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SCAMPSTON.

It is with a sad heart that we record the death of the Rev. Theodore Williams, for 14 years vicar of this parish. For two years past his friends had noted with misgivings his failing health. After his serious illness in the spring he went to Burlington for a holiday, and we all hoped that his health would be re-established. It was a shock to us all to hear that he was again seriously ill, and the almost sudden termination of his life was as much a surprise to the medical men as it was to us. We know that a good man has passed away, and faith assures us of his rest in Paradise. He was a earnest clergyman with love for souls, and a reverent regard for all who he knew were serving Christ. Without attaching an undue importance to popularity, we may say that Mr Williams was a popular man. But it was a popularity we all respect. The poor all knew that in him they had a true friend, and all good people knew that in him they had a true sympathiser. In almsgiving he was inclined to give beyond his means, and we have often heard him say how that in his first curacy in the black country this habit caused him to outrun his income by a large sum. But what showed him to be the friend of the poor more than hasty almsgiving were his many acts of personal kindness. He would sit and read to them, nurse them, and prepare food for them. He lead a hard life in his first curacy at Kingswinford, in the black country, and it was with impaired health that he came into Yorkshire and settled down at Burton Agnes. Here he married Miss Wilson, of Harpham. We always knew his thoughts were turned homewards when he so often said to his friends "a good wife is the greatest blessing a man can have." His life at Scampston was a happy and useful one. He had a real enjoyment in the country, and found recreation and work in his garden and in bee-keeping. The parishioners at Scampston sincerely mourn his loss as a neighbour and a clergyman. They showed their respect on Monday, April 23rd, by attending his funeral in large numbers. We are inclined to take the liberty of thanking the Foresters' Club for the honour they paid to Mr Williams' memory as an honorary member of their society by coming forward as bearers and carrying their pall over his coffin. It was gratifying to see how many of his brother clergy were present, and we know that many more would have come had it been possible to do so.

I enclose a list of the services at Scampston Church up to June 17th. I am sorry not to be able to supply the full complement of services. But it seems to me better to do one's best in this way than to burden the churchwardens with the cost of supplying the duty. I feel sure that both the churchwardens and the parishioners will agree with me in this, and will take care that the services are well attended.

G. A. GRENSIDE.

May 6th, 3-0. May 13th, Whitsun Day, 10-30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 3-0. May 20th, 3-0. May 27th, 3-0. June 3rd, 8-0, Holy Communion; 3-0. June 10th, 10-30; 3-0. June 17th, 3-0.

THORPE BASSETT.

BURIAL.

April 19th—Elizabeth Mitchell, aged 61 years.

Since the issue of our last number of the Magazine we have lost an old friend in the death of Bessie Mitchell. She was one of the oldest inhabitants of our village, and was respected by all of us. Always delicate, she had been in failing health for some time past, although until within a few days of her death, which took place on Tuesday, April 17th, she had not taken to her bed. The funeral, which took place on the Thursday afternoon following, was largely attended by her friends and neighbours. We are sure that all of us sympathise with Mr James Mitchell and his family in this sorrow which God has been pleased to lay upon them.

DIOCESAN INSPECTION.

On Monday, April 23rd, the Rev. E. J. Barry, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, paid us a visit, and examined the children in religious knowledge. We have since then received his report, and a very good one it is. He has marked us "Excellent" in three subjects, and "Very good" in all the rest, so it seems that though we do live in an out-of-the-way place, our children are not behindhand in knowledge, and in the most important of all knowledge—that of God and His Truth. Mr Barry says "The results of the examination show that very satisfactory work continues to be done. My visit gave me pleasure. The younger children were as bright and lively as usual. The upper division have improved. All the work had been carefully taught, and the answering was ready and general. Again the attendance was praiseworthy; every child was present. The tone is excellent."

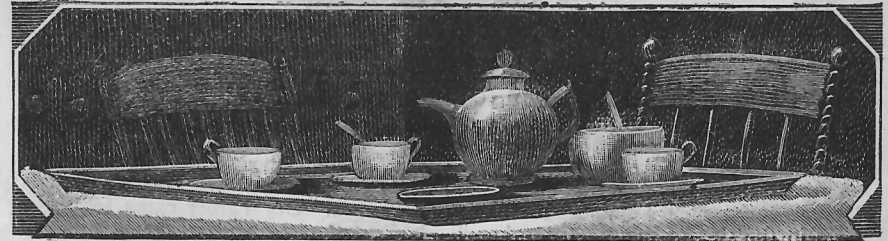
WINTRINGHAM.

CALENDAR.

May 6th—Catechising 10th Commandment	2-30
May 13th (Whitsun Day)—Holy Communion	8-30
May 27th—Holy Communion	7-0

DIOCESAN INSPECTION.

Our school was examined in religious knowledge on Monday, April 23rd, by our old friend, the Rev. E. J. Barry. He was very pleased with his visit, and has given us a very excellent report. We have obtained the mark "Excellent" for two subjects, and "Very good" in all the others. The report runs:—"The children could answer equally well on each subject, and the answering was evenly distributed over each division. In the Second Division a creditable beginning has been made with the explanation of the catechism, and in the Upper Division the knowledge of the parables and miracles was accurate and practical. The children sang brightly and heartily. The attendance was gratifying."



"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

BY THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF DERBY.

WE can only try to gather just a few of the thoughts contained in these well-known simple words. We will take them in their natural order.

1. "Give."—It is the petition of a child from its father. Any father or mother knows the word well. It may get tiresome in its repetition, but a father likes to be asked, even though he may not give. And God our Father likes giving; He is always the Giver. He says, "Ask what I shall give thee." Jesus Christ points to an earthly father's gifts, and then adds, "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give good things unto them that ask Him?" So if the word "give" comes naturally to a child's lips, it comes still more naturally to the lips of one who prays, because there is so much more power and will in the Father to give.

2. "Give us."—"Give" is generally the first word in a child's request; but it is not the first word in the Lord's Prayer. The prayer is almost half finished before "give" comes. It is God's glory first, His Name, His Kingdom, His Will; and then our needs. What a model of self-restraint! "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I fancy our private prayers constantly need this caution, this self-restraint. We want something badly for ourselves, and it seems so little for God to give; we want it so badly that it has got the first place in our hearts, and therefore in our prayers; we want it, irrespective of God's glory and our Father's will. And the result is that if we do not get it, we are inclined to sulk; and we know exactly how a sulky child feels.

But if a child's first word is generally "give" its second is almost certainly "me." "Give me this; I want it for my very own." This selfish instinct, this desire of possession, comes very early, as every parent knows. Later on an

elder child may come with a request which will include more than himself, but it is not the first instinct. The idea of self comes before the idea of brotherhood. The Lord's Prayer breathes brotherhood all through. Prayer must not only be self-restrained, it must be unselfish. Yet how many prayers are prayed which really come to nothing more than "Give me!"

3. "Give us this day."—The prayer is for to-day, not to-morrow. To-morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. When it comes, it will be to-day, and with its renewed needs must come renewed prayer. Two lessons, then, we may learn from this: first, that it is possible to be over-anxious in our prayers; and secondly, that the need for prayer is continuous. To-day has its own needs, its own worries, its own trials and difficulties; but it has, on the other hand, its own strength. What a power of strength there is in the man or woman who rises from prayer in the morning, after having laid the outlines of the day before God, as far as they may be seen in prospect, and having asked the Father to give the strength which may be needed, and having resolved to use the strength when given! If you have really prayed to do God's will, you will be ready to say, "Give us this day" the strength to go and do it.

4. "Give us this day our daily bread."—Now we have the petition in full, and how exquisitely simple it is! Yet it contains the only hard word to be found in the Lord's Prayer. The word translated "daily," is found nowhere else. Many meanings have been given; but it is satisfactory to have the authority of such a scholar as Bishop Lightfoot for saying that there is probably no other English word that comes nearer to the true meaning. "Our daily bread"; that is, the bread which is necessary for our livelihood; the bread without which we cannot do our appointed work; the

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A Festival Hymn.

Words by REV. BERNARD REYNOLDS, M.A.
(Prebendary of St. Paul's.)

Music by GEORGE C. MARTIN, Mus. Doc.
(Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral.)

VOICES IN UNISON.
mf Rather slowly. *cres.*

1. In the Faith of Christ pro-ceed-ing On-ward ev-er till we die; Scorn and ha-tred
2. Theirs the Faith we march, pro-fess-ing; Theirs the fight that wa-geth still: Ours the Creed they

ORGAN. *mf* *cres.* *mf*

cres. *ff*

all un-heed-ing, For His ban-ner floats on high! Saints and mar-tyrs marched be-fore us,
died con-fess-ing—We their emp-ty pla-ces fill. Now they rest in God's own keeping,

cres. *molto e . . . ff*

dim. *mf*

With their blood the path is red; Lo! the Cross that shin-eth o'er us With their crowns is gar-land-ed.
Where no e-vil thing is known, Whilst their bo-dies, calm-ly sleeping, Wait His sum-mons to the throne.

dim. *mf* *dim.*

- 3. Some day all the east shall brighten,
Greeting our returning Lord,
Who the load of sin shall lighten,
Crowns vouchsafing for the sword:
Then, all toil in triumph ended,
We will greet the endless day,
And ascend where He ascended,
Where all tears are wiped away.
- 4. Friends and loved ones gone before us
Call us onward through the night;
Angels float in measured chorus,
Seen by faith, though hid from sight:
Soon with them shall we be raising
Alleluias to the skies,
Sharing all the joys amazing
Of the restful Paradise!



RILLINGTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Sunday, April 15th, the prizes for the past half-year were given to the children. The number of children on the book at this time is 53, and the children and their parents deserve the greatest credit for the regularity of attendance not only this half-year, but the whole year, during which time the numbers both of children and attendances have steadily increased: quite half the children were within six of full marks, several never having missed. It is to be hoped that this very satisfactory state of things will continue during the time between the outgoing of one vicar and the incoming of the other, since it will be a great pleasure to Mr Harland to find a large and regular school when he comes to Rillington.

The services at Rillington are being supplied by different members of the staff of clergy at All Saints', Hull. These gentlemen come from a church which has very large congregations. So we hope the congregations at Rillington will be large ones, lest the strangers make comparisons—which the proverb says are always "odious."

Since the last issue of our magazine we have parted with our vicar, the Rev. H. S. Carpenter. It is always like a dream that he should have actually left us. He has already begun work at St. John's, Upper Norwood, and we heartily wish him a happy and useful life in his new parish. It is difficult to fairly review a man's work so soon after it is over. But we feel sure that he will be judged to have done good work as a parish priest. All agree in saying how much Mr Carpenter has done for the church during the four years he was at Rillington. We could make a long list of the gifts he has procured for the church, but will only mention the principal ones. There is the new ceiling, the lamp, the glazing of all the windows, the care bestowed to make the altar and its surroundings beautiful and worthy of its importance in God's house, new set of hymn books, prayer books, and psalters. He also gave great attention to the comfort of those who used the church, bringing the stove above ground and keeping the church warm. And then we all appreciate the care he bestowed upon the services of the church. He carried out to the full the Church's system in the observance of its fasts and festivals. He offered the Eucharist every Sunday and holy day. The conduct of the services received great care. He found a well trained choir and he entered heartily into their work, with the result that the Rillington choir is one of the best village choirs in this neighbourhood. We are very sorry for the cause that lead to Mr Carpenter's resigning the vicarage of Rillington. Mrs Carpenter's health was much tried by the strong air of East Yorkshire, and we all hope that the change to the south will completely establish her health.

WEST HESLERTON.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages of the past year, the school has obtained the highest possible money-grant for every subject, and for organization, in the late examination by Her Majesty's Inspector. Accompanying the announcement of this was an excellent report. Our managers may well congratulate themselves upon their successful efforts to meet the demands of the Education Department as regards the school

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premises, thus making possible the highest results within range of attainment; but of course all the credit of these results rests with our excellent schoolmaster, Mr Elliott. We congratulate him most heartily upon the work of the past year.

Mrs Hutton's Mothers' Meetings came to an end soon after Easter, and that which has marked their continued success this year has been the readiness with which those who attended these meetings have united to spend some of their time and labour on a charitable object instead of working all the afternoon for themselves. It has been the custom this winter to devote the last half-hour to making useful things for the Kilburn Sisters, those who are doing our Master's work with so much energy, self-sacrifice, and hope in the crowded streets of London and many of our large towns. Mrs Hutton has received the following short note from the secretary, Miss Ashdown:—

“The Church Extension Association,
27, Kilburn Park Road,
London, N.W.

DEAR MADAM,—It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge the parcel of useful gifts which have been made for us at your Mothers' Meetings. The articles are indeed most acceptable additions to our store, and we beg you to convey our heartiest thanks to those kind friends who have been so good as to expend so much time and trouble on our behalf.

Believe me, yours truly,

FRANCES ASHDOWN.

Our village has grown considerably smaller within the last few weeks, and we begin to look with dismay upon our growing numbers of empty houses. By the loss of the Rev H. M. Short and family at the Hall (to speak of it simply as a matter of numbers) we are reduced by not less than twenty souls. The effect of their departure will be felt everywhere, but instead of being sorry for ourselves, let us hope and trust that the change of air and scene will benefit them, and by helping each other more let us try to feel their loss less acutely. It would be a good plan, for example, if some of our parishioners who are not in the habit of coming to church in the morning would do so in the future, in order to save our morning congregation (never too large at the best of times) from being reduced by nearly one half. This would be a way of bringing good out of evil, which would give real pleasure to those who have left us.

KNAPTON.

BURIAL,

On Easter Monday, at Rillington, John Thompson, of Knapton Wold.

The past month has been as dangerous to health in this district as any month we remember for a long time. At times the sun has been so warm and everything so bright that we have begun to congratulate ourselves upon the rapid advance of summer. Then suddenly, almost in a moment, everything changes, the sun disappears, a biting east wind springs up, and we find ourselves back in winter weather, for which we are quite unprepared. The natural result has been much sickness; and great care, especially among the old, is still necessary to avoid bronchitis and cold. No doubt the weather is also made responsible for a very meagre attendance at Church on one or two Sundays of late.

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