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My dear Friends,—

We have had a happy and a busy Christmas, and the writing of magazine notes is squeezed into a tight corner.

I wish you all a Happy New Year, and I hope that it may begin with some good resolutions. I am sorry to express a grudge against anyone at such a time. But I have one against the man, whoever he was, who said that the way to hell is paved with good resolutions. He was a cynic I think and no good to us. The better spirit is to keep young and hopeful, and always, in spite of past failures, to try again.

We have recently revised our electoral roll, and I hope that it now fairly accurately represents the bona-fide church people of the parish. The roll hangs in the Church porch and all those on it are invited to the annual church meeting at the Schools on January 21st at 7-15. At that meeting the accounts for 1925 are presented, the new Church Council is elected, and the opportunity is given for the consideration of any matter of general interest. I hope we may have a large meeting.

On New Year's Day we shall be distributing the gifts provided for by benefactors of previous days. The allocation of them rests with the Vicar and Churchwardens. It is a difficult task and I cannot say that we very much like it. Our aim is to give the preference to widows, the infirm, and families of little children, and gradually to eliminate from the lists those whose circumstances appear to have changed for the better.

I am grateful for the choir for the pains which they take with the music of the Church, and to my brother for his training of the boys. The "Story of Bethlehem" was sung on the Sunday after Christmas. The solos were beautifully sung and the choruses were accurate, where a lack of attention would have been fatal. May all our music be to the glory of God! Incidentally we were able to make a collection for the Persecuted Assyrian Christians.

I am hoping to meet those who wish to be confirmed in Church after evensong on Sunday, January 3rd. Then we must begin at once the serious work of preparation. May we have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this, and

in all the opportunities of service which the New Year will hold out to us!

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY.

Annual Church Meetings on Thursday, Jan. 21st. Vestry meeting at 7-0 for the election of Churchwardens. Meeting of qualified electors at 7-15 to receive the accounts, and to elect the Parochial Church Council for 1926.

Mothers' Union.—A meeting of the branches in the Rural Deanery of East Akeley will be held in the Fearon Hall, Loughborough, on Thursday, February 4th at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Hugh Melly from headquarters will be the speaker. The chair will be taken by the Hon. Mrs. R. E. Martin. It is hoped that all branches will be able to attend.

Church Room.—The working party of the Mothers' Union is to be congratulated on a very successful little sale of work on December 11th. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Parker opened the sale, and the result was that a sum of £10 was handed to the treasurer of the Church Room Fund.

Sunday Schools.—The annual carol service and prizegiving will be held in Church on Sunday, January 24th. Parents and all friends of the children are cordially invited.

Infants' Party.—The children of the Day and Sunday Infant Schools are very much indebted to Miss Moore and her staff for a delightful Christmas tree party held in the Village Hall on December 23rd.

G.F.S.—A social gathering and dance will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday Jan. 6th.

Altar Flowers.

Jan. 3 Miss Hickling.
.. 10 Miss G. Butler.
.. 17 Miss Burrows.
.. 24 Mrs. Nevitt.
.. 31 Miss Bradley.
Feb. 7 Mrs. Jones.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORN.—Continued.

Burials.

Dec. 12 Mary Gartshore, aged 95 years.
 „ 23 Mary Ellen Pell, aged 2 years.

Baptisms.

Dec. 20 Edna Harrauld.
 „ 27 Arthur Ernest Turner.

Collections during December.

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 6 Fabric Fund	4	4	5
„ 13 Church Expenses	3	18	5½
„ 20 Church Expenses	2	8	8
Sick and Poor (2 weeks only)	0	7	0½
Christmas Day (Waifs and Strays and Sunday Schools)	9	16	8
Dec. 27 Church Expenses	3	9	4
„ 27 Assyrian Christians	3	3	6

Marriages.

Dec. 27 Charles Frederick Grant and Kate Seaton.

Sidesmen on duty during January.

January 3rd :—
 8-0 Mr. Sharp.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
 6-30 Messrs. Bancroft and Brereton.
 January 10th :—
 8-0 Mr. Hood.
 9-30 Messrs. Sharp and Timson.
 11-0 Messrs. Nevitt and Bancroft.
 6-30 Messrs. Fox and Wainwright.
 January 17th :—
 8-0 Mr. Spencer.
 11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Timson.
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 January 24th :—
 8-0 Mr. Camp.
 11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
 6-30 Messrs. Fox and Wainwright.
 January 31st :—
 8-0 Mr. Hood.
 11-0 Messrs. Sharp and Timson.
 6-30 Messrs. Martin and Fox.
 February 7th :—
 8-0 Mr. Spencer.
 11-0 Messrs. Hood and Sharp.
 6-30 Messrs. Bancroft and Brereton.

S. Mary in the Elms, Woodhouse.

A very happy New Year to all our readers : may it be a year of advance onward and upward.

“Merely thyself, O man, thou canst not long abide,
 But must for less or greater presently decide.”

The Church Meeting of electors and the Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 18th, at 7 p.m.; it is hoped that as many as possible of those on the electoral roll will try to be present.

There will be a Children's Party in the Village Hall on Thursday, Jan. 7th, for which invitations have been sent out by the Village Hall Committee. As the room will be all ready, there will be a short dance, from 7-15 to 10-30, for any who like to come.

The entertainment for the Village Hall was very successful, and we are very grateful to all those who gave their services. Much might be written in praise of Lady Kathleen Curzon-Herrick's recitations, Mr. Pochin's songs, and the short play acted by Mrs. Headley, Mrs. Alexander and Miss Jane Headley. But as a magazine space is limited, we give the financial result, i.e., some £8 to the Village Hall Funds.

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 6 Church Expenses	1	13	10
„ 13 Church Expenses	2	0	3
„ 20 Church Expenses	1	4	4
„ 21 Church Expenses	0	3	0
„ 25 Waifs and Strays	11	7	8
„ 27 Church Expenses	4	12	3
	£21	1	4

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My Dear Friends,—

Some of you have asked what is the purpose of the literature shelf, which has lately appeared in the Church. I should like to answer that question here. Its main purpose is to help people to make use of the church for private prayer and devotional reading. As you approach the shelf, you find first some prayers. You select what you would like to use and kneel for a few moments. As you pass along the shelf you find books and pamphlets on various subjects and certainly always some missionary literature among them. You choose what you would like to read and sit for a few moments as time allows. As a sample of what you might read I could not suggest a better one than that of the chapters of Paterson Smyth's "People's Life of Christ." This idea of having literature in church is capable of a good many developments, some of which may commend themselves in course of time, but this is as far as we have got at present.

I am very glad to notice that the Mothers' Union is trying to re-introduce the old idea of Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent. I believe that one feature of the day was that all the members of a family should come to church together. This is what the members of the Mothers' Union are going to try and bring about on Sunday, March 14th, at 6-30. They and their husbands will gather their families around them and sally forth to church together. I expect the mothers have already begun to talk about it at home; if not, they must begin, for it is a matter that may need a little careful handling. So Mothers, be tactful, Fathers, be helpful, big sons and daughters, be reasonable and come along all together. A church packed full of family groups should make a fine act of worship and should be a splendid inspiration to the preacher.

One thing more I want a special word about. Last year we began to plan a special "Day of prayer and gifts" for Missions but we were unable to carry it out. This year we want to see it accomplished. The committee of the Missionary Guild is very keen about it and suggests Ascension Day, but as the effort is one to which all of you will be asked to give your hearty support, the matter will be brought before the Church Council so that, if possible, we may have some united plan of action. In any case, we might all begin to make our preparation for such a day by

reflecting upon the urgent needs of the mission field and the summons of Our Lord to us to spread His Kingdom with far greater eagerness and self-sacrifice than hitherto. The general idea of a "day of prayer and gifts" is that for one whole day prayer should be offered "without ceasing" and gifts in money or in kind, in fact anything of value, should be brought to the church at any time during the day.

The next magazine should be published in time for an Easter greeting.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Meeting of Parochial Church Council.—Feb. 4th: Present 11. Apologies 3. Members 15. Elections: Joint Treasurers, the Churchwardens, Secretary, Mervyn D. Jones. Vice-chairman, W. H. Bream. Finance Committee: Resolved—not to appoint for the present. **Churchyard Committee:** The Vicar, Churchwardens and secretary, ex officio and Miss Firr, Mr. H. J. Hicks. Collections on Thursdays in Lent for Home and Foreign Missions; Feb. 7, Fabric Fund. Next meeting: March 17th.

Missionary Guild.—The Committee Meeting on February 10th resolved (1) to lay before the Church Council a proposition to observe Ascension Day as a "day of prayer and gifts" for Missions (2) to call a meeting of members and others on Monday, March 22, in Church, at 7-0, for intercession and further discussion of the day. Miss Elsie Smith was asked and consented to act as secretary in the Parish for St. Cuthbert's Mission, Tsolo. All who wish to help the Mission should apply to her.

Mothers' Union.—On March 25th there will be a Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union at 9-30. The day is being kept as a day of continuous prayer throughout the Rural Deanery. The hour for our own parish is 1-2. For this hour the Mothers have willingly given in their names. The Mothering Sunday proposal is referred to above. For the activities of the Mothers' Union we thank God.

The Church Room.—The Committee have considered the plans submitted by Mr. Parkinson. These are hung in the church porch and a general meeting will shortly be called at which the Committee will recommend their adoption. Please note two Churchroom fixtures in the near future. Rummage Sale, Friday, May 27th. Garden party at Charnwood House on Saturday, June 26th.

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Sundays, March 14th, 21st, & 28th.—Preacher at 6-30: The Rev. H. D. Hanford.

Palm Sunday.—March 28th: 8-0, Holy Communion; 11-0, Mattins; 3-0, The Crucifixion will be sung. (Words provided). Collection for the Ketton Diocesan Home; 6-30, Evensong, Preacher: The Rev. H. D. Hanford. After evensong there will be a congregational practice of Good Friday Hymns (114-121) and the Story of the Cross.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30, 31: 7-0 a.m., Holy Communion; 10-0 a.m., Morning Prayer and reading; 7-0 p.m., The Story of the Cross and Short Address.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st: 8-0 a.m., Holy Communion; 10-0 a.m., Morning Prayer and Reading; 7-30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Preparation for Easter Communion.

Good Friday, April 2nd: 7-15, Short Service (25 minutes); 9-0, Children; 10-0, Mattins; 12-3-0, The Three Hours Devotion, conducted by the Rev. H. B. Fawkes, vicar of St. Albans, Leicester; 7-0, Evening Prayer; 7-30, Lantern Service. There will be a box in Church throughout the week for offerings to St. Mary's Regue.

Easter Eve, April 3rd: 10-0, Matins and Ante Communion; 6-30, Evensong.

Easter Day, April 4th: The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6-30, 7-30, 9-30 (Choral and at 12-0; Matins, 11-0; Children, 2-45; Holy Baptism, 3-30; Choral Evensong, Sermon and Procession, 6-30.

£ s. d.

Free-Will Offerings.

Jan. 3 to 31	1	8	1
Feb. 7	0	6	7
Feb. 14	0	9	8

Total £2 4 4

JOHN MARTIN,

February 16th, 1926. Hon. Sec.

Marriages.

Feb. 26 Maurice Wheeldon and Rose Mary Mee.

Burials.

Feb. 1 William Teagle, aged 66 years.
Feb. 9 Elizabeth Greasley, aged 74 years.

Baptisms.

Jan. 31 Mary Elizabeth Stocks.
" 31 Elsie Emma Towell.
" 31 Ethel Towell.
" 31 Jean Nancy Turner.
Feb. 14 William Albert Henry Taylor.

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Collections during March.

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th: Church Expenses.

Collections for February.

Jan. 31	Church Expenses	3	11	11
Feb. 7	Fabric Fund	2	11	7
Feb. 14	Church Expenses	3	3	8
" 17	Home and Foreign Missions	0	11	3
" 21	Church Expenses	3	14	2
Sick and Poor (for the month, 8 a.m.)		1	3	3

Belton.

During the past month we have suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mrs. Botham. Her quiet yet kindly and cheerful presence will be sorely missed by the workers of every good cause in the village.

Church Services have been taken in part by Capt. Jarvis, C.A., and in part by the clergy at St. Peter's, Loughborough. Good, appreciative congregations have been the rule, especially at Communion Service on February 14th and Evensong on the same day. The appointment of a Vicar would see a substantial improvement in the work of the Church, as all signs point that way.

Church Social.—A highly successful Social was held on February 12th, arranged by the Church Council. The School was full of dancers and onlookers, and a substantial sum was made for the benefit of the Church Fund. Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to all who helped to make the Social a success.

Baptism.

Feb. 21 Margaret Maisie Bancroft.

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My dear Friends,

May I commend to you the "Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions overseas," on Ascension day, particularly as it is our first effort of the kind. The world call to the church which has recently been sounded, has told us something of the commitments of our own church (distinct from those of other religious bodies). Another 425 missionaries and an additional income of a quarter of a million pounds are required if we are to carry them through. I hope that our prayers and gifts will be answerable to the great needs. We live in a day of glorious opportunity and privilege.

We had a very happy Easter. Two things struck me about the large number of communicants. Of course we were all encouraged, just as we should be discouraged by small numbers. But the two things were these: (1) The witness to Christ and the influence of the Church should be very strong where there are so many, in fact the responsibility of numbers is great; (2) So many on one Sunday should produce a greater average every Sunday.

Prayer is being offered in church for the wise handling of the difficulties in the coal industry. The onlooker sees the difficulties, he sees also the incalculable danger of a failure to solve them. He realises that a maximum of two very different qualities is required for a solution, viz., Good-will and Wisdom. These are gifts of the Holy Spirit. For them we must continue to make our most earnest entreaty.

I must thank you here most cordially for your Easter offering to me.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

"The Day of Prayer and Gifts."—The following letter has been circulated from the Parochial Church Council to the Churchpeople in Quorn.—It is proposed to make Ascension Day, May 13th, 1926, a "Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas." Prayer will be offered in the church without ceasing from sunrise to sunset. There will be services at definite hours, beginning with celebration of Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m. Mattins, 10.0; Litany, 12.0; Mothers' Union 3.0; Children, 5.0; Choral Evensong, 7.30. During the intervals between the services, silent prayer will be offered in church by those who have undertaken to be present for definite

periods of a quarter or half an hour. Will you take your part? Names may be put down on a chart in the porch, or given to one of the secretaries of the Missionary Guild—Miss Moore and Mr. M. Rumsey.

Gifts will be received in church at any time during the day, either in collections or in boxes. The most practical gift will be in the form of money. But gifts in kind will be equally valuable if they are easily convertible into money. Gifts may be ear-marked for any particular mission. Here is one suggestion that might be made amongst others. Bring at the rate of so much a day for each of the 40 days of Easter, e.g., 40 x 1d., 40 x 1d., 40 x 3d., 40 x 6d., 40 x 1/-.

May our Lord bless this effort for the extension of His kingdom.

On the Wednesdays previous to Ascension Day special intercession will be made at 7.0 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Signed on behalf of the Church Council: H. H. Rumsey (chairman), Mervyn D. Jones (secretary), C. Adams and E. B. Fewkes (church wardens)

Special Services—

Rogation Days.—May 10, 11 and 12.—Special Intercessions at the daily services for God's blessings on the crops.

Ascension Day.—May 13.—See above.

Whit-Sunday.—Holy Communion at 6.30, 7.30, 9.30 (choral), and 12.0.

The Choir.—The efforts of the choir have been conspicuous lately and we appreciate them. "The Crucifixion" was sung on Palm Sunday. It did not suffer, we think, for having been given three times in four years. It is deservedly a favourite, perhaps the hymns go a long way to making it so. Messrs. C. Joiner and M. Rumsey sang the solo parts in the style that we have come to expect of them, and the quartette (with Mrs. Joiner and Miss Hickling) and full choir gave a very faithful rendering of their parts. On Easter Day, at 6.30 and twice on the following Sunday we sang Wesley's "Blessed be the God and Father" for the first time, at any rate for many years. It should establish itself as a very excellent Easter anthem. There is a good deal

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of soprano work in it, solo and full alternately, which Mrs. Joiner and the boys sang very sweetly. We are now reviving Martin Shaw's Communion service, this time singing it in harmony. The services of Miss Callis at the organ continue to be invaluable.

Church Room.—About 30 people attended the general meeting on April 15th. The plans which had already been approved by the committee, were adopted by the meeting. This carries us forward a definite stage of the undertaking. The architect's estimate is £1,200 to 1,300. We have now roughly £800. Remember please the Rummage Sale on May 28th, and Garden Party on June 26th.

Mothers' Union.—Mrs. Finch, the Diocesan Secretary will address a meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, in the Village Hall at 3.0. On Ascension Day, May 13, the "day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions overseas," the Mothers will be responsible for two hours of the continuous prayer, viz., 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. A 3.0 there will be a devotional service.

League of Nations Union.—Mr. G. Keith Thomson gave us a most valuable record of recent league events at our last meeting. He referred to the League's action in the recent Greek-Bulgarian dispute as the League's "Sixth War Stopped," to the activity of the Mandates Commission in pursuing its inquiries into the affairs of mandated territories, and he showed the steady progress that is being made by the League in its international treatment of such matters as slavery, opium traffic, and refugees. The next meeting of our branch will be held in the Wesleyan School Room, on Tuesday, May 18th, at 8.0. The new regional representative will speak. We beg the members to bring at least a friend apiece.

Sunday Schools.—Balance Sheet for year ending 31st March, 1926.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	1	17 6
Subscriptions	...	19	1 6
Collections in Church	...	4	18 4
Gift to Leicester Hospital	...	1	0 0
	£26	17	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rent of Schools	...	2	5 0
Caretaker	...	2	15 0
Insurance of children	...	0	4 6
Registers	...	0	6 4
Prizes	...	7	10 4
Summer Treat	...	3	11 8
Bible Pictures	...	0	10 6
Lesson Pictures	...	0	18 3
Subsidy towards Christmas Party	...	1	2 8
Gift to Leicester Hospital	...	1	0 0
Balance in hand	...	6	13 1
	£26	17	4

Baptisms.

April 11 Roy Jesson Squires.

Marriages.

April 17 John Robert Grant and Grace Henrietta Sutton.

Burial.

April 22 Thomas Wright, aged 72 years.

Collections during April.

April 4	Sick and Poor	...	0	6	0
" 4	Church Expenses	...	2	18	8
" 4	Easter Offering	...	32	0	0
April 11	Sick and Poor	...	0	3	7
" 11	Church Expenses	...	3	2	9

Free-Will Offerings.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	...	4	8 8
March 28th	...	0	8 9
April 4th to 25th	...	2	18 10
Total to date	£27	16	3

Sidesmen on duty during May.

May 2nd:—

8-0 Mr. Sharp.
11-0 Messrs. Horspool and Martin.
6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Spencer.

May 9th:—

8-0 Mr. Timson.
9-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.
11-0 Messrs. Sharp and Horspool.
6-30 Messrs. Brereton and Bancroft.

May 16th:—

8-0 Mr. Bancroft.
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
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May 23rd:—

6-30 Mr. Spencer.
7-30 Mr. Fox.
9-30 Messrs. Horspool and Wainwright.
11-0 Messrs. Sharp and Martin.
6-30 Messrs. Spencer and Brereton.

May 30th:—

8-0 Mr. Wainwright.
11-0 Messrs. Timson and Bancroft.
6-30 Messrs. Fox and Martin.

June 6th:—

8-0 Mr. Sharp.
11-0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
6-30 Messrs. Wainwright and Spencer.

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Sidesmen: Messrs. R. Bancroft, C. Beardmore, L. Brereton, H. J. Fox, G. Horspool, J. Martin, A. C. Sharp, W. Spencer, E. Timson, S. Wainwright, L. Spence.
Parochial Church Council: Ex-officio, The Vicar, the Churchwardens, and C. Murray Rumsey, J. Martin (R.D. representatives); Elected, Miss Firr, Miss Bradley, Mrs. Hickling, Messrs. W. H. Bream, G. Horspool, H. J. Hicks, W. Hood, M. Jones, C. Joiner, A. C. Sharp.
Secretary to Parochial Council: Mr. Mervyn Jones.
Church Room Fund: Secretary Mr. W. Hood. Treasurer, Mr. E. C. Laundon.
Clerk and Sexton: Mr. Cecil Clarke, Wood Lane.
Sunday Services: Holy Communion at 8-0, also on the First Sunday at 12-0, and on the Second Sunday at 9-30 (Choral); Mattins at 11-0; Evensong at 6-30. General Children's Service at 2-45 (1st Sunday).
Week-day Services: Holy Communion on Wednesdays and Saints' Days at 7-0; Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer daily at 10-0 and 6-30.
Holy Baptism: On Sundays at 3-30 and at other times by appointment.

My dear Friends—

A comparison between Easter and Whitsuntide suggests the question—Why is the latter so much less honoured than the former? This year the comparison was particularly noticeable. Whereas the number of communicants on Whit Sunday is usually two thirds of those on Easter Day, this year it was less than half. It is, of course, easy to think too much about numbers, high or low, as any evidence of true value. But they ought not to be disregarded entirely, for they are some test of individual loyalty to Christ and His Church. And certainly if large numbers ever make us glad, there is equally good reason for small numbers to make us uneasy. Personally I felt this uneasiness this Whitsuntide.

I am glad that we have had our first experience of a day of prayer and gifts for Missions Overseas and the choice of Ascension Day I think justified itself. Prayer was offered either privately or corporately from 6-0 a.m. throughout the day and offerings, mainly in money, amounted to £19 15s. 0d. This sum will have to be allocated by the Church Council, which was responsible for the organising of the day. May we ever increasingly feel that our Lord has entrusted us with the enlargement of His Kingdom and that "to us is this grace given that we should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

The Summer Fête for the Church Room Fund must now occupy our attention. The date is Saturday, June 26th. Once again we are fortunate in having the garden and grounds in the neighbourhood of the Village Hall, so kindly put at our disposal by Mr. T. Firr and Mr. F. Draper. We have just the month of June in which to carry the whole thing through. The outline of the programme is printed below and window bills will shortly appear. No doubt we shall have the usual delightful and happy gathering.

The Day School statement of accounts, found below, shews that the alterations recently made are paid for. For this we are indebted to the various contributors. I hope we shall soon find ourselves free to tackle some of the other improvements which are called for.

Your faithful friend and servant.

H. H. RUMSEY.

Garden Fête.—At the Village Hall and grounds adjoining on Saturday, June 26th, in support of the Church Room Fund. To be opened at 2-30 p.m. Tennis Tournament (Messrs. Lamb & Johnson); Children's Fancy Dress Parade (Miss Moore). Side shows: Skittles, Cokernuts, etc. (Mr. J. Martin); Bowls, Putting; Concert at 7-0; Stalls in the Village Hall: Working Party Stall; Book Stall (Mr. M. Rumsey); Sweets and Tobacco; Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables (Miss Bradley). The Band of the 5th Leicesters (by kind permission), will play throughout the afternoon and evening. Dancing at 8-0. Admission 1/- up to 6 p.m. or 6d. afterwards. Children of school age half price. Tickets to be obtained from Mr. W. Hood (secretary), Mr. E. C. Laundon (treasurer) and other members of the committee. Refreshments throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Industrial Crisis.—During the general strike a united service of intercession was held in Church on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7.30. The service was short and simple, consisting of hymns 165, 512, and 281, a lesson, Romans XII., read by the Rev. H. F. Bran, Baptist Minister, and intercessions offered by the Vicar. There were about 120 people present, a very representative congregation. The glad news of the calling off of the general strike reached us the next day at 1.15 and, in the evening a peal of bells was rung. The settling of the coal strike seemed then as though it would be a simple matter. But it has not yet proved to be so. Yet, surely, with the splendid spirit which has lately given us real cause for thankfulness, it should not be so difficult. To this end we must continue to direct our prayers.

Notes on Church Council.—Meeting on May 6th. Present 14, 1 apology (15 members). (i.) Lent week-day collection allocated in equal portions to S.P.C.K. and St. Cuthbert, Tsolo. (ii.) Ruridecanal Conference report presented by Mr. Murray Rumsey. The Diocesan Board of Finance is budgetting for an additional £1,000 for assisting the Church Day Schools and for part-payment of the administration rate in connection with the new Dilapidations Act. Consequently all quotas show an increase. Ours stands at £68. Discussion ensued. Next meeting June 17th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORN.—Continued.

Mothers' Union.—The monthly devotional service will be held on Wednesday, June 23, at 3.0. This day is chosen because on the same day at 5.30 p.m. the Mothers' Union jubilee service will be taking place at Westminster Abbey. Great preparations are going forward for the London excursion from this Diocese on June 1st. No doubt there will be some delightful experiences to tell.

Sunday School Teachers' Certificates.—The following have been awarded certificates:—1 (Diocesan), Miss Sutton, Miss Bradley; 2 (Archidiaconal), Miss E. Nail, Miss E. Towell, Mr. G. Horspool, Mr. J. Martin and Miss Horspool; 3 (Rural dean), Miss D. Harris, Miss H. Joiner. 1 and 2 were presented at St. Martin's, Leicester, on May 8th, and 3 will be distributed locally.

G.F.S.—(i) Rally at the De Monfort Hall, Leicester, on June 12th. It is hoped that every member will be able to go. A special bus will leave the Cross at 1 p.m., returning from the hall at 10.45. Friends of members will be very welcome. Price of tickets: Rally and Dance, 2/-; Rally alone, 1/-; Tea, 1/-. Please read posters shown in the village.

(ii) Summer Festival, by kindness of the St. Peter's, Mountsorrel, members, the whole branch is invited to spend the festival at St. Peter's on Saturday, July 3rd. There will be a service in church at 3.15. Afterwards there will be tea, followed by games and sports. For the Quorn members there will be Corporate Communion on Sunday, July 4th, at 8.0 a.m., when special intercession will be made for the work of the Girls Friendly Society.

Intercession on Wednesdays (7 a.m., H.C. & 6.30 p.m. E.P.):

- June 2 The Parish.
- .. 9 The Diocese.
- .. 16 The Mission Field.
- .. 23 The Schools.
- .. 30 The Suffering.

Special Fund for alterations carried out at the Schools, Autumn, 1925.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Donations (66)	53	1	0
Sale of Vegetables	1	18	1
Rummage Sale	14	3	1
Concert (November '25)	11	2	6
Whist Drive	5	18	11
Christmas Party	20	6	3
Concert (June '25)	9	2	6
Part Fee	3	12	4
	£119	4	8

EXPENSES.	£	s.	d.
W. H. Fewkes, Alteration	104	8	5
T. Barker & Sons, part payment of Screen	13	0	0
Printing	1	16	3
	£119	4	8

Missionary Boxes.—The secretary, Mr. M. Rumsey, is anxious that the time for calling these in and re-distributing them should, in

future, be at Midsummer instead of the end of the year. So will all holders of boxes please bring them to Church on the last Sunday in this month, June 27.

Altar Flowers.

- June 6 Mrs. Ragg.
- .. 13 Mrs. E. B. Fewkes.
- .. 20 Mrs. Jones.
- .. 27 Miss Hickling.
- July 4 Miss G. Butler.

Free-Will Offerings.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	7	16	3
May 2nd to 30th	1	16	11
Total to date	£9	13	2

Sidesmen on Duty during June.

- June 6th:—
 - 8.0 Mr. Sharp.
 - 11.0 Messrs. Martin and Horspool.
 - 6.30 Messrs. Wainwright and Spencer.
- June 13th:—
 - 8.0 Mr. Timson.
 - 9.30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.
 - 11.0 Messrs. Sharp and Horspool.
 - 6.30 Messrs. Brereton and Baneroff.
- June 20th:—
 - 8.0 Mr. Spencer.
 - 11.0 Messrs. Timson and Martin.
 - 6.30 Messrs. Wainwright and Fox.
- June 27th:—
 - 8.0 Mr. Fox.
 - 9.30 Messrs. Horspool and Baneroff.
 - 6.30 Messrs. Spencer and Brereton.

Collections during May.

	£	s.	d.
May 2 Sick and Poor	0	7	11
Church Expenses	2	13	1
.. 9 Sick and Poor	0	11	7
Church Expenses	4	12	9
.. 16 Sick and Poor	0	4	2
Church Expenses	3	7	7
.. 23 S.P.G.	7	0	0
Ascension Day (Day of Prayer & Gifts)	15	0	6

Baptisms.

- May 2 Violet Rita Bettoney.
- .. 9 Joan Ottey.
- .. 23 Alfred Robert Bishop.

A. WHITAKER, M.P.S.,

OPTICIAN,

24, MARKET PLACE,

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Hours:—

10 to 12.30, 2 to 8.
Wed., 10 to 12.30,
or by appointment.

Appointed an Optician to the Leicester Royal Infirmary.