

MAY 1892

VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP TO RILLINGTON.

Wednesday, April 20th (Wednesday in Easter week), was a red letter day for the church folk in Rillington. The Archbishop paid his first visit to Rillington, to hold a confirmation and to re-open the church. The main work done in the church consisted in a new ceiling. The old plaster ceiling has given place to a wooden one, panelled and painted. The colouring is beautiful and is from designs by Mr Temple Moore. In addition to this the seats have been painted and the walls (until there is money to pay for paint) have been colour-washed. We may honestly say that the work has been undertaken from the simple wish to make God's house more beautiful. But allow me to speak of it, in a less worthy way, yet one that is none the less true. The people of Rillington are the gainers by all such work as this undertaken by Mr Carpenter and that undertaken some few years ago by Mr Macdowall. They, I say, are the gainers. The church is their parish church and this work has been the beautifying of that which is theirs and is for their use. Many of those who have given money have never seen and will never see Rillington. Mr Carpenter might any day leave the village. But the village folk remain till death, and after death their descendants claim the use and enjoy the beauty of their parish church. It is no fault of the people of Rillington that they have had to go to outsiders to help them in their work. It is a fault if for this reason they take the less interest in the work and do not feel it is freely and ungrudgingly done for their good. The only return asked is that they should with cheerfulness and some little pride use their church.

The Archbishop came by the afternoon express from York, the North Eastern Company courteously stopping the train at the Rillington station. Rillington rose to the occasion and its Brass Band went towards the station and preceded the Archbishop's carriage to the vicarage. Here his Grace was met by a good number of clergy. Our own rural dean, the Rev. Canon Taylor, was too unwell to attend, but there were present the Rev. W. H. Hutchings, Rural Dean of Malton; Rev. E. Heslop, the vicar of Thornton; Rev. F. O. Chambers, vicar of Brompton; Rev. W. H. Savile, vicar of Wykeham; Rev. E. Plume, curate of Settrington; Rev. A. G. Hutton, curate of West Heselton; Rev. R. Walker, vicar of East Heselton; Rev. Th. Williams; vicar of Scampston; Rev. C. J. Chapman, vicar of Norton; Rev. G. A. Grenside, rector, and the Rev. W. A. Felton, curate, of Thorpe Bassett; Rev. T. Houseman, vicar of North Grimston; Rev. M. Bell and Rev. E. Hedger, curate, of Amotherby; and last, but not least, the Rev. Dr. Cox, rector of Barton-le-Street. The clergy formed in procession, his Grace coming last, bearing his pastoral staff and accompanied by his chaplain (Rev. J. Keble), and preceded by the vicar, who carried the Archbishop's cross. The procession entered the Church

singing the hymn "Christ is made the sure foundation" Then the Archbishop standing before the altar said certain responses and collects, after this was sung the psalm "Great is the Lord and highly to be praised. The vicar then read for the chapter Isaiah lx., 10-19. This closed the special service of re-opening, and the Archbishop going to the pulpit addressed the Confirmation Candidates. He drew out some useful lessons from the work which had been done in the church. The work of restoring and beautifying God's house was a good work. And a similar work should ever be going on in our own lives. We should take care to find out what was wanting in our own character, and to supply the want, and to find out what was being wasted and spoiled in our characters, and to renew and restore it by repentance. Further, we should ever aim at making our lives beautiful and Christ-like and so adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Then followed the confirmation of some 60 candidates, the Archbishop seated on a chair at the chancel step and the candidates kneeling two at a time before him. At the close of the service the Archbishop again addressed the candidates upon their duties as communicants. He gave them a text as a motto for the life they had begun in confirmation: "Abide in Me and I in you."

A good congregation gathered in the evening, when Dr. Cox preached an eloquent sermon from the text "Where art thou" (Gen. iii. 9). From this he drew out the fourfold call of God to our first parent and to each individual Christian, viz., the call of creation, of dominion, of obedience, and of judgment.

And so closed a memorable day in the history of the church in Rillington. It is only fair to say that more of the village folk might have attended the evening service. But this does not say that they were not interested and pleased in what had been done for the church. Indeed Rillington wishes to be congratulated, and deserves to be, on having added beauty to its church, having given a welcome to the Archbishop, and on having gathered such a goodly number of friends and sympathisers, and especially on having conducted its services with so much heartiness and earnestness. The Vicar will no doubt, either in this magazine or in some other number, give a financial statement.

THE EDITOR.

KNAPTON.

I sent round at the beginning of Lent a few small collecting boxes for the society which provides homes for waifs and strays. I have received one from The Hall containing £1 3s. 3½d., which has been duly forwarded to the society. If any other friends to the society have collected any sums, however small, in their boxes, perhaps they will kindly leave them with the clerk, or forward the amount to the address which they will find on the box.

RILLINGTON.

THE EASTER VESTRY.

This was held on Easter Monday, but very few attended. The balance-sheet was read by Mr W. Heseltine, who pointed out that although he received a balance a year ago of £3, yet really this last year is unjustly laden with old debts, since two large accounts came in amounting to £11 3s. for work done before Easter 1891; so that strictly this past year began £8 to the bad. The Vicar apologised for his mistake in saying on Easter Day that we are in a worse position than last Easter; for now with everything paid, or nearly so, we are only 18s. short. This is not counting £5 which was lent by the Vicar to give to Mr S. Myers as an acknowledgement of his valuable services in playing harmonium. This was voted unanimously as a gift to express our gratitude for his voluntary and faithfully performed duties. Mr E. D Spaven was re-elected parish warden, and the sidesmen, Messrs Groves, F. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, J. Myers, and W. Wright, were re-elected.

CHURCH EXPENSES.—EASTER 1892.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand		3	1	7
„ Collections in Church		20	13	7
„ W. H. Huddleston, Esq.		0	10	0
„ Vicar for washing surplices		0	5	0
„ Advanced for Organist		5	0	0
		£29	10	2
Deficit		0	18	1
		£30	8	3
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Repairing floor and seats on south side of Nave		8	10	4½
„ Church cleaning—3 half years		4	17	6
„ Extra cleaning		0	5	0
„ Kneeling mats		1	13	0
„ Washing surplices, &c		0	5	0
„ Coke, leading, &c.		3	5	11
„ Oil, &c.		1	6	4½
„ Lamps, and Glasses		0	16	0
„ Insurance		1	1	3
„ Visitation expenses		0	10	6
„ York County Hospital		1	15	5
„ Archbishop's Pastoral Letter Fund		0	10	2
„ Oxford Mission to Calcutta		0	2	6
„ Sick and Poor		0	9	3
„ Organist gift		5	0	0
		£30	8	3

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT.

The visit of the Archbishop took place on the Wednesday in Easter week, and we have great cause for thankfulness to him for coming and to all our neighbours and friends for their presence and cordial congratulations on the work done in the church. As to the Archbishop himself we shall never forget his most kind and genial interest in everything, and the warm greetings he gave everyone. Rillington will be glad to know how thoroughly pleased his Grace was with all he saw, and particularly how he appreciated the honour paid him by the Brass Band, whom he thanked as he was leaving the Vicarage, speaking to the churchwardens and organist. The collections realised £4 17s. 10d. for the Restoration Fund. The next work that must be done is the pointing of the stone work of the Church and the re-glazing of the windows, as the lead work is quite worn out, but the architect wishes the same glass used.

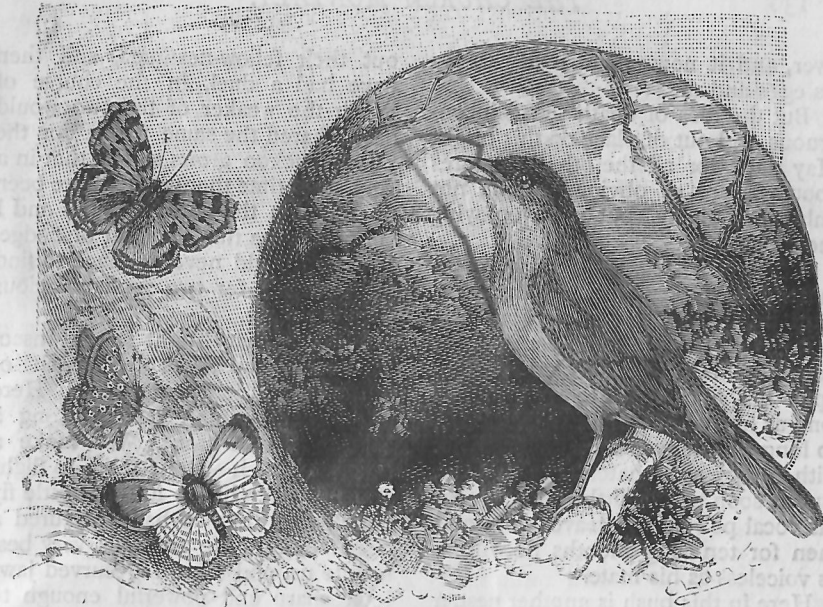
CONCERT.

There was a good penny concert at the old schoolroom on Tuesday, April 26th. The Brass Band played two pieces, and showed how strong the musical talent is, the perfect expression and spirited execution setting them quite in the first rank of village bands. The highest compliments were paid them on the occasion of the Archbishop's visit last week, his Grace being particularly pleased with them and thanking them personally. They look forward to a full and successful season, and are ready to make engagements. The Glee Club sang their glees, being encored twice—in "Humpty Dumpty" and "The Song of the Triton." Miss King and Miss Percy gave great satisfaction with their songs. Mrs Carpenter sang "The Torpedo and the Whale" from "Olivette." Mr S. Heseltine's reading caused much amusement. The favourite trios, "Jack and Jill" and "Peter Piper," brought the concert to a close, the band playing "God Save the Queen."

SCAMPSTON.

Since the announcement in the Magazine, several have claimed an acquaintance with "Old Parson Farrow." It appears he was a kind of "Parson Farmer," and kept several cows. He was noted for his piety and fondness of children, and when old and feeble such was his charity that he would have given away his last penny. Several declare that when he died, music as of the Angels was heard in the chamber. The field at the back of Mr Hodgson's house, where Mr Farrow lived, is called "Farrow Field."

On Messrs Lett's and Dennison's farms may be seen two rooks with white feathers on wings and white patches on breasts. Mr Lett says this is no uncommon occurrence on his farm. We are very glad, or it might be an occasion of alarm to all superstitious folks. We hope these birds will not be shot.



THE NIGHTINGALE.

A MAY RAMBLE.

BY THE REV. THEODORE WOOD, F.E.S.,

Author of "Our Bird Allies," "Our Insect Allies," "Life of the Rev. J. G. Wood," etc.

TO every one with eyes to see and perception to understand, a country ramble in mid-May is one of the great treats of the year. It is not only that we see all around us the vigour and the freshness of nature, now thoroughly aroused at last from her long winter slumber, nor yet that birds and beasts and insects are all busily at work, making the most of the bright sunshine and the soft, balmy air. For besides and above all this we have the exhilarating knowledge that there are longer and brighter days still to come, that autumn is months away, and winter quite in the dim future. And for this reason May has always seemed to me, if not quite, yet almost the pleasantest month of all the twelve.

It is true that its earlier days are not always cheering. May-day is quite a thing of the past, and the hawthorn has taken to blossoming so late that we shall have to alter its popular title and call it "June." But when nature does begin work she begins it in

earnest; and, after only two or three warm days, the squirrels are scampering about in the trees, lizards are basking in the sun on every sandy common, insects of all sorts and descriptions are swarming in earth, and air, and water, and almost every bird is nesting. What are we to look for in our ramble? What are we not to look for? For objects of interest are quite bewildering in their number and variety, and our only regret will be that, stay out as long as we will, we shall perforce be obliged to pass by so much.

Numbers of butterflies are flying. The graceful, dainty little orange-tip flits past us as we stroll along the lanes; a "skipper" is passing from flower to flower upon the bank; a delicate, bright-winged "blue" is sitting on that head of clover; "whites," large and small, are here, there, and everywhere. And now and then, where nettles abound, we see a worn "tortoiseshell" or "peacock," for whom the heyday of life is

The Head, that once was Crowned with Thorns.

(A HYMN FOR ASCENSION DAY.)

"We see Jesus crowned with glory and honour."—HEBREWS ii. 9.

Words by KELLY.

Music by the REV. T. R. MATTHEWS, B.A.
(Rector of North Coates.)

1. The Head, that once was crown'd with thorns, Is crown'd with glo - ry now;
2. The high - est place that Heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,

A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow. A - men.
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And Heav'n's e - ter - nal light.

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| <p>3. The joy of all who dwell above;
The joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His Love
And grants His Name to know.</p> <p>4. To them the Cross with all its shame,
With all its grace is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of Heaven.</p> | <p>5. They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of His Love.</p> <p>6. The Cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth
Their everlasting theme. Amen.</p> |
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GARDEN WORK FOR MAY.

Kitchen Garden.

CARROT, parsnip, and onion beds should be well hoed, keeping free from weeds, and thinning the plants where they are too thick. A space of from six to nine inches should be kept between each plant in the carrot and parsnip beds, and in the onion beds according to the size of onion planted. Sow French beans, scarlet runners, and broad beans. Any of the early sown of the latter, if attacked by the black fly, should be pinched off just below where the flies cluster. This is an unfailing remedy. Plant out tomatos against walls or close fences as much in the sun as possible, so that the fruit may ripen quickly. Prick out the strongest of the celery plants, shading them from the sun until they are rooted. Sow cabbage for autumn use, lettuce, peas, radishes, spinach, mustard and cress. Plant potatoes for late crop. Sow brocoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and turnips.

Flower Garden.

Protect hyacinths and tulips from heavy rain, and cold, and also from the hot sun. They will continue in flower by so doing for a much longer period. Take up once in two or three years the roots of crocuses, snowdrops, and other common bulbs, removing all the small offsets. Dry the bulbs, and store for next planting in the autumn. The finer kinds of bulbs should be taken up each year after flowering. Prick out tender annuals. Plant out the hardy sorts, taking advantage of moist weather. If the weather is dry they should be copiously watered in the evening.

Fruit Garden.

Train new shoots of wall trees so as to avoid crowding, cutting out irregular and badly formed shoots. Look for insects and snails, which do damage to the young growth. In dry weather water strawberry beds. Remove runners, except when required for new beds.

OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

BY THE REV. WILFRED H. DAVIES, M.A.,
Curate-in-charge of St. Jude's, Bethnal Green.

15. LOGOGRAPH.

Complete I am now in your company.
My head is valued at a thousand.
Behind me, and I become an adverb.
Invert me, and I become a large root,
Like a potato, growing in tropical climates.
Deprived of my last member
I am occasionally used to denote a relative.

16. PROBLEM.—A man weighed six stone, added to half his own weight. What was his weight?

17. SQUARE WORD.—The market place of a Grecian town; a light kind of food, commonly given to invalids; a measure of weight; a word meaning to return to mind, to come back; a word meaning vigilant, nimble.

WINTRINGHAM.

CONFIRMATION.

At Ganton, by Archbishop of York, Samuel Heseltine, Hannah Heseltine; at Rillington, by Archbishop of York, Hugh Alfred Cholmley, Alfred Yates, Thomas Baker, Thomas Foster, George Mitchell, Thomas William Maltby, Arthur Hatfield, Frederick Waterlin, Ada Jane Haxby, Polly Bradshaw, Sarah Baker, Margaret Jane Jones, and Annie Simpson.

BURIAL.

On the Wednesday in Holy Week, April 13th, Richard Thompson, of Wintringham.

CHURCH SERVICES.

The last Thursday in Lent saw us back into the Church and the runaway parish priest once more in his place. The services on the whole have been well attended. Good Friday afternoon saw a large congregation in church, with a large proportion of men. Our communicants did not neglect their duty on Easter Day and there was a good muster of them at the celebration. The Sunday after Easter almost all the newly confirmed made their first communion. God grant it may be the first of many, and that in them they may learn to love their Lord and go on from strength to strength. On one Sunday morning this month Mr Grenside invited all the congregation to remain during the celebration, and kneeling amongst the congregation he lead them in some private prayers. His wish was to teach those who had not before considered the matter, the Christian's share in this Divine service as an offering before God, and to help by a choice of simple prayers those who have long been trying to take an intelligent part in that service. Most of the congregation were thankful for the help thus given, and even those who either did not approve or understand were patient and devout. Mr Grenside felt he was rather trespassing on the good nature of the congregation and the more so when he found how late it was when the service was over. He promises that when next he has such a service, it shall be over in the hour.

We shall not see Richard Thompson amongst us any more. All will join with me in sincere regret. He was a gentle, kindly man. It pained us to see him looking so ill, but his death came as a surprise. He had humbly prepared for the great change and was able to receive the Holy Communion a few hours before he died.

William Bradshaw is still improving but the change since last month is very slight. He has flitted to Mr Kiddle's, and he quite enjoyed his ride on the York Hospital stretcher.

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WEST HESLERTON.

The annual churchwardens' meeting was held at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, April 19th. The year had begun with 1s. 2d. to our credit, and has ended with finding us 5s. in debt; however we shall hope to clear that off very quickly. During the year £28 17s. 6d. has been received in offertories, besides Mr Short's annual subscription of £4, and £1 collected in our box at church through lent for the waifs and strays, and 16s. 9d. by our Sunday school children for the same society. During the year we sent away £1 8s. 6d. to both Lady Sitwell's Hospital and the Central African Mission (Harvest Festival), 17s. to the Archbishop's letter fund, 15s. 6d. to the National Church Society, and handed over 19s. 8d. to the W. and E. Heselton Club. Besides these special offertories, we have also expended 30s. in the parish. The usual expenses of coal, coke, candles, &c., were somewhat heavier this year than last, and the largest item of additions to our church furniture were the new hassocks, which came in all to over £4. All the items of expenditure will be found in full on the church door. At the churchwardens' wish the nave and fittings of our church have been insured. The cost annually is not much, and such things as churches destroyed by fire are not so very rare; the chancel has been insured by the Rector ever since the restoration, so that now our whole church is protected in the only way it can be against that calamity which we trust will never happen to it. The increase in our offertories this year is chiefly accounted for by the extra early services of Holy Communion on every other Sunday, of which there have been twenty-seven, and at which £4 15s. 4d. has been received. Mr F. Thompson was re-appointed sexton. The contribution of 16s. 9d. from 16 of our Sunday school children is especially pleasing, and shows very plainly how glad they and their parents are to help our poor little brothers and sisters in our towns who have been left fatherless and motherless. If our children learn the godly virtue of self-denial, they will someday perhaps live to understand the *full* meaning of our Lord's words (Acts xx. 35, the only words of His not in our four gospels): "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

On Thursday evening, April 21st, the annual parish vestry meeting was held in the Schoolroom, when the church accounts for the year were read out and discussed, as well as proposals for the further expending of money in the incoming year. This part of the Easter vestry meeting has somehow in the past fallen through and been neglected, and we hope that in the future all churchmen in the parish will attend and take an interest in their church and her meetings. It was the general opinion of the meeting that rugging for the seats was the greatest want in our church at the present time, and that the choir of the church should be fitted with the same whenever funds permitted. The election of a people's churchwarden, to represent them in all church matters, then took place, and Mr H. Elliott was elected by a majority of one. The meeting was then dissolved. The Rector has appointed Mr Wm. Hodgson, the late people's warden for the last two years, to be his warden for the incoming year in place of Mr G. Botterill.

It is surely a good sign of the times that church people everywhere are taking so much more notice of Holy Week than used to be the case. If Good Friday and Easter Day mean nothing to people, how can we expect that their religion can be a real part of their lives, when they have forgotten their Master's life as man, and live their life entirely apart from him; and what better preparation could we have for our communion with Him on Easter Day, than to have followed Him in mind and heart through the last days of His life on earth, or to have been brought face to face with His seven last words from the cross. The Holy Communion, His own last will and covenant to His church on earth, has not yet received its right position in our hearts as it will do before long if we follow in His steps. Repentance and forgiveness we all acknowledge as necessary in every Christian life, and the mysterious nature of this holy service calls forth in man all his penitence in all its depths of misery, and assures him as nothing else in this world can do of God's pardon. Obedience and love both teach us that we must learn to search for God's grace and blessing in the ways that God has ordained and not according to our own fancies or imaginations, and as the greatest of all "means of grace," and the only service that is ordained of God through Jesus Christ His Son, and so really the only "*Divine*" service in the church, we must learn to look on this His Sacrament as given to us to live by and not to die with. He did not give up His Father's house on high to teach us how to die, but how to live, and His union and communion with us must be sought for by each child of His, not only in hymns and sermons, prayer and worship, but also in the mystery of the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

THORPE BASSETT.

CONFIRMATION.

At Pickering, by the Bishop of Hull, Martha Wray; at Rillington, by the Archbishop of York, John Marshall, Eleanor Heseltine, Catherine Clarkson, Eleanor Gertrude Clarkson, Eliza Leadley, Adelaide Preston, Alice Snowden.

We think it is right to alter the hours of our Sunday morning services. The present hours are not thought to be very convenient. I have always felt that the early hour of our Sunday morning prayer ought to be more appreciated than it is. A quarter to ten allows the women folk to get back in plenty of time to prepare the Sunday dinner. However, we propose the following change:—On every Sunday in the month (except the first) the Holy Communion will be celebrated at half-past eight and morning Prayer will be said at half-past ten. On the first Sunday in the month the service will be at ten o'clock. This will consist of the service of Holy Communion with music, hymns, and sermon. This, as better explaining the nature of the service, we will

speak of as the Eucharist, *ie.*, the thanksgiving—a name often applied to this service. There will be a plain celebration on that morning at eight o'clock for the benefit of those who wish to make their communion that day and do not like to wait till the late hour of ten. To make the arrangement clear we give the hours again. First Sunday in month—Holy Communion 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. The other Sundays—Holy Communion 8-30 a.m., Morning Prayer 10-30 a.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Our Lent services have been well attended. There ought to be more men present. I know they have great difficulties—they are tired, and it is a bit of a hurry to get to church by 7-30 Still more might come. The service is not long or wearisome, and I am sure they would value the sermons. We had some excellent good sermons this Lent from the clergy who visited us, and they must have been useful. Holy week and Easter were kept by us, though here again we should have liked larger congregations and more men. Mr Grenside wishes us to explain the reason of his not being at church on the Sunday afternoon in Lent. He was taking a class of confirmation candidates at Wintringham, and could not get back in time. On Easter Day he did get back, but just five minutes too late to preach. It is right for Mr Grenside to explain his absence, but he need not apologise. He was but doing his duty, and we appreciated Mr Felton's course of sermons on "Our Lord as an example."

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