxieties national and personal will be laid aside; but we must not

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expect that for the rest of time there will be peace, just as we can never reasonably expect that when we have got over some difficulty or suspense or trial in our lives that we may not have more to face.

There is no certainty that any plans we make in this life will fall out as we plan or wish. We must expect trials and difficulties in this life. We can never arrange so that we can be free from them. And it is this very uncertainty about the things of this life which should make us all try and find out what are the permanent things which never change. Those are the things which really matter. Our hopes in this life are often dashed to the ground. This should make us look more seriously for those things for which we can hope for with certainty. These are not to be found in this world; but that does not mean that there is nothing to hope for here. Even in this world there is much joy and happiness, and the joys and satisfaction we are allowed to experience here stand out all the more clearly when contrasted with the trials and sorrows of life. They come like the bright beams of the sun bursting out through the dark clouds, and let us not forget the sun is always behind the clouds.

During the 15 years that I and my family have lived here we have experienced nothing but kindness from you all. We shall always look upon this place as home and think of you as friends. I had hoped to live among you for many years to come. We are deeply thankful for all the kind feeling you have shown us both in trouble and in joy. I cannot say how greatly I appreciated the constant kind co-operation of the Churchwardens and all the Church Officials and Church-workers, and I cannot refrain from specially thanking the Choir, who week by week for so many years have been so regular in attendance at Practice and Church, and who have always so cordially and cheerfully adapted themselves to my ideas as to the singing. They have been a great source of joy and satisfaction to me and I should like them to know it.

No clergyman could leave a parish with greater regret than I do nor with a kinder thought in his heart for you all. We have been deeply touched by the many kind words said to us as the time drew near for our departure. This evidence of your kind thought for us will in a sense make it easier to part. At least I can say that it has always been the endeavour of us all, however faultily carried out, to live together as Christian friends and neighbours should live. What a clergyman feels most at parting is his sense of his own insufficiency. He remembers how far short of his own ideal his work has been. How many his short-comings have been. And perhaps in your own lives you may often be conscious yourselves of this same feeling. Sins, negligences, and ignorances are the real troubles of life. These are the things which need forgiveness. "The sting of death is sin," says St. Paul. That is the only thing we need dread in the future, and that is why I have taken my text to-day. Earthly things pass away, they are of minor importance. Joys and sorrows are temporary. The one great permanent element in Religion is the *Saviour*, who takes away the sin of the world. We can put all personal hopes and fears on one side, if we will look to Him and confess our sins to Him, that He may pardon them. Pardoned sin will give permanent hope that the gates of heaven will be opened to all. That is the one great essential of life. I wish you all happiness here and hereafter. But it can only be had in this one way. And when we say "Farewell," that is, may you fare well; the best wish is that you may continue during this life to prepare yourselves for the life to come, and that having been true to your Saviour He will be true to you, and that having pardoned your sins and mine He will have removed the only obstacle which can prevent us passing through the gates of heaven. The ordering of our lives is in that sense in our own hands if we will live in realization of the meaning of that declaration which gives the key to present and future happiness, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

On Saturday, May 1st, Messrs. C. Atkin and G. R. Snell, as a deputation from the subscribers, presented to the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe and Mrs. Disbrowe, at their new residence in Spilsby, the beautiful Rose-bowls which had been subscribed for by the parishioners of Halton. Messrs. Atkin and Snell both stated that the parishioners had, with one consent, desired to make a gift to the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe and Mrs. Disbrowe, as a testimony to their feelings of appreciation for what they had done for the parishioners, and as an evidence of their regret at their departure. They hoped that the Rector's health would be completely restored.

The Rev. C. P. Disbrowe thanked them very sincerely for their beautiful present, and also for their kind thoughtfulness in sparing him the ordeal of a public presentation. He thought it specially kind of them at a time when the war was being felt by all. He would value this present very highly. He thanked Messrs. Atkin and Snell for their kind words and hoped they would find a means of sending their thanks to the subscribers. He was not the first Rector who had left Halton for Spilsby, as in 1368 John de Askeby became Master of the College of the Holy Trinity, at Spilsby. He hoped that before long he would be fit for further work, and so follow in John de Askeby's footsteps in that way also.

Mrs. Disbrowe also expressed her sincere thanks to the subscribers and the deputation.

Presentation to Rev C.P. Disbrowe & Mrs Disbrowe on leaving Halton.

The Rose Bowls are shown in photo below.



Rev C.P. & Mrs Disbrowe

Rev. Thomas Church comes into residence as Rector.

June 16th 1915

The Rev. T. Church and family were welcomed to the parish on Wednesday, June 16th, by the ringing of the Church bells. On Sunday, June 20th, he officiated for the first time in the Parish Church, and on the following Wednesday was inducted by the Archdeacon of Lincoln. There was a good congregation, and many of the clergy of the Rural Deanery were present. The Vicar of Spilsby read the service, and the lessons were read by the Rural Dean and the Rector of Langton.

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MR. and MRS. W. CURLE.

On Wednesday, December 1st, a most interesting event was celebrated at Halton Holgate, the occasion being the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Curle, who have been residents of the village for the past 24½ years. They were married at West Bilney Church, Norfolk, December 1st, 1855, by the Rev. J. Mitchell. Mr. Curle was born February 6th, 1834, and his wife Aug. 15th 1831, thus being respectively 81 and 84 years of age.

There are nine surviving children, four sons and five daughters, all of whom were present. There are also 32 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, representatives of whom were present.

By the kindness of Mrs. Ellis, the aged couple were conveyed to St. Andrew's Church at 11.30 a.m. by motor car, which was gaily bedecked with flowers, and the bells were ringing a merry peal. An aged parishioner, on hearing the bells, thought it was in commemoration of a great victory over the Germans. The school-children, with their teachers, lined the path to the church, along which the happy couple came, adorned with buttonholes, and carrying a bouquet, thoughtfully presented by Mr. W. Woodthorpe. At the entrance to the church, Miss C. Church, one of the Rector's daughters, gracefully presented the bride with a lovely bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

A most impressive service was held in the church, which will not be soon forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. The special lesson chosen was Psalm 103, being one whole theme of blessing God for all His mercies. The hymns sung were "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and "Rock of Ages." There was a special personal prayer of thanksgiving for Mr. and Mrs. Curle, and afterwards all joined in the general thanksgiving.

The Rector gave a most charming address, and said he preferred to call the occasion a jubilee, which was an occasion of public joy. Mr. and Mrs. Curle had come to offer publicly their thankfulness to God for His mercies vouchsafed to them during 60 years of married life. As the Breton folk used to say when about to embark on a voyage, "Our boats are so small, and the ocean is so big," so each one might say of his or herself, "our life is so small, and the world so big." It intensified our joy and gladness to be shared by others, and so their friends had come forward to join with them, and especially the children, for it would be something for them to look back upon for many years to come, and would long be remembered as a "red-letter day." True thankfulness was most fully shown in the Love of God, Who first loved us. In conclusion, the Rector wished Mr. and Mrs. Curle all the joy, happiness and blessing they would wish for themselves and on their behalf he thanked the ringers for their services, and also Mr. W. Haw for making the church so warm and comfortable.

Miss Church, the organist for the occasion, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" at the close.

After service lunch was partaken of at their home, the Rector being a welcome guest. During the day congratulatory letters and a telegram were received, and there were numerous presents from friends and neighbours. Later in the day hospitality was extended to many friends and neighbours, who were invited to partake of the wedding cake, and drink the health of the happy pair. In the evening another peal of bells disturbed the silent air.

Vestry Meeting.—This Meeting was held on Monday, April 24th, when Mr. G. Rattenbury was appointed Rector's Warden, and T. Carey, the Parish Warden. The following Sidesmen were also appointed:—Messrs. Balderson, Snell, W. Simpson, Winn, Dixon and Espin. Probably more about the meeting may be in next month's magazine.

The following balance sheet will show the "goodness of heart" of our people. They have given well during the year, despite the hard times and the many calls for outside objects. We are grateful for every contribution, large or small, which has been given to help spread the "Love of God." Let prayers accompany the gift's, then we may be certain that God will bless and prosper the work.

Balance sheet of Church Accounts, 1915-1916, Easter:—

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Easter 1915. ...	2	8	9
Collections for Church Expenses ...	31	4	0
„ for Hospital (part of Harvest Festival offertories) ...	1	13	0
Church Box	0	4	11
„ (Ear-marked Clock Fund)	0	5	0
Subscriptions for Church Expenses	13	19	6
Received from Rev. T. Church to pay the officiating clergy during interval	18	7	0
Received from Mr. Espin (collected for Clock Fund)	16	0	0
	£84	2	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Insurance Premiums	8	14	6
Heating Church (W. Woodthorpe £4 12s. 9d.; W. Haw £1 15s. 0d.)	6	7	9
Lighting Church (E. D. Baker, Oil and Trimming Lamps) ...	0	5	3
Cleaning Church (E. D. Baker, Material 11/9; Extra Labour 2/6)	0	14	3
Repairs, and cleaning gutters (J. Baker 17/6; E. D. Baker 2/-)	0	19	6
Tools (Dodds)	0	9	6
Bells (Barrett, 1/-; Ringers, 10s.)	0	11	0
Organist	5	0	0
Organ Blower	3	0	0
Clock Winding	1	0	0
Clerk's Salary (including cleaning inside Church)	5	5	0
Books for Church use	0	18	3
Archdeacon's Visitation Fee ...	0	5	0
Diocesan Fund	4	0	0
Clock Fund (as per contra) ...	0	5	0
Spilsby Hospital (as per contra) ...	1	13	0
Paid by Rector for officiating clergy (as per contra)	18	7	0
Church Clock (G. F. J. Newey) £16 as per contra, plus £3 13s. 11d. from Church Expenses	19	13	11
Labour in Church Yard (W. Wain)	1	0	9
Paid Churchwarden for keeping books	0	4	0
Paid Churchwarden—Receipt Book	0	0	6
„ —Postage ...	0	2	6
Total Payments ...	£78	16	8
Balance in hand ...	£5	5	6
	£84	2	2

Special offertories during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	0	16	9
Sick and Needy	8	12	1
Foreign Missions	2	13	6
Sunday School (plus Anonymous gift, 10/-)	1	10	1
Belgian Soldier Fund	2	8	3
Church Army Huts	1	7	0
	£17	7	8

Halton Fete.—July 25th, Receipts about £53.

Baptism.—October 1st, 1916, Frank Raymond, son of Henry Rood and Edith Taylor.

Marriage.—October 18th, 1916, Harold Edward Hargraves and Margaret Mary Waite.

Burials.—September 27th, 1916, George Gunnis, aged 89 years; October 21st, 1916, Marwood Twigg, aged 79 years.

It was with a sad heart we laid to rest the remains of George Gunnis, on Sept. 27th. Many friends proved their respect for him by attending the service in the Church and at the grave side.

For many years he had taken a keen interest in our Church, and until his illness was a regular attendant at the services. He bore his "waiting" for the Master's call with great resignation and patience. He will be very much missed by those that really knew him. He was a Christian gentleman and will not be forgotten. Many of his friends have paid a grand tribute to him by saying, "He was a good Churchman and a just man."

Marriage.—On Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 1916, there was great interest taken in the marriage of one of our Church workers. Miss Waite was married to Mr. Harold Edward Hargraves, Assistant Paymaster, R.N.R. A large congregation gathered to witness the ceremony, the best wishes of the parish are contained in the saying:—"May God give them every blessing that they wish for themselves."

Harvest Festival.—Sunday, Oct. 22nd was our Thanksgiving Day to God for His mercies to us in the Harvest. In the morning the Rev. D. Carey, Toynton, was the preacher; and in the afternnon, the Rev. G. Lindley, Headmaster of Spilsby Grammar School. The church was beautifully decorated by our usual willing helpers.

Xmas Parcels to our men fighting for King and Country, Freedom and Honour.

In November the school children undertook a house to house collection for the above object. The sum of £4 0s. 6d. was collected. They asked me to undertake the sending of the parcels. To the men serving at the front each parcel contained a cake, peppermints, and a warm, fleecy lined vest; to the men serving at home each parcel contained a cake and pair of socks. In all the parcels there was a card of greeting, "From all their friends at Halton." Cakes, peppermints, vests, socks and cards cost £3 15s. 0d.; calico and boxes for packing, 3s. 2d. Total £3 18s. 8d. The postage came to 19/-, and was defrayed by a friend in the parish, who wishes to he anonymous. I have had letters from most of the recipients of the parcels, some of those serving in the near east have not yet had time to write, and all were very delighted at being remembered by those in the old home village.

(Signed) ANNIE L. RICHARDSON.

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The Vestry Meeting was held on April 12th, and the Wardens, with Sidesmen, of past year were re-appointed, with addition of Mr. G. Lilley, and Mr. Walter Grantham as sidesmen.

BALANCE SHEET OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS, 1916-7.

EASTER.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Easter, 1916 ..	5	5	6
Collections for Church Expenses	32	16	8
" for Special Objects ..	8	19	4
From General Fund		10	11
Church Box		6	5
Subscriptions for Church Exp's—			
Capt. Hoff	1	0	0
E. P. Rawnsley, Esq.		10	0
W. F. Rawnsley, Esq.	1	1	0
W. Rawnsley, Esq.	1	0	0
Capt. Ellis		10	0
Money raised for other objects (not by Church Collections) ..	10	10	2½
	£62	10	0½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Insurance Premiums	8	14	6
Archdeacon's Visitation Fee ..		5	0
Diocesan Finance	4	0	0
Work in Churchyard (W. Wain)	1	8	6
Communion Wine		18	0
Carriage for Confirmation Candidates		5	0
Coal & Coke (W. Woodthorpe)	5	7	0
Repairs to Stove (Dodds) ..		9	6
Lighting Fires, Wood, &c. ..	2	8	0
Clerk and Cleaning	5	5	0
Clock Winding	1	0	0
Organ Blower	3	0	0
Organist	5	0	0
Bells (Ringers 10/-, Haw 2/6, Barrett 1/-)		13	6
Cleaning Materials, Ink & Candles		6	9
Washing		3	0
Repairs and Cleaning Gutter (J. Baker)		10	0
Carpet for Pulpit (T. Cook) ..	1	8	6
Hymn Books (Morton)	1	8	3
Cheques and Postage		4	6
S.P.C.K. 15 2			
National Mission .. 10 0			
Lincoln Hospital .. 3 4 6			
Bible Society .. 1 4 10			
Church Army Huts 1 4 10			
"Blighty" 1 0 0			
Burgh College .. 1 0 0			
	8	19	4
Other Objects (as per contra)—			
Church Army Box 11 3½			
Foreign Missions 9 18 11			
	10	10	2½
Balance in hand	0	5	6
	£62	10	0½

SPECIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Raised by Garden Fête	57	2	0
	£57	2	0

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Foreign Missions	8	1	0
Sunday School	6	17	0
Churchwardens	42	4	0
	£57	2	0
Churchwardens' Allotment of above	42	4	0
	£42	4	0
Raising Reading Desk, Cleaning Pulpit, &c.	2	15	10



Capt J.C. Sale, D.S.O., M.C, R.A.M.C.

Roll of Honour.—*Haltonians* will hear with interest that Capt. J. E. Sale, son of the late Rector, who some time ago won the M.C. and soon after was awarded a bar to the M.C., has now won the D.S.O.

An old Halton School boy, Gunner G. S. Bass, who was wounded in May, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre. We think this is the first decoration won by an old boy of Halton School and congratulate him accordingly.

Foreign Missions.—On Dec. 9th, we had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. L. C. Peto, the organising secretary for the C.M.S., for this diocese and part of South-well. He preached two helpful and able sermons. If the size of congregations and of offertories are a sign of success, then we had a great success. We have sent up to the Society over £7 more than last year. Boxes :—Mrs Hunt, 2s. 1½d.; Rectory, 19s. 6d.; Mrs. Rattenbury, 2s. 7½d.; Mrs. Lilling-ston, 16s. 3d.; Mrs. Richardson, 3s. 11d.; Norman Clarey, 17s. 7½d.; Mrs. Grantham, 3s.; Norah Hauton, 2s. 9½d.; Mrs. Baker, 2s. 8½d.; Mrs. Handsley, 4s. 9d.; Mrs. Snell, 2s. 2d.; Mrs. Haw, 2s. 11d.; Collections in Church, £3 5s. 10d.; Two parishioners, £2 2s. Total sent up £9 9s. 2d.

We now distribute 40 Missionary Mag-azines every month in the parish.

Since our last Magazine was issued we have lost one of "our boys" on the roll of honor. George Gray was one of those who waited for no appeal but joined as soon as war was declared. From a little boy he was one of those bright natures, always ready for anything, at school sports he was a winner and a leader in games, he was a stanch supporter of the Schools library always choosing a book worth reading. He was a keen soldier, doing his duty with the same zest and energy that he put into his games as a boy. He is a great loss to his King and Country and the grand old regiment in which he was serving. I am sure the deepest sympathy goes out to his parents from all of us in the village in which is the home that he loved so dearly.

Another of "our boys," Walter Hauton, in the 2/6th North Staffords, has been wounded, he is in hospital at Barrow, and we are glad to hear is doing well.

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A Whist Drive in aid of the Prisoners' of War Fund was held at Halton House on January 29th. The sum made was £12—£5 was sent to Major DuBuisson, at Lincoln, for the Lincoln Regiment; £5 to the General Fund, and £2 to the Royal Artillery Fund. Prizes were very kindly given by Col. Swan, Mr. Meaburn Staniland, Mrs. Turnor, Mrs. Lillingston, Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Searby and Gen. Richardson.

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, a successful concert was held on behalf of the Serbian Relief Fund. The schoolroom was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. Mr. and Mrs. Lillingston are to be thanked for all they did.

Sunday, April 21st, 1918. The Bishop of Lincoln visited our parish. He celebrated at the 8 o'clock Holy Communion, and preached at the morning service. His eloquent sermon will be remembered for its impressive, clear and direct lessons.

Easter 1917-1918.—INCOME. Balance in hand, 1917, 5/6; collections for Church expenses, £40/15/11; Church box, 2/4; General fund, £1/9/3; Special Offertories, £17/1/10; E. P. Rawnsley, Esq., 10/-; W. W. Rawnsley, Esq., £1; W. F. Rawnsley, Esq., £1/1/0; Rev. T. Church, £2; T. Clarey, 10/-; W. Curle, 2/-. Total, £64/17/10.

EXPENDITURE.—Visitation Fees, 5/-; H. Wain. £2/8/0; Morton & Sons, £1/16/0; Ecclesiastical Insurance, £1/0/6; Diocesan Fund, £4; S. Barrett, 17/9; H. Wain, £1/19/6; W. Woodthorpe, coal and coke, £2; W. Haw, for ringers, 10/-; W. Haw, for extra cleaning, 10/-; S. Barratt, 3/-; J. A. Badley, 10/-; J. H. Barratt & Son, bell ropes, 12/1; W. F. Goodrick, 1/9; E. Haw & Sons, new bell stay, 2/6; J. R. Walker, repairing pump, 9/-; W. Haw, fires, £2/5/0; Cleaning materials, 9/3; Clerk's salary, £5/5/0; for winding-clock, £1; for blowing organ, £3; washing linen, 5/3; L. S. Dodds, 6d.; Organist, £5; W. Woodthorpe, coal and coke, £3/7/6; J. Baker, £4/13/0; Special Offertories, £17/1/10. Total, £62/11/11.

THE ORGAN.—We have incurred another expense, but it was a useful and necessary one. The organ has been put in order and tuned. It is hoped you will think of this when you so willingly give to the offertories for Church expenses. There are many little matters (not much noticed) connected with the Church Fabric that want attention, and all this means that money is needed.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.—We gratefully acknowledge 10s. from Capt. Ellis.

EGGS FOR THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—Many thanks to our school children for so kindly bringing eggs for the above purpose. Special mention is made of Arthur Mableson who brought an egg every day during the year.

William Shaw, killed.

It is with great sorrow we have to record the death, in France, of William Shaw, aged 22 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Shaw, Northorpe Road. He was a boy of our Day School, Sunday School (also a Sunday School Teacher), and a Member of the Choir. He wrote a post card home saying, "I am quite well;" but when the official news came, it was found that the next day after sending above message he had passed away. When he joined the army he was working as a gardener, near Grimsby, where he was greatly respected. He is also remembered with affection at Mavis Enderby and Aswardby, where he worked for some time. We all tender our heart felt sympathy to his mother and father.

We are glad to see back again in this parish one of our old boys—J. R. Garner—yet, at same time, are very sorry at the cause of his discharge from the army, as he was so earnest in his duty. We hope that he will soon be quite well again.

George Grayson, died of wounds

It was with great sorrow we heard of the death of George Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson, Fen Side. Not long ago he was home on leave, and looked remarkably well. Soon after returning to France he was severely wounded, and a few days ago notice was sent to his aged parents to say that he had died in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Grayson and family have the sympathy and good thoughts of all in the parish. Pray God help them to bear their burden.

Blinded Soldiers' Children Fund.—Mrs. Evans has kindly interested herself in the above, and "The villagers and school children willingly contributed the sum of £1/2/0, which has been acknowledged by Sir Arthur Pearson." We are most grateful to Mrs. Evans for what she has done.

On Tuesday, August 6th, a Fête was held in the grounds of Halton House. The day was brilliantly fine and a goodly crowd assembled by 3 p.m. As usual the good folk of Halton proved most willing and cheery workers and everything went with a lilt. The total result of the day was £60. The committee allocated this as follows: £29 for the benefit of the Halton boys still serving their King and Country and those badly disabled; £5 to the local Red Cross Hospital Comforts Fund; £9 to St. Dunstan's in aid of blinded soldiers; and £16 to the Prisoners of War Fund; leaving £1 in the Treasurer's hands for postage and cheques. The balance when these small expenses are paid to go to the Church Army Hut Fund.

Death of George Rattenbury Churchwarden.

It is with great sorrow that we record the death of our esteemed churchwarden, Mr. G. Rattenbury, who passed away this morning, Nov. 23rd. He was a sincere, true and loyal colleague. We shall miss him as a regular worshipper in our Church. He was always courteous, kind and thoughtful; a man of earnest prayer, and ever ready for His Master's call. Our prayers and sympathy go to his widow and son.

One of our younger members has passed away—Betsy Shaw. She was a patient sufferer, and always had a smiling face. She was much loved by all. May God bless the bereaved family, and give them comfort in their sorrow.

Thanksgiving Day.—As soon as possible we had the flag hoisted, bells rung and the Church clock set for chiming and striking. On the 17th the services were well attended, and the note of thankfulness was apparent throughout the day. We are very grateful to the bellringers, who left their work and came to ring the bells; also to Mr. Sharman for presiding at the organ on Sunday. During the day we sang a special hymn, composed by Canon Rawnsley.

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY.

Hymn of Thanksgiving for Peace.

To Tune—"Melita."

FROM East and West from North and South
From Arctic shores to Himalay,
We praise Thee Lord, one mind, one mouth,
For all the wonder of this day;
For Freedom sure, for Peace restored,
For Right that sheathes at last the sword.

We thank Thee for the will that brought
Our kith and kin from oversea
And all the tribes who with us fought
To set the world from tyrants free,
We thank Thee for Columbia's host
That came at need, when need was most.

Not we alone to raise the psalm
For this deliverance of the world,
Lo! white-robed thousands wave the palm
Where battle-flags for aye are furled,
Where, foe-men once, as friends may meet
Before Thine awful Judgment seat

Great Judge of living and of dead,
Thy sword is bare, Thy scales are sure!
And though for sins we bow the head,
By all the sorrow we endure
We plead to-day that sense of Right
Which sent Thy servants to the fight.

Look down upon our broken hearts,
Our homes bereft, our fatherless;
Still bid us play our warrior parts
To strive, with all unselfishness,
And in a nobler warfare prove
Thy will is Brother-hood and Love.

Beneath Thy banner let us go
Up Duty's path, with clearer eyes
So not in vain our dead shall know
They made the last great sacrifice,
That Justice, Freedom, Honour, stand
Henceforth the bulwarks of our land.

AMEN.

H. D. R.

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SOLDIER'S 30 OPERATIONS

HALTON FENSIDE MAN'S RECORD.



PTE. R. W. HAUTON.

The case of Pte. R. W. Hauton, Halton Fenside, Spilsby, 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment, is almost a record even for this war on account of the number of operations he has undergone since he met with his injuries in France in December, 1914, necessitating the amputation of right leg above the knee and permanent stiffness of the left knee. He gets about fairly well on crutches, but cannot wear an artificial leg, owing to the loss of movement in left knee joint.

He left Bermuda for England in September, 1914, and proceeded to France in October. He was wounded when fetching water for the troops on December 5th by a sniper, three bullets entering his lower limbs.

His first operation took place at the Clearing Station, Estavier, and he had eleven operations at Boulogne. In March, 1915, he left for Brighton, where thirteen more operations were performed during his residence in two different hospitals there up to November, 1915. After spending a few days at the Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to try an artificial leg, he went to the Royal Orthopædic Hospital, where another operation took place. On November 27th he entered the R.A.N. Hospital, Millbank, and had one more operation in December, after which he returned to Roehampton.

He came to his home at Halton Fenside, Spilsby, on January 18th, 1916, with an unhealed wound of the left knee. He was under the care of Dr. Slocock, of Spilsby, till March 16th, when he went to the West Derby Hospital, Liverpool. He underwent two more operations here to try and straighten the knee, but unsuccessfully. After a visit to his home again, Dr. Slocock arranged for his admission to St. Thomas' Hospital, under Mr. Battle, who performed his thirtieth, and, up to date, last operation. In January, 1917, he returned home with the wound healed, but its complete recovery is uncertain. Pte. Hauton is cheerful and active, and a splendid example of heroism and courage under the most trying ordeal. Only a man of exceptional grit and constitution could have stood the shock to the system of such a large number of serious and prolonged operations (most of them lasting two to three hours). To add to his sufferings, he is unable to wear an artificial limb at present, at any rate.

We wish him every happiness in the future and the esteem and admiration of his country. He has two brothers, one of whom is in the Army and the other shortly joining.



PTE. C. E. WOODWARD,
of the 1/5th Lincolns, belonging to Spilsby, whose sad death we reported last week through the explosion of a trench mine at the Front.

Pte. Woodward the Victim of a German Mine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodhand, of Spilsby, have received the following letter from Company Sergt.-Major J. T. Eley, of the Spilsby Company:—

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goodhand,—I hope you are keeping well as this leaves me in the best of health. I am very sorry to say that our poor old boy, C. E. Woodward, has had a sad death. It was on the night of September 30th, about 6.30 p.m., when the Germans blew our trench up from a mine. Our "B" Company happened to be in it at the time, and it was awful; but the lads stuck to it wonderfully. We quite expected the Germans would try and take the trench from us, but, however, we kept them off, and soon set to work digging our comrades out, who were buried. This was not more than thirty yards from the enemy's trenches, but for all that we must consider ourselves lucky, as it might have been a great deal worse. I am pleased to say we had only a few casualties.

"But Charlie (referring to the late Pte. C. E. Woodward) was buried, and only just alive when we found him. All was done for him to the best. He died in less than half-an-hour. He was a good soldier, and I am sure we all miss him very much indeed. It is very hard to lose a pal, but we have to make the best of it.

"Well, at last we have left that warm corner, where we have been so long, and I am sure nobody is sorry, as we have been wanting a change for a long time. We have moved to another part, and at present we are having a few days' rest; only a little marching a drill just to keep fit. We have got Sid Watson with us, and he cooks first class. . . . Such is life. We are now billeted in a nice little French village with a few shops and 'pubs,' and a good old barn to sleep in, so we feel quite 'comfy.' With kindest regards, your sincerely, JACK."

DEATH AT THE FRONT. — Last week-end a gloom was cast over the village by the sad news that Pte. C. Woodward, 5th Batt., Lincs. Regt., had met his death while on duty in the trenches. His trench was struck by shells and he was buried. He was got out later, but only survived about half an hour. A letter has since been received by his sorrowing parents from Capt. Scorer, sympathising with them in the loss of a keen soldier, and one who ever gave cheerful obedience to orders. He is thus the first from this village to give his life for his King and country, and we all sympathise with his family in their sad bereavement. He was only in his 21st year. He went out with the first detachment of his regiment, and has not been in England since. We believe that when volunteers were asked for foreign service, he was the first to step from the ranks to join his captain.

On page 5 appears an account of the death, through the explosion of a trench mine at the Front, of Pte. C. E. Woodward, of Spilsby, contained in a letter written by Sergt.-Major J. T. Eley, of the Spilsby Company. The following letter from Captain Scorer has since been received:—

"1/5 Lincolns, B.E.F., 4/10/15.

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Woodward,—It is with deepest regret, and with sincere sympathy that I have to inform you of the death of your son, Pte. C. E. Woodward, on the evening of 30th September. Our trenches were blown up by a German, and about 60 yards destroyed. Your son was buried in the debris; we dug him out alive and hoped he would recover, as from all outward appearances he did not appear to be injured: but he died later from shock.

"We are all, indeed, sorry, and personally I very much miss him; he was an excellent soldier, always cheerful and ready to go anywhere or do anything. May God give you strength to bear your sad loss.—With deepest sympathy, yours faithfully,

"HERBERT S. SCORER, Captain."



Pte Charles E. Woodward

5th Lincolnshire Regt

Mobilised Aug 4th 1914

Served in France Feb. 1915 till Sept 30th when he was killed in action at Zillebecke, Belgium. Buried in Armagh Wood Cemetery.



Pte J. R. Garner

Enlisted 15 May 1915 aged 17 yr 4 months in 3rd Lincolns.
Served with 6th Lincolns
Gallipoli 4 Nov 1915
Egypt 20 Jan 1916
France 8 July 1916
Invalided home Feb 1916
Served in France with 4th Lincolns
7th June 1917 Hospital August
Discharged unfit for further service 25 Dec 1917.
Died from results of service 1920



Pte Fred Edward Roughton

7th Lincolnshire Regt.

Killed Dec. 22nd 1915 at Hooge aged 20,
while on Listening Patrol.



Capt John Franklin Richardson.

Served in South African war with 2nd Lincolns later joined 3rd Lincolns as Captain, mobilised Aug 4th 1914. Later invalided out of the Service. Afterwards served with French Red Cross (Convoy Britanique Mission Francais Succours aux Armées D'Orient) in Salonica & with R.A.F in France in 1918. as 2nd Lieut.



Capt. H.C. Disbrowe

Joined 3rd Lincolns as 2nd Lieut
from Oxford University O.T.C
Aug 14th 1914. Served with 1st
Lincolns in Flanders from
Dec 4th 1914. Wounded Feb 28. 1915.
Severely wounded Aug 8th 1915.
Adjotant 3rd Lincolns 1917–1919
Demobilised Dec. 1919.



Sub Lieut E.F. Disbrowe, R.N.

Joined Royal Navy as Cadet
1913. Midshipman 1917
Served in H.M.S Repulse
in Grand Fleet. In action
Heligoland. 1917.
Sub Lieut 1919.
Lieut 1921.



Lieut. W.A. Ellis.

Lieut 5th Lincolns, mobilised Aug 4th 1914.
Transferred to T.F Reserve May 11 1915 owing to injured knee. Joined 15th Royal Irish Rifles (late West Belfast Regt Ulster Volunteer Force as Lieut. Served in Flanders 17.VI.17 to 21.VII.17. (sick) Somme 2.XI.17 to 24.XI.17 (Wounded) 30.V.18 to 24.XI.18 Flanders (Sick) then with 16 Prince of Wales Coy 27.X.18



Pte George H. Lilley

1st Lincoln Vol. Ball 1903-1908
Mobilised with 5th Lincolns Aug 4.1914, completed his engagement 21.5.16.



Corp Sam Lilley

Came over with 2nd Canadian Contingent & served till end of the War. Severely Wounded twice.



Pte Ernest H. Woodward

Joined April 10th 1917. A.S.C.

Served in France from April 1st 1918 with 36th Division Machine Gun Corps.



Lee Corp. Albert Espin

Served with 3rd Lincolns at Grimsby & in Ireland. Unfit for active service abro



Pte Walter David Haulton

Joined North Staffords April 10 1917
Served in France where he was
Wounded 29 Nov. 1917.



Gunner George Rymer

Royal Garrison Artillery
Joined Derby Group Feb. 19 16
Joined up Aug 22nd 1916
Served in Mesopotamia from
March 1916



Pte. John Richard Clough

Joined 5th Lincolns 10.3.16
France 4.7.16
Transferred to R. Warwickshire Regt. 10.9.16
Invalided 27.1.17 Returned to France
16.6.17. Wounded 17.1.18
Transferred to Machine Gun Corps 10.4.18.
France 3.7.18 to 4.2.19.



Pte Walter. M. Grantham

5th Lincolns, mobilised Aug 4 1914
Served at home till spring of 1916
when he proceeded to France, where
later he got fever & shell shock.
Transfered to 36th Batt. Northum-
berland Fusiliers & served at
home till 18. 3. 18.



Pte Ernest Mabbleson

Of Gt Stepping, educated at
Halton National & Sunday Schools
Joined 8th Yorks ~~Nov~~ Feb 26 1916.
& proceeded to Italy Nov 21. 1916
where he served as a Lewis
Gunner, till end of the war

Note

The late Rector regrets that he is not in possession of photographs of the rest of the men who served, & also that as no authorised Roll of Honour has been compiled & issued as correct up to date the Roll of Honour given on page may possibly not be absolutely accurate but he hopes ~~that~~ no name has been omitted.



A Group of Halton Volunteers
1st Vol: Battalion Lincolnshire Regt.

(Sitting) Sergt Hickman, Platoon Sgt Black, Lieut C.P. Disbrowe, Serg't Garner, Corp F. Shaw
Commander Ellis. (Standing) Ptes Dickenson Fieldsend, Rymer, Roughton,
W Simpson, Wm Simpson, G Woodward.

The Volunteer Force was composed of men over age, or physically unfit for service in Army & of those who on account of their occupations were excused service by the Tribunals. Towards the end of the War all these latter class were ordered to join the Volunteer Force for training.



After the setback in March 1918 30 000 Volunteers took the place of Coast Defence Troops who were sent to France as reinforcement. Had it not been for the existence of the Volunteer Force; the vitally necessary reinforcements could not have been immediately sent to France. All men of military age belonging to the Volunteer Force were liable at any time to be ordered to join the Army.

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WAR MEMORIAL.

ROLL of MEN who served in the GREAT WAR 1914–1918.

Basker F	Sergt Farrier, 5th Lincs.
Blakey A	Pte. A.S.C. (M.T.) wounded.
Bourne F.H.	Pte, A.S.C.
Clough P.J.	Pte, 3rd Lincs. (wounded).
Clough R.	Pte 5th Lincs (wounded).
Cowling W.	Capt. 4th Lincs.
Davidson A.	Drummer 4th Lincs.
Disbrowe E.F.	Sub Lieut, R.N.
Disbrowe H.C	Capt 3rd Lincs (twice wounded).
Ellis W.A	Lieut. 5th Lincs (wounded)
Espin A.H.	Lce Corp, 3rd Lincs.
Garner J R	Pte 4th Lincs (died as result of service).
Grantham W.	Pte 5th Lincs (shell shock)
Gray G	Gunner R.F.A. (died of wounds)
Gray J.T.	Lce Corp 3rd Duke of York, E. Riding Regt. (Killed)
Grayson G.	Lce Corp, 9th Lincs. (Killed).
Green T.	Sergt A.S.C. (wounded).
Hauton R	Pte 2nd Lincs (wounded).
Hauton W.D.	Pte North Staffords, (wounded)
Horry C	Pte, A.S.C.
Horry R	Pte, 22nd W. Yorks.
Lilley G.H.	Pte 5th Lincs.
Lilley, J.	Pte, 1st Lincs.
Lilley, S.	Corp, 2nd Canadian Contingent, (twice wounded).
Mableson, E.	Pte 8th Yorks.
Marriott L-H.	Gunner R.G.A (afterwards Paymaster)
Massey J.	Pte, S. Staffs R.
Richardson J.F.	Capt 3rd Lincs (afterwards 2nd Lieut R.A.F.).
Robinson F	Sapper R.E.
Roughton F.E.	Pte 7th Lincs (Killed).
Russell H	Pte 7th Dorset.
Rymer C.E.	Pte Sherwood Foresters (Killed)
Rymer G.	Gunner R.G.A.

ROLL (continued)

Shaw C.	Pte 3rd Lincs (wounded).
Shaw G	Pte Duke of York E Riding Regt.
Shaw J.	Gunner R.G.A.
Shaw W.	Pte Lincs Regt (Killed).
Smith J	Pte 6th Lincs
Smith W.	Trooper Lincs Yeomanry (died).
Spence B	Pte 6th Lincs } Enlisted from Hallow where
Spence F.	Pte 6th Lincs } they were working.
Taylor H.R	Pte A.S.C, M.T.
Turnor C.	Lieut RNR (torpedoed).
Woodward C.E.	Pte 5th Lincs (Killed).
Woodthorpe S	Gunner R.G.A

The Late Rector regrets that he has not detailed particulars as to the service of all the above named men & therefore simply records the name & Regt in each case.

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George Richard Snell.—On Tuesday, June 26th, we laid to rest the remains of a "Good Man" (as one of his fellow workman described him). G. R. Snell was a staunch Churchman, a devoted member of our choir, and always ready to do a kindness to any one in need. He will be greatly missed by us. At the Funeral Service the choir sung some of his favourite hymns, and as we left the Church for the grave, the "Nunc Dimittis" was reverently chanted. Sympathy was shewn by all, and some beautiful wreaths were sent, the choir giving one in the shape of a cross. We can ill spare such young men, but we must thank God for the good influence of one of His faithful servants.

1917

Presentation.—On Friday, August 17th, 1917. The children, parents and parishioners presented to Mr. A. Hunt, Head Master of the Day School, a purse of money and framed address, in recognition of his 12 years residence in the parish Mr. Hunt is leaving us at the end of September and has accepted the position of Head Master at Martin. He has been a splendid organiser and an excellent disciplinarian and teacher, as his reports show. His loyalty has been all that could be desired and he was always willing and ready to help any cause in the parish.

Both he and Mrs. Hunt will be very much missed, and it will be difficult to fill their places.

They have our good wishes and may every blessing be theirs in the future. The amount collected was £6 8s. 6d.

1919 Rev. W. R. Scott.
Rector 1919—21

My Dear Friends.—I want to thank you all for the warm and kind welcome which you have given us. It has been rather a difficult time for us, as in addition to the worries of a move in these days, we have had a very sick household, and a good deal of anxiety. We hope, however, that the bracing air here will soon put new life into us all. And we would ask your prayers, that our coming amongst you may be rich in blessing to us all. It is a solemn occasion when a minister of God enters upon a new sphere of work; and I do pray that in all the work, which God leads me to undertake, there may be a consciousness of the Divine guidance and blessing. I am sure I can rely on your support, so that we may be fellow-workers together with God. The congregations have been very encouraging; but I do make a most earnest appeal to all, who can, to meet with us Sunday by Sunday in God's House. "I was glad, when they said unto me," was the Psalmist's cry, "we will go into the house of the Lord." May that be the cry of every heart. I hope to commence ere long a week-day service and a prayer meeting; but I thought it would, perhaps, be better to wait till the busy months of the year are over. With every good wish, and with the earnest prayer that Christ alone may be exalted in all my ministry among you.

I remain,
Your sincere friend and Rector,
W. R. SCOTT.



Spring arrives—at least at Halton corner!



Making a delightful picture on the first day of spring are these Lincoln Suffolk sheep and lambs at Halton Corner. They are owned by Mr. A. J. Clough, of Beverley House, Halton Holgate.



DEATH OF A BELOVED CLERIC

Rector at Skegness and Halton

A FORMER Rector of Skegness in the days when the resort was little more than a village, and later Rector of Halton Holgate, the Rev. Charles Penrose Disbrowe died at his home "Westholme," Hundlesby Road, Spilsby, on Sunday at the age of 88 years. 16.22

By his death Lincolnshire loses one of its best-known and most loved clerics

A son of the late Canon Disbrowe, of Benington, the Rev. Disbrowe was educated at Queen's College, Oxford. He was ordained deacon in 1886 and priest the following year in the Canterbury Diocese. He was curate of St. Peter's Maidstone, Kent, and of St. Luke's, Gloucester.

It was in 1892 that he became Rector of Skegness, and in 1899 he accepted the rectory of Halton Holgate, where he remained until his retirement in 1915. Both at Skegness and at Halton his genial personality gained him a wide circle of friends, and his wise counsel was of great value.

He did particularly valuable work on behalf of the Spilsby Hospital and other institutions.

The Rev. Disbrowe had a liking for delving into past history, and it was his research work which enabled the fine screen to be erected in Halton Parish Church. Made by Mr. E. D. Baker, a church warden, and carved by Major-Gen. John Booth Richardson, father of Capt. J. F. Richardson, of Hundlesby, the screen contains the names of all the rectors and church wardens and parish clerks of the village during the past 700 or 800 years.

PROMINENT SPORTSMAN

In his younger days he was equally prominent in the field of sport. He was a former chairman of Skegness and District Cricket Club, and was for some years secretary of the Spilsby Cricket Club. He was for many years on the committee of the Spilsby and District Lawn Tennis Club and helped to build up the Lincolnshire Championships, which, before the war, were held annually at Spilsby.

He was a committee member of old Spilsby district hockey club, which for many years provided a large proportion of county players. In his younger days he was a prominent rugby football player, and he was also a fine shot.

He was a keen gardener and was a pioneer member of the Lincolnshire Daffodil Society. His own gardens at Halton Rectory, and at the house at Spilsby, which he had occupied since his retirement, testified to his skill in this direction. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Conservative cause.

WAR LOSSES

He married Miss Garfit, a member of the Boston banking family, who predeceased him nearly twenty years ago. His eldest son, Capt. Henry Disbrowe, died following wounds received in the Great War, and his second son, Capt. Edward Disbrowe, R.N., was killed in action during the second World War. He had previously lost another son, Wilfred, from meningitis at the age of 16, when he was showing promise of a brilliant future.

During the time he spent at Halton he was a wonderful parish priest, and won the love and affection of all the villagers.

Despite his age, the Rev. Disbrowe was remarkably active until comparatively recently, and was a familiar figure in Spilsby, where he always had a cheerful word for all whom he met.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Halton Holgate Parish Church, on Wednesday, conducted by the Vicar of Spilsby, the Rev. H. G. R. Hill. The lesson was read by the Rev. C. W. Smith (Rector of Halton Holgate), and other robed clergy present were the Revs. S. W. Boldon, R.D. (Rector of Partney, Dalby and Ashby), J. E. Draper, R.D. (Rector of Toynton All Saints and St. Peter), Rees Jones (Rector of Hagworthingham and Lusby) and D. A. Cowling (Rector of Candlesby and Scremby). Other clergy present in the congregation included the Revs. G. R. Sansbury (Rector of Skegness) and A. W. Rainey (Hundleby).

The robed choir was in attendance, and the organist was Mr. E. Carpenter.

The family mourners were: Mrs. Anderson (daughter-in-law), Mr. John and Miss Pamela Disbrowe (grand-children), Nurse J. Skepper, Nurse Urquhart and Mrs. Brant.

Among those present were: Mrs. A. W. Rainey (Hundleby), Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Crookes (Raithby), Mrs. F. J. Walker, M.B.E., and Miss P. E. Walker (Spilsby), Mrs. J. A. Mann (Hundleby), Miss Mann (Skegness), Miss D. Barrow and Mrs. Millar (Hundleby), Mrs. P. Dawson (Dalby), Major H. G. Maddison (Partney), Mr. A. H. Becton (representing the Spilsby branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution), Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jarrett (Spilsby), also representing the Lincolnshire Daffodil Society), Mrs. M. F. Dickinson (Spilsby), Mrs. F. L. Stephenson (Skegness), Mrs. E. N. Crowder (Hundleby), Mrs. J. P. Cheales and Miss Hill (Spilsby).

Mrs. Ellison (Lincoln), Mrs. M. Allington and Miss U. Allington (Spilsby), Major H. L. H. Owen (Candleby), Mr. F. A. H. Scovell (Halton Holgate), Mr. L. J. Dodds (Spilsby), Mr. W. Paty Moody (Skegness), Mrs. and Miss Birch-Jones (Burgh), Mr. A. W. Webb, Mr. A. J. Searby, Miss I. Wittlesea, Miss D. Welch and Mrs. T. G. Jones (Spilsby), Mrs. Balderston and Mr. W. Carrott (Toynton).

Halton Holgate parishioners present included: Miss R. Borrill, Mrs. W. Curle, Mrs. Daubney, Mrs. G. Woodward, Mrs. G. Lilley, Mrs. M. I. Copping, Mr. R. Basker, Mrs. Thompson, Miss E. J. Simpson, Mr. W. Balderston, Mrs. A. Wylds, Mrs. E. Hauton, Mr. W. Simpson, Miss H. Simpson, Mr. R. Wharf and Mrs. C. Borrill.

PLE NOW LIVE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

From 1931 to 1951

New population figures

The following extracts from one of the tables show the 1931 and 1951 populations, and the number of separate dwellings for various towns and villages in the "Standard" circulation area:—

Place	Pop. 1931	Pop. 1951	Dwellings
BOROUGHS			
Boston	22,109	24,454	6,682
Louth	9,741	11,135	3,528
URBAN DISTRICTS			
Spalding	12,426	14,436	4,188
Sleaford	7,025	7,680	2,198
Alford	2,227	2,218	779
Horncastle	3,496	3,809	1,155
Mablethorpe & Sutton	3,928	5,393	1,683
Skegness	9,122	12,539	3,204
Woodhall Spa	1,372	1,671	501
RURAL DISTRICTS			
Boston	18,335	20,857	6,037
East Elloe	21,812	23,090	6,766
Spalding	17,444	18,718	5,598
East Kesteven	18,858	21,825	5,146
Horncastle	11,619	13,155	3,749
Louth	16,622	18,697	5,304
Spilsby	23,046	23,942	7,303
PARISHES			
Boston R.D.			
Algarkirk	593	560	156
Amber Hill	577	537	145
Benington	524	547	161
Bicker	728	799	238
Brothertoft	572	479	144
Butterwick	528	563	165
Fishtoft	1,517	2,499	705
Fosdyke	626	508	150
Frampton	895	1,056	325
Freiston	1,064	1,272	323
Harts Grounds	65	39	9
Kirton	2,747	3,029	868
Leverton	662	663	186
Old Leake	1,492	1,614	480
Pelhams Lands	125	99	27
Sutterton	1,014	1,005	310
Swineshead	2,016	1,945	564
Wigtoft	551	518	155
Wrangle	1,203	1,316	376
Wyberton	836	1,809	550
E. Elloe R.D.			
Holbeach	6,112	6,736	1,985
Spalding R.D.			
Donington	1,600	1,917	600
Gosberton	2,160	2,151	674
Pinchbeck	3,047	3,502	1,034
Quadring	1,035	1,059	303
Surfleet	949	964	305
E. Kesteven R.D.			
Anwick	235	214	67
Asgarby and Howell	164	122	34
Ashby-de-la-Launde and Bloxholm	286	357	94
Aswarby and Swarby	201	188	50
Aunsby and Dembleby	188	137	44
Billinghay	1,222	1,561	487
Blankney	546	587	153
Brauncewell	119	102	28
Burton Pedwardine	161	164	40
Cranwell and Byard's Leap	2,378	4,052	121
Culverthorpe & Kelby	133	113	33
Digby	396	467	135
Dogdyke	255	247	74
Dorrington	368	336	114
Ewerby and Evedon	394	366	100
Great Hale	657	586	174
Heckington	1,636	1,728	555
Helpringham	737	704	212
Kirkby Laythorpe	206	276	74
Leasingham	367	465	146
Little Hale	223	221	63
Martin	672	1,063	304
Newton and Haceby	180	143	42
North Kyme	594	564	170
North Rauceby	228	198	55
Osbournby	327	359	111
Roxholm	187	160	41
Roxholm	119	118	29
Ruskington	1,346	1,764	546
Scopwick	1,039	1,170	126
Scredington	296	259	76
Silk Willoughby	181	180	53
South Kyme	397	390	100
South Rauceby	258	281	81
Swaton	232	265	69
Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange	158	137	32
Threekingham	218	264	64
Timberland	618	527	156
Walcot (near Billinghay)	469	499	141
Walcot (near Folkingham)	115	95	28
Wilsford	452	396	124
N. Kesteven R.D.			
Leadenham	550	514	166
Metheringham	1,410	1,816	504
Navenby	810	851	265
Nocton	505	1,030	138
S. Kesteven R.D.			
Aslackby and Laughton	332	296	82
Billingboro'	986	1,078	324
Folkingham	446	478	154
Horbling	375	404	108
W. Kesteven R.D.			
Ancaster	758	718	215
Fulbeck	577	594	179
Horncastle R.D.			
Asgarby	58	51	12
Asterby	117	106	34
Baumber	286	235	68
Belchford	314	310	103
Benniworth	270	225	68
Bucknall	248	282	78
Cawkwell	44	35	9
Claxby Pluckacre	56	41	11
Coningsby	1,042	2,276	490
East Barkwith	254	229	71
Edlington	119	115	32
Fulletby	141	119	34
Gautby	92	86	20
Goulceby	118	119	36
Great Sturton	93	101	23
Greetham	118	95	27
Hagworthingham	313	308	104
Haltham	96	94	30
Hameringham	103	74	27
Hemingby	248	224	80
High Toynton	88	79	27
Horsington	207	226	68
Kirkby-on-Bain	205	203	73
Kirkstead	92	85	25
Langton	51	57	15
Low Toynton	40	39	10
Lusby	97	69	20
Mareham-le-Fen	664	706	227
Mareham-on-the-Hill	124	112	35
Market Stainton	78	77	17
Miningsby	80	64	14
Minting	202	208	62
Moorby	78	149	18
Revesby	413	338	96
Roughton	193	320	105
Salmonby	63	64	20
Scamblesby	204	199	60
Scrivelsby	107	69	23
Somersby	169	158	47
Sotby	99	79	22
Stixwould	174	169	48
Tattershall	398	518	162
Tattershall Thorpe	196	482	145
Tetford	366	366	131
Thimbleby	198	221	74
Thornton	75	73	18
Tumby	273	294	84
West Ashby	284	255	84
West Barkwith	86	81	22
Wildmoor	594	629	169
Winceby	49	51	13
Wispington	83	82	20
Wood Enderby	139	123	39
Woodhall	153	135	40
Wragby	454	597	181
Louth R.D.			
Aby-with-Greenfield	240	198	67
Alvingham	203	176	58
Authorpe	112	126	38
Beesby-in-the-Marsh	109	95	28
Belleau	47	63	15
Binbrook	738	778	253
Brackenboro'	53	59	14
Burgh-on-Bain	156	116	40
Burwell	119	103	28
Calcethorpe	59	33	7
Claythorpe	56	49	13
Conisholme	99	86	26
Covenham St. Bart	153	145	53
Covenham St. Mary	87	71	24
Donington-on-Bain	312	375	102
East Wykeham	28	31	8
Fotherby	206	228	86
Fulstow	416	389	115
Gayton-le-Marsh	155	148	48
Gayton-le-Wold	122	115	30
Grainsby	94	69	18
Grainthorpe	605	538	167
Great Carlton	182	188	56
Grimoldby	242	364	113
Hainton	244	217	61
Hallington	90	55	16
Hannah-cum-Hagnaby	58	44	14
Haugh	32	27	8
Haugham	84	65	22
Holton-le-Clay	528	730	230
Keddington	117	220	47
Kelstern	132	79	22
Legbourne	416	389	134
Little Carlton	106	101	32
Little Cawthorpe	111	116	40
Little Grimsby	47	47	11
Ludborough	233	196	60
Ludford	397	744	263
Maidenwell	199	155	35
Maltby-le-Marsh	177	216	73
Manby	111	1,146	38
Marshchapel	507	581	177
Muckton	71	73	20
North Coates	517	796	100
North Cockerington	171	201	62
North Elkington	60	55	15
North Ormsby	130	117	28
North Reston	34	31	10
North Somercotes	1,074	1,188	372
Nth. Thoresby	653	711	215
Raithby-cum-Maltby	97	144	45
Saleby-with-Thoresthorpe	147	122	39
Saltfleetby All Saints	113	104	39
Saltfleetby St. Clement	82	91	31
Saltfleetby St. Peter	280	269	89
Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven	355	391	142
South Cockerington	164	171	54
South Elkington	253	312	91
South Reston	170	163	58
South Somercotes	287	264	83
South Thoresby	107	87	29
South Willingham	200	180	55
Stenigot	96	110	22
Stewton	74	83	23
Strubby-with-Woodthorpe	187	316	47
Swaby	211	206	73
Tathwell	283	232	65
Tetney	882	865	267
Theddlethorpe All Saints	189	213	62
Theddlethorpe St. Helen	261	312	121
Tothill	39	32	9
Utterby	179	201	64
Waithe	45	49	14
Walmsgate	71	52	16
Welton-le-Wold	182	189	50
Withcall	189	134	37
Withern-with-Stain	334	305	102
Wyham-cum-Caldby	105	87	21
Yarburgh	148	170	45
Spilsby R.D.			
Addlethorpe	285	300	89
Anderby	241	237	75
Ashby-by-Partney	111	68	20
Aswarby	85	55	18
Bilsby	318	293	106
Bolingbroke	275	266	96
Bratoft	163	171	56
Brinkhill	90	71	27
Burgh-le-Marsh	916	1,184	381
Calceby	34	22	6
Candlesby	180	183	57
Carrington	519	512	158
Chapel St. Leonards	549	872	278
Claxby	92	114	22
Croft	825	859	240
Cumberworth	140	130	39
Dalby	130	97	24
Driby	82	52	12
East Keal	280	271	83
East Kirkby	246	244	83
Eastville	430	340	95
Farlesthorpe	76	51	17
Firsby	239	251	72
Friskney	1,599	1,632	482
Frithville	737	626	176
Great Steeping	185	417	114
Gunby	65	50	17
Hagnaby	47	42	10
Halton Holgate	363	383	125
Hareby	62	46	14
Harrington	64	56	14
Hogsthorpe	482	599	197

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Hundleby	507	470	135
Huttoft	461	448	150
Ingoldmells	293	669	225
Irby-in-the-Marsh	129	155	51
Langriville	365	316	94
Langton-by-Spilsby	137	126	35
Little Steeping	189	188	61
Markby	61	66	18
Mavis Enderby	105	93	27
Midville	229	251	58
Mumby	265	281	91
New Leake	500	435	129
Orby	285	293	91
Partney	224	228	75
Raithby	122	104	37
Rigsby-with-Ailby	67	54	13
Sausthorpe	109	107	27
Scremby	113	93	32
Sibsey	984	1,026	315
Skendleby	208	173	53
South Ormsby-cum-Ketsby	192	155	43
Spilsby	1,372	1,486	502
Stickford	407	394	119
Stickney	611	646	211
Thornton-le-Fen	268	228	67
Thorpe St. Peter	458	408	127
Toynton All Saints	315	264	87
Toynton St. Peter	213	271	88
Ulceby-with-Fordington	166	164	46
Wainfleet All Saints	1,324	1,356	404
Wainfleet St. Mary	908	930	247
Well	127	127	40
Welton-le-Marsh	271	239	73
West Fen	282	203	61
West Keal	253	267	84
Westville	151	128	36
Willoughby-with-Sloothby	485	541	155

HALTON HOLGATE

Baptisms:

Dec. 7th—Derek Anthony, son of Raymond Arthur and Violet Tasker.

The full programme arranged for our Patronal Festival passed off very well, and we congratulate all who took part in making it such a success. The whist drive effort for the Sunday School funds brought in £7 6s. and the two entertainments about £18. This latter sum is to go towards the £95 required for the renovation of our fine organ. We also thank the Rector of Langton for his sermon on Sunday, November 30th. 1952

Sept. 1951.

LORD ANCASTER DIES

Family's Connections With Spilsby

RESIDENTS of the Spilsby district, in common with many other people in all parts of Lincolnshire and Rutland, heard with profound regret of the death on Tuesday of the Earl of Ancaster, G.C.V.O., T.D., of Grimsthorpe Castle, near Bourne, at the age of 84 years.

Although the Willoughby family has not resided in Spilsby since the family home, Eresby Castle, was destroyed by fire, Lord Ancaster, like his forefathers, always had a great love for the district in which he was the largest landowner. At one time the Willoughby estates embraced practically the whole of Spilsby and much of the surrounding district, and, although considerable areas of land have been disposed of throughout the years, much of the Spilsby district still forms part of the estates.

Lord Ancaster was the eldest son of the first earl and Lady Evelyn Gordon, daughter of the tenth Marquess of Huntly. He was born on July 29th, 1867, and was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.

FORMER HORNCASTLE M.P.

Lord Ancaster entered politics at an early age, as Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and in 1894 won the Horncastle Division for the Conservatives in a by-election with a majority of 838. He held the seat until 1910, during which time he fought six elections, and even in the debacle of 1906, when Liberalism swept the country and practically all the Conservative seats in Lincolnshire were lost, he was not unseated.

He resigned from Parliament on succeeding to the title in 1910, but he continued his political activities and from 1921 to 1924 was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Deputy Minister. On relinquishing his seat, he was elected President of the Horncastle Division Conservative Association, a position which he still held, and he was also President of the Stamford and Rutland Divisional Conservative Association.

FARMING INTERESTS

For many years his Lordship had been chairman of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, and he always took a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the farming industry.

Many Spilsby district organisations had him as their president, and many had cause to be grateful for his generosity.

He commanded the Lincolnshire Yeomanry from 1911 to 1915. He was chairman of Kesteven Quarter Sessions at one time.

His Scottish seat, Drummond Castle, Crieff, has been the scene of the entertainment of many royal personages, including his present Majesty, who visited the castle, as Duke of York, in 1920. In August, 1932, Lord Ancaster turned his estates into a private company, entitled Grimsthorpe Estates, and in the previous month had given his tenants in Lincolnshire a substantial rebate on their rent to help them at a time of great depression, as he had done in the previous December.

ROYAL FUNCTIONARY.

With the accession to the throne of King George VI, the Earl of Ancaster became one of the most important personalities in the Royal entourage, for it was his turn to occupy the office of Lord Great Chamberlain.

The post, which carries with it control of the Palace of Westminster and particularly of the House of Lords, is hereditary to the families of the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the late Marquess of Lincolnshire and the Earl of Ancaster.

Lord Ancaster relinquished the post only a short time ago, in favour of his son, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, later created Baron and now the new Earl of Ancaster, who will continue in office throughout the present reign.

Lord Ancaster married in 1905 Eloise Laurence, daughter of the late W. L. Breese, of New York, and there were two sons and two daughters. The elder son, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, succeeds to the earldom. He was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, and was M.P. for Rutland and Stamford from 1933 until last year. He married, in 1933, the Hon. Nancy Phyllis Louise Astor, only daughter of the second Lord Astor. There are two children, a son and a daughter.

In fancy dress at Halton fete



Here are some of the fancy dress prize-winners at last week's Halton Holgate Church fete. Behind the prize-winners are Miss D. Barrow and Miss M. B. Burnett-Stuart, of Hundleby, who judged the fancy dress.

HALTON HOLGATE

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH began their Patronal Festival with a service in the Church. A procession was held composed of people who make up the village life. The procession was headed by the choir and followed by the two churchwardens, Messrs. C. Green and S. Day. Then followed the following representatives: Sunday School, Violet Clark and Sheila Hewis, Day school, Mrs. Thompson (head teacher), Timothy Dodds, Frank Bell, Pat Stannard, Greta Clark; Day school managers, Coun. E. Woodward. Senior School scholar David Hill, Church cleaners, Mesdames J. Shaw and W. Briggs Nurse, Nurse Day; Farmer, J. Crust; Agricultural worker, Mr. Albert Clark; Tradesman, Mr. K. Tong; The Fen, Mr. G. Lawson. Unavoidably absent were: former President, Capt. Cowling and the Parish Council representative, Mr. F. Parker. The Rev. R. A. Forde preached the sermon and the Rural Dean, the Rev. S. W. Boldon, Rector of Partney, read the lessons. The collection was for the S.P.G.



Halton Church.
(Bernard Smith on bridge)
1952.

Ringwood Hampshire.

Would you be so kind as to look in the church records and tell me when the first Vessey came to Halton of which they were Lords of the Manor, I recall my aunt telling me they had been buried their in the tombs since the 12th century. They are descended fr the original Baron de Vesci, one of the 25 original Barons of Magna Carta. I would be so grateful if you could let me know at once, as I have been invited to a Festival for those descended from the companions of William the Conquoror who came over with him. And they have asked each one for these particulars yo Margaret Vessey.

1957

July 8, 1955 THE RINGING WORLD

HALTON HOLGATE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	4
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	5
HARRY HALL	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be first peal on the bells.



HALTON HOLGATE

PATRONAL FESTIVAL '95'5 celebrations of St. Andrew began with a bazaar in the School on Friday. The Rector, the Rev. C. W. Smith, introduced Lady Montgomery-Massingberd, who performed the opening ceremony. Mrs. E. C. Borrill proposed thanks and Sheila Hewiss presented Lady Massingberd with a bouquet. Stallholders were: men's stall, Mr. C. Green, Mr. Wilford, Mr. Bierley; novelties, Miss M. Odlin; cakes, Mrs. G. Woodward. Other helpers were: Mrs. M. I. Copping, Mrs. G. Lawson, Mrs. K. Tong, Mrs. E. C. Borrill, Mrs. W. Briggs, Miss J. Copping. Refreshments were served by: Mrs. G. Clark, Mrs. S. Holiday, Miss M. Basker, Mrs. J. Smith. A whist drive was supervised by Mr. S. Day. Doorkeeper was Mr. E. C. Borrill and refreshments were served by ladies of the village, with help from Messrs. G. and A. Clark. A competition run by Mrs. G. Lawson raised over £6. Winners were: Mrs. E. J. Steward, Mrs. S. Holiday, Mr. A. Clark. Prizes were presented by Mrs. C. Green. Whist winners: Mrs. G. Woodward, Miss M. Basker, Miss K. Leeman; Mr. Richardson, Mr. S. Day, Mr. A. Shaw; miniature, Mrs. C. Green, Mr. Arend; longest, Mrs. M. I. Copping, Mr. Percy Smith. Preacher on Sunday was the Bishop of Lincoln. After the service members of the Parochial Church Council were invited to the Rectory and were presented to the Bishop. Over £65 was raised.

HALTON HOLGATE.

My dear Friends,

Our eagerly awaited and much prepared for Patronal Festival has now taken place, and I am sure we have all been much encouraged. The will to succeed is always a good sign, and a great many of our parishioners took an active and most generous part, showing their goodwill. Of course, there were those who accepted special responsibilities, and to them we owe a particular debt of gratitude.

Friday, December 2nd, was our day in the Schoolroom, beginning at 3 p.m. with the Bazaar. A large company had assembled, and they listened to a group of children from our Day School as they sang very prettily the Crimond version of the 23rd Psalm. It was then our great pleasure to welcome Lady Massingberd, who very kindly opened the Bazaar, and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Sheila Hewis. The Ladies' Work Stall had a fine and attractive display, and the men, not to be outdone, had also a stall which required plenty of room for the sale of produce and other articles. Refreshments, all generously provided, were served by an efficient staff.

In the evening the Whist Drive attracted a big gathering, and everyone enjoyed a very happy time. We thank our numerous prize givers, and also Mr. Stanley Day and Mr. E. Borrill for being the M.Cs. As a result of the day's proceedings the balance sheet from Mrs. Copping shows a clear profit of over £65, and this is for church funds.

On Sunday, December 4th, we came to the real heart of the Festival. At 8 a.m. there were just over 20 communicants. But it was at Evensong that the really large congregation assembled. At the top of the avenue leading to the church an illuminated St. Andrew's cross was suspended, showing up very effectively with its coloured lights. Special interest had been aroused, because it was known that the Bishop of Lincoln was to be with us for the service. The Bishop preached the sermon and gave the Blessing. The sermon was a wonderful encouragement for us all in these dark days of world uncertainties. We had our usual Festival procession, with many representatives of our village life joining with the choir as they followed the cross-bearer leading the way, with the choir and congregation singing a triumphant hymn. We were glad also to have the Rural Dean present, and he read a Lesson. The collections throughout the day were for the S.P.G. and amounted to £7 8s. 10d.

The New Year, 1956. The nations have not yet solved their tangled problems, and they are still groping for a solution. The Christian also has his problems, but he does not grope in the dark. Rather he lives in firm belief in the words of Him Who declared "I am the Light of the World". This text may well be a motto for our own parish this year. It is a motto which can arouse and transform and set the soul on fire. The light of Christ penetrates into the deep recesses of our heart, disclosing what is unworthy and wilful and stubborn. If we choose we can each one of us profit by this disclosure. Have you any new plans to make? Any fresh decisions? Are you a member of the church just in name? We are still feeling the warmth from our Patronal Festival, and it should now be our aim to build up a strong and an earnest congregation, coming to church regularly Sunday by Sunday. Some already do this. Will you and others join us?

Confirmation classes will begin early in the New Year, and any who wish to join them should let me know as soon as possible.

May I say to the magazine distributors how very much I appreciate their valued work.

With all good wishes to you for the coming year.

From your friend and Rector,

CHARLES W. SMITH.







HALTON HOLGATE

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH held its patronal festival last week-end. On Friday and Saturday concerts were given in the Schoolroom. A guest on Friday was Mrs. G. English, who gave four songs. The Rev. C. W. Smith opened the concerts by thanking the cast, and Mrs. M. I. Copping, who produced the entertainment. The Rector announced the events on Friday, and Mr. J. W. Briggs on Saturday. The programme was composed of plays, songs and monologues. There were five plays. First was, "The Ghost of Classroom A," in which the Misses Kathleen Shaw, Celia Briggs, Greta and Margaret Clark took parts, second was "Our At 'Ome Day," in which Misses D. Sharman, P. Briggs, and J. Copping performed, and the next was 'Clothes Mangled Here," and characters were played by Mesdames E. Sharman, G. Woodward, J. Crust and P. Smith. Fourth was "Advertising For a Husband," acted by, Mrs. E. Borrill, Mr. S. Day, A. Clark, and Miss J. Copping, and the last was "Dr. Diaculum," in which R. White, R. Clark, A. Stow and A. Bradley took part. There were two choruses by the whole cast. Singers were: Mrs. G. English, Miss D. Sharman, and Mesdames G. Lawson, J. Crust and G. Clark. Interval music was played by Mrs. Richardson. A bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations was presented to Mrs. M. I. Copping by Mrs. E. Sharman. Other helpers were: Mrs. A. Scovell, Mr. F. Parker and G. Clark.

NEW ROBES.—At Monday's service representatives of all the various occupations took part in a procession round the Church. Younger girl members of the choir wore their new robes. The service was dedicated by the Rev. Mr. Bedford, Toynton. 1953.

Joseph Keal whose death occurred recently was an old-timer in this district. A blacksmith by trade he belonged to a generation that understood and valued the work done at the forge. The anvil, the long pair of tongs, the heavy hammer, the red-hot iron, the clang of the shaping strokes, the glittering sparks flying in all directions, and presiding over it the blacksmith himself with leather apron, and surrounded by delighted children who have come to look on—this is a picture which is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, yet not without a sad farewell.

We also announce the death of Mrs. Williams, who at the age of 97 was one of our oldest parishioners. For the past five years she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Courtney. She loved her memories of the byegone days.

Thus the generations pass by, and we hear no longer the voices of those who in their day helped to shape the character and the stedfastness of the England we love so well. All good wishes.

1957

The memory of our Patronal Festival is still very fresh in our minds, and we look back upon it with great thankfulness. There seems to be undoubtedly a growing interest and love for the Festival and in making due preparation for it. For some months past one of the features has been the work in the Talents scheme. The traders with their money have been abundantly successful, and at our Patronal Evensong the money was presented, amounting to £31 9s. 3d. At the Bazaar, Mrs. Brown from Boston made an excellent impression with her opening speech in the presence of a large company of buyers. We do indeed congratulate the workers on displaying such a fine exhibition for the stalls. The Whist Drive realising about £11 was also a big success. As a result of the day's efforts there was a clear balance of about £47.

On the Sunday we had lovely services. At the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion nearly 40 communicants attended. We thank the Vicar of Woodhall Spa for his sermon at Evensong. 1957

FORMER PARISH CLERK

Nonagenarian's Death At Halton

ONE of the few remaining local members of a family which settled in the Spilsby district at the time of the Battle of Winceby, Mr. Robert William Haw, of "Woodbine Cottage," Spilsby Road, Halton Holgate, died on Sunday at the age of 91.

It is believed that the family name was originally spelt Haugh and is of Norman descent, and that the present family are descendants of a famous Bishop of Lincoln of that name. The family first came to the Spilsby district in 1640 and settled at Belchford.

On the night of the Battle of Winceby in 1643, two brothers, Joseph and John Haw, fled to Spilsby with their wives and like many others were employed by the Willoughby family. One of the brothers was a joiner and wheelwright and the other a harpsichord tuner, and ever since the family have been noted as wheel-wrights and musicians.

Mr. Haw's grandfather was a bell-ringer, and a bell-hanger, as well as a joiner of no mean ability.

His father, Mr. Francis Haw, built the little wooden bungalow on Spilsby Road, where Robert William was born and had lived all his life.

Mr. Francis Haw was clerk-sexton at the Halton Holgate Parish Church from 1870 to 1888, when Mr. R. W. Haw took over the duties which he carried out most faithfully for 41 years, during the last 30 of which ihs wife was also the church cleaner. He served under five Rectors and on his retirement in 1929 he received a purse of gold from the residents of the village.

BELL-RINGER

Many other jobs came his way, such as organ blowing, clock-winding and fire stoking. He was a keen musician and could remember the time when the singing in the Parish Church was led by a small orchestra and later by a barrel organ with one tune of each of the different metres.

In his capacity as sexton Mr. Haw had some interesting experiences and he could point out the grave of a man named Dowlman who sold his wife in Spilsby market place for 13s. 6d.

In addition to his ordinary duties as parish clerk-sexton, and his musical abilities, Mr. Haw was a competent bell-ringer, being captain of the local team for some time and a member for over 50 years. He was also a member of the team of hand-bell ringers.

Although officially a wheelwright by trade, Mr. Haw had done much work in other branches of woodwork, and there were few tasks to which he could not turn his hand.

Among his proudest possessions were a bottle which his forefathers brought from the Winceby battlefield, and the little hammer which the harpsichord tuner used.

Mr. Haw is survived by his wife, who is now 96, but they have no family. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1948. Mrs. Haw was the daughter of Mr. John Bracock, who came to Spilsby from Boston and was caretaker at the Methodist Chapel.

The funeral took place at Halton Church on Wednesday, when muffled bells were rung by Mr. G. Lilley. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. W. Smith. The organist was Mr. E. Carpenter.

At Mr. Haw's wish, the floral sprays were taken to the Gables Hospital, Spilsby, where Mr. Haw had been treated.

Mourners were: Mrs. B. Lawie, Mr .and Mrs. H. Haw, East Keal, Mr. F. Haw, Carlton, Notts, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hutson (nephews and nieces), Mr. E. Elliff, Spilsby, Mr. Sorfleet, Spilsby, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Hundleby, Mrs. J. Crust, and Mr. A. Odling, Halton Holgate, Mrs. Clark, Spilsby, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mr. Balderson, Mrs. Colman and Mrs. Basker, all of Halton.

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'I FEEL WONDERFUL' SAYS MRS HAW

ROYAL TELEGRAM ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

IN a quaint little three-roomed cottage more than 100 years old, where she has lived since her marriage 61 years ago, white-haired Mrs. Mary Ann Haw celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday.

Mrs. Haw told relations and friends who called to congratulate her at Woodbine Cottage, Halton Road, Halton Holgate: "I feel wonderful. Very well indeed." Then she proudly showed them a telegram of congratulations from the Queen.



Mrs. M. A. Haw, who celebrates her 100th birthday on Wednesday, is still active, knitting for the Lindsey Blind Society at her home at Woodbine Cottage, Haltin. (Photo: C. F. Bauer, Spilsby.)

Smiling happily, Mrs. Haw, who is blind and has been bedridden for 12 years with a hip injury, sat up and told a "Standard" reporter: "I had dreaded my birthday because of all the excitement and all the people there are to talk to, but now I'm very happy. Capital!"

Born in Threadneedle Street, Boston, on August 12th, 1859, Mrs. Haw was the only daughter of Mr. John Beacock, a shoemaker. She was only 15 years old when her mother, Mrs. Mary Beacock, died at Boston.

When her father was appointed caretaker of Spilsby Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, with a salary of £10 a year which left no room for pocket money, she was 24. Mrs. Haw looked after her father until he died aged 91.

In 1898, after living in Spilsby for 14 years, she was married at Halton Parish Church to Mr Robert William Haw, who was born at Woodbine Cottage, built by his father more than 100 years ago.

41 YEARS PARISH CLERK

Mr. Haw, who worked as a carpenter with his brother and was earning 10s. a week when married, was for 41 years the parish clerk at Halton Holgate, and also verger. He died five years ago, also aged 91.

Eleven years ago at Woodbine Cottage, Mrs. Haw and her late husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They had no family, and Mrs. Haw is looked after by a friend, Miss Z. A. Spence.

Once a keen reader, she is still very alert and can recite long poems and occasionally listens to the radio.

Her only pastime is knitting dish cloths, but she can knit one a day. One of her dish cloths was exhibited at the May exhibition of the Skegness Arts and Crafts Club, on the Lindsey Blind Society's handicrafts stall.

Needless to say, she was the oldest exhibitor.

"I've led a quiet and happy life, although if I could live my life again I would make a lot of changes," reflected Mrs. Haw.

She can still remember the village as it looked 70 years ago, and says: "There have been many changes—too many to remember exactly—but some have been for the better and some for the worse.

"There were not so many houses and the roads were not so busy—I don't like a lot of traffic. And far more people went to church then."

And of the younger generation (80 years younger!) she had this to say: "I don't like a lot of the things they do. They seem to be so different than they were in my young days. They get so much more money to spend."

Then another friend arrived to congratulate Mrs. Haw . . . .

1959

During the past few weeks I have been in touch with quite a number of you concerning the proposal for a revision of our Sunday morning services. Sunday is the Lord's Day, and is a day which is very dear to the devout Christian. We love to think of it as different in its character and in our observance from the rest of the week. Such a belief may to some seem old-fashioned, but still there is a great truth at the back of it all, and to play fast and loose with Sunday is to do so at our peril. There is not the slightest doubt that the Bible and our Prayer Book call all of us Sunday by Sunday to church. Does each of my readers agree? Please give a candid and a sincere answer, for it concerns yourself and God, " from Whom no secrets are hid ". Some rethinking on your part may be necessary, but you have this fresh opportunity to do so.

How then shall we begin our Sundays? Let it be by attending the Holy Communion. Do you wish to renew the offering of yourself to God? Do you wish to meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Do you wish to receive Him for the strengthening of your body and soul? These are privileges of the Holy Communion, and let us avail ourselves of the opportunity Sunday by Sunday, with real trust in God. Jesus is our King, and we need to be proud of the fact, and glad that the world should know it.

My proposal, then, to you is that each Sunday beginning September 6th, we have the Service of Holy Communion at 9 a.m., with the accompaniment of music and hymns. Mattins, said, will be at 11.30 a.m., and Evensong as usual at 6.30 p.m.

On Wednesday evening, August 12th a peal of our church bells was rung in honour of a great occasion. For this was the 100th birthday of our dear parishioner, Mrs. Haw. We are glad to know that she enjoyed a very happy birthday, and was delighted with her numerous telegrams, cards and presents. She is very well, and we pray that God's blessing may rest continually upon her.

WHEN, to-morrow (Saturday), Rev. Charles Whadcoat Smith, Rector of the little village of Halton Holgate, just outside Spilsby, completes fifty years in the Ministry, he will not regard himself as having done anything out of the ordinary, for he is merely following a family tradition.

The youngest of seven children, he was the son of a parson who completed 55 years in the Ministry. His three brothers were also ordained, and the only surviving one of them also celebrated his golden jubilee as a clergyman earlier this year.

There is little wonder, therefore, that when I went to see him his attitude was one of "What's all the fuss about?"

For anyone who knows him, it is difficult to believe that Mr. Smith has spent fifty years in the Ministry, for his looks certainly belie his 73 years and he has the appearance of a man many years younger. He is as active as many men at 50, and can regularly be seen riding his cycle round his large and scattered parish or up to the nearby town of Spilsby.

Mr. Smith was born at Long Eaton, in Derbyshire, where his father was Vicar, but since then he has lived in rural parts for practically all his life and has developed a great love of the countryside.

TRAVELLED FAMILY

HE IS A member of a widely travelled family, and on one occasion, he told me, twenty years went by before all the family was able to gather together.

One of his brothers was in South America, and was at one time a Dean of the Falkland Islands, and his eldest brother was for twenty years in India as a Chaplain.

It was not only the male members of the family who have made Church history, however, for it was one of his sisters who instigated the revival of Mothering Sunday, and there is a tablet to her memory in the Parish Church at Coddington, near Newark, where they spent most of their early years.

Mr. Smith's first encounter with Lincolnshire was when he received his training for the Ministry at the Lincoln Theological College, and even in those days he liked the county and its people so much that he determined that one day he would return, although much water was destined to pass under the bridge before he was able to do so.

He was ordained in 1909 and served his first curacy for three years in the Diocese of Wakefield. He then went to Canada as a member of the Archbishop's Western Canada Mission and spent four of the happiest years of his life there.

HAZARDOUS

"IT WAS A Mission," he explained, "which was designed to bridge the gap until the time that Canada could get going on its own feet. Settlers were going out there with no one to Minister to them, and our mission was in the remote country districts, where we travelled chiefly on horseback, and in the winter by sledge."

It was a hazardous task, carried out under extremes of climatic conditions, with the temperature falling to twenty or thirty degrees below zero in the winter and rising to heatwave conditions in the summer.

Living conditions were often primitive, in many cases consisting of nothing but a wooden shack, and although the system was that each of the clergymen in the party was supposed to have a lay brother to look after him, in fact, Mr. Smith said, as often as not they had to do their own chores.

"But I had always had a leaning towards Canada," said Mr. Smith, "and I had always wanted to go there since I read a book about the country when I was very young. When the chance to go came along, I was almost overwhelmed with the prospect."

He got to know the people and to love them, and he still corresponds with a number of his old friends—including a 93-year-old man and his 92-year-old wife—although it is now more than fifty years since he saw most of them. I say most of them because some have looked him up when visiting this country, and they always find a warm welcome awaiting them.

WAR SERVICE

IT WAS WHILE he was in Canada that the first World War broke out, and when he had completed the four year mission he joined the Army as a Chaplain and spent a year in Italy.

After the war he had two curacies in Norfolk before returning to Coddington to assist his father, who was ill. He then returned to Lincolnshire to accept the living of Metheringham, where he remained for 19 years. It was during this time that he was married and had four children, the eldest of whom was killed during the last war. After a year at Great Ponton, near Grantham, he came to Halton Holgate in 1943.

Comparing modern times with those of fifty years ago, Mr. Smith told me "Although there have been tremendous changes, there is still a good deal of the old background left, particularly in the villages, where many of the traditions of the older times are still maintained.

"Churchgoing is definitely one of the ways in which you see a big difference. In my younger days everyone went to church, and anyone who did not go was regarded as being exceptional and peculiar."

Has Mr. Smith any idea of retiring now he has completed fifty years in the Ministry? Not a bit of it. And I forecast that he will go on to beat his father's record of 55 years.

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The Rev. C. W. Smith, Rector of Halton Holgate, who, as reported last week, has just completed 50 years as a clergyman.

HALTON HOLGATE

A PRESENTATION was made to the Rector, the Rev. C. W. Smith, at the school on Thursday to mark his 50th year in the Ministry. Mr. C. Harsley spoke about the Rector's life, and Mr. K. Tong presented a wallet with contents on behalf of the P.C.C. and many friends throughout the district. The Rector thanked everyone who had subscribed to give him such a wonderful gift and said it came as a great surprise to him. The Rev. Mr. Gardin of Great Steeping then spoke. A social followed, the M.C. being Mr. C. Harsley, with Mrs. J. E. Richardson at the piano.

And now may I say something of a personal note. On the 19th of December, 50 years ago, I was made a Deacon in Wakefield Cathedral. Passing over the intervening years I would just like to say how very much I appreciated the social evening in the schoolroom, which was arranged for me on December 10th. A most happy surprise awaited me. The Vice-Chairman of the Church Council (Mr. Harsley) presided, and on behalf of well-wishers the People's Warden (Mr. K. Tong) presented me with a splendid leather wallet. And this was not empty, for inside was the pleasant crackle of numerous crisp bank notes. I do indeed wish to express my very warm thanks for this most generous and most welcome gift.

It was a pleasure to see so many present at the Annual Church Meeting on February 5th. Our two Churchwardens, Mr. Green and Mr. K. Tong, were again re-elected. Two new Councillors elected were Mr. Manderson and Mrs. Courtney. The list of sidesmen has been increased by the election of Mr. Eric Atkin and Mr. Edward Borrill. A very satisfactory statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer. A retiring member from the Church Council is Miss Marjorie Basker, who is about to be married. At the close of the meeting the members presented her with a wedding gift, which was a set of handsome cut glass wine glasses. The opportunity was taken of saying how very much Miss Basker's sterling qualities have been appreciated. 1959

The wedding of Miss Phyllis Briggs to Mr. Basil Sellars on April 4th was a very popular occasion, and was attended by a large congregation. As we know, the bride is a native of this village, and here she has taken a prominent and welcome part in the church and social life. We offer to her and the bridegroom our best wishes for very much happiness in the future. 1959

It is now about four months ago since we started the new arrangement for our Sunday services. I now propose one revision, which will I hope help to meet the needs of some of the parishioners. On the first Sunday each month, beginning in January, and until further notice, the Services will be :—8 a.m., Holy Communion (plain), 11 a.m., Mattins (choral) and sermon, 6.30 p.m., Evensong. For the other Sundays the services remain unaltered. 1960

How delighted we all are with the news of the infant Prince ! The newspapers have told us that the belfry bells of village churches as well as cathedrals were rung in honour of this joyful occasion. Halton was one of these village churches, and the ringers were Messrs. R. Barratt, G. Clark, C. Harsley, J. Pennock, A. Wyld, Wright and Miss A. Smith. 1960

We much regret that the death of Major Burnett-Stuart has recently been announced. Many of us recall that during some years of his residence in this village he was a churchwarden. This office he filled most conscientiously and efficiently. In addition, he used often to be a Lesson reader in church. The church in this parish has much cause to be deeply grateful for his lay ministry, and he set a fine example.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee have received sad news of the death of their son Clarence, the result of a road accident. In his younger days when living at home Clarence was a keen and enthusiastic member of the church, and in his own home never lost his love for the church and its services. We offer our true sympathy to his parents, his brother and sisters, and to his wife and son. 1960

A beautifully embroidered pair of green bookmarkers for the lectern is now in use in the church. They are in memory of Clarence Lee, who was fatally injured in a road accident this year. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lee and family who have also made gifts of money for our Church Fabric Fund. 1960

On August 12th our friend Mrs. Haw reached another milestone in her long journey through life. She is now 101 years old. Mrs. Haw received a large number of birthday remembrances, which were true tokens of love and affection. It is good to know how well she keeps. May God's blessing continue to rest upon her. 1960

We are all feeling very sad at the prospect of losing Mr. and Mrs. Green and Muriel from our parish very soon. They have been with us over ten years and had gained a firm footing in our church life. We very much appreciate their quiet and devoted service, which found expression notably because Mr. Green was a churchwarden for many years, and also Mr. and Mrs. Green were active members of the Church Council. We hope that this assurance of our good wishes will be a source of real pleasure to them in the time ahead. We all so much regret the illness of Mr. Green, and our hopes and prayers will be for his recovery. 1961

The altar kneelers have been in use in our church for very many years. The covers have recently been sent away to be cleaned, and have been filled with a new material. This is a great improvement. 1961

It is with regret that we record the death of Fred Shaw, one of our oldest inhabitants. In his earlier days he was a strong member of the church choir, and for many years he was an enthusiastic bellringer. We shall miss this well-known personality, with his many stories of byegone days, and extend our sympathy to his relatives.

1961

My dear friends,

We are all very encouraged that the Garden Fete on June 10th passed off so well. It was a special pleasure to have had Mr. Ronald Smith to open the Fete, and it was a reminder of his long association with and his most active work in the parish in years gone by. The stalls and competitions were well arranged, and we must appreciate the generosity of many friends and the hard work of the secretary and his various helpers. The teas served were a complete success. A feature in the evening was the Mareham-le-Fen brass band and we enjoyed their lively music. Amongst those who attended we were so glad to give a special welcome to Mrs. Shaw (Granny), once again able to be amongst us. The gross takings were a little over £60.

1961

It is only a short while ago that we recorded the death of George Rymer, and now we record the death of his widow. Mrs. Rymer spent nearly the whole of her life in this village and most of it at the Plough Inn. Those who were privileged to know her will remember her for her kindliness and her patience in many years of ill health.

1961

Knitting at 102!



This grand old lady, Mrs. Mary Ann Haw, of Woodbine Cottage, Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. And, as can be seen from the photograph, she still enjoys knitting. (Photo: M. J. Shaw, Old Leake).

August 12th 1961.

And now turning in sharp contrast from the school activities of children to ripe old age, let us remember that August 12th was the birthday of Mrs. Haw, now 102 years old. This is a remarkable age, but in addition Mrs. Haw is active in mind and finds joy in living. Her many friends send her their best wishes

1961

1961

The death of Miss Edith Simpson removes from our midst one of our very well known parishioners. Religion to her meant a great deal, and she was always devoted and diligent in all that she did. We offer our sympathy to all who mourn her loss.

Towards the end of the term a delightful Carol Service was held at the schoolroom. This was followed by the presentation of prizes. Also, mention was made of the retirement of Mrs. Thompson, who has been teaching at the school for 20 years, most of the time as headmistress. Parting gifts had been subscribed for her by scholars past and present, parents, friends and the school managers, and consisted of a chromium plated teapot, a nest of occasional tables, and a cheque.

1962

In memory of her sisters, Mrs. Emily Curle and Miss Rose Borrill, Mrs. E. Balderstone has presented to the church a lovely altar cloth and also a cloth for the Credence table, both beautifully embroidered by Mrs. Dennis. This gift, so very much appreciated, was dedicated on the first Sunday in January.

HALTON HOLGATE.

My dear friends,

Our harvest festival services have now been held and it is again a pleasure to thank the many busy and generous hearted people who have shown their thanksgiving in such practical ways, decorating the church and providing so many gifts for the harvest sale. The services passed off very well and we thank the special preachers. On Friday, October 8th we met in the schoolroom for our harvest supper and sale. This proved to be very popular and we made a net profit of £28/15/3 for the heating fund. Mr. C. Harsley was the auctioneer.

After a few years of preparation and great activity our ambition has now been achieved with the installing of oil-fired central heating in the church. Money for this expensive undertaking has been received from various sources and I should like to pay a very warm tribute to the generosity, hard work and foresight of the many who have shared in the task. To be able always to rely on a warm church is a very happy prospect, and will be appreciated by the congregations. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that there are many parishioners for whom the joy and privilege of the public worship of God holds little or no attraction. Until that is remedied a church, whether cold or warm, is being deprived of its rightful purpose.

May I answer a question which may be asked, "Has the work all been paid for?" The answer is in the negative, for we still need about £300. We shall indeed be pleased when the full payment has been completed. Finally, we sincerely thank our contractor, Mr. Coupland, for his skill and helpfulness.

Halton Holgate 1965

PATRONAL FESTIVAL.—Festival Evensong was held in the Church on St. Andrew's Day. Visiting clergy were: The Rev. J. H. Jacques, vicar of Spilsby; the Rev. P. H. E. Goodrick, rector of the S. Ormsby Group of Parishes; and the Rev. J. Courtney, assistant priest; the Rev. L. J. Bliss, rector of Hagworthingham; the Rev. P. F. Pleming, rector of Toynton; the Rev. L. C. Hodge, rector of Stickney; the Rev. W. Bourne, rector of Scremby. Visiting choirs were from Spilsby, Stickney, S. Ormsby and Hagworthingham. The lessons were read by the Rev. L. C. Hodge and Mr. C. Harsley. Mr. M. Harness was cross bearer. The collection amounted to £6 5s. 3d. The organist was Mrs. J. Smith. After the service the visiting clergy and choirs were given refreshments in the schoolroom.

WHIST DRIVE was held at the school on Friday, when £8 was raised for the Church Heating Fund. The M.C. was Mr. C. J. Harsley. Prizes were presented by Mrs. C. E. Borrill to: Mrs. J. Ellis, Mr. C. W. Gosling, Miss E. Hauton, Mr. E. Rolph, Mrs. J. Smith, Miss K. Leeman; lowest, Mrs. A. Sylvester, Mr. D. Horton; miniature, Mr. C. Turner, Miss E. Hauton; competition, Mrs. J. Ellis. Refreshments were served by Mesdames I. Carey, A. Hanson, A. Ridding, P. E. Odlin, Mr. G. H. Clark and Mr. A. Clark.

TALK. — At Toynton Village Hall on Saturday, Mr. Richard I. Maxwell, of Norfolk, gave a talk on his recent visit to Russia. Colour slides were shown of the many cities and villages he visited during his stay. Also shown were colour slides of other countries he had visited during his travels across the world. Mrs. J. Rosner, assisted Mr. Maxwell with the showing of the films. Refreshments were served during the interval, and £13 was raised for the Church Heating Fund.

1964

On January 7th the cremated remains of the Reverend Arthur Sale were buried in our churchyard. He had lived in retirement for some time, and part of his active ministry was spent in Western Canada. His father was Rector of this parish from 1883 to 1900. He is survived by his younger brother, Mr. John Sale.

11.7.65

The recent death of Alice Raithby removes from amongst us a well-loved person. We shall always keep the memory of a staunch friend, a true Christian, and a great servant of the Church. We thank God for her life, so humble and so diligent. May her soul rest in peace in Paradise.

THE STANDARD FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER 1964



Posing with some of her former pupils at Holton Holgate Church of England School is Miss Nancy Jenner, of Beresford Avenue, Skegness. Miss Jenner is leaving the school to take charge of the infants' department at the Ingoldmells School. (Photo: Addy's, Boston.)

New post for teacher who helped to build school's reputation

END of term at the Halton Holgate Church of England School, was both a happy and a sad occasion. Sad, because it meant saying farewell to one of the popular teachers who has served the school for 17 years.

At a carol service attended by about 50 parents last Thursday afternoon, presentations were made to Miss Nancy Jenner, Beresford Avenue, Skegness.

Miss Jenner is leaving the school to take charge of the infants' department at the Ingoldmells school.

Halton Holgate has so far been her only teaching appointment. Before that she served in the Forces after leaving training college.

Among those present to say farewell to Miss Jenner were four of the school managers, the Rev. C. Smith (chairman), Mr. A. J. Clough, Mrs. L. Crust and Mrs. K. Tong.

Miss Jenner was presented with a fitted travelling case, a travelling clock and chocolates by the pupils and staff, and with an electric blanket, hand bag and wallet by the managers and former pupils.

FAITHFUL TEACHER

The headmistress, Mrs. O. Lowson, said she had only worked with Miss Jenner for two years, but had found her faithful to her duties and conscientious in everything she did.

She was pleased to see so many parents present, and particularly so many former pupils whom Miss Jenner had taught. She also welcomed the former headmistress, Mrs. Thompson, who had worked with Miss Jenner for so long.

She expressed the hope that Miss Jenner would be happy in her new post and said how sorry they were to lose her.

The Rev. Mr. Smith said the teaching profession demanded certain definite qualities. It required patience, especially with small children who did not always behave themselves and were apt to get a bit out of hand.

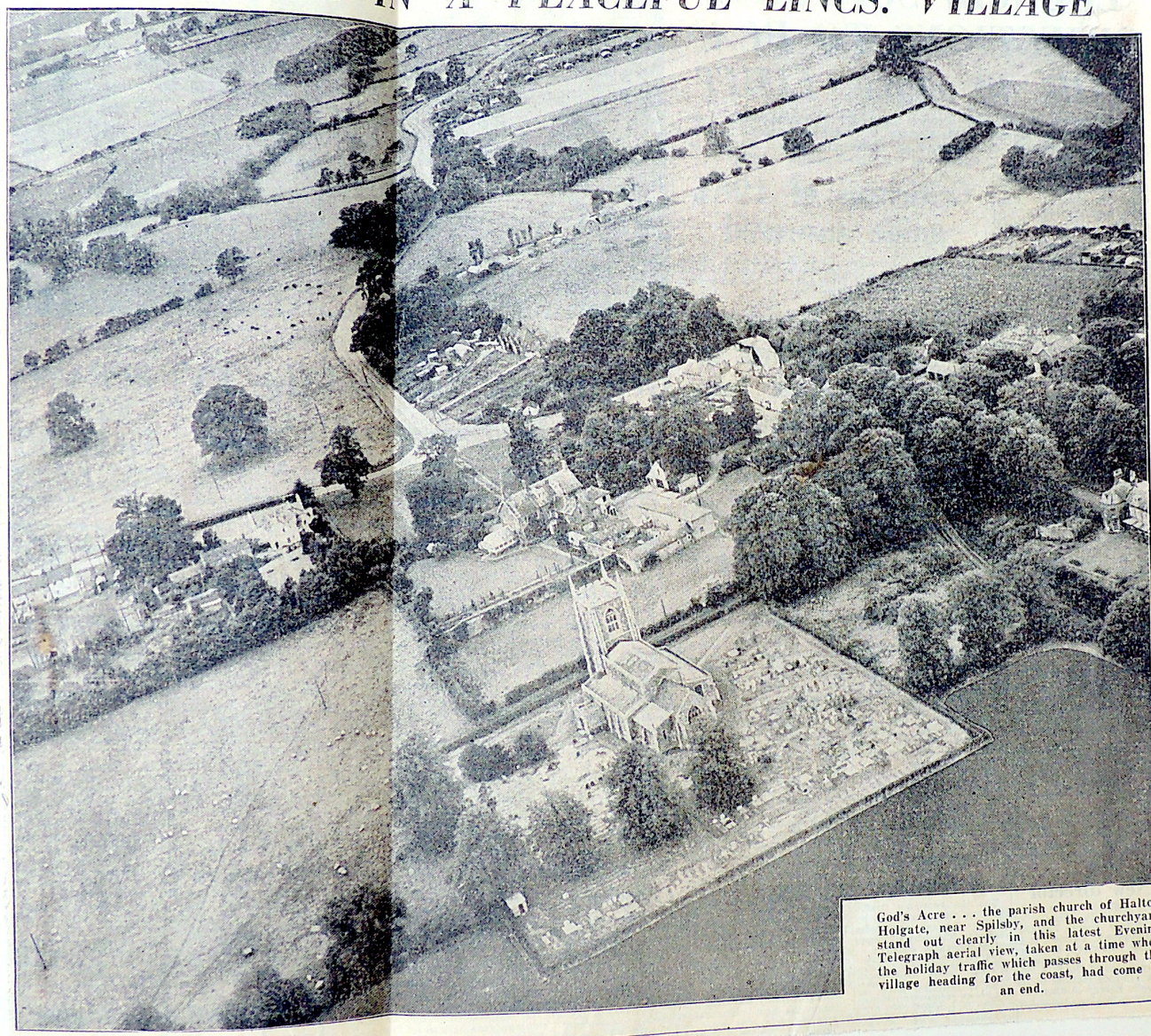
Miss Jenner had no doubt had her patience tried very often, but she seemed to have come through it and he did not think she had suffered permanently.

HELPED REPUTATION

Miss Jenner had played a part in the whole school life. She had not only taught the infants but had also had a hand with the older children and had also played a big part in building up the reputation of the school, and they were most grateful to her.

Returning thanks, Miss Jenner said she felt rather overwhelmed by the kindness shown to her. She was sorry to be leaving the school as she had always been very happy there. For her it was an occasion of mixed happiness and sadness — happiness because she would be taking so many happy memories with her, and sadness because she would be leaving so many friends.

GOD'S ACRE IN A PEACEFUL LINCS. VILLAGE



God's Acre . . . the parish church of Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, and the churchyard stand out clearly in this latest Evening Telegraph aerial view, taken at a time when the holiday traffic which passes through the village heading for the coast, had come to an end.

FRIDAY, 12 APL. 1963

Lincolnshire mission is launched



Part of the procession on the way to the church. (Photo by C. F. Bauer, Spilsby.)

THE Mission to Lincolnshire was launched in the Deaneries of Hill North and Hill South with a Sung Eucharist service at Spilsby Parish Church on Sunday morning. There was a large attendance from all parts of the district and the church was filled to capacity.

The service was preceded by a procession from the Market Square in which the members of all the robed choirs in the two deaneries, numbering nearly 80 voices, as well as members of the congregation, took part.

Palm crosses were blessed and distributed to those present, and were carried in the procession.

The preacher was Canon Carnegy, formerly Vicar of Rugby, who is to conduct the Mission in October. The celebrant was the Rev. J. H. Jacques, Vicar of Spilsby and Rural Dean, the Deacon was the Rev. Andrew Mackintosh, a curate in the South Ormsby Group, the Sub-Deacon, Rev. N. G. O'Connor, Rector of the Partney Group, the Acolytes, Rev. Philip Goodrich, Rector of the South Ormsby Group, and Rev. Alan Glendining, his curate, and the Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Geoffrey Asson, Rector of Hagworthingham.

The organist was Miss I. Wittlesea, and the combined choirs were under the direction of Mr. Brian Clayton, of West Ashby, choirmaster of the Partney Group. There were about 250 communicants.

DUKE NEARLY SAW BOSTON!

Trip off after night at Firsby Station

17.11.1958

BOSTON—or at least the railway station—nearly had a six-minute visit by the Duke of Edinburgh in the royal train on Wednesday afternoon. But at the last minute the journey was cancelled and, it is understood, the Duke took to the air instead.

The Duke had been to see the R.A.F.'s missile base at North Cotes on the coast. He left London late on Tuesday night and passed through Boston early on Wednesday morning, to spend the rest of the night on a branch line at Firsby station.

He was due to reach Boston on the way back at 4.10 in the afternoon, and to wait in the station until 4.16.

Key railwaymen had been briefed, the police had details, and the "Standard" was waiting to swing into action — this last, indeed, was a fact which upset Authority, for the journey was scheduled as private and the Press should have known nothing of it.

But those "in the know" began to have their doubts about the return journey when they heard on the B.B.C. 7 a.m. news of the three-goods-train crash in the early hours of the morning at Hitchin, where main lines were blocked by wreckage.

Then came the news, during Wednesday morning, that if the weather remained good it was likely that the Duke would return to London by air. The decision had to be made by two o'clock.

Shortly after that time we learned that the train journey had been cancelled.

FOUR PULLMAN COACHES

Few people in the Spilsby district were aware of the fact that the Royal train was to spend the night at Firsby.

Drawn by an immaculate B1 class engine, No. 61258, from the Immingham sheds, the train, which consisted of four Pullman coaches, arrived at Firsby at about 2 a.m. and was driven on to the branch line to Spilsby, spending the night near the first gatehouse.

It is probable that during the line's 100 years of history, this was the first occasion that a Royal train has ever used the branch line to Spilsby, and it was ironical that this should happen only eleven days before its final closure.

LIGHTS BLAZING

During the night railway police patrolled the track and officers of the Skegness police division patrolled the roads in the vicinity of the Royal train, which stood throughout the night with lights blazing.

On Wednesday morning arrangements were made for the morning papers to be delivered to the Duke by the station staff at Firsby.

There were only a few people about when the train left Firsby at 8.15 a.m., and few watched it pass over the Burgh railway crossing shortly afterwards on its way to North Thoresby, beyond Louth, where the Duke left it to complete the journey by road.

VILLAGE HALL PLAN GOES "PHUT"

Halton Holgate Church to receive £170

A SCHEME which was started over ten years ago to provide the village of Halton Holgate with a village hall, was given an official burial on Friday evening, when a public meeting was held in the School to decide the fate of the £200 fund which has accumulated over the years.

There was little mourning at its passing, however, for, in addition to the Rector (Rev. C. W. Smith), who presided, only five parishioners, mostly members of the Village Hall Committee, and the secretary (Mr. C. G. Daubney) took the trouble to attend.

The scheme was inaugurated at a public meeting on Friday, 10th October, 1952, over which the late Dr. Coppen presided. At this meeting there was a general feeling that a hall was necessary for the village and a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility.

A further public meeting was called on 7th November the same year, at which it was decided to launch a village hall fund. The decision was taken on the proposition of Mrs. G. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. E. Richardson, both of whom were present at Friday's meeting. At the first meeting of the committee in January, 1953, Mr. Daubney was elected secretary and Mr. W. Ward treasurer.

INTEREST WANED

After this a number of events, including whist drives, beetle drives and a pantomime, were held to raise funds and gradually a substantial balance was built up. After a few years, however, interest waned and there was a growing feeling that a village hall was not necessary. At a meeting on 16th December, 1955, the committee decided to suspend all efforts indefinitely.

The committee did not meet again until 18th June this year, when it was decided to call a further public meeting to decide the fate of the fund, which now stood at just over £200.

The committee recommended that the project should be finally abandoned and that the money should be equally divided between St. Andrew's Parish Church and the Methodist Church.

At Friday's meeting the Rector said that when the scheme was first started it was felt that there was room for such a hall in the village and a great deal of interest was shown in the project, with about forty people present at the first meeting.

"It was not unanimous that there should be a village hall," he said. "It was felt by some that it might prove to be a white elephant, but the majority ruled the evening and we went ahead.

"We raised quite a bit of money in one way and another and were beginning to get excited as to where the hall would be, but after a time it became evident that it was not going to be a practical proposition, so activities ceased.

FOR THE CHURCH

Mrs. G. Lawson suggested that part of the money should be used for the purchase of crockery for the use of the whole village at social events and it was agreed that £30 should be spent in this way.

With regard to the proposal that the remainder should be equally divided between the church and the chapel, Mr. A. Odlin, chapel steward and trustee of the Methodist Church, said he would rather see it all used to provide heating in the parish church.

"The church belongs to everyone in the parish," he said, "and the chapel does not need money at the present time."

At Mr. Odlin's suggestion it was unanimously agreed that the remainder of the money, about £170, should be transferred to the parish church heating fund.

The Rector thanked Mr. Odlin for his generous gesture.

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Halton Holgate

18.1.1964

DEATH AT 93.—The death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. Coleman, "Mentmore," Spilsby Road, of Mrs. Rose Amelia Shaw, aged 93. She was the widow of Mr. John Albert Shaw, who died 37 years ago. Mrs. Shaw was one of a family of five, having been born at Boston, where she spent her childhood. During her early married life she and her husband lived for so few years at Newtown, Spilsby, then moving to Northorpe Road, Halton, where they had a small holding. Mr. Shaw was a blacksmith, and in 1914 built his own house. Until her marriage Mrs. Shaw was a member of the Salvation Army, but has since been a devout church member. Mrs Shaw has enjoyed good health and her death was unexpected. She had a family of eight, four of whom are still living. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on Tuesday week, the Rev. C. W. Smith officiating. Family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. Charles Pawson, Mrs. H. Wyld, Mr. and Mrs. S. Coleman (daughters and son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Head, Stickford, Mr. J. Brown, Eastville, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith, Hundleby, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roughton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wyld, Mrs. A. Wyld, Toynton, representing Mr. Wyld (grandchildren). Others present were: Mrs. C. E. Roberts, Mrs. K. Tong, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Ellis, Mr. G. Woodward, Mr. C. E. Borrill, Mrs. H. Hill, Mrs. H. O. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Atkin, East Keal, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harsley, Mr. G. H. Clark, Mr. Albert Clark, Mr. C. Bark, Great Steeping.

16.1.66. SPILSBY GOES ON THE AIR

Town's 13th century church broadcasts service

SPILSBY went on the air again on Sunday morning, when a service at St. James' Parish Church was broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Jacques.

Introducing the programme, the Rev. Raymond Short, the producer and B.B.C.'s Northern Director of Religious Broadcasting, described Spilsby as "a very small market town standing on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, overlooking a vast expanse of the Fens and serving the countryside around it."

Pointing out that St. James' Church had been standing there since the 13th century, he told the listeners, "and now, as always, the vicar and his choir and congregation are ready to offer their own worship to God. They invite you to join them."

During the service, lessons were read by Mr. Jacques and the Rev. Alan Bell, his curate. The organist was Miss Ivy Wittlesea.

THE PROPHETS

Taking his text from the Book of the Prophet Amos, Mr. Jacques said people did not bother much about prophets these days. The present was good enough for them, and they left the future to look after itself.

The prophets were not so because they heard clearly what God had to say to them and the people around them. The Old Testament prophet was a man who had a hot-line to God which fairly crackled with the message which God thundered down it.

"There are a couple of things about this which seem odd to us," the vicar continued. "We find it hard to believe that God has got anything to say to anybody.

"Our God, if we have one, is too remote for us to believe that he wants to communicate with us personally, or that he even can.

"And even stranger than that was the claim that he should say it in this particular way, putting it into someone's head and forcing them to put it about with all their power, leading them to believe it was a message straight from God.

OWN DELUSIONS

"After all, what is to stop anybody from saying, 'I have an important message which has come direct from God'?

"The answer to that difficult question lies in what such a man has to say.

"If what he claims as the word of God is selfish and shallow we can be quite sure that what he is offering to us is nothing more than his own delusions.

"What the real prophets had to say was not a bit like that. They gave the world a message that was full of new moral and spiritual rules. That is why it was listened to and survived for all these centuries and seems just as creative and alive to us as it was when it was spoken."

They all liked to think that God had a soft place for them because they belonged to His church.

It was easy for them to imagine that God had given them their affluence, comfort and ease as a kind of pat on the back for what they had done for Him.

POURED SCORN

That was exactly what the people of Amos' day thought, but he poured scorn on their materialism and greed and ridiculed their narrow, cosy little religion.

"No doubt," Mr. Jacques said, "he would do exactly the same thing if he came among us.

"He would see us trying to make an oasis of comfort and wealth around us, trying to pretend that all the anxieties and troubles of the world are no concern of ours.

"He would see our attempts to deceive ourselves with a little deluded and sentimental popular religion.

"He would expose our comfortable belief that we have a prescriptive right to be warm, happy and well fed while so much of the world is cold, anxious and hungry."

It was true that they were immensely privileged, and if to all they had they could add the gift of faith they were doubly privileged in this age of doubt and spiritual uncertainty.

SHARING FAITH

But faith had an almost terrifying responsibility. It had not been given to them so that they could draw blank cheques on the love of God while other people had to go away empty-handed.

Faith was given to them to share with those among whom they lived, and sharing their faith was a costly business, filled with anxiety and frustration.

It was often easier to share their wealth than to share their faith.

"The greatest mistake we can make," the vicar said, "is to imagine that the Christian life is meant to be a spiritual bed of roses, cushioning us from all life's difficulties and troubles.

"Religious people often complain that their religion brings them no comfort, and that all the joy has gone out of prayer and worship for them.

THE LESSON

"This happens because God is trying to teach them exactly the lesson that Amos was hammering away at.

"God does not ask us to follow him into an exclusive life of ease and privilege.

"If we imagine he does, sooner or later we shall have to learn the hard way the lesson that every spiritual privilege we have has to be matched by a corresponding spiritual responsibility."

HOSPITAL CELEBRATIONS

Patient 'felt like a queen'

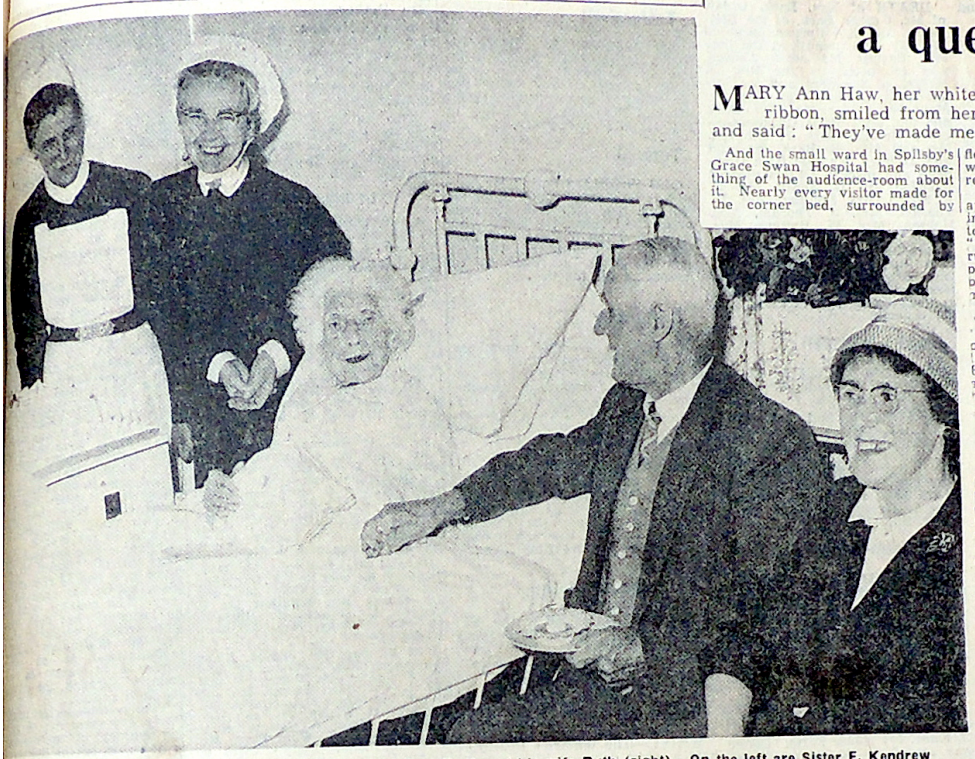
MARY Ann Haw, her white hair tied in a bright red ribbon, smiled from her hospital bed on Monday and said: "They've made me feel like a queen today."

And the small ward in Spilsby's Grace Swan Hospital had something of the audience-room about it. Nearly every visitor made for the corner bed, surrounded by flowers and birthday cards, to wish the occupant "many happy returns."

Matron and her staff beamed approvingly despite the unusual interruption of routine and the temporary suspension of normal "visiting hours." After all, some rules have to be broken when a patient has a birthday, and this patient had celebrated more than most.

Mrs. Mary Ann Haw was 104 years old.

Mrs. Haw has celebrated her previous four birthdays in her little house, Woodbine Cottage, Halton Holgate, but she has been a hospital patient since she hurt her hip when falling from her couch last September.



Mrs. Mary Ann Haw with her nephew, Mr. Harry Haw, of East Keal, and his wife Ruth (right). On the left are Sister E. Kendrew and Matron Coombes. (Photo: Norman Beckett.)

M.P. CALLED

More than 50 cards brought good wishes from relatives and from friends in the Spilsby district, where she has lived for nearly 70 years, and Boston-born Mrs. Haw, widow of William Haw, a former parish clerk at Halton Holgate, numbered many visitors on her celebration day.

Sir John Maitland, M.P., called to take a gift of eau-de-Cologne to his oldest constituent; County Coun. E. H. Woodward paid his respects.

There was a gift of flowers and good wishes from Spilsby old age pensioners; Dr. P. J. Bretherick called on behalf of the local medical practitioners; Cmdr. A. H. Beeton offered the congratulations of Spilsby Hospitals House Committee; and there were messages and calls from friends and neighbours at Halton.

One visitor was Mr. J. C. Sale, of Hundleby, whose father, the late Rev. T. W. Sale, was Vicar of Halton when Mrs. Haw first moved to the village. The present Rector of Halton, the Rev. C. W. Smith, and the Vicar of Spilsby, the Rev. J. H. Jacques, were also among the callers.

SURPRISE

Blind now, but still able to knit small articles, thanks to the encouragement she received from Lindsey Blind Society, Mrs. Haw received them all with a smile and a happy "thank you" for their good wishes.

The surprise came at the end of normal visiting hours when her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. H. Haw, of East Keal, and her niece Mrs. Ethel Goodhand, had joined the party.

Mrs. Goodhand had provided a handsome birthday cake and the hospital staff had added the finishing touches. The cake bore 104 pink and white candles!

"Mrs. Haw had a wonderful day, she thoroughly enjoyed her birthday — and I think everyone did," said Matron afterwards.



Celebrating her 105th birthday

MRS. M. A. Haw, a patient in Grace Swan Hospital, Spilsby, since 1962, celebrated her 105th birthday there on Wednesday in the best traditional style with a cake decorated with 105 candles.

She was visited by seven of her relatives during the day, and received over 40 cards, which the nurses read to her early on Wednesday morning.

Bedridden for the last 17 years, and more recently blind, Mrs. Haw still enjoys listening to the wireless, and entertains patients and staff with her recitations.

She was born in Boston in 1859, and after marriage went to live with her husband at Woodbine Cottage, Halton Holgate, which was built by Mr. Haw's father over 100 years ago.

Picture shows (left to right): Mrs. B. Lawie, the Matron, Mrs. R. Combe, Mrs. F. Haw, Mr. F. Haw and Mr. and Mrs. H. Haw.

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DAY, AUGUST 17, 1962

Put on her best shawl for 103rd birthday

PROPPED on a divan, with her grey hair neatly arranged and her best shawl round her shoulders, the occupant of Woodbine Cottage, Halton Holgate, received a constant stream of visitors at her home on Sunday.

The three-roomed cottage was busier than it has been for a year and the reason was a birthday. For Mrs. Mary Ann Haw, who has lived in the little cottage for more than half-a-century was 103.

"No, I shan't get over-excited," she assured a "Standard" reporter who called early on Sunday afternoon. "I am not an excitable person really, although it is unusual to reach this age."

She had just received congratulations from Sir John and Lady Maitland who had found Mrs. Haw looking, if anything, more lively and in better health than on her last birthday.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Bunches of flowers soon began to fill the tiny living room, and a pile of greetings grew. In fact the first visitor was the postman who made a special journey from Skegness to bring greetings telegrams.

Watchfully making sure that East Lincolnshire's oldest resident did not get over-tired, Miss Annie Spence, her constant companion for eight years, and nearing her own 80th birthday, said: "No, there won't be a party or anything of that sort. There isn't room, but we are expecting quite a number of callers."

Mrs. Haw, who was born at Boston, moved to the Spilsby area on her marriage. Her husband, a former parish clerk at Halton, died eight years ago. They have no children.

The birthday was mentioned by the Rector of Halton, the Rev. C. W. Smith, in his sermon at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday and special prayers were offered during the Communion service.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
HALTON HOLGATE

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A SHORT GUIDE

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THE VILLAGE

The village of Halton lies on slightly rising ground on the edge of the Fens just to the east of the small market town of Spilsby. Halton Holgate or Holegate (either spelling is correct) takes its name from the Hollowgate or "hollow way" which cuts through the ridge of green sandstone and carries the road that runs to Wainfleet. Until quite recently there was a wooden bridge made by a local carpenter which spanned the "hollow gate" and gave the residents of the Rectory quick access to the churchyard and church. There has been a village here since Norman times, since the Domesday Book written in 1086 refers to a church at Holtun or Haltun. Tradition tells us that John de Halton who was Bishop of Carlisle from 1292 to 1324 came from here. Certainly the de Halton family were patrons of the living and held land here in the 13th century. It is also said that Richard Holegate, Archbishop of York, imprisoned during the reign of Queen Mary, came from Halton. Another notable resident was Sir Richard Hussey who lived here during the Civil War, and who was deprived of his lands because of his loyalty to Charles II, and was fined the sum of £2,474 - a lot of money in those days! Another famous son of Halton was Thomas Grantham, who as leader of the General Baptist Sect, was a staunch Dissenter, and who like many of his co-religionists was persecuted and imprisoned for his beliefs. He died in 1692 and was buried at Norwich.

Lord Tennyson was a frequent visitor to Halton Rectory during the time that he lived at Somersby, and one of the rooms at the Rectory is referred to as "Tennyson's room".

The fine old Rectory which dates back to the 18th century was greatly improved and added to by the Rawnsley family, two members of which - father and son - were resident here as Rectors for a period covering a total of fifty-seven years from 1825 to 1882.

THE CHURCH

The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Andrew, was built in the Perpendicular style of architecture some time between 1350 and 1450. Its lofty tower and fine clerestoried windows can be seen from quite a distance. It was built on the site of an earlier church, of which the only remains that survive are the font, a capital head (on the floor near the entrance to the tower), and the monuments in the south east corner of the nave. The original chancel and the old mediaeval chantry were destroyed by fire about 200 years ago.

The church was considerably rebuilt in the last century. On July 10th 1846, there was a violent hurricane which tore off the roof of the nave and shattered all the windows. The then Rector, T.H. Rawnsley, immediately set about restoration, and the present fine roof with its shield-bearing angels and ornamental bosses was erected at the cost of £1,960. Twenty years later in 1866-7, Drummond Rawnsley, the son of "T.H." carried out a further restoration, rebuilding the tower and putting windows into the north side of the chancel. In 1894, a third restoration took place when the Revd. T.W. Sale was responsible for rebuilding the Chantry chapel, which is the present vestry, and for erecting the organ and organ-chamber.

POINTS OF INTEREST

"Poppyhead" pew-ends. Many of the seats in the nave have 15th century bench ends, and others, the work of a local carpenter, are excellent modern copies of fine old bench-ends in Winthorpe Church near Skegness. The "poppy-head" tops of the pew ends represent a fascinating study

in wood carving. Besides the arms of Ufford and Bec, and the Willoughby's famous "Saracen's Head", there are pairs of angels, owls, monkeys, eagles and lambs; there are even foxes running off with geese, and a man before and after he had had too much to drink! Near to the north door is a very old alms box, cut in a massive beam of solid oak and let into the floor, and guarded by a lock and chain. In the north wall of the chancel is an old "Priest's Door", which is also known locally as the "Devil's Door". Whenever there was a christening in church, it used to be the custom to leave this door open, to enable the devil which had not been cast out from the newly baptized baby to escape!

Monuments (1) The Unknown Warrior

In the south aisle, close to the vestry door, lies the splendid figure of a 14th century knight, cross-legged and with one lion at his feet and another on his shield. There has been considerable debate about who this figure is. The arms on his shield are not those of any known local family, though he may well have been one of the de Haltons. One guess is that the figure represents Sir Henry de Halton who was living in 1338. Another possibility is that it is the figure of a Scottish knight who died a prisoner here during the same period.

(2) Sir Walter Bec

At the side of the unknown knight on the floor lies the oldest memorial in the church, and indeed in the whole neighbourhood. The inscription on the Purbeck marble slab is in Lombardic or Norman French: "SIR WALTER BEC GIST ICI DE KI ALME DEUS AIT MERCI" - which means "Sir Walter Bec lies here, on whose soul may God have mercy." The de Becs owned most of the land in the area during the 12th and 15th centuries, and were the ancestors of the Willoughbys who are buried in Spilsby Church.

(3) Brass on the South Wall

The quaint brass on the wall of the south aisle is that of Bridget Rugeley who died at the age of 21 in 1658. She was

the daughter of Thomas Thory, who as a Royalist was depr[illegible]d of his lands during the Civil War. Her husband, John Rugeley, being a Parliamentarian, got back the family lands. He was churchwarden here in 1657, and his descendents are now living in Maryland, U.S.A.

A unique screen in the north aisle commemorates former Rectors, Churchwardens and Parish Clerks and was erected in 1911. At its feet is a representation of different kinds of fish swimming in a net and symbolizing the world-wide Church of Christ.

The south porch was erected in 1831 as a result of the munificence of Colonel Maddison of Partney.

The organ which was erected in 1894 was built by the firm of Wordsworth of Leeds at the cost of £274, and replaced an old barrel organ which used to be at the west end of the church.

There are six bells, two of which date back to 1717; there is also a "ting-tang" bell, which is rung immediately before a service begins.

The registers date back to 1565.

There is also an old vestry book dating back to 1628. The present vestry book dates back to 1708!

The plate includes an Elizabethan chalice dated 1567.

THE PARISH TODAY

Until two years ago Halton had always had a resident Rector or curate. Today the parish is joined to the Spilsby Group of Parishes, and the Rectory has been sold. But still the work of the church goes on and worship is week by week offered to God within these venerable walls. The Church is passing through difficult but challenging times, but still there is in Halton the faithful band of Christian people who love their church and seek to do all they can for it. Please pray for them and pray that in the years ahead this great House of God may continue to be a pointer to God and his Kingdom for those who have eyes to see.

D. W. OWEN

30th September, 1972

Priest-in-charge of
Halton Holgate

Footsteps that haunt Halton's old Rectory

THIS large house was the home of the Rectors of Halton for many generations of the long bygone past.

The picturesque verandah of the 1700's, the famous wooden bridge — such a landmark for some 90 years — and the two or three ancient mulberry trees on the lawn, these all come to mind as we think of the house itself.

Two stories can here be mentioned.

One room on the first floor was used as a ballroom. On a certain evening during the dance the wife of the then Rector found that her clothing had caught fire from the open fireplace. She escaped by opening a door which led to a small brick staircase to the lawn. But in so doing, this only fanned the flames, and it is indeed sad to know that her life was not saved.

Another story is connected with a family which has since become famous in history.

A Rector of Halton, the Rev Rawnsley, was a close friend of the Rector of Somersby, the Rev George Tennyson, who often became depressed. He knew where to receive a welcome, so would make his way to Halton, where he would be seen going up the Rectory drive for a visit.

HEAVY FOOTSTEPS

A large bedroom was always kept in readiness for him, and there he would stay in bed for a week or 10 days! No-one could coax him downstairs. Then, feeling very much the better for his visit, he would return to his parish.

Since his death there are reminders of him. From time to time, footsteps — heavy footsteps — are to be heard in the area above what is still known as "Tennyson's room."

My family and myself, during our long residence there, well recall these strange sounds. And again, the sounds of the front door opening, and footsteps walking upstairs.

During a comparatively recent visit to the Rectory with other members of a History Society, Sir Charles Tennyson, grandson of Lord Alfred Tennyson, was heard to say that he was aware of stories such as these, and well believed how true they were.

REV CHARLES W. SMITH
Eresby Hall, Spilsby.



The Rev C. Smith, of Eresby Hall, the last rector of Halton Holegate, who has some interesting memories of the Old Rectory.

From The Standard March 14th 1980

Died Feb 6 1952. Funeral Feb 15

SPECIAL FORMS OF SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF

His Late Majesty

KING GEORGE VI

OF BLESSED AND GLORIOUS MEMORY

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One or more of these Forms of Memorial Service may be used either on the Day of the Funeral of His late Majesty King George or on the most convenient Day within the Octave.

FORM I

¶ *In the Order of the Administration of Holy Communion, in place of the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel of the Day, may be said the following:*

THE COLLECT

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and, whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is thy servant King *GEORGE* doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. *2 Corinthians* 4. 16—5. 4

FOR which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

THE GOSPEL. *St. John* 6. 37-40

ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

FORM II

¶ *The Order for the Burial of the Dead (which may be preceded by the Litany at the discretion of the Minister) omitting the words appointed to be said at the Committal of the Body to the grave; and substituting the words* "Thy Servant, King George," *for the words* "This our brother"; *and inserting before The Grace at the conclusion of the Service, the Prayers following:*

GRANT to us, O Lord, together with all thy faithful departed, rest and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice: We remember before thee our late Sovereign Lord, King *GEORGE*, in thankfulness for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us by his reign; for the example he set of unwearied devotion to duty; for his steadfast courage in years of war and manifold anxieties; and for the love and loyalty borne to him by a great family of peoples in all parts of the world. And we beseech thee to give us grace that, having these thy mercies in remembrance, we may with one heart and one mind set forward the welfare of this Land and Empire, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and dispossest of them according to thy good pleasure, and who hast now called thy Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*, to the Throne of this Realm: let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her, let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession, flourish in her days. Direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of her people; and give us grace to obey her cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests, may disappoint her cares for the publick good; let her always possess the hearts of her people, that they may never be wanting in honour to her Person, and dutiful submission to her Authority; let her Reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with immortality in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Hymns may be sung at this Service at the discretion of the Minister, and a Sermon or Address given after the Grace at its conclusion.*

FORM III

¶ *The following Sentences shall be said or sung:*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then, all standing, shall be said:*

Minister. Turn us, O God our Saviour;
Answer. And let thine anger cease from us.
Minister. O God, make speed to save us;
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Minister. Praise ye the Lord;
Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the following Psalms:*

Antiphon

Make thy way plain before my face.

PSALM 23.—*Dominus regit me.*

PSALM 27.—*Dominus illuminatio.*

Antiphon

Make thy way plain before my face.

¶ *Then shall be sung as follows:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be read the Lesson:*

1 Cor. 15. 20-end. *Or*, Rev. 7. 9-end. *Or*, Rev. 21. 1-7

¶ *Here may follow a suitable Anthem or Hymn.*

Minister. The Lord be with you:
Answer. And with thy spirit.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say.*

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins
Answer. Neither reward us after our iniquities.
Minister. Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord.
Answer. For in thy sight shall no man living be justified
Minister. The souls of the righteous are in the hands of the Lord:
Answer. Who preserveth them that are true of heart.
Minister. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:
Answer. For the Lord hath rewarded thee.
Minister. Thou, Lord, hast delivered my soul from death;
Answer. Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
Minister. I will walk before the Lord:
Answer. In the land of the living.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver thy servant King *GEORGE* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE commend, O Lord, to thy fatherly goodness Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Queen Mary, and all the members of the Royal Family: Send to them thy Holy Spirit to comfort, help, and strengthen them; and give them a sure and steadfast trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the Lord of his mercy grant to us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn.*

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast.
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last.
And our eternal home. Amen.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say the prayers following.*

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THE BENEDICTION

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To The Vicar:

Sir I do hope that you will excuse me for writing to you. But having seen in the Lincolnshire Chronicle lately that Mrs Haw of Spilsby Rd is 101.. it has brought many Childhood memories to me: I and my brother were brought up for a time in Halton we were orphans and was brought up by Mrs Mr Green. in a row of cottages near the School. also living in the row was Mr Mrs Hides and Molly Greyson a real character she used to smoke a pipe: her husband had been in the Irish Police and she kept his helmet and cloke hanging near the door and many a time she has frightened us children nearly to death:.
The School master was Mr Heath: he had a son George and daughter margaret

Mr Heath used to keep Bees
and when I was about four a fine
Mrs Green used to take it to Skegness
to sell taking me with her which was
quite an outing in those days we used to
go from the station. The station masters name
was Mr Croxton. his daughter Kitty was
a teacher at school: Mrs Winter was sewing
teacher she lived in a cottage on the
way to the fenside Mr Mrs Bonell lived
at the mill they had a son Charles
a daughter Emily and Kate. I cannot remember
if there were any more in family
but I well remember as a very small child
fetching flour from the mill in a little
calico bag Mrs Bonell was a dear woman
she often used to take me into her room
and sit me on her knee. with her spotless
white apron on. I used to think she was
an angel. Then there was Mrs Baker at
the shop where we used to fetch
our weekly groceries from. we used
to go up a lot of stone steps with
a handrail: also I remember fetching
brewers yeast from the Bell Inn. to make

the bread. I think they called the people Enderby: Mrs Bessey and her son used to live in a beautiful big house and I once remember taking a message to her from the Vicar and she gave me two of the biggest apples that I have ever seen; and I had nothing to carry them in so I put them in my umbrella and of course it split, which was not a very laughing matter in those days (but of course I got over it.)

The Vicar's name in those days was Mr Sale and they were very good to us I well remember wearing those little girls cast off clothing and thinking how smart I was. especially a bright red coat: Mrs Green's husband died when I was six years old but Mrs Green still kept us although she had four children of her own. We used to go to church every sunday across the Wong. there are several more names I could mention: but of course I know they have all passed on.

now about Mrs Ham I can remember her Bungalow quite well. and her Husband was section and he was very strict with children. I dont think they had any of there own.
also I can remember his two brothers living at the saw mill and having the house burnt down. they both had familys and I went to school with some of the girls: but that is a long time ago: six years ago I was in Lincoln County hospital at Xmas and Mrs Ham was in the same ward (Wellington) but I did not know at the time. the nurses was very fond of her and used to brush her hair it was beautifull great greying. I can remember them taking her round the ward to look at the Manger and other decorations but I was in quite a time and I didnt know who she was until after she had gone home or we could have had quite a lot to talk about
ther was also a Mrs Farmer. from Hatton Rd Spilsby in at the same time

we had a little talk about
Shirley but she was only in for a
very short time!
well I hope you will forgive me for been
so forward. I am now 76. and my
husband is nearly 88. we celebrated our
Golden Wedding three years ago.
we have three sons and two daughters
all married and doing well.
We have just got a new Vicar
Mr Bishop. also a new Vicarage
which is very nice and quite near
to us. we live in a council Bungalow
for old people which is very nice
I do hope I have not bored you too
much: My name was Georgina Padley
but commonly known as Babs Green

Yours Sincerly

G. Scargill

over

P. S.

Perhaps some very old people in your parish will remember the things I have told you about if so I should be pleased to hear one left Halton when I was about 9 years old and went to Poynton All Saints. where I was still the Vicars messenger. and often have taken messages from him to Mr Sale. they used to be a lane reaching from Poynton to Halton which was a long walk in those days for a child. but I used to get a 1/- and a meal. which meant a lot to us. I went into service quite young to Mrs Thumbleby's. Avenue House Spilsby. from there (Still in with the Vicar) to Bratoft Mr Gerald Ridley and his sister. she died very sudden. and after a time he married after that I went to Stoke Rochford Rectory as housemaid to Canon Warner and his family: now the Bishop of Grantham lives there: I hope I have not tired you too much with an old womans talkin but I just had to sit down and write it.







PARISH OF HALTON HOLGATE, LINCS.

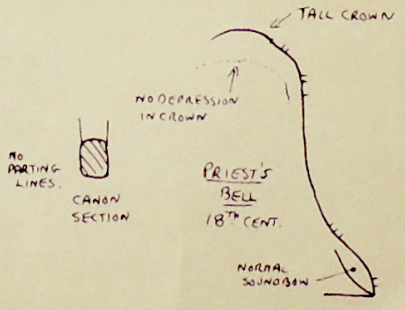
DEDICATION ST. ANDREW. DATE 23 MAY 1970

A WESTERN TOWER CONTAINING A RING OF SIX BELLS AND A PRIEST'S BELL.

THE BELLS IN THE RING REMAIN AS NOTED BY NORTH. ALL WERE REHUNG WITH NEW FITTINGS IN A NEW TIMBER FRAME 1937-8 BY MEARS & STAINBANK. NONE HAVE CANONS AND ARGENTS. CAST IRON HEADSTOCKS, INDEPENDANT CROWN STAPLES AND BALL BEARINGS ON ALL.

THE PRIEST'S BELL, 11 15/16 INS DIAMETER, WAS QUARTER TURNED, FITTED WITH AN INDEPENDANT STAPLE, AND REHUNG WITH NEW TIMBER HEADSTOCK AND IRON LEVER. RATHER A ROUGH CASTING WITH A TALL CROWN. 18TH CENT DATE, POSSIBLY BY HENRY PENN OF PETERBOROUGH WHO WORKED HERE IN 1717. POOR TONE. LIP TO SHOULDER AT TANGENT 8 7/8". SHOULDER CIRCUM. 22½"

THE FOURTH BELL IS UNDATED, BUT THE PEOPLE NAMED, PRESUMABLY AS DONORS, ON IT WERE ALIVE ABOUT 1717. CAST BY HENRY PENN.



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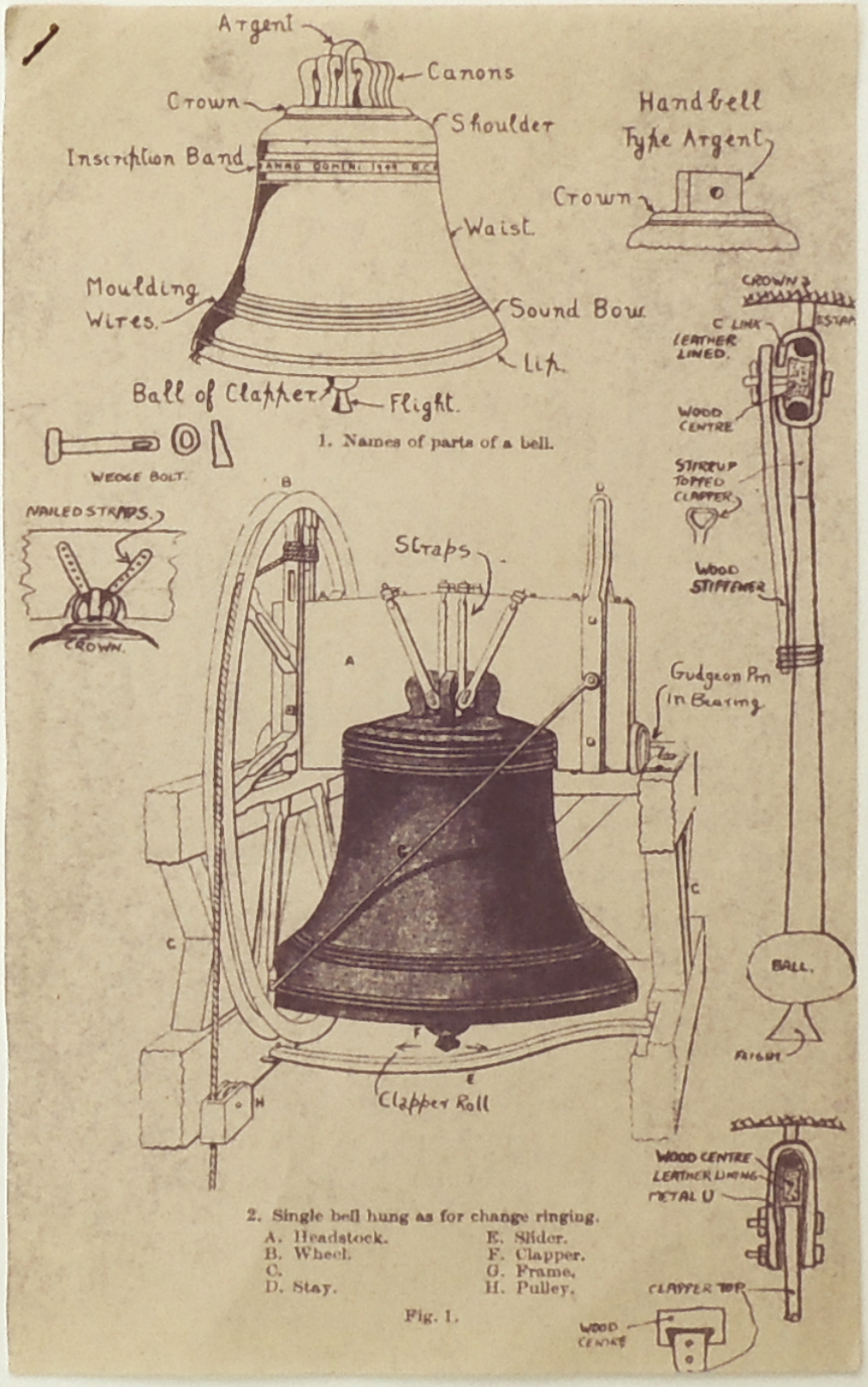

1. Names of parts of a bell.

2. Single bell hung as for change ringing.

A. Headstock.
B. Wheel.
C.
D. Stay.
E. Slider.
F. Clapper.
G. Frame.
H. Pulley.

Fig. 1.

Historic Halton Holegate Village Book

Thanks to all for the help in preparing this volume for DVD and parishioners.

The online version of this book has been altered to obscure negative descriptions of people and cultures.

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