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CAISTOR, HOLTON, AND CLIXBY.

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

BAPTISM.

"We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this infant with Thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for Thine own child by adoption, and to incorporate him into Thy Holy Church."—*Prayer Book.*

December 26th (S. Stephen's Day). George, son of B. and A. M. Ringrose, of East Halton.

MARRIAGES.

"Let every one of you in particular so love his wife, even as himself. Let the wives be subject to their own husbands in everything."—*Prayer Book.*

December 9th. By the Vicar, (by licence,) George Johnson, South Street Terrace, Caistor, to Ann Wright, North Street, Caistor.

December 10th. By the Vicar, Arthur Robert Bush, Lofius in Cleveland, to Rebecca Pybus, High Street, Caistor.

December 21st (S. Thomas' Day). By the Reverend J. J. Baldwin, Curate, Charles Firth, Cornhill, Caistor, to Emily Frear, Grasby.

BURIALS.

"In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of ETERNAL DEATH."—*Prayer Book.*

December 4th. George Riby, Mill Lane, Caistor, aged 87 years.

December 8th (Conception of Blessed Virgin). Charles Foster, Castle Hill Ropery, Caistor, aged 64 years.

December 26th (S. Stephen's Day). Mary Otter, Mount Pleasant, Nettleton Road, Caistor, aged 85 years.

December 27th (S. John's Day). Thomas Kennington, Chapel Street, Caistor, aged 77 years.

MISSIONS.—November 28th was observed as a Day of Intercession for Missions, when the Clergy and 16 Communicants were engaged in our Church in perpetual intercession, from 7 o'clock in the morning to 7 in the evening. The services were Matins at 7-30 a.m., Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., Litany at 11 a.m., Meditation at 3 p.m., Evensong at 7-30 p.m., when an excellent sermon was preached by the Reverend A. E. B. Constable, late of Allahabad, India. The collection (9s. 2½d.) was given to Mr. Vickers' Mission in India.

A very interesting Missionary Meeting was held in the Parish Room on Dec. 2nd, when the Reverend Canon Beck held the attention of the audience for upwards of an hour, while he ably advocated the cause of Foreign Missions, especially shewing the work and progress of the Church in Canada. A guinea was collected for the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

NATIONAL SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The SCHOLARS attending our School gave their first Entertainment on Thursday evening, December 18th, in the School-room. The Vicar presided, and there was a fairly numerous company present, and, considering the inclemency of the weather, a larger one than might have been expected. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert deserve to be congratulated. The following long programme was creditably rendered:—Song, *Happy are we to-day*, The Scholars; Recitation, *The two Blacksmiths*, F. Clarke; Song (solo) *Sparkling Water*, A. Gilbert; Recitation, *The Fisherman's Daughter*, C. C. Dawson; Action Song, *We're all Weaving*, The Infants; Recitation, *Persevere*, H. Clarke; Dialogue, *Grandma*, E. Howden and Infants; Recitation, *Which Loved Best?* A. M. Hanson; Song (solo) *Little Newsboy*, F. Clarke; Recitation, *Careless*

Nell, N. Bridgeman; Chorus, *Cock Robin*, The Scholars; Recitation, *The Cripple Boy*, E. T. Bridgeman; Action Song, *This is the way*, The Infants; Recitation, *The Slave's Dream*, E. Mirfin; Duett, *Bird of the Greenwood*, C. C. Dawson and A. M. Henson; Recitation, *Emigrants' Departure*, B. Bridgeman; Musical Drill, The Scholars; Song, *Little Fairy*, The Scholars; Recitation, *The Lost Nestlings*, M. Cave; Solo, *Gliding to Fairyland*, A. Gilbert; Recitation, *After Blenheim*, C. D. Gilbert; Song, *Come to the Mountains*, The Scholars; Recitation, *Going to School*, M. K. Gilbert; Round, *Jingle the Bell*, The Scholars; Recitation, *Three Kittens*, L. Howden; Action Song, *We'll all Clap Hands*, The Infants; Reading, *The Inquisitive Boys*, F. Clarke; Song, *Good Night*, The Scholars. National Anthem.

Fred Clarke acquitted himself well in his recitation, *The two Blacksmiths*; his solo, *The little Newsboy*, and his reading, *The Inquisitive Boys*, were particularly good. The two songs, *Sparkling Water* and *Gliding to Fairyland*, were pleasingly sung by A. Gilbert, who has a sweet voice. Southey's *After Blenheim* was cleverly recited by C. D. Gilbert. A humorous dialogue was given by E. Howden and the Infants. The foregoing were the most taking items, but the audience appeared pleased with the whole entertainment. *Good Night* and *God save the Queen*, sung by the scholars, terminated this successful entertainment, which, when expenses are deducted, (viz.: G. Parker, printing, 10s. 6d., Shephard, posting bills, 1s. 6d.,) leaves a £1 to be added to the School Funds.

COTTAGE SERVICE AT CANADA.—The prayer meetings which have been so much appreciated in this distant part of our Parish in previous years (during the winter months) were re-commenced on November 6th. The attendance each week has been good.

HISTORY LECTURES.—The Vicar commenced a series of Lectures on Church History, in the Parish Room, on November 10th. So far the attendance each week has been very encouraging.

ADVENT SERVICES.—Special services (which were well attended) were held on the Wednesday evenings in Advent. The sermons were preached by the Reverend Reginald Smith, Cleethorpes; the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell; and the Reverend J. F. Quirk, Vicar of Grasby.

CHRISTMASTIDE AT OUR PARISH CHURCH.—The Festival of our Blessed Lord's Nativity was commenced as usual on Christmas Eve by a midnight Celebration. A procession was formed, and left the Tower Vestry singing the well-known Carol, *Hark, the Herald Angels sing*, led by the Crucifer, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey. The two Banners were carried by Messrs. C. Hopper and A. Saunby. The Celebrant (the Vicar) was vested in Cope and white silk eucharistic vestments, and attended by two Acolytes (Mr. J. Kirkby and Mr. F. H. Smith). Dykes' Mass was the music sung at this service, which was well-rendered by a full choir, under the direction of Mr. Chivers, the Organist. A good congregation was present. At the conclusion of the service our six bells rang out a merry peal until about 1-15 a.m.

A second Celebration followed at 8 a.m., the Vicar again being the Celebrant, the Reverend J. J. Baldwin assisting, when a large number of Communicants made their Christmas Communion. At 10-30 a.m., Matins was sung by the Reverend J. J. Baldwin, who also preached the sermon. A third Celebration, fully choral, when the Reverend J. J. Baldwin was Celebrant, was sung at 11-30, at which there were several Communicants. The music at this service was identical with the midnight Celebration.

Mrs. Westbrooke distributed oranges to all the scholars at our School at 2 p.m.

The Children's Service took place at 3 p.m., when a suitable address was given by the Reverend J. J. Baldwin. Festal Evensong was sung by the Vicar at 6-30. The Anthem was Gounod's *Bethlehem*. After the sermon, a procession, as customary on all great festivals, marched round the Church, returning to the Chancel, where the Vicar pronounced the Benediction, after which the Choir returned to the Vestry singing the Carol *Once in Royal David's City*.

The Church was carefully decorated as in former years. The High Altar was tastefully decked with flowers by Miss Thomas, and with its array of 36 tapers looked bright and dignified. Several foliage plants, kindly lent by Mrs. Haddelsey, were placed in the Sanctuary, and a large five-pointed Star was prominent in the centre of the Reredos. The Lady Chapel was appropriately decorated.

The Altar here has been greatly improved by the addition of blue hangings on either side as wings, and now looks very devotional. Miss Thomas, as usual, also arranged the flowers on this Altar. A temporary Screen has been placed between the Chapel and the North Aisle. This, covered with evergreens by Mrs. Westbrooke and Mr. Chivers, is surmounted by a Cross with candles on either side, and altogether greatly improves this part of the Church. The temporary Rood Screen was decorated with evergreens and sacred monograms, this work, which takes much time and labour, was undertaken by the Misses Huddelsey, Miss Dent, Miss L. Brooks, Miss Eyre, Miss F. Holehouse, Mrs. Galton, and the Misses Button. An elaborate text, made by Miss Ida Smith, was placed in the centre of the Screen, and is an artistic piece of workmanship, consisting of three Alleluias in white and silver letters on a red velvet ground with a border of lace, and four sacred devices between the words; of course it has been deservedly admired. The Font was, as usual, tastefully adorned by the Misses Huddelsey. The white everlastings showing prominently upon the green foliage with which it is decorated. The text over the South Door, "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men," was kindly made by Miss Eyre. The Pillars were decorated with wreaths of holly, laurel, and ivy, made by Mrs. T. Smith, Miss Howlett, Miss Thomas, and Mr. Chivers. A new carved-oak Litany Desk, given by Mrs. Westbrooke and Mrs. Cameron, (from the roses sold out of their greenhouses,) was used for the first time on Christmas Day.

On the Sunday within the Octave the festal services were repeated. In the evening a very large congregation was present. During the Octave there were 95 Communicants, including the sick who have communicated at home.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

ADVENT.—During this holy season there has been a special service each Friday evening, when the Vicar preached on the Gospel for the week. The congregations were fairly satisfactory considering the severity of the weather.

CHRISTMAS. The services were, as usual at Festivals, musical and devout, and they were attended by good congregations, who joined heartily in the singing, especially of the Carols. The Vicar preached at Matins on the first Christmas Carol, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.*—S. Luke ii. 14. The Reverend J. J. Baldwin preached at Evensong on the message to the shepherds.—S. Luke ii. 11. The Church was very carefully decorated throughout. The Chancel Screen and Reredos were particularly admired. The Vicar has received the following gifts for use at Holton:—Two linen Surplices from Miss Byham, Ramsgate; Silken Veils for the Holy Vessels from Miss Warham, Scarborough; and a Stole from Miss G. M. Craven, Chiswick. The homes of the parishioners have been made happy by seasonable gifts from Miss Dixon.

CLIXBY.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS was duly observed in the Church of All Hallows, where the Vicar said Evensong and preached in the afternoon. Willing hands had decorated the sacred edifice with evergreens. The Altar was bright with tapers and choice flowers, for which we have to thank Mrs. Hutchinson, of Clareborough Hall, as well as for the numerous shrubs, trees, and bulbs with which the pretty Churchyard has recently been planted. We must here record that the whole East End of the Church has been beautified by painted figures of the four Evangelists and adoring Angels with censers on either side of the Lamb. Sacred monograms and Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, complete the work which was kindly executed (under difficulties) by Miss C. Huddelsey and Mr. J. S. Chivers. A handsome white silk Stole has been presented by Miss Byham, of Ramsgate.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF CAISTOR, HOLTON, & CLIXBY.

We are beginning the work of a New Year—1891—may it be blessed to each of you. Let me affectionately remind you that God has broken our life into these divisions to draw our attention to the flight of time. It had been easy for Him to make our life flow on undistinguished in one even and unbroken stream, without the interchange of day and night and weeks and years. But in arranging them as He has, He meant to call back our thoughts to Himself and duty by these breaks of time. He meant to give us natural times for reflection, and through these to address to us calls which we should not be able wholly to disregard. Let our thoughts then be of the time remaining to us for our *work*, not for our pleasure, or amusement, or selfish indulgence, or for indolence, or

neglect, but for our *work as servants of God*. If we knew this to be our last day, how should we use it? Should we not be watchful against sin? Prayerful and humble in seeking pardon for past sins? Active and earnest in doing any work that required to be done, and which we had the power to do within the day? We ought not to be less prayerful, less repentant, less earnest, seeing that we do not know that it will *not* be our last! Let us look onward to the year 1891, and enter into its work in a right spirit. Let us set ourselves in God's strength to serve Him more faithfully. Let us look forward to all its trials and all its work with the calm confidence of a Christian's hope. Such a spirit in looking forward to it will prepare us for both its *duties* and its *events*. If in such a spirit we live through the whole year, its *end* will find us serving God better, more earnestly, more faithfully, more devotedly than we are at its *beginning*. Or if at the end of it our place here is empty and occupied by another, we shall have passed away from faithful service on earth to peaceful rest in Paradise. May we all be, dear friends, amongst those truly happy ones who, having rendered a *full service here*, "*obtain a full reward*" *hereafter*.

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BAPTISM.

"From the Laver, washed and blessed,
On thy brow the Cross impressed,
Go forth to 'Faith's good fight,'
Mighty in thy Saviour's might."

January 28th. Alfred, son of W. H. and C. Callow, Canada, Caistor.

MARRIAGE.

"Still in the pure espousal
Of Christian man and maid,
The Holy Three are with us,
The threefold grace is said."

January 24th. By the Vicar, Francis Appleyard Reid, Buckingham Street, Hull, to Mary Ann Ackrill, Church Street, Caistor.

BURIAL.

"The pains of death are past,
Labour and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace."

January 9th. Francis Kayworth, North Street, Caistor, aged 82 years.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The following sums have been collected in boxes by the District Visitors and other friends during the half-year which ended on December the 31st, 1890:—

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Alcock, Mrs. C.	1	3
Baldwin, Mrs.	5	6½
Blackbourne, Miss	0	9½
Bowstead, Mrs.	0	4
Brand, Miss (Holton)	6	2
Button, Mrs. J.	1	0
Cameron, Mrs.	1	10½
Cartledge, Mrs.	0	5
Colton, Miss A.	0	6
Cook, Miss (Holton)		
Clark, Fred	1	5
Chivers, Mr., for Canada	1	5½
Dent, Miss	0	10
Eyre, Mrs. W.	2	8
Foster, Mrs. C.	1	7
Foster, Mrs. J.	0	9½
Foster, Lizzie	0	10
Huddelsey, Mrs.	2	3
Haddelsey, The Misses	1	7½
Hall, Mrs. (Clixby)	0	8
High Street	4	4½
Hutton, Miss	1	3
Kirkby, Mrs.	2	9½
Kirkby, Mr. J.	1	9
Levick, Mrs.	1	7
Morris, Mrs. G. (Holton)	2	10
Meanwell, Mrs.	2	0
Mirfin, Harry	0	5½
Parker, Mrs. J.	1	6
Parish Room	1	2
Smith, Mrs. T.	0	10½
Smith, Miss I.	0	6
Sanderson, Miss	1	4½
Sanderson, Mrs. R.	1	2½
Sunday School, 1st Class	4	3
,, 2nd Class	1	6½
,, 3rd Class	4	2½
,, 4th Class	0	4½
,, Infants	0	4
Taylor, Mrs. Walter (Fonaby)	2	11½
Thomas, Mrs.	7	3
Tritton, Mrs.	1	7
Varlow, W.	1	1
Vicarage, The	4	0
Westbrooke, Mrs.	6	1½
Woulds, William	1	6½
Total....	£4	10 11

which has been remitted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

HOME MISSIONS.—From January 1st to June 30th, 1891, our contributions are asked on behalf of *Home Missions*, for which we collected in our Church on January 25th the sum of £1 14s. 3½d., which has been forwarded to the Society for Promoting the Employment of Additional Curates.

PAROCHIAL TEA.—On January 1st, New Year's Day, the District Visitors provided a meat tea in the National School Room, for the necessitous and poor in the several districts into which the parish is divided. The large room had been prettily decorated and presented a most cheerful and animated appearance when the long tables, heavily laden with a handsome collection of viands of almost every kind, were furnished with nearly a hundred happy and welcome guests, presided over by the ladies in charge of the several districts. The Vicar said grace at 5 o'clock and, when the visitors had enjoyed the good things provided for them, he returned thanks to the Giver of all good things. The Vicar wished the company a truly happy New Year, and hoped that it might prove a time of spiritual and temporal progress.

Songs and instrumental music rendered by several friends enlivened the proceedings; to these performers and to the members of the Caistor brass band who kindly gave their services our best thanks are due. Hearty cheers were given for the Church, the Queen, and the generous donors of the feast. On leaving the room each man received an ounce of tobacco, and each woman a packet of sweetmeats. We desire to return our thanks to the many kind friends who in various ways helped to make the evening so bright and happy, and one long to be remembered by the delighted guests.

ENTERTAINMENT. Another concert was given in the National School on January 13th. The programme following was well executed to the full satisfaction of the audience:—1—Pianoforte Duet, Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Thomas; 2—Song, *Philadelphia*, Mr. A. Campbell; 3—Recitation, *My mother*, Miss Atkinson; 4—Song, *The Polka and the Choir Boy*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 5—Instrumental Solo (piccolo), Mr. G. Steele; 6—Song, *Friar of Orders Grey*, Mr. J. S. Chivers; 7—Recitation, *Somebody's Mother*, Miss Atkinson; 8—Song, *Tit Willow*, Mr. A. Campbell; 9—Song, *Piddle and I*, Mr. J. S. Chivers; 10—Pianoforte Solo, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 11—Humorous Song, *Martha*, Mr. G. Steele. God save the Queen.

DANCE. On the evening of January 20th, the entertainment (by request) took the form of a dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present who, regardless of frost and snow and other difficulties, are always amongst those ready to support our undertakings for the amusement and welfare of the parishioners.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The annual entertainment in connection with the above society took place on Tuesday, January 27th. This year the evening's programme consisted of a short concert and burlesque followed by a dance. The concert commenced at 8 o'clock, when piano solos were given by Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Blackbourne, and songs were sung by Miss Southey, Mr. G. Lovick (in character), and Mr. V. H. Haddelsey. The burlesque followed—a negro sketch, entitled "Rum'ns from Rome," or "Ajax and Hercules," which was kindly given by members of the Caistor Amateur Christy Minstrels, viz.:—Messrs. A. Campbell, C. Cox, C. Hopper, T. Nettleton, J. H. F. Rose, and W. Varlow. This amusing farce was well performed and provoked much laughter, and we heartily thank the performers for the trouble they had taken in arranging this portion of the evening's entertainment. Dancing commenced about 9-30, and was kept up with vigour until midnight, the music being kindly supplied by Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Blackbourne, Miss B. and Miss E. Dent, and Mr. V. H. Haddelsey, assisted by Mr. G. Steele (piccolo). Refreshments were served in the Class Room, the eatables were kindly given by Mrs. Haddelsey, Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. Kirkby, and Miss Dent, and the aerated waters were made and supplied by Mr. C. Winter, Churchwarden, at wholesale price. No less than 99 persons paid for admission and, with the performers, enable us to record some 110 persons as present. The net financial result,—after all expenses had been paid, viz.: G. Parker, printing, 14s. 6d.; C. Winter, aerated waters, 10s.; W. T. G. Shepherd, posting bills, 2s.; Mrs. King, cleaning room, 1s.; total, £1 7s. 6d.—amounted to £3 11s. 6d., which has been given to the National School funds. We thank not only the performers but also the company present for making the evening so highly enjoyable and successful.

SCHOOL TREAT.—The scholars attending our Day and Sunday Schools were invited to an entertainment in the National School, on the evening of January 21st. Mr. J. S. Chivers and Mr. J. Kirkby undertook the management of a powerful Magic Lantern, and amused and interested the children for a

couple of hours, displaying numerous excellent views and humorous slides. Sweetmeats, oranges, &c., were distributed at intervals, and also before leaving, when each child received a piece of cake. Judging by their merry laughter, and the cheers which they gave for their teachers and entertainers the juveniles spent a delightful evening. We were indebted to the kindness of the Rev. R. Thomas, Head Master of the Caistor Grammar School, and to Mr. W. Lord, for lending the lantern and slides.

BELL-RINGERS' GUILD.—The members of this society held their annual meeting at the Vicarage, on the evening of January 21st, and, after the transaction of business and the distribution of the handsome sum collected in the town for the ringers, partook of supper and spent a pleasant evening. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, The Vicar; Captain, the Rev. J. J. Baldwin; Vice-Captain, Mr. C. Hopper; Secretary, Mr. H. Colton.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop of Lincoln will hold a Confirmation in our Church on Shrove Tuesday, February 10th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Amongst the six principles of Religion, the six foundation points of Doctrine, mentioned in Hebrews vi. 1, 2, is *the doctrine of laying on of hands*, what we call *Confirmation*, and ever since the times of the Apostles the Church has continued the practice of laying on of hands for all who have been baptized. In Acts viii. and xix. we read how the Apostles began the practice: in the first case the Apostles S. Peter and S. John and in the other case the Apostle S. Paul *laid their hands on the newly-baptized*, and so communicated to them the special gifts of the Holy Ghost. Although the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost have ceased, yet His ordinary gifts are as much needed by all as ever. And Confirmation is an Apostolic Ordinance by which special grace of the Holy Ghost is conveyed to all who come to receive it. There are different ways and channels by which we receive grace from God. Those in earnest about their souls will not lose one of them. There is the Grace of Baptism, the Grace of Prayer, the Grace of Public Worship in Church, and the Grace of the Blessed Sacrament. So Confirmation also has its special Grace. Not all are alike, but *all* are important and precious for us. Since the *laying on of hands*—Confirmation—is named in Holy Scripture as amongst the six first principles of the Christian Religion, and since Holy Scripture says it lies at the very foundation of a right knowledge of the doctrine of Christ, therefore every disciple of Christ should be instructed in it, in order that he may be prepared to go on afterwards to perfection of knowledge in the deeper mysteries.

LENT is a Saxon word, and signifies Spring, and spring, we all know, comes after winter, and is full of brightness and hope. It is a time when the grass begins to spring up, the leaves to put forth, and the flowers to bloom.

There is something inspiring about the season of Lent, and we want to find this out for ourselves. This is what it means to us: A time for a fresh start; a time to be better; a time for new helps heavenward; a time for taking a closer hold of what we know is true, and so every day to grow stronger in and for the right. We want Lent to mean all this to us, for Lent is a time appointed by our Church for special thought and prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are so apt to grow careless and to forget our good desires and resolutions, that we all, old and young, need such special time to remind us what our Heavenly Father wants us to be and to do. Let us all, then, take a fresh start together. If we have been careless in our work and unfaithful in our duties, if we have neglected to pray and to read God's Word, to worship God in Church and to receive the Blessed Sacrament, let us make up our minds at once to stop all this, to turn right round and begin a better life.

It is the pleasantest feeling in life to know that we are making progress, and improving as we go on. Come, then, let us start together to put down the wrong by doing the right.

Criticising one's neighbours; sneering at one's friends; ridiculing behind their backs those whom we praise to their faces; telling secrets which ought never to be told; making bitter, or equivocal, or ill-natured remarks, which we are afraid to hear repeated; by these, and ways similar to these, half the misery in the world is caused. Let us try and get rid of some of it during this Lent.

Special Services with Sermons will be held in our Parish Church during this season, viz.:—On Thursday evening, February 12th, at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. C. G. T. Maturin, Rector of Ancotts, Doncaster. On Wednesday evening, February 18th (Ember Day), at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. J. R. Hill, Vicar of Searby, Caistor. On Wednesday evening, February 25th, at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. E. E. Hodgson, Vicar of Kyme, Sleaford. On Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. J. P. Benson, Rector of Cleethorpe, Grimsby.

On Wednesday evening, March 11th, at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, Caistor. On Wednesday evening, March 18th, at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. J. D. C. Wallace, Vicar of Melton Ross, Ulceby. On Wednesday evening, March 25th (Lady Day), at 7-30, preacher, the Rev. J. S. Thomlinson, Vicar of Keyingham, Yorkshire.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BAPTISMS.

"Never, from Thy pasture roving,
Let them be the lion's prey;
Let Thy tenderness so loving
Keep them all life's dangerous way."

January 4th (2nd Sunday after Christmas). Florrie May, daughter of W. and M. Allcock, Yewfield, Holton-le-Moor.

January 18th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany). Ellen, daughter of J. and A. Fletcher, Holton-le-Moor.

CHOIR TREAT.—On Wednesday afternoon, January 21st, the members of the Choir were invited to tea at the Vicarage, after which they participated in the entertainment which was given in the Caistor National School, and upon its conclusion they were driven home in a covered carriage.

HOME MISSIONS.—The collections in our Church on January 25th, for the Additional Curates' Society, amounted to 3s. 10d.

CLIXBY.

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BAPTISMS.

"Jesu, we lift our souls to Thee;
Thy Holy Spirit breathe;
And let these little infants be
Baptized into Thy death."

February 4th. Ruth, daughter of J. T. and A. Harrison, Nettleton Road, Caistor.

February 8th. Ann Susanna, daughter of G. J. and E. Lovelock, Nettleton Road, Caistor.

February 8th. Edith Mary, daughter of G. J. and E. Lovelock, Nettleton Road, Caistor.

February 12th. William, son of W. and B. Lamming, Audleby Top, Caistor.

February 15th. John William Beck Smith, son of John Smith and Julia Brown, Brigg Road, Caistor.

February 24th (S. Matthias). Alfred William, son of J. H. and A. Wood, Vine Cottage, Caistor.

BURIAL.

"Sister, now thy toils are o'er,
Fought the battle, won the crown;
On life's rough and barren shore,
Thou hast laid thy burden down;
Grant her, Lord, eternal rest,
With the spirits of the blest."

February 3rd. Kate Ellen Howlett, Market-Place, Caistor, aged 29 years. Requiescat in pace.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The fifth entertainment was given in the National School on February 3rd, when the following programme was performed:—1—Pianoforte Solo, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 2—Song, *Thaddy*, Mrs. T. Smith; 3—Reading, *David Greyson*, the Reverend A. R. B. Trinder; 4—Song, *Fiddle and I*, Miss Southey; 5—Duett in character, *Fanny Grey*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey and Mr. J. S. Chivers; 6—Pianoforte Solo, Mrs. Baldwin; 7—Song, *The Wanderer*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 8—Recitation, *Lucknow*, Mr. J. S. Chivers; 9—Pianoforte Duett, Miss Thomas and Miss Southey; 10—Humorous Song, *Dreaming*, Mr. Rose; 11—Reading, *The Retired Cat*, the Reverend A. R. B. Trinder; 12—Humorous Song, *Receipts for Comic Songs*, Mr. Rose. God save the Queen.

THE SIXTH AND LAST ENTERTAINMENT of this winter's series of popular concerts was held in the National School on February 9th. The following programme was efficiently executed to the delight of a large audience:—1—Pianoforte Solo, Mrs. Baldwin; 2—Song, Mrs. Keen; 3—Reading, *The Spanish Grandee*, Mr. F. B. Cousans; 4—Song, *The Silent March*, the Reverend G. J. Boissier; 5—Song, *Off to Philadelphia*, Mr. Collins; 6—Reading, the Reverend A. R. B. Trinder; 7—Song, Mrs. Keen; 8—Song, *Eventide*, Mr. J. S. Chivers; 9—Song, *The Midshipmite*, the Reverend G. J. Boissier; 10—Reading, *Solomon Popkins*, the Reverend A. R. B. Trinder; 11—Song, Mrs. Keen; 12—Song in character, *The Bogie Man*, Mr. J. S. Chivers; 13—Song, *The Scout*, Mr. Collins. God save the Queen.

We must here record our grateful thanks to our numerous friends, performers, and audience, who have made these entertainments so enjoyable and successful. The proceeds of the concerts have, as in former years, been given to the funds of the National School

THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK.

PALM SUNDAY, March 22nd.

JESUS makes His Public Entry into Jerusalem.

PROPHECY—"*Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass.*" —Zechariah ix. 9.

SERVICES at Parish Church, Caistor:—Holy Eucharist at 8; Matins at 10-30; Litany of Passion and Catechising at 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross at 6-30.

Monday, March 23rd.

JESUS withers the barren Fig Tree and drives out the traders from the Temple.

PROPHECY—"*My House shall be called of all nations the House of Prayer.*"—Isaiah lvi. 7.

SERVICES:—Matins 7-30; Celebration 8; Meditation 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross, and address 7-30.

Tuesday, March 24th.

JESUS delivers His Last Discourse in the Temple, and foretells its Destruction.

PROPHECY—"*I have spread out My Hands all the day unto a rebellious people.*" —Isaiah lxv. 2.

SERVICES:—Matins 7-30; Celebration 8; Meditation 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross, and address 7-30.

Wednesday, March 25th (Lady-Day).

JESUS is sold by Judas Iscariot to the Chief Priests for Thirty Pieces of Silver.

PROPHECY—"*Yea, even Mine own familiar friend whom I trusted, who did also eat of My Bread, hath laid great wait for Me.*"—Psalm xli. 9.

SERVICES:—Matins 7-30; Celebration 8; Litany 11; Meditation 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross, and address 7-30.

Thursday, March 26th.

JESUS keeps the Passover with His Apostles, and institutes the Holy Communion.

PROPHECY—"*In every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering.*"—Malachi i. 11.

NIGHT The Great Intercession—The Agony in the Garden—The Betrayal.

SERVICES:—Matins 7-30; Celebration 8; Meditation 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross, and address 7-30.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 27th.

JESUS is brought before Caiaphas, and accused of Blasphemy, because He said He was "*the Son of God.*"

Then He is brought before Pilate, and accused of Treason, because He said He was "*the King of the Jews.*"

Pilate sends Him to Herod, and Herod sends Him back to Pilate.

Pilate seeks repeatedly to release Him, "*finding no fault in Him.*"

At last, seeing the priests and people tumultuous, "*he delivered Jesus to their will.*"

PROPHECY—"*False witnesses did rise up: they laid to My charge things that I knew not.*"—Psalm xxxv. 11.

JESUS is scourged and mocked, and led away to be Crucified.

JESUS hangs upon the Cross upon Mount Calvary "*from the Third to the Ninth Hour.*" (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

The Seven Words from the Cross:—

I—"*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*"

II—"*To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.*"

III—"*Woman, behold thy Son: behold thy Mother.*"

IV—"*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me.*"

V—"*I thirst.*"

VI—"*It is finished.*"

VII—"*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.*"

PROPHECY—"*He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*"—Isaiah liii. 12. See whole chapter; also Psalm xxii., and Daniel ix. *Let us not make the day of our Redeemer's death a day of pleasure or of sin.*

SERVICES:—Litany 7-30; Ante-Communion 8; Matins 10-30; Litany of Passion 3; Evensong and Story of the Cross, and address 6-30.

The "**Three Hours' Service**," 12 to 3, will be preached by the Vicar.

Saturday, March 28th.

JESUS' Body lies in the Tomb, while His Soul descends into Hades.

PROPHECY—"*Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope.*"—Zechariah ix. 12.

SERVICES:—Matins 7-30; Celebration 8; Evensong and address 7-30.

EASTER DAY, March 29th.

JESUS rises from the dead "*very early in the morning, the first day of the week,*" and appears to His Disciples.

PROPHECY—"*Thou wilt not leave My Soul in Hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.*"—Psalm xvi. 10.

"*Thus it is written, and thus it behoved CHRIST to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, and that Repentance and Remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations.*" —S. Luke xxiv. 46, 47.

SERVICES:— Holy Eucharist at 7 and 8, and after Matins (choral); Matins and Sermon 10-30; Children's Service and Catechising 3; Festal Evensong, Carols, and Sermon 6-30.

EASTER COMMUNION.

JESUS our LORD says: "*This do in remembrance of Me,*" and "*Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.*"

The CHURCH of ENGLAND says: "Every parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

The DEVIL says: "Don't go, because you will be taking the side of Jesus."

The WORLD says: "Don't go, because you will have to give up all the evil pleasures of the world,—that you can do without the Holy Communion."

The FLESH says: "You are not good enough to go,—that you had better enjoy sin a little longer and go another time."

At your Baptism it was promised for you, and at your Confirmation you RENEWED THE PROMISE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD, "**to renounce the Devil, the World, and the Flesh.**"

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop of Lincoln administered the sacred rite of Confirmation in our Parish Church on Shrove Tuesday afternoon, February 10th, at 3 o'clock. The Bishop, Clergy, and Choir, having robed in the Tower Vestry, marched in procession down the Nave singing the hymn,

"*Soldiers of Christ, arise,* *And put your armour on.*"

The Churchwarden's Staves were carried by Mr. C. H. Colton and Mr. Holehouse. The Crucifix was borne by Mr. V. H. Haddelsey. There was a full choir of boys and men present, and the following Clergy:—The Reverend A. W. Ballachey (Cleethorpes), the Reverend J. J. Baldwin (Caistor), the Reverend G. J. Boissier (Rothwell), the Reverend H. F. Goffe (Thoresway), the Reverend C. M. E. Hallsworth (Cuxwold), the Reverend J. F. Quirk (Grasby), the Reverend A. Bower (Cabourne), the Reverend H. S. Campbell (Nettleton), the Reverend J. R. Hill (Searby), and the Vicar of the Parish (the Reverend W. F. W. Westbrooke). The Pastoral Staff was carried by the Reverend A. R. B. Trinder (Caistor). Two Acolytes (Mr. J. Kirkby and Mr. F. Smith) vested in scarlet Cassocks and Cottas, preceded the Bishop, who was vested in white Cope and Mitre, and the Reverend Canon Bramley, Chaplain in attendance, followed his Lordship.

The Bishop and his attendants having been conducted within the Sanctuary, the Reverend Canon Bramley read the opening Preface. The Bishop standing on the Chancel steps addressed the candidates who occupied benches on either side of the Nave. The first address explained the duties and privileges of the Baptismal Covenant which the Confirmees were about to "ratify and confirm, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church." The Veni Creator, "*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,*" was sung kneeling. The Bishop, as the Candidates knelt before him, "laid his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying *Defend, O Lord, this Thy child with Thy heavenly grace, that he may continue Thine for ever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto Thy everlasting Kingdom.*"

When the last postulant had been presented for the outpouring of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost, the Bishop delivered his second address, in which he intreated the Confirmees to regularity in prayer and Bible reading, in public worship in Church, and in the reception of the Blessed Sacrament. The Benediction was pronounced from the Altar, after which the procession re-formed and returned to the Western Vestry singing the hymn commencing "*Thine for ever! God of love.*"

The Candidates came from the following parishes:—Cabourne 3, Caistor 21, Cuxwold 2, Grasby 14, Holton-le-Moor 6, Nettleton 10, Searby 1, a smaller number than in previous years owing to Confirmations taking place in several neighbouring villages. We need hardly add that the Church was crowded with a most attentive congregation. Our bells rang out their welcome from the old Tower, from which the flag floated, proclaiming far and wide that a memorable day was being celebrated in the ancient Roman town of Caistor.

Our Candidates spent a quiet yet pleasant evening at the Vicarage.

Our subscribers will read with interest and edification the following poem on Confirmation, written in the Vicar's Album by our late venerated Bishop, Dr. Christopher Wordsworth:—

"The Spirit is not tied to means
But Sovereign is and free;
But when Thou hast prescrib'd the means,
Tied to those means are we.

No Abanas or Pharpars, Lord,
To Jordan we prefer:
But in Thy order'd means of grace
We seek the Comforter.

We love the means, for they are Thine,
Which heavenly life impart;
They CHANNELS *are* THROUGH *which it flows,*
But Thou the FOUNTAIN *art.*

The vessels of our thirsting hearts
To Thee in them we bring;
O grant us, Lord, in heaven to drink
Of Thine eternal Spring!"

Confirmation Day at Claxby,
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THE CHOIR.—The Choir Boys assembled at the Parish Room on February 16th, when the Reverend J. J. Baldwin addressed them on Punctuality, Reverence, and the Dignity of Choir Work; after which Mr. T. G. Alleston, our new Organist and Choir Master, who succeeds our friend Mr. Chivers, was introduced to the boys. The half-yearly prizes (in money) the value of which is determined by the number of attendances, were then given to the Choristers. We give below the number of attendances made by each boy at the practices:—Maximum, 28.—Arthur Gilbert 26, Fred Clark 25, Harry Clark 24, William Woulds 21, Harry Mirtin 19, Frank Meanwell 17, Harry Borrill 14, Charles Gilbert 13, Walter Dexter 12, Herbert Topliss 10, Herbert Hall 9, Edward Topliss 8, Lewin Hanson 8, Sargent Topliss 6.

THE DISTRICT VISITORS were fortunate in hearing an address from the Reverend W. Wanstall, Vicar of S. Andrew's, Lincoln, at their meeting in the Parish Room, on the afternoon of Thursday, February 19th. In the course of his remarks, based upon a large experience of parochial work, the lecturer dwelt upon the necessity for the guidance and sanctification of the Holy Spirit in all efforts undertaken for the good of souls. He spoke of the Dignity and Mystery of all work for God. That all should strive to discharge their duties to the utmost of their ability, regardless of results and consequences, which must be left in the hands of God. Mr. Wanstall exhorted his hearers to one duty which *all* could discharge—intercessory prayer—for those in any way entrusted to their care, and for the Church generally; reminding them that "Prayer moves the Hand that moves the world." That Church workers should never lose heart or allow themselves to be dissuaded from their purpose, but perseveringly and lovingly, even under difficulties, do all within their power for the spiritual and temporal welfare of others.

THE FORTHCOMING BALL.—An Invitation Ball will take place in the Town Hall, Caistor, on Thursday, April 9th, the proceeds of which will be given towards reducing the debt on the Church Tower. The following ladies and gentlemen form the Executive Committee:—Mrs. Westbrooke, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Dent, Mrs. W. Eyre, Mrs. J. Gorbutt, Mrs. Haddelsey, Mrs. G. Marris (Holton), Mrs. Meanwell, Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. T. Smith, Mrs. Tritton, the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, the Rev. J. J. Baldwin, the Rev. A. R. B. Trinder, Dr. Cameron, Mr. W. Campbell, Mr. C. H. Colton, Mr. J. Gorbutt, Mr. C. R. Haddelsey, Mr. S. F. Haddelsey, Mr. J. Kirkby, Mr. G. Marris (Holton), Mr. Meanwell, Mr. F. A. Rogers, Dr. T. Smith, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. R. Watson, and Mr. C. Winter (Churchwarden). We anticipate a very large number of guests, and from the energetic way the committee have commenced their arrangements, we hope a handsome sum of money will be realized for the desirable object in view. The tickets (including supper) will be 4s. each. The invitations will be issued shortly through the Secretary, Mr. J. Kirkby, Church Street, Caistor.

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BAPTISM.

March 25th (Lady Day). Dawson, daughter of W. C. and M. A. Wood, Fleece Inn, Caistor.

MARRIAGE.

March 24th. By the Reverend J. J. Baldwin, Charles Mediforth, Owthorne, Yorkshire, to Ada Minnie Alcock, Nettleton Road, Caistor.

BURIALS.

March 15th. Finetta King, Plough Hill, Caistor, aged 47 years.

March 23rd. Elizabeth Robinson, Hanson's Terrace, Caistor, aged 79 years.

March 26th. Gorbutt Johnson, Mill Lane, Caistor, aged 72 years.

"**THE CAISTOR GAD-WHIP MANORIAL SERVICE.**—At the Parish Church of Caistor, Lincolnshire, on every Palm Sunday, until a comparatively recent period, there was performed one of the most singular of our English Manorial Services. The property held by this old custom is said to have comprised the Manor of Broughton, and 2,200 acres of land lying in the Parish of Broughton, near Brigg, Lincolnshire. This land was sold in 1846, and to describe the ceremony we cannot do better than quote the particulars of the sale circulated at the time, in which it was stated:—

"This estate is held subject to the performance on Palm Sunday in every year of the ceremony of cracking a whip in Caistor Church, in the said county of Lincoln, which has been regularly and duly performed on Palm Sunday from time immemorial, in the following manner:—The whip is taken every Palm Sunday by a man from Broughton to the Parish of Caistor, who, while the minister is reading the first lesson, cracks it three distinct times in the Church Porch, then folds it neatly up and retires to a seat. At the commencement of the second lesson, he approaches the minister, and kneeling opposite to him with the whip in his hand, and a purse at the end of it, held perpendicularly over his head, waves it thrice, and continues it in a steadfast position throughout the whole of the chapter. The ceremony is then concluded.

"The whip has a leather purse tied at the end of it, which ought to contain thirty pieces of silver, said to represent, according to Scripture, 'the price of blood.' Four pieces of wych-elm tree, of different lengths, are affixed to the stock, denoting the different Gospels of the four Holy Evangelists. The three different cracks are typical of S. Peter's denial of his Master three times; and the waving it over the minister's head as an intended homage of the Blessed Trinity."

The Lord of the Manor wishing to suppress this service, presented, in 1836, a petition, of which the following is a copy:—

"To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

"The petition of the undersigned, Sir Culling Eardley Smith, of Bedwell Park, in the county of Hertford.

"Sheweth, that yr. petitioner is lord of the manor of Hundon, near Caistor, in the county of Lincoln.

"That the lord of the manor of Broughton, near Brigg, in the same county, yearly, on Palm Sunday, employs a person to perform the following ceremony in the Parish Church of Caistor:—

"A cart-whip of the fashion of several centuries since, called the gad-whip, with four pieces of wych-elm bound round the stock, and a leather purse attached to the extremity of the stock, containing thirty pence, is, during divine service, cracked in the Porch, and while the second lesson is reading, is brought into the

Church, and held over the reading desk by the person who carries it. It is afterwards deposited with the tenant at Hundon.

"That the performance of this superstitious ceremony is utterly inconsistent with a place of public worship.

"That it is generally supposed that it is a penance for murder, and that, in the event of the performance being neglected, the lord of the manor of Broughton would be liable to a penalty to the lord of the manor of Hundon.

"That yr. petitioner being extremely anxious for the discontinuance of this indecent and absurd practice, applied to the lord of the manor of Broughton for that purpose, who declined entering into any negotiations until the deed should be produced under which the ceremony was instituted, which deed (if it ever existed) your petitioner is unable to produce.

"That yr. petitioner subsequently applied to the Bishop of Lincoln to use his influence to prevent a repetition of the ceremony, and offered to guarantee the Churchwardens against any loss in consequence of refusal to permit it.

"That yr. petitioner believes that there are no trustees of a dissenting Chapel who would permit the minister or officers of their Chapel to sanction such a desecration.

"That the ceremony took place as usual on Palm Sunday, this year.

"Your petitioner therefore prays that your lordships will be pleased to ascertain from the Bishop of the Diocese why the ceremony took place; that, if the existing law enables any ecclesiastical person to prevent it, the law may hereafter be enforced, and that if the present law is inefficient, a law may be passed enabling the Bishop to interfere for the purpose of saving the National Church from scandal.

"That your petitioner will ever pray, &c."

The foregoing had not the desired effect, as the ceremony was repeated in 1837, and continued until the land was sold in 1846. The origin of this custom has not been ascertained. Some allege a tradition that the gad-whip service was a self-inflicted penance by a former nun of the Broughton estate, for killing a boy with such a whip. In our opinion the tradition has been made for the whip and is an idle tale.

Doubtless great changes have been made in the performance of this service, which refer us back to a custom connected with the Roman Catholic Church, known as the Procession of the Ass. In the observance of this ceremony it was the practice for a man representing the Saviour to mount a wooden figure of an ass on wheels, which was drawn by a number of men. Prior to the procession starting, a priest explained to those assembled what Christ had done for them, and how He had ridden into Jerusalem on an ass, and how the multitude had strewn on the way palm branches. The procession then set out, two priests, singing psalms, walked in front of the figure, which was moved with difficulty as the assembly threw willow branches on the ground for the wheels to pass over. The persons who had strewn the branches carefully gathered them up, as it was believed that they were an infallible protection against storms and lightning during the ensuing year.

The term gad is the correct old spelling of the word which we now spell goad in its two meanings of (1) a prick (2) the pole to which the prick is fastened. Thus a gad-fly is a goad-fly or stinging fly; and a gad also came to mean a wand, a measuring rod, a fishing rod, &c., and a gad-whip meant a long whip for goading oxen. It is from the Anglo-Saxon gad a goad, the point of a weapon, a prick. Shakespeare says:—

> I will go get a leaf of brass,
> And with a gad of steel will write these words.
>
> —Titus Andronicus iv. 1.

The whip last used in this singular ceremony is in our possession."

Extracted verbatim from "Curiosities of the Church," by William Andrews, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

EASTER.—Our ringers welcomed the "Queen of Feasts" by giving a merry peal on our bells as early as half-past six in the morning. The flag on the Tower floated gaily in the breeze. The FIRST Celebration of the Holy Eucharist took place at seven o'clock, when there were 44 Communicants; the SECOND Celebration, at eight, was attended by 73 Communicants; and 22 Communions were made at the HIGH CELEBRATION at 11-30, which was fully choral and, of course, the most elaborate service of the Festival. The processional hymn was 134; sequence 127; after the Agnus Dei, 322; at the Ablutions 197; Dykes' Mass in F was sung. The Vicar was Celebrant. Matins was sung at 10-30, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. R. B. Trinder. The Children's Service was at 3 in the afternoon, at which the Rev. J. J. Baldwin gave a Catechetical address. Mrs. Westbrooke gave an Easter gift to each child attending the Sunday School. Evensong was sung at 6-30 by the Rev. A. R. B. Trinder; the sermon, preached by the Rev. J. J. Baldwin, was followed by the usual festal procession; after the Benediction from the High Altar, Easter Carols were sung. The service, Barnby in E, and the anthem, *Since by man came death*, Handel, were well executed. The Organist (Mr. Alleston) and the choir deserve great praise. The Church was decorated, but, owing to the general scarcity of flowers, only the Altars had any profusion of hot-house flowers and plants bestowed upon them.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S GUILD.—The Members of this Guild are preparing for a *Sale of Work*, which will shortly take place. A large number of useful and ornamental articles have been already made and collected, and we hope the united efforts of the numerous industrious and willing workers will result in a substantial sum being realized for the object in view, the Church Tower Fund. In addition to the needlework stalls, refreshments and several amusements will be provided at a small charge. Mrs. Baldwin and Miss A. Colton, the energetic Secretary of the Guild, are engaged preparing a *Lilliputian Operetta*, the parts in which will be performed by the children belonging to the Guild. This novel entertainment will probably be given early in May, and an enjoyable evening will doubtless be passed.

CHARITIES.—"In 1821 the charity lands belonging to the poor of Caistor, and derived from the bequests of Charles Wright, Edward Tooley, and Thomas Cosins, were sold for £430, which was applied in liquidating a debt on the House of Industry in Caistor Moor. Some other yearly rent-charges on land were then retained for the relief of poor parishioners, and one of these was a charge of 40s. out of land at Keelby, left by Sir Wm. Thorold, of Cokeswold, in 1663, 'ye said money to be disposed of to ye putinge out of a mal aprentice in Caistre, not exceeding 12 years of age.' In 1718, Charles Humphrey founded a scholarship in Jesus College, Cambridge, value about £10 per annum, arising from lands in the parish of Habrough, for scholars from Caistor Grammar School, or, failing a Caistor candidate, from Louth or Alford. In 1848, the late Dr. Wm. Ellis, head master of Caistor Grammar School, made great but unsuccessful efforts to recover this exhibition, which had then been unclaimed for many years. At the same time he exerted himself much in an attempt to recover for the poor of Caistor some of their lost or dormant benefactions, and an instance of this will be seen in the subjoined copy of a communication addressed by him to Col. George Tomline, concerning the bequest of Mr. William Thorold, from which, formerly, several Caistor boys, the sons of poor parents, had received the benefit of £2 yearly during the term of apprenticeship.

Dear Sir,—I have omitted renewing the correspondence relative to the yearly rent of £3 due to the trustees of the charity at Caistor from my having understood that you were not at Riby. I have made further inquiry into the matter, which leaves no doubt as to your liability.

In the purchase deed of Epworth's estate at Keelby are included two closes at Stallingborough of 12a. 2r. 30p. and 14a. 2r. 11p., and in the conveyance to Bishop Tomline it is specially noticed that the Stallingborough closes are subject to a yearly rent of £2 to the trustees of a charity at Caistor, and to an outrent of £1 2s. to Mr. Boucherett. These two closes are now Lord Yarborough's, having been exchanged for other property, and in the deed of exchange Lord Yarborough is indemnified against all outgoings whatever, except tythes. No claim has been made upon Lord Yarborough for the outrent payable to Mr. Boucherett, and it is presumable that it is paid by you.

This confirms the statement of the Commissioners of Charity, and I have no doubt it will be satisfactory to you, and that you will give orders for the payment of the £10 arrears, and the continuance of the annual payment.

It is acknowledged the trustees of the charity have no remedy against you *personally*, and will have to look to the lands in the case of the payment being resisted, but by the deed of indemnity Lord Yarborough would come upon you for the amount recovered and all costs in action.—I am, dear sir, your faithful servant,

WILLIAM ELLIS.

Mr. Tomline made no reply to this, and instead of the matter being vigorously taken up as everybody's business, it was treated by the parishioners in general as nobody's business, and let slide until now there are arrears £112 due from the owner of Bishop Tomline's Riby estate. It is much and widely hoped that an amended and complete act of local self-government will give to county and district councils absolute judicatory powers for enforcing restoration of all lost, stolen, or dormant charities."—From *Stamford Mercury*, January 10th, 1890.

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BAPTISM.

"O loving Father, Thee we pray
Look on this babe new-born to-day,
Thine own adopted child;
An Angel guard do Thou bestow
To lead her in Thy paths below,
And guide her through the wild."

April 27th. Edith Annie, daughter of F. C. and E. Hill, South Street, Caistor.

BURIAL.

"Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the further shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

April 26th. Tom Smith, M.R.C.S., Tower House, Caistor, aged 43 years.

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING for the election of Churchwardens was held in the Tower of the Parish Church on Monday, April 6th, 1891, at 11 o'clock. Present:—The Vicar (Chairman), the Rev. J. J. Baldwin, Messrs. Ainger, Alleston, Batton, Christian, C. H. Colton, C. Dawson, J. Dent, Dexter, J. Foster, Galton, Haddelsey, Henson, Holehouse, Kirkby, Mirfin, C. Parker, J. Parker, Rogers, W. Taylor, E. Topliss, T. Walker, J. Watson, R. Watson, Whitham, Winter, and J. Wood.

The notice convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Vicar expressed the regret of the parishioners at the loss which the Town and Church had suffered by the decease of their respected fellow-townsman, Mr. Charles Colton, who had held the office of Parish Churchwarden during thirteen consecutive years, discharging with a commendable devotion and zeal, seldom excelled, the various duties connected with this important position in the Church.

Mr. Haddelsey fully sympathized with all that had been said of their friend Mr. Colton, and proposed that his eldest son, Mr. Charles Henry Colton, be elected to succeed his father in the honourable office of Parish Churchwarden. Mr. Christian seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Colton thanked the Vestry Meeting for placing him in the same responsible position which his father had been so pleased to occupy for many years, and he assured those present that it would be his constant endeavour to fulfil the duties connected with the office to the best of his ability. Mr. Colton stated (in reply to an enquiry) that a sum of about £7 was due from the parish to the estate of his late father, and that Church accounts to the amount of some £26 were outstanding.

The Vicar re-appointed Mr. C. Winter Vicar's Churchwarden for the ninth consecutive year.

A vote of condolence and sympathy with Mrs. Colton and her family in their bereavement was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered in the Parish Minute Book. Thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the business of the meeting.

The following sums were collected in Caistor Church from Easter Monday, April 7th, 1890, to Easter Day inclusive, March 29th, 1891:—

	£	s.	d.
For Church Expenses	63	4	5½
„ The Poor.....	11	10	6½
„ National School	7	16	3
„ Altar Fund	6	12	4
„ Tower Fund	6	6	6
„ Diocesan Fund	1	18	8½
„ "A.C.S."	1	14	3½
„ Poor Benefices	1	4	6
„ "E.C.U."	0	19	1

	£	s.	d.
For "G.A.S."	0	12	6
„ Ramnad Mission....	0	9	2½
„ "A.P.U.C."	0	8	0
„ "C.B.S."	0	4	6
„ Oxford Mission	0	4	5½
„ African Mission	0	2	6
Total..	£103	7	8

An increase of £4 5s. 0½d. upon last year's receipts.

During the same period 1886 Communions have been made in our Parish Church. There have been 16 baptisms, 8 marriages, and 17 burials.

BALL FOR TOWER FUND.—April 9th will be long remembered by the ladies and gentlemen who crowded the Town Hall on the evening of that day for the Invitation Ball, reported by the experienced to be "the largest and most enjoyable ever held in Caistor." The supper, which was of a most *recherche* character, was laid in the Assembly Room, and was the handsome gift of parishioners and friends to whom, as well as to all who in any way contributed to the perfect success of the entertainment, we owe a debt of gratitude.

One hundred and eighty tickets at 4s. each were sold producing £36, donations amounting to £1 2s. were given, and £1 15s. 3d. was realized by the sale of superfluous viands, making the total receipts no less than £38 17s. 3d. The expenditure was as follows:—Layton's Band £2 19s. 6d., Hire of Town Hall and Gas £2 10s. 2d., Mr. Bush, printing, £1, Mr. Rogers for Bandsmen 7s., Mr. Ramsden 5s., Postages 15s., Mr. J. Parker 10s. for decorations, Candles 3s. 7d., total £8 10s. 3d., so that the Committee clear no less than £30 7s. for the laudable object on behalf of which they so kindly suggested and promoted this successful and happy undertaking.

ARCHIDIACONAL VISITATION.—The Lord Bishop of Nottingham, Archdeacon of Stow, held his Visitation and Court in our Church on Thursday, April 16th. The proceedings commenced with a Choral Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 o'clock, at which the Vicar (W. F. W. Westbrooke) was Celebrant. The processional hymn was 242. Mr. H. Colton was Crucifer, Messrs. V. H. Haddelsay and J. Kirkby were Acolytes, and the Episcopal Staff was carried before the Bishop by the Reverend C. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell. There were 14 Communicants, and £1 8s. was collected for the "Poor Benefices' Fund." At the conclusion of Divine Service, the Court was opened by the Apparitor (Mr. J. Smith) and when the Clergy and Churchwardens had been "called," his Lordship delivered an interesting charge, speaking particularly upon (1) the pronouncement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, (2) the Tithe Recovery Bill, and (3) Elementary Education.

In addition to those above mentioned the following Clergy were also present:—The Reverend J. J. Baldwin (Caistor), the Reverend A. Bower (Cabourne), the Reverend H. S. Campbell (Nettleton), the Reverend T. F. Chamberlain (Limber), the Reverend J. Curry (North Kelsey), the Reverend H. Goffe (Thoresway), the Reverend W. Gould (Somerby), the Reverend J. R. Hill (Scarby), the Reverend E. W. Loft (Brocklesby), the Reverend J. E. W. Loft (Swallow), the Reverend J. F. Quirk (Grasby), the Reverend A. R. B. Trindar (Caistor), and the Reverend M. Wilkins (Limber).

ROGATION DAYS.—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day (May 7th) are appointed as days of fasting and prayer. How little we seem to value the power of *prayer*, and how blessed the country would be *if we used it more*. The land mourneth because of sin; thousands of our fellow-countrymen never go to any place of worship; thousands break the Sunday by spending it in idleness and folly; drunkenness, fornication, gambling, and betting are the curses of the country. What are these but so many reasons why we should pray

earnestly to God for pardon, healing, and peace. Let us pray then in private and in public worship for pardon of sin, of our own and of our country's sins, for the re-union of Christendom from sicknesses and distresses which threaten us; let us pray for a plentiful harvest, and that the whole Church from the Queen on the throne to the labourer in the field, all one family named by the name of Christ, "may be guided and governed by His Good Spirit, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S GUILD.—An entertainment, consisting of an operetta, entitled "Red Riding Hood," songs, &c., will be given by the juvenile members of the above Guild, on Wednesday evening, May 20th. Detailed particulars will be announced shortly.

A SALE OF WORK will be held in the Assembly Room on Thursday, May 21st, to commence at 3 o'clock. A successful sale is anticipated.

REASONS FOR BEING A CHURCHMAN.—"I am a Churchman, not from mere feelings, which are easily changed, nor from any motives of worldly interest or convenience; but on firm principles, being clearly and strongly convinced, by reasons founded on the Holy Scriptures, that I *ought* to be a Churchman; believing, indeed, that it is not too much to say that it is even necessary to my salvation that I should be a Churchman.

I am a Churchman, in the first and chief place, on account of the Divine origin and institution of the Church. For I read in the New Testament that our Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ, instituted and established the Church as a visible society upon earth, in which all His disciples should live together in one body. The Church is surely just as much a Divine institution now as it was under the Jewish dispensation. The Church is just as much a Divine gift as the Bible itself is.

I am a Churchman, because I love and pray for unity. For I read in the Bible many plain precepts and earnest exhortations concerning the duty of Christian unity, and many strong condemnations of division and separation.

I am a Churchman, because I dare not sanction and countenance the modern principle, that any number of men who please may join themselves in a new religious society, and originate a new brotherhood, quite independently of the Church, and then call that new, self-made society, a new branch of the Church of Christ. This appears to me to be quite destructive of all order, rule and discipline. Where is there to be found in the New Testament the slightest authority for this principle? To forsake the Church already established by Christ Himself, and to originate a new society instead, this surely is to put a human invention into the place of Divine institution, a human sect into the place of the Church founded by Christ.—CANON WEST, Vicar of Wrawby.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

The Collections in Holton Church from Easter Monday, April 7th, 1890, to Easter Day, March 29th, 1891, inclusive, have only, we are sorry to say, been as follows:—Church Expenses £1 14s. 7½d., Diocesan Fund 10s., Ramnad Mission 5s. 11½d., Home Missions 3s. 10d. Ninety-eight Communions have been made. Holy Baptism has been administered three times, and there have been two Burials during the same period.

CLIXBY.

The Collections in Clixby Church from Easter Monday, April 7th, 1890, to Easter Day, March 29th, 1891, inclusive, have been as follows:—Church Expenses £5 3s. 11½d., Churchyard Cross Restoration Fund £7 1s. 3d., Diocesan Fund 11s. 8d., Home Missions 3s. 2d. Sixty-two Communions have been made. Holy Baptism has been administered three times.

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BAPTISMS.

"Ever sparkling, ever mounting,
In a jet of rainbow hue!
Here, in Light's o'erflowing fountain,
Souls are daily born anew."

May 17th. Alexander, son of F. A. and E. Rogers, Red Lion Hotel, Caistor.

May 29th. Charles Henry, son of J. W. and T. Andiss, Union Road, Caistor.

May 31st. Harold, son of W. and E. Drury, Union Road, Caistor.

MARRIAGES.

"Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life."

May 18th. By the Reverend J. J. Baldwin, Joseph Abey, of Cadney, to Jane Drayton, South Street, Caistor

May 19th. By the Reverend the Vicar, George William Foster, 3, The Pavement, Mill Lane, West Hampstead, to Lucy Elizabeth Burks, Paradise Row, Caistor.

BURIALS.

"Yea, the dead in Christ have still
Part in all our joy and ill;
Keeping all our steps in view,
Guiding them, it may be, too."

May 17th. Susan Trotter Wilson, Nettleton Road, Caistor, aged 54 years.

May 31st. Charlotte Kennington, Chapel Street, Caistor, aged 73 years.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Religious Inspection of Schools. Caistor National School, inspected May 1st, 1891. Remark:—"Considering the disadvantage the School has been under, owing to the prevalence of Influenza, it passed a very creditable examination. The highest Division, a very small one, did very well in all their work, especially excelling in the Catechism. Division 2, a mixed Class, on the whole, did nicely, answering best in New Testament. The Infants did fairly well, doing their work by heart best. Repetition was very good throughout the School. The Singing might have been brisker." Signed, J. F. QUIRK, Diocesan Inspector for the Rural Deanery of Yarborough No. 2.

DIOCESAN PRIZE SCHEME.—The following children from our National School were examined in Religious Knowledge with the following satisfactory results:—*First Division*, Second Class:—Clara Dawson, defeating 29 candidates from all parts of Lincolnshire. *Second Division*, First Class:—Prize, Arthur Gilbert, defeating 82 candidates. Third Class:—Ethel Dawson, defeating 25 candidates; Harry Ringrose, defeating 8 candidates. *Third Division*, Second Class:—Charles Gilbert, defeating 29 candidates; Harry Clark, defeating 16 candidates. In an extra paper on Church History, Arthur Gilbert defeats 5 candidates.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The juvenile members of the Ministering Children's Guild in connection with the Parish Church gave a novel entertainment in the Assembly Room, on the evening of Wednesday, May 20th. The programme was an attractive one, and included an operetta, entitled *Red Riding Hood*, songs in character, &c. The first part consisted of the operetta, the parts in which were sustained by the following children:—Red Riding Hood, Clara Dawson;

grandmother, Alice Henson; wolf, Fred Clark; birds, Elizabeth Foster (robin), Ethel Dawson (dove), Elizabeth Mirlin (cuckoo), Ellen Howden (owl), Norah Bridgeman (wren), Ethel Topliss and Amelia Applin (rooks); woodmen, Henry Clark, Henry Ringrose, Arthur Gilbert, Charles Gilbert, and Herbert Topliss. The children performed their parts remarkably well; and the audience, which quite filled the room, manifested their appreciation of the interesting performance by frequent outbursts of applause. The second part of the entertainment opened with a song by Elizabeth Foster, *Won't you buy my pretty flowers*, in which she was assisted by Alice Henson. The action song, *Lullaby*, in which Beatrice and Gertrude Tritton, Mary Cameron, Grace Bowstead, Ethel Rogers, Eva Bridgeman, Emily Lord, Maude Clark, Lily Howden, Kathleen Gilbert, Ruth Topliss, and Florrie King took part, was most amusing. The audience was convulsed with laughter as each little performer amusingly nursed her doll, undressed it, and rocked it to sleep in its tiny cradle. Fred Clark next gave a song, *Jimmy Jones*, in character, which was followed by *May-day*, sung by Beatrice and Gertrude Tritton, Grace Bowstead, Ethel Rogers, and Mary Cameron, each of whom carried baskets of flowers which they readily sold at one penny per bunch. The programme concluded with the vocal waltz, *See-saw*, in which all the before-named performers took part. The erection and use of a veritable "see-saw" upon the stage added greatly to the effect, and the pretty piece was deservedly encored. The frequent applause must have been very gratifying to all those who performed, and also to those upon whom devolved the training of the children, and they are all heartily congratulated upon the success which crowned their painstaking efforts. The National Anthem terminated this enjoyable evening's entertainment. The proceeds (£4 16s. 8d.) were devoted to the Church Tower Fund.

BAZAAR.—On Thursday and Friday, May 21st and 22nd, a Bazaar, on behalf of the Tower Fund, was held in the Assembly Room, when a large and varied assortment of useful and ornamental articles was offered for sale by the senior members of the Ministering Children's Guild. The stalls were prettily arranged, and were efficiently presided over by the following ladies:—the three useful and fancy stalls by Mrs. Baldwin, and the Misses A. Colton, Meanwell, E. Foster, Ida Smith, A. Button, E. Kennington, and F. Holehouse; the refreshment stall (gratuitously furnished by kind parishioners) by the Misses Dent, Riddy, and Colton. Most of the articles sold were the skilful handiwork of the members of this Guild. The vocal and instrumental music given at intervals was much appreciated, as were also the amusing entertainments. The attendance was not so large as was expected, doubtless owing to the unfavourable state of the weather. The receipts amounted to no less than £18 17s. 6½d. The expenses were as follows:—Mr. Rogers, hire of room, £1 5s.; R. Sanderson, fixing stage, &c., 18s. 9d.; R. Johnson, "see-saw," 3s. 6d.; W. T. G. Shepherd, advertising, 1s. 6d.; A. Bush, printing, 6s. 6d.; G. Steele, crier, 2s.; E. King, crier, 1s.; A. Rawlinson, cleaning, 1s. 6d.; Ramsden, 1s.; Land, 3s.; Muslin, 1s. 11d.; Carriage of Goods, 1s.; Postages, 2s.; Total, £3 8s. 8d.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT.—A Concert in aid of the Choir Fund will be given in the Town Hall, by the Choir of the Parish Church, which will be largely augmented for the occasion, on Wednesday evening, July 1st, when will be performed Mendelssohn's celebrated Cantata, *The First Walpurgis Night*.

In Germany, the night of the first of May is called "Walpurgis Night," for it is traditionally believed that, on that night, a Witches' Revel is held on the mountains of the Brocken. This belief probably had its origin in the times of the introduction of Christianity into Germany. The old Druidical religion had been suppressed, but the people still clung to it, and had recourse to the following stratagem in order to celebrate its festival:—A chosen band, fantastically attired to represent demons, goblins, and such like supernatural monsters, rushed through the rocky passes of the Brocken, brandishing clubs and torches, and making night hideous with their shouts and yells. The enemy's guards dismayed at such unearthly sights and sounds, fled in terror, leaving the people to perform their ancient rite unmolested. This stratagem and its successful issue is the subject of the Cantata.

The programme will also include Part Songs by Schumann, Mendelssohn, and Zimmermann, a Pianoforte Solo, and Songs by Bishop, Salaman, and others.

Tickets, programmes, and books of the words may be obtained and places secured at G. Parker's, Market-Place, Caistor, where a plan of the room may be seen. Reserved seats 2s., body of the hall 1s., admission 6d. Concert at eight, carriages at ten.

FESTIVAL OF OUR PATRON SAINTS.—The 29th of June is a day of the highest class with us, our Church being dedicated to the illustrious Apostles and Martyrs S. Peter and S. Paul. The Festival will be ushered in by Festal Evensong and Procession at 6-30 on Sunday evening, June 28th. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on the morning of June 29th, at 7, 8, and 9 o'clock, the latter a high Celebration, at which Martin's Mass in C will be performed by our Choir for the first time. Matins will be sung at 11 a.m., and Festal Evensong (with Procession) at 7. The Lord Bishop of Nottingham will be the preacher.

A Breakfast will be given to the Choir at the Vicarage at 10 a.m. The annual Soiree will take place in the National School at 8-30 in the evening. Refreshments will be served at 9-30.

During the Octave, the daily Celebration and Matins and Evensong will take place as usual, and the following events will also take place, viz.:—

On Tuesday, June 30th, a tea in the Class Room at 4 o'clock, for old men and women.

Wednesday, July 1st, the Choir Concert in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 2nd, Choir Excursion.

Friday, July 3rd, tea in the Parish Room at 5, for the members of the Ministering Children's Guild.

Saturday, July 4th, North Lincolnshire Bell-Ringers meet at Caistor.

Sunday (within the Octave) July 5th, Holy Eucharist at 8 and (Choral) 11-30, Matins at 10-30, Flower Service at 3, Festal Evensong at 6-30.

Monday, July 6th, Excursion of Guild of S. Peter and S. Paul.

N.B.—The members of the Guilds are expected to Communicate during the Octave.

SO FEW COMMUNICANTS.

"As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and gave it to the Disciples, and said, 'Take, eat, this is My Body;' and He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it,'"—S. Matt. xxvi. 26, 27.

There are no words of our Saviour plainer in their meaning than these words. They were spoken by Him on the last night that He spent with His disciples, before He was crucified, that night when He gave them, as His parting gift, the first Holy Communion that ever was celebrated.

How is it, then, that so few of our church-goers are Communicants? We are not speaking of people that neglect Church—*we are speaking of our Church-goers*; how is it that so few of them are Communicants?

In most of our congregations there are many people, sincere and religious according to their light, who are regular in coming to Church, year after year, but who never come to the Lord's Table. What a large number of many congregations may be seen trooping out of Church after Matins, and walking away chatting together, seemingly quite happy, as though the Holy Communion were no concern of theirs, and as if our Lord had never said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Month after month the preacher calls to the people from the pulpit, "Will ye also go away?" but they go away all the same, and only a few, in comparison, stay behind, to do what our Lord commanded *all* to do. It is the duty and privilege of all Church-people to join in prayer and praise with the Communicants, whether they themselves Communicate or not, and not to leave the Church when the Communion is about to be celebrated, because they are not then going to Communicate.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

MARRIAGE.

"O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou for evermore dost join in one."

May 25th. By the Reverend the Vicar, Joseph Watson Sharp, Thornton-le-Moor, to Ellen Marshall, Stope Hill, Holton-le-Moor.

CLIXBY.

BAPTISMS.

"E'en now around the font,
Unseen by mortal eye,
Bright ministering Angels watch
The wondrous mystery."

May 17th. Robert, son of H. and E. Shipman, North Kelsey Road, Caistor.

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ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

BAPTISMS.

"Grant us dear Saviour the new birth in Thee
So from the old man dying, may we see
Child Angels, white winged and of guileless heart
Rise up to people heaven's infinity."

June 12th. Annie, daughter of W. and E. Forth, South Street, Caistor.

June 14th. Percy Charles, son of A. and M. Varey, Nettleton Road, Caistor.

MARRIAGE.

"Co-eternal Three in One,
Seal the nuptial benison."

June 3rd. At Crefeld, Germany, Charles Henry Colton, Cornhill, Caistor, to Adele Paulina, only daughter of the late Herr Marzell Kamp, and step-daughter of Herr August Witten, of Crefeld.

June 11th, S. Barnabas' Day. At 8 a.m. in the Parish Church, Caistor, the Vicar pronounced a Nuptial Benediction on the Bride and Bridegroom, and they afterwards received the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The following scholars have obtained the highest number of marks in their respective classes during the half-year ending June 28th. The maximum number is 52. FIRST CLASS, Boys:—1 Arthur Gilbert 52; 2 Harry Clarke 44; 3 Frank Meanwell 41. FIRST CLASS, Girls:—1 Ethel Dawson 49; 2 Clara Dawson 48; 3 Amelia Applin 46. SECOND CLASS, Boys:—1 Charles Gilbert 52; 2 William Clarke 47; 3 Tom Brighton 45. SECOND CLASS, Girls:—1 Rebekah Brighton 47; 2 Elizabeth Mirfin and Nellie King 44; 3 Eva Bridgeman 37. THIRD CLASS, Boys:—1 Samuel Topliss 45; 2 Wilkinson Clarke 42; 3 George Brighton 41. THIRD CLASS, Girls:—1 Kathleen Gilbert 52; 2 Rebekah King 46; 3 Florence King 45. INFANTS, Boys:—1 Fred Brighton 37; 2 Harold Howden 32; 3 Percy Akrill 22. INFANTS, Girls:—1 Maud Clarke 47; 2 Lucy Lord 40; 3 Frances Edgeley 25.

HOME REUNION SOCIETY.—"The annual meeting of this society was held at the Church House, London.—The Bishop of Carlisle, in opening the proceedings, expressed his sympathy with the aims of the society. He thought there ought to be no division between the Church of England and the leading Nonconformist sects, especially the Wesleyans. On the principles laid down by John Wesley himself there ought to be no insuperable chasm between the two bodies; and he could not see why all consistent Wesleyans should not be members and communicants of the English Church. As individuals they could do a great deal to draw all Christians together. The state of things was not so bad as was made out. If they were to believe all that they read or heard—such statements, for example, as were made in the course of the education debate—they must believe that the parson and his Nonconformist parishioners were in a perpetual state of feud, but such was not the case. Those who know the real facts of the case could testify that the parish priest was almost universally regarded as the friend and minister of all.—Earl Nelson said that the object of the society was generally regarded as utopian. There was, however, much to encourage them, and if reunion did not come in their time it would eventually."

CALENDAR FOR JULY, 1891.

1 W.—Choir Concert in Town Hall at 8 p.m.
2 Th.—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Choir Excursion to Cleethorpe. District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4.
3 F. (Fast)—Tea for Ministering Children's Guild at 5. Teachers' Meeting at 8. Choir Practice at 8.
4 S.—Translation of S. Martin, Bishop and Confessor. North Lincolnshire Bell-Ringers' Association meets at Caistor; Tea in the Assembly Room at 5.
5 **S.**—6th Sunday after Trinity.—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Flower Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertories and Collections for National School and Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
6 M.—Guilds' Excursion to Cleethorpe. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
7 Tu.—
8 W.—
9 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
10 F. (Fast)—Teachers' Meeting at 8.
11 S.—
12 **S.**—7th Sunday after Trinity.—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, and Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
13 M.—Diocesan Organising Teacher visits National School. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon. Temperance Guild meets at Vicarage at 8.
14 Tu.—
15 W.—S. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, Translated. Meeting on the Vicarage Lawn at 3-30 p.m., for the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge." Tea at 5. The Reverend Vere F. Willson, Fulbeck Rectory, and other Clergy will address the meeting.
16 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
17 F. (Fast)—Teachers' Meeting at 8.
18 S.—
19 **S.**—8th Sunday after Trinity.—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, and Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
20 M.—S. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr at Antioch. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
21 Tu.—
22 W.—S. Mary Magdalene.
23 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
24 F. (Fast)—Vigil of S. James. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
25 S.—S. James, Apostle and Martyr. Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. "C.B.S." at 12. Evensong and Address at 7-30.
26 **S.**—9th Sunday after Trinity.—S. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, and Collections for Church Expenses. Guild Service after Evensong.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
27 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
28 Tu.—
29 W.—
30 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
31 F. (Fast)—Teachers' Meeting at 8.

Week-day Services in the Parish Church:—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Evensong at 7-30.
Wednesdays and Fridays, Litany at 11.

EXTRACTS RELATING TO CAISTOR.—"It has been supposed that a Roman causeway passed through Horkstow to Glandford Brigg, and on to Caistor." "Edmund Gastryk, in the 17th year of Henry VI. (A.D. 1439), held in Killingholme Manor 4 messuages, 1 croft, and 14 bovats, with 4 acres of pasture lands. This property was anciently called Midelsoyle.

In the early part of the 16th century, Henry Boothe married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of William Gastryk, of Midelsoyle, and the family of Boothe was represented during the period of the civil wars by William Boothe. He was made captain in the trained bands, in accordance with the summons of the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, Lord Willoughby. This summons was issued by order of the Parliament, and was very distasteful to Captain Boothe. They met at Caistor on the 8th of June, 1642. Boothe took with him the King's proclamation, and read it to such of the soldiers as would listen to him, thereby endeavouring to dissuade many of the soldiers from showing their arms. He also ridiculed the small muster that had taken place at Lincoln a short time before, in obedience to the Lord-Lieutenant's summons, telling him in public that there was a brave appearance at Lincoln of some 15 or 16 men. For these offences he was disarmed in presence of his own soldiers, and kept in confinement for two days. He afterwards served in the Royal army until the surrender of Newark, May, 1646, where he was among the prisoners. He was fined by the Commissioners £415. He returned his estate, in answer to their queries, at £100 per annum in possession, and £80 per annum in reversion, out of which issued for over £1 7s. 9d.

He did not live to see the restoration. He was buried at Killingholme A.D. 1657."—(From "Notices of Lincolnshire," by J. G. Hall.)

COURTESY AT HOME. One is forcibly reminded, in going from place to place, how small and seemingly trivial often are the things which go to make or mar the comfort and peace of home. In some households there is a genuine goodwill and kindness which only works out half its mission, for the reason that it does not express itself in little courtesies of speech and action. These are more important than some of our busy men and women may realise. The ready "thank you," "if you please," &c., at table and elsewhere, the quiet "excuse me," when obliged to pass directly before or inconveniently near another; the loving "good night," and cheery "good morning," although little things, are helps in making a happy home. Courtesy is but the ready overflow of kindness and goodwill to all, and is therefore but a natural expression which costs nothing, but which often cheers an aching heart, and which never fails to make home brighter and more attractive to old and young.

CLIXBY.

BAPTISM.

"He raised them in His holy arms,
He bless'd them from the world and all its harms:
Heirs though they were of sin and shame,
He bless'd them in His own and in His Father's Name."

June 14th. By the Vicar, Andrew Leonard Cordeaux, son of C. and C. A. Wilson, The Villa, Audleby.

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL.—The Feast of the Patron Saints S. Peter and S. Paul to whom our Parish Church is dedicated has been duly observed. On Sunday evening, June 28th, there was festal evensong, the office being sung by the Vicar, and an excellent sermon preached by the Reverend J. R. Hill, Vicar of Scarby. There was a procession, and the hymn *Disposer Supreme* was sung during its progress round the Church.

On Monday, June 29th, S. Peter and S. Paul's Day, the festival services were continued. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at seven, eight, and nine o'clock in the morning, the latter being a high Celebration. Matins was sung at eleven, and evensong at seven, when a powerful sermon was preached by the Reverend A. C. Custance, Rector of Binbrook. The following Clergy were also present:—The Vicar, who sang the office, the Reverend T. Field, Rector of Bigby and Rural Dean, the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, the Reverend M. W. T. Conran, Curate of Barton, and the Reverends J. J. Baldwin and A. R. B. Trinder, Curates of Caistor.

The Church was very prettily decorated, the decorations upon the Screens being exceedingly chaste. The Choir partook of breakfast on the Vicarage Lawn at ten o'clock, and there was a Soiree in the National School in the evening, when upwards of 50 persons were present. Mrs. Knox, the Misses Craven, Mrs. Leaky, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. S. F. Haddelsey, and Mr. V. H. Haddelsey played or sung. The proceedings terminated (by request) with a Dance.

On Tuesday afternoon there was a tea for old men and women, when 32 were present. The District Visitors kindly waited on the guests. Music and singing amused the old people, who also spent some time pleasantly in the Vicarage grounds.

On Wednesday the Choir Concert took place in the Town Hall, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the friends of the Church.

Thursday was spent happily by the Choir at Cleethorpe; thanks to the kind parishioners who provided ample funds for the treat.

On Friday the members of the Ministering Children's Guild had tea and games on the Vicarage Lawn.

On Saturday, the North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association met at Caistor, and enlivened the town by ringing our Church bells and their hand-bells. About 60 were entertained by the Vicar in the Assembly-room.

On the Sunday in the Octave the festal services were repeated. A most successful Flower Service was held in the afternoon, when the Rector of Rothwell (the Reverend G. J. Boissier) gave an edifying address to a crowded congregation. Several large boxes of lovely flowers were received with gratitude the next morning by the patients at the Lincoln Hospital.

The festive week was brought to a successful conclusion on Monday, when the members of the several Guilds were taken by the Vicar to Cleethorpe in waggonettes, and thoroughly enjoyed our Lincolnshire sea-side resort and its varied attractions.

The offertories and collections during the festival were for the National School and our Church expenses, and realized a total of £5 15s. 4d. The communicants numbered no less than 107.

HOME MISSIONS.—The following sums have been collected in boxes by the District Visitors and other friends during the half-year which ended on the 30th June, 1891:—

	s.	d.
Alcock, Mrs, senior	1	3
Alleston, Mr T. G. (Canada)	0	2
Baldwin, Mrs	4	11½
Bowstead, Mrs		
Braad, Miss (Holton)	2	9
Bridgeman, Bertha	1	11½
Brown, H. (Holton)	3	2½
Button, Mrs J.	1	0
Cameron, Mrs	1	10½
Cartledge, Mrs	1	11
Chant, Mrs	0	8
Colton, Miss A.	0	1
Cook, Miss (Holton)		
Dent, Miss	0	6½
Eyre, Mrs W.	2	11
Foster, Mrs J.	0	9
Foster, Mrs C.	0	9
Foster, E.	0	7
Haddelsey, Mrs.	3	3
,, (High Street)	3	10½
Haddelsey, The Misses	5	2½
Hall, Mrs (Claxby)	1	7
Hanson, Alice	0	3
Keen, Mrs.	1	11
Kirkby, Mrs.	2	10½
Kirkby, Mr J.	1	5½
Levick, Mrs		
Lord, Tom	2	0
Morris, Mrs G. (Holton)	3	8
Meanwell, Mrs	2	3
Parish Room	0	5½
Parker, Mrs J.	0	6
Sanderson, Miss	0	9½
Sanderson, Mrs R.	0	5
Smith, F. H.	5	5
Smith, Miss Ida		
Smith, Jane	0	8½
Smith, Mrs T.		
Sunday School, 1st Class	6	8½
,, 2nd Class	0	6½
,, 3rd Class	4	0½
,, 4th Class	0	4½
,, Infants	0	3
Taylor, Mrs W. (Fonaby)	1	5
Thomas, Mrs	8	2½
Tritton, Mrs	2	6
Vicarage, The	3	3½
Westbrooke, Mrs	7	7
Wilson, Miss Ethel	0	10½
Woulds, William	0	10½
Total	£4	18 7¼

This sum has been forwarded to the "Society for the Employment of Additional Curates" in poor and populous parishes. During the current half-year which will end on December 31st next, we are earnestly invited to *give* to and *collect* for Foreign Missions.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

—On the invitation of the Vicar the members of the North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association held their quarterly meeting at Caistor, on Saturday, July 4th. The weather was most favourable. The following places were represented:—Caistor, Grimsby, Hull, Lincoln, Market Rasen, Rothwell, Scotherne, Washingborough. Arrived at Caistor, the ringers at once visited the ancient Parish Church. The Vicar provided a substantial tea for his guests at the Assembly-room at five o'clock, where the campanologists (about 60) did full justice to the *recherche* fare so tastefully displayed. The Rev. Canon Andrews, Rector of Claxby, a vice-president of the Association, was Chairman, whilst the Host occupied a seat at the opposite end of the long table. Many visitors were present.

The Vicar said he was pleased to be able to give those present a hearty welcome to the old town of Caistor. He had also to thank them for coming to ring their bells and to see their Church, which they would acknowledge were very interesting, and they could not, he was sure, help admiring the picturesque scenery around the capital of the North Lincolnshire Wolds. His parishioners were pleased that they had thought good to accept his invitation to hold the quarterly meeting at Caistor, and he hoped the Association ere long would revisit the town under more favourable conditions for ringing, as he hoped the bells would be rehung under the direction of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who had inspected the belfry and given an estimate for this much-needed work. During the five years he had been privileged to work in the town he had had both hands fairly full, but one of the works that called for speedy attention was the rehanging of the bells, not only for the greater pleasure of the inhabitants, but also for the convenience of the ringers who should be studied. Caistor was the birthplace of the Association. Some present would remember that the Market Rasen ringers paid a friendly visit to Caistor some years ago to ring the bells and spend an evening in social enjoyment, and then it was that an Association was suggested. There was every evidence that the Association was increasing, it simply had to be better known to be further appreciated. Bell ringing was an important branch of Church work.

CAISTOR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST, 1891.

1 S.—*Lammas Day* or *S. Peter's Chains.*

2 S.—10*th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertories for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

3 M.—Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.

4 Tu.—Temperance Guild meets at Vicarage at 8.

5 W.—

6 Th.—*Transfiguration of our Lord.*—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

7 F.—*Name of Jesus.*—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8.

8 S.—

9 S.—11*th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

10 M.—*S. Laurence, Archdeacon of Rome and Martyr.*—Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.

11 Tu.—Meeting of Guilds in Parish Room at 8.

12 W.—Choir Practice at 8.

13 Th.—School Feast for scholars attending our Day and Sunday Schools. The children will assemble in the National School at 2 p.m., and march to Church for service at 2-30. An address will be given by the Reverend C. F. Brotherton, Curate-in-Charge of Crowle. Tea for scholars, teachers, bandsmen, &c., in the School-room at 4, to be followed by sports and pastimes in the Vicarage fields.

14 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8.

15 S.—

16 S.—12*th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

17 M.—Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at 12 noon.

18 Tu.—

19 W.—Meeting of Guilds at Parish Room at 8.

20 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

21 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8.

22 S.—*Vigil.*—Fast.

23 S.—13*th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

24 M.—*S. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7-30. Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at 12 noon.

25 Tu.—

26 W.—

27 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

28 F.—*S. Augustin, Bishop of Hippo, Confessor and Doctor.*—Teachers' Meeting at 8.

29 S.—*Beheading of S. John Baptist.*

30 S.—14*th Sunday after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Guilds' Service after Evensong. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

31 M.—Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at 12 noon.

Week-day Services in the Parish Church:—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Evensong at 7-30.
Wednesdays and Fridays, Litany at 11.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—A Garden Meeting on behalf of this Society (founded in 1698) was held on the Vicarage Lawn, on July 15th, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, when its claims upon Churchpeople were fully advocated by the Diocesan Secretary, the Reverend Vere Willson, Rector of Fulbeck, and supported by the Reverend H. F. Goffe, Rector of Thoresway and Thurgarby, the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, and the Reverend J. R. Hill, Vicar of Searby. The collection amounted to £2 5s. On the conclusion of the meeting, a large number of parishioners and friends were entertained at tea and tennis.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

On Wednesday, July 29th, a large party left Holton Station for Cleethorpe. The Clergy, the Organist, the members of the Choir and School, Miss Brand the excellent head mistress, together with many others, feel very grateful to Miss Dixon for her many acts of kindness, and for this delightful treat to the seaside.

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MARRIAGES.

"Except Thou build it Father, the house is built in vain,
Except Thou Lord sustain it, the joy will turn to pain,
But nought can break the union of hearts in Thee made one,
And love which Thou hast hallowed, is endless love begun."

August 24th (S. Bartholomew's Day). By the Reverend the Vicar, George Tindall, 54, Constable Street, Hessle Road, Hull, to Alice Vessey, daughter of Hansel Vessey, Quarry Terrace, Caistor, and late of Holton-le-Moor.

July 30th. At S. John's Church, Churt, Surrey, by the Rev. A. W. Watson, Vicar, John Steadman Parry, Curate of Caistor, son of the late Richard Parry, Esq., Monai Bridge, to Frances Louisa, eldest daughter of W. Ansell, Esq., of Churt, Surrey, and Dyffryn, Merioneth, and granddaughter of C. Ansell, Esq., F.R.S., J.P., and D.L., of Brighton, and Merioneth.

August 19th. At the Parish Church (S. Nicholas), Scarby, by the Reverend J. F. Quirk, Vicar of Grasby, assisted by the Reverend J. R. Hill, Vicar of Scarby-cum-Owmby, George Haddelsey, Granville Terrace, Bracebridge, Lincoln, third son of G. R. F. Haddelsey, Esq., High Street, Caistor, to Ethel Margaret, eldest daughter of W. H. Coates, Esq., Scarby Manor.

BURIALS.

"Asleep in Jesus! who can weep
For those who sleep so calm a sleep?
Then let the living for the dead
In Christ, by Christ be comforted."

August 10th (S. Laurence's Day). Annie Dawson, White Horse Inn, South Street, Caistor, aged 41 years.

August 30th. Mary Clark, North Street, Caistor, aged 86 years.

THE SCHOOL FEAST.—Thursday, August 13th, was one of the few fine bright days of this showery summer. The scholars attending our Day and Sunday Schools assembled at the National School at 2 o'clock, whence they marched, bearing banners and flags, under the leadership of Clergy and teachers, and to the musical strains of our Brass Band, through South Dale, South Street, and High Street, to the Parish Church, where a short and appropriate Office, consisting of Metrical Litany and Collects, was sung by the Vicar. The hymns were heartily rendered by the choir and congregation. Mr. C. Hopper carried the processional Crucifix, and Mr. Milward (Theological College, Lincoln) the banner of the Madonna and Holy Child. The Acolytes were Mr. V. Haddelsey and Mr. F. Smith. A very interesting catechetical address on the words "The conies (rabbits) are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks,"—Proverbs xxx. 26, was given by the Reverend C. F. Brotherton, Curate-in-Charge of Crowle. After the service the long procession returned to the National School *via* Cherry Holt, North Street, the Market Place, and the Horse Market. An excellent tea was provided in the large School-room, to which the large party sat down with eager appetites at 4 o'clock, after the following Grace had been sung.

"Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee."

Upon the conclusion of the repast the following Thanksgiving was sung:—

"We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food,
The more because of Jesu's Blood;
May Manna to our souls be given,
The Bread of Life sent down from Heaven."

Hearty cheers were given for the Church, the Teachers, and the Vicar.

Tea was provided in the Infants' Room for all the Teachers connected with our Schools and the visitors—Mrs. Westbrooke presided—and upon its conclusion a substantial meal was partaken of by the members of our Brass Band, who are always ready to help us by enlivening our festivities with cheerful music.

Sports and pastimes were enjoyed in the Vicarage field. The following is the result of the FLAT RACES:—*Standards* 7, 6, 5—Boys—H. Topliss 1, A. Gilbert 2; Girls—E. Topliss 1, A. Applin 2. *Standard* 4—Boys—J. Reetham 1, H. Clark 2; Girls—N. King. *Standard* 3—Boys—T. Fox; Girls—M. Cave 1, R. King 2. *Standard* 2—Boys—G. Wilmore 1, S. Topliss 2; Girls—N. Bridgeman 1, K. Gilbert 2. *Standard* 1—Boys—W. Clark 1, A. Fox 2; Girls—R. Topliss 1, P. White 2. *Choir Boys*—J. Reetham 1, H. Westbrooke 2, E. Topliss 3. Other races followed, and various games and dances were enjoyed until dusk, when Mrs. Westbrooke gave each child a useful present, a packet of sweets, biscuits, and a bun. Twelve girls, especially commended for regularity and good behaviour, received in addition a nicely dressed doll. The Teachers, to whom we owe so much, each received a little souvenir. Three cheers for Mrs. Westbrooke concluded another successful School Treat.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH.—On July 27th the Vicar was presented with a white silk Antependium, bearing the sacred monogram I.H.S. worked in gold silk, for use as a pulpit hanging in the Parish Church, by the following contributors:—

Miss Atkinson,
Dr. Cameron,
Mrs. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Christian,
Mr. Cousans,
Miss A. Craven,
Miss G. Craven,
Miss Dent,
Mrs. Dorrington,
Mrs. Haddelsey,
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Mr. V. Haddelsey,
Mr. J. Kirkby,
Mrs. F. Marshall,
Miss Meanwell,
Mrs. J. Parker,
Miss Pryor,
Miss Shipley,
Mr. G. W. Smith,
Miss Thomas,
The Reverend A. Trinder,
Mrs. Tritton,
Mrs. Westbrooke,
Mrs. Colonel Westbrooke.

Two red silk Alms Bags have been presented by Miss E. Warham.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—Since the last issue of our Parish Magazine the Reverend J. J. Baldwin has entered upon another sphere of work in the village of Helpringham, near Sleaford, where, during the Vicar's absence, he will be licensed Curate-in-Charge. The Reverend A. R. B. Trinder has also ceased to officiate in our Parishes, having migrated to Barnetby-le-Wold to render assistance to the venerable Vicar, the Reverend B. Street. The Reverend M. W. T. Conran, who resided amongst us from Advent, 1886, to the end of January, 1890, when he went to Barton-on-Humber, has commenced his probation at the Mission House, Cowley, near Oxford, with the desire, long-cherished, of devoting himself to the self-sacrificing life of the Brotherhood over which Father Benson has for many years presided. The Reverend John Steadman Parry comes to work at Caistor from Sutton, Surrey, where, and in the other populous Parishes which he has served, he has been found an "earnest, diligent, and faithful coadjutor." For the Clergy let us pray "Almighty God to so replenish them with the truth of His doctrine, and to so endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Him, to the glory of His great Name, and the benefit of His Holy Church."

HELPS BY THE WAY.—"God sends us many helps to raise us above the earthly desires, the mean selfish thoughts, the passions that weigh us down, into a higher and purer region. A beautiful picture, a moving strain of music, a fine poem, the sight of a face reflecting the goodness within, contact with a noble character, the story of an heroic deed, even our own self-respect, often act as ministering angels, true messengers of God to our souls. We think if only they could remain with us always, we could never act unworthily of their presence. Passing helps they may be, but not all-sufficient. There are times in our lives of sore trial and temptation, when there is only one support for our weakness, the knowledge that 'the Eternal God is our Refuge,' and that 'underneath are the Everlasting Arms.'"

CAISTOR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER, 1891.

1 Tu.—*S. Giles, Abbot and Confessor.*—Temperance Guild at Parish Room at 8.
2 W.—
3 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
4 F.—Fast.—Perseverance Guild at the Vicarage at 8. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
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Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
7 M.—*S. Enurchus, Bishop of Orleans.*—Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
8 Tu.—*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*—Anniversary A.P.U.C.
9 W.—Organ Recitals in Church by Reverend J. Blackbourne, Vicar of Keelby, at 4 and 7-30.
10 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
11 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8.
12 S.—
13 **S.**—*16th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
14 M.—*Holy Cross Day.*
15 Tu.—
16 W.—*Ember Day.*—Fast.
17 Th.—*S. Lambert, Bishop and Martyr.*—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
18 F.—*Ember Day.*—Fast.—Perseverance Guild at the Vicarage at 8. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
19 S.—*Ember Day, Vigil.*—Fast.
20 **S.**—*17th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
21 M.—*S. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7-30.
22 Tu.—Retreat for Diocesan Clergy in Lincoln Cathedral commences.
23 W.—
24 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
25 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8. Retreat for Diocesan Clergy in Lincoln Cathedral ends.
26 S.—*S. Cyprian, Archbishop of Carthage, and Martyr.*—Diocesan Guilds' Festival Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 3. Conference at 4. Tea at 5.
27 **S.**—*18th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Guild's Service at 7-45. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
28 M.—Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.
29 Tu.—*S. Michael and All Angels.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7-30.
30 W.—*S. Jerome, Priest, Confessor, and Doctor.*—Quarterly Meeting of Guild of S. Peter and S. Paul in School-room at 8.

N.B.—Week-day Services in the Parish Church:—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Evensong at 7-30.
Wednesdays and Fridays, Litany at 11.

"All Priests and Deacons are to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer either privately or openly, not being let by sickness, or some other urgent cause.

And the Curate that ministereth in every Parish Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray with him."—*Prayer Book.*

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BAPTISM.

"The pure and bright baptismal wave
Entombs our nature's stain;
New creatures from the cleansing flood
With Christ we rise again."

September 13th. Cyril Daubney, son of J. and F. Marrows, Horse Market, Caistor.

BURIALS.

"Thou God of love! beneath Thy sheltering wings
We leave our holy dead,
To rest in hope! from this world's sufferings
Their souls have fled."

September 4th. Selina Woodthorpe, of Alford, visiting at High Street, Caistor, aged 24 years.

September 6th. Frances Keyworth, North Street, Caistor, aged 56 years.

September 13th. Ann Taylor, Horse Market, Caistor, aged 73 years.

September 24th. George Parker, Market Place, Caistor, aged 78 years.

ORGAN RECITALS.—The Reverend J. Blackbourne, Vicar of Keelby and Immingham, gave two recitals upon the organ in our Parish Church, on Wednesday, September 9th. The programme at four o'clock was as follows:—1—*Faniasia*, Silas; 2—*Andante Cantabile*, Rea; 3—*March from Ric*, Costa; 4—*Agnus Dei*, Mozart; 5—*Prelude, Fugue*, E minor, Bach; 6—*Pastorale*, Corelli; 7—*Grand Chœur*, Guilmant. A collection (£1 3s. 6d.) for the tuning of the organ was made during the singing of the hymn—

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord."

The second recital was given after Evensong at 7-30. The following music was executed:—1—*Suite for Organ*, Oliver King; 2—*Russian Air* (variations), Bunnett; 3—*Offertoire* in E minor, Batiste; 4—*Fantasia*, Tours; 5—*Andante* in F, Wely; 6—*Marche Romaine*, Gounod. The hymn—

"All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,"

was heartily sung during the collection (£1 7s.)

BRIGG AND CAISTOR CLERICAL BOOK SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this Club (which has flourished for half a century) was held at Caistor Vicarage, on Thursday, September 17th, under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The following gentlemen are the elected members:—The Reverend J. Blackbourne (Keelby), the Reverend G. J. Boissier (Rothwell), the Reverend A. E. B. Constable (Appleby), the Reverend T. Field (Bigby), the Reverend C. Godfrey (Redbourne), the Reverend W. Gould (Somerby), the Reverend J. T. Grey (Hibaldstowe), the Reverend J. R. Hill (Searby), the Reverend J. F. Quirk (Grasby), the Reverend B. Strutt (Barnetby), the Reverend J. D. C. Wallace (Melton Ross), the Reverend Canon West, President (Wrawby), the Reverend W. F. W. Westbrooke (Caistor), and the Reverend W. Wyatt (Broughton). The usual Office was said by the Vicar in Church at 2-30. The subject of discussion appointed for the day was the Execution of King Charles I. (martyred January 30th, 1649). Before dinner Mr. Alleston kindly photographed the party on the lawn. The Reverend R. Thomas (Head Master, Grammar School, Caistor), the Reverend J. S. Parry (Curate, Caistor), Mr. T. G. Alleston (Organist, Caistor), and Mrs. Parry were invited guests on the occasion, and Miss Westbrooke kindly occupied the position of hostess on behalf of Mrs. Westbrooke, whose unavoidable absence in Yorkshire was regretted.

FREE EDUCATION.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—From the 1st of September our National School is *free*. That is, the Managers have taken advantage of the "Elementary Education Act, 1891," commonly called the "Free Education Bill." To many in England this bill brings relief, and therefore we cannot but welcome any movement that helps to lessen the burdens of our fellow countrymen. To many homes and schools Free Education will, no doubt, be a great boon. There are thousands of schools in which children will now be educated free, although the scholars' parents are *able* and *willing* to pay something towards the education of their children and the maintenance of the schools where they derive so much benefit at no cost to themselves. Caistor National School is among this class, and we feel sure that the parents of our children will readily come forward and take their share in doing what they can, voluntarily, by small subscriptions to support their school. "Self-help" should be a ruling principle through life, as it helps us to become independent, and the saying is true that "God helps those who help themselves." To throw our responsibilities upon the shoulders of others, to avoid what is our bounden duty, is to fall from that high standard of right and justice which in the past has been the main characteristic of every true Englishman. What is needed, then, in the old words is a strong pull, a pull altogether, and a long pull, too. It will be made, for we are sure it is worth the making, and we see how to make it. How, then, is the effort to be made? It must be made by us *altogether*; and it must be made in a spirit of faith, of fellowship, and of self-denial. Parents who care for our Church School will be ready to pay something in subscriptions towards its maintenance. They will be willing to give back for this purpose some part of the relief which the Education Bill gives them. And it may quicken their charity to remember that they will probably not be doing more than, if the Voluntary Schools were swept away, would be enforced by law upon them through increasing rates. Ought we not from this time, when the Education Bill gives back into the purses of the parents so large a sum, to ask and receive from them willing help for the school which is so specially their own?

The Government pays the Fee Grant on the *average attendance* of the children, and not on the actual total of children on the books. It is most necessary therefore that all parents should send their children as *Regularly* and *Punctually* as possible; for if the children are not punctual, and arrive at school after the registers are closed, the attendance of such scholars is not reckoned, and the school will lose the Fee. The Managers earnestly ask the parishioners who wish to maintain our Voluntary School (and avoid a Board School) to do all in their power to assist them in making the National School efficient.

NO FEES.—NO CHARGE FOR BOOKS.

The present Managers are the Vicar, the Reverend R. Thomas, the Curate, Mr. G. E. F. Haddelsey, Mr. Meanwell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. R. Watson, and Mr. C. H. Colton.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BAPTISM.

"Happy, if through this world of strife,
And sin, and selfish care,
This snow-white robe of righteousness
We undefiled wear."

September 20th. Louisa, daughter of G. B. and E. A. Webster, Steep Hill, Nettleton.

CLIXBY.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Thanksgiving services for the ingathering of the harvest will be held on Wednesday, October 7th. Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m., preacher, the Reverend W. Pigott Smith, (Clixby Manor), Curate of the Parish Church, Reading. Offertory and Collection for Restoration Fund.

CAISTOR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 1891.

1 Th.—*S. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims.*—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
2 F.—Fast.—Perseverance Guild at the Vicarage at 7. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
3 S.—Lincolnshire Church of England Public Elementary Schools Association meets at Caistor in the Parish Room at 2-45.
4 S.—*19th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertories for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
5 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon. Temperance Guild in Parish Room at 8.
6 Tu.—*S. Faith, Virgin and Martyr.*
7 W.—*Clixby Harvest Festival.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Festal Evensong at 7. Preacher, the Reverend W. P. Smith, (Clixby), Curate of Parish Church, Reading.
8 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
9 F.—*S. Denys, Bishop and Martyr.*—Teachers' Meeting at 8.
10 S.—
11 S.—*20th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
12 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
13 Tu.—*Translation of King Edward, Confessor.*—Lincoln Diocesan Conference.
14 W.—Lincoln Diocesan Conference.
15 Th.—*Harvest Festival.*—Matins at 7. Holy Eucharist at 8 (choral). Festal Evensong at 7-30. Preacher, the Reverend A. E. B. Constable, Vicar of Appleby. Offertory and Collection for National School and Church Expenses. Soiree in National School at 8-45.
District Visitor's Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4.
16 F.—Fast.—Perseverance Guild at the Vicarage at 7. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
17 S.—*S. Etheldreda, Virgin Queen, Abbess of Ely.*
18 S.—*21st after Trinity.*—*S. Luke, Evangelist and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Festal Evensong at 6-30. Preacher, the Reverend J. Blackbourne, Vicar of Keelby. Offertories and Collections for National School and Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
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22 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
23 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8.
24 S.—
25 S.—*22nd after Trinity.*—*S. Crispin, Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Guilds' Service at 7-45. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
26 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12 noon.
27 Tu.—*Vigil.*—Fast.
28 W.—*S. Simon and S. Jude, Apostles and Martyrs.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins and Litany at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7-30.
29 Th.—English Church Union Festival, North Lincolnshire District, at Gainsborough. District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament at 8. Choir Practice at 8.
30 F. Fast.—Perseverance Guild at Vicarage at 7. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
31 S.—*Vigil of All Saints.*—Fast.—Guild of All Souls. Litany after Matins.

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BAPTISM.

"Thou hast placed Thyself these soldiers
In the ranks where they should be,
Thou hast sealed them with Thy signet,
Make them strong, O Lord, in Thee."

October 28th (S. Simon and S. Jude). Alfred, son of C. and J. Wright, South Street, Caistor.

BURIAL.

"Calm on the bosom of thy God
Fair spirit! rest thee now
E'en while with us thy footstep trod,
His seal was on thy brow."

October 24th. George William Bett, Canada, Caistor, aged 3 years.

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this important association was held in the Parish Room, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 3 o'clock. The District Association is conterminous with the area of the Brigg Local Board of Education, which embraces the Deanery of Yarborough No. 1, consisting of the parishes of Barnetby-le-Wold, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bonby, Brigg, Croxton, Elsham, Ferriby S., Goxhill, Halton E., Horkstow, Killingholme, Melton Ross, Saxby, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Wootton, Worlaby, and Wrawby; and the Deanery of Yarborough No. 2, consisting of the parishes of Bigby, Brocklesby, Cadney, Caistor with Holton and Clixby, Grasby, Immingham, Keelby, Kelsey N., Limber, Nettleton, Riby, Searby, and Somerby.

The District Association consists of the following members:—

(*a*) The Members of the Local Boards of Education in the District.

(*b*) Representatives of the affiliated Schools in the District elected as follows:—Where there is only *one* affiliated School in a Parish, that School may send *two* Representatives to the District Association. Where there are more affiliated Schools than one in a Parish, each School may send *one* Representative. These Representatives are chosen by the Managers of the respective Schools from their own body.

(*c*) The Head Teachers in the affiliated Schools in the District.

The general duties of the District Associations are

(*a*) To combine, as far as possible, all the Church Schools within the District, for the purpose of united counsel, support and action, especially in cases of local interest and emergency.

(*b*) To consider the cases in their district of Inefficient Schools, or Schools in danger of being given up to a School Board, or of Schools requiring Maintenance Grants, and to give information to the Executive Committee respecting such Schools.

(*c*) To arrange for the employment and remuneration of Peripatetic Teachers to teach Drawing, Sciences, Cookery, &c., when required in their Districts.

(*d*) To provide Instruction for Assistant Teachers, Pupil Teachers, and Candidates, whether by Lectures or otherwise.

Mr. W. Colley, Lincoln, Organizing Teacher to the Association, addressed the Meeting on the important subjects of Drawing, English, Kindergarten, the periodical attendance at School of Managers, and the interest which all members of Managing Committees should take in the welfare of their Schools. The Reverend T. Field, B.D., Bigby, the Reverend W. W. Giffard, Wootton, the Vicar of Caistor, Mr. Rowe, Barnetby, and Mr. Ward, Barton, also addressed the Meeting on Educational topics. A most useful discussion on Regularity of Attendance was brought to a conclusion by the following resolution being carried unanimously:—"The Lincolnshire Church of England Public Elementary Schools Association begs to urge upon the Benches of Magistrates the increased importance (since the passing of the Free Elementary Education Act, 1891) of legitimately enforcing the attendance of those scholars whose absence may be brought before them." Tea was provided at the Vicarage for the Clergy, Managers, and Masters present, after which the gentlemen attending this successful and pleasant Meeting at Caistor took their departure home by road and rail.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival and services of thanksgiving "for all the blessings of this life" took place on Thursday, October 15th, and commenced with Matins at 7 a.m., followed by a Choral Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8. Festal Evensong was sung at 7-30 by the Vicar, the Reverend J. S. Parry reading the lessons. There was a Procession and a solemn *Te Deum* was sung. The sermon was preached by the Reverend A. E. B. Constable, Vicar of Appleby. A Musical Soiree was held in the evening in the National School-room, when vocal and instrumental music was executed by Miss Dent, Miss Eyre, Miss M. Howlett, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Alleston, Mr. J. Huddelsey, and Mr. V. Haddelsey. A recitation was given by Miss Atkinson. Refreshments were served at half-past nine.

The festival services were continued on the following Sunday, when the Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 8 and 11-30 a.m. The preacher was the Reverend W. F. W. Westbrooke, Vicar of Caistor, who also gave an Address at the Children's Service in the afternoon. At Evensong, the Reverend J. Blackbourne, Vicar of Keelby and Immingham, preached. As usual on festal occasions, the services were of an elaborate character. Martin's Mass in C was sung; the Canticles were well rendered to Barnby in E; the Anthem, "*Break forth into joy*," by Oliver King, was creditably executed by a large choir. Mr. Alleston deserves praise for the efficient manner in which the Choir sang the difficult music seldom attempted except by the powerful Choirs of our large town Churches. Mr. V. Haddelsey's playing was excellent, and he is highly appreciated as Deputy-Organist.

The Church was very prettily decorated, the most striking features being the Altars; the Rood Screen was decorated by Miss Dent and Miss I. Smith; the Font by the Misses Haddelsey; the Windows were particularly well done by the Misses Eyre; the Text over the South Door by Miss Rose Henson, and that over the North Door by Miss I. Smith; the Pulpit was beautifully decorated by the Misses B. and E. Dent. Miss A. Button, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Leaky, Mrs. Lofthouse, Mrs. P. Taylor, Mrs. Tritton, and Miss Thomas kindly assisted or sent fruit and flowers. The decorations were handsome, especially those of Miss I. Smith who had bestowed considerable pains upon them, giving evidence of a taste for designing out of the common order. The Pillars in the Nave were nicely decorated by Mrs. Galton; the Screen of the Lady Chapel was carefully decorated with flowers and cereals. An abundance of corn, flowers, fruit, grapes, and vegetables were kindly offered by parishioners to whom we owe our thanks. The offertories and collections were in aid of the National School and Church Expenses, and altogether amounted to £3 13s. 2d. There were 43 Communicants, and the Congregations were large.

CLIXBY.

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CAISTOR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1891.

1 S.—*All Saints' Day.—23rd after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Vespers for the Dead at 8. Offertories for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

2 M.—*All Souls' Day.*—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Evensong and Vespers for the Dead at 7-30. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.

3 Tu.—Temperance Guild in the Parish Room at 8.

4 W.—

5 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

6 F.—*S. Leonard.*—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8 in the Parish Room.

7 S.—

8 S.—*24th after Trinity.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

9 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.

10 Tu.—*Penny Readings* in the National School at 8.

11 W.—*S. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.*—English Church Union Festival at Caistor. Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Litany at 11. Te Deum, and Sermon by the Reverend C. Gordon Browne, Organizing Secretary, London, at 7-30. Annual Meeting and Soiree in the School Room at 8-30. Admission Free to Communicants.

12 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

13 F.—*S. Britius, Bishop.*—Fast.—Perseverance Guild at the Vicarage at 7. Teachers' Meeting at 8 in the Parish Room.

14 S.—

15 S.—*25th after Trinity.—S. Machutus, Bishop.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

16 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.

17 Tu.—*S. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese.*

18 W.—

19 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.

20 F.—*S. Edmund, King and Martyr.*—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8 in the Parish Room.

21 S.—

22 S.—*26th after Trinity.—S. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Guilds' Service at 7-45. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

23 M.—*S. Clement, Bishop and Martyr.*—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.

24 Tu.—*Penny Readings* in the National School at 8.

25 W.—*S. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr.*

26 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8. Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament at 8.

27 F.—Fast.—Teachers' Meeting at 8 in the Parish Room.

28 S.—*Vigil of S. Andrew.*—Fast.—Guild of All Souls. Litany after Matins.

29 S.—*1st in Advent.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

30 M.—*S. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7-30. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.

N.B.—During this month we are more especially to remember the departed. Can we offer a better prayer than "May they rest in peace," and that in our Litany "Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our *forefathers*, and be not angry with us for ever?"

The Week-day Services in the Parish Church are :—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Evensong at 7-30.
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BAPTISMS.

"*Glory to Thee, O Lord, Whose Grace*
To our baptising given,
Hath washed our souls, and poured on us
The Holy Ghost from Heaven.
Glory to Thee, in Whom dear Son
Our sonship we may claim,
And as Thy new-born children call
Upon our Father's name."

November 1st (All Saints' Day). Charles, son of C. and E. Firth, Cornhill, Caistor.

November 15th (25th Sunday after Trinity). Minnie, daughter of H. and A. Womar, Brook Cottage, Castle Hill, Caistor.

BURIALS.

"*Though we may mourn those we life the dearest,*
They shall return, O Lord, when Thou appearest,
Soon shall Thy voice comfort those now weeping,
Bidding rejoice all in Jesus sleeping."

November 9th. Ann Stamp, Marshchapel, aged 58 years.

November 9th. Sarah Ann Brumfield, Canada, Caistor, aged 6½ years.

November 19th. Thomas Wilkinson, Brigg Road, Caistor, aged 64 years.

November 21st. Minnie Womar, Brook Cottage, Castle Hill, Caistor, aged 9 months.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—With the desire of providing simple and innocent recreation for the people at the smallest cost, "Penny Readings" have been given for several years past. On Tuesday, November 10th, the first of a series for this winter was given in the National School at eight o'clock. The following programme was much appreciated:—Part 1.—1—Pianoforte Solo, *Pirates of Penzance*, Mr. T. G. Alleston; 2—Song, Miss Eyre; 3—Song, *Queen of the Earth*, Mr. G. E. Collins; 4—Song, *Miller and the Maid*, Miss Brannam; 5—Recitation, *Betsy and I fall out*, Miss Atkinson; 6—Song, *Afterwards*, Miss Dent; 7—Humorous Song, *Brookshaw's Guide*, Mr. H. Pepper. Part 2.—1—Pianoforte Duet, *Dancing Room Galop*, Mrs. Button and Miss A. Button; 2—Song, *Love's own sweet Song*, Miss Dent; 3—Recitation, *Betsy and I fall out*, Miss Atkinson; 4—Song, *Three small Crows*, Mr. G. E. Collins; 5—Song, *Daddy*, Miss Brannam; 6—Humorous Song, *He was a Cowsful Man*, Mr. H. Pepper. God save the Queen.

A second "Penny Reading" was held on Tuesday evening, November 24th, in the National School at eight o'clock. Programme:—Part 1.—1—Pianoforte Solo, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 2—Song, *Mother*, Mr. C. Hopper; 3—Piccolo and Pianoforte Duet, Mr. G. Steele and Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 4—Reading, *A Nick Higher*, Dr. Cameron; 5—Song, *Here's to the Lass*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 6—Reading, *Four Boys*, Fred Clark. Part 2.—1—Pianoforte Solo, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 2—Piccolo and Pianoforte Duet, Mr. G. Steele and Mr. T. G. Alleston; 3—Song, *The Anchor's Weighed*, Mr. C. Hopper; 4—Reading, *Cardinal Wolsey*, Dr. Cameron; 5—Song, *Mistress Prew*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey; 6—Piccolo Solo, Mr. G. Steele. God save the Queen.

ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.—The Annual Festival of the Caistor and Market Rasen Branch was held at Caistor on November 13th (unavoidably postponed from the 11th). The services in the Parish Church were Matins at 7-30, Holy Eucharist at 8, Litany at 11, Evensong, Solemn Te Deum, and Sermon at 7-30. The Reverend C. Gordon Browne, Organizing Secretary, London, preached an edifying sermon on the words "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."—S. Luke i. 4. The offertory and collection (amounting to £1 0s. 8d.) were devoted to the expenses of the Branch.

The Annual Meeting was held in the National School at 8-30, when the Chairman of the Branch (the Vicar of Caistor) presided, supported by the Reverend G. J. Boissier, the Reverend C. M. E. Halleworth, the Reverend A.

Chadwick, and the Reverend C. Gordon Browne. After Prayers, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman in the course of his address stated that the English Church Union has no less than 33,330 communicants upon its roll of members, including 25 Bishops, and about 4,000 Clergy. The Caistor and Market Rasen Branch contributing no fewer than 125 members, being, he believed, the second largest Branch in the County; but while reporting upon the increasing prosperity of the Branch, they had to regret the absence of several valued friends, owing either to death or removal from the neighbourhood.

The Officers for the ensuing year were then duly elected, viz.:—*Chairman*, the Reverend W. F. W. Westbrooke, Vicar of Caistor; *Vice-Chairmen*, the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, the Reverend C. M. E. Hallsworth, Rector of Cuxwold; *Secretary*, Mr. F. H. Smith, Caistor; *Treasurer*, Mr. V. H. Haddelsey, Caistor; *Agent at the Council*, the Reverend Dr. J. W. Hicks, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; *Committee*, the Reverend A. Chadwick, Caistor, Mr. G. W. Dexter, Caistor, Mrs. Cameron, Caistor, Mrs. Tritton, Whitegate Hill, Caistor.

The Reverend C. Gordon Browne, Organizing Secretary of the "E.C.U.," London, in an able speech pointed out that *the Objects of the English Church Union* are—"(1) To defend and maintain, unimpaired, the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England; (2) To afford counsel, protection and assistance to all persons, Lay or Clerical, suffering under unjust aggression or hindrance in Spiritual matters; and (3) in general so to promote the interests of Religion as to be, by God's help, a lasting witness for the advancement of His glory and the good of His Church." Churchmen should consider what the Union had done. It was a Society for '*Defence* not Defiance.' They should not forget that it had not finished its work; they were still struggling for the objects and principles they sought to uphold. The Union had done its best to prevent the passing of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, and they hoped now to awaken the conscience of England to the iniquitous working of certain clauses of the Divorce Act, and thereby to raise the whole position of Christian Marriage among English people. The Services which members of the Church of England now enjoyed—the shortened Services, the bright Services, the hymns, the frequent Celebrations of the Holy Communion—all these, as his hearers knew, were largely owing to the action and exertions of the clergy and laity in the English Church Union. How many churchmen and churchwomen in all sections of the Church had felt the spiritual benefit of the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday! The idea of holding that Service originated at a small Branch Meeting of the Union: a meeting of a few clergy and of a few laity, at which one clergyman asked his neighbour what he could do in regard to a third Service on Good Friday, without having to say Evening Prayer again. The seasons of Advent and Lent, and the Festival of the Ascension had been much better observed of late owing to the influence of the Union. The lecturer gave an interesting account of the sort of Church teaching that was prevalent thirty or forty years ago, and urged the necessity of study in Church History and Doctrine, with a view to carrying out S. Peter's command to "be ready always to give an answer to everyone that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

A Musical Soiree followed; and tea and other refreshments (kindly given by parishioners) were served at half-past nine to upwards of a hundred guests. This enthusiastic commemoration was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

OUR CURATES.—The Reverend Albert Chadwick, B.A., S. John's College, Cambridge, (Exhibitioner and Senior Optime,) was licensed Curate of Caistor with Holton and Clixby, by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, on November 21st, in succession to the Reverend J. S. Parry, who left on November 2nd for the curacy of the village of Yarwell, Northamptonshire.

THE CHOIR.—The Choir Boys have the privilege of attending the Parish Room several evenings a week for recreation and instruction. Mr. Alleston kindly gives Drawing Lessons, and Mrs. Tritton lessons in Wood Carving. Boys and Men desirous of joining the Choir should make their wishes known to the Vicar.

ADVENT SERMONS.—A course of sermons will be preached in our Church during Advent by the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, commencing on Wednesday evening, December 2nd, at 7-30.

MISSIONS. Friday, December 11th, will be observed as a Day of Intercession for Missions. In addition to the usual services, prayers will be offered in our Church throughout the day by Communicants. Matins at 7-30, Holy Eucharist at 8, Litany at 11, Meditation at 3, Evensong at 7-30 with a sermon by the Reverend J. R. Hill, late of India, Vicar of Searby.

CAISTOR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1891.

1 Tu.—Temperance Guild in Parish Room at 8.
2 W.—Special service with sermon by the Reverend G. J. Boissier, Rector of Rothwell, at 7-30.
3 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
4 F.—Fast.—*Day of Intercession for Missions.*—Matins at 7-30. Holy Eucharist at 8. Litany at 11. Meditation at 3. Evensong with sermon by the Reverend J. R. Hill, Vicar of Searby, late of India, at 7-30. Perseverance Guild at 6-30 in Parish Room.
5 S.—Teachers' Meeting at 8 in Church.
6 **S.**—*2nd Sunday in Advent.—S. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 and 2.
7 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.
8 Tu.—*Conception of the Blessed Virgin.*—*Penny Readings* in National School at 8.
9 W.—Choir Practice at 8.
10 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Missionary Meeting in School Room at 8, address by the Reverend W. I. S. Rawson, late of Southern India.
11 F.—Fast.—Special service with sermon by Rector of Rothwell at 7-30.
12 S.—Teachers' Meeting in Church at 8.
13 **S.**—*3rd Sunday in Advent.—S. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 and 2.
14 M.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.
15 Tu.—
16 W.—*Ember Day.*—Fast.—O Sapientia:—Special service with sermon by Rector of Rothwell at 7-30.
17 Th.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
18 F.—*Ember Day.*—Fast.—Perseverance Guild in Parish Room at 7. Teachers' Meeting at 8.
19 S.—*Ember Day.—Vigil of S. Thomas.*—Fast.
20 **S.**—*4th Sunday in Advent.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Evensong at 6-30. Guilds' Service at 7-45. Offertory for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 9-30 and 2.
21 M.—*S. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and sermon at 7-30. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.
22 Tu.—*Penny Readings* in the National School at 8.
23 W.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Special service with sermon by Rector of Rothwell at 7-30. Choir Practice at 8-30.
24 Th.—*Vigil.*—Fast.—*Christmas Eve.*—Midnight Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11-30. Offertory for the Poor.
25 F.—*Christmas Day.* Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Festal Evensong at 6-30. Offertories for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses.
Sunday School at 10 and 2-30.
26 S.—*S. Stephen, the First Martyr.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament at 12. Evensong and sermon at 7-30.
27 **S.**—*Sunday after Christmas Day.—S. John, Apostle and Evangelist.*—Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11-30 (choral). Matins at 10-30. Children's Service at 3. Festal Evensong at 6-30. Offertories for the Poor, Collections for Church Expenses. Sunday School at 9-30 and 2.
28 M.—*Holy Innocents' Day.*—Holy Eucharist at 8. Matins at 11. Evensong and sermon at 7-30. Clothing Club and Penny Bank at the School at 12.
29 Tu.—
30 W.—District Visitors' Meeting at 3. Ministering Children's Guild at 4. Choir Practice at 8.
31 Th.—*S. Silvester, Bishop of Rome.—New Year's Eve.*—Midnight service at 11-30.

N.B.—The Week-day Services in the Parish Church are:—Matins at 7-30, Holy Eucharist at 8, Evensong at 7-30.
Wednesdays and Fridays, Litany at 11.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.—**HARVEST FESTIVAL.**—Services of Thanksgiving for the ingathering of the crops and fruits of the earth, and for all the blessings of this life, were held on Wednesday, November 18th. The Vicar celebrated the Holy Eucharist (the Church's best "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving") at eight o'clock in the morning. Festal Evensong was sung by the Vicar at three in the afternoon. The Processional Hymn was 383 A. & M. The Reverend A. Chadwick, Curate, read the proper Lessons. The special Psalm, 104, recording the loving providence of God, was heartily sung. Oliver King's Anthem, "*Break forth into Joy*," was creditably performed by the Choir. The Vicar preached the sermon, taking for his text Isaiah lxiv. 6, "We all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." The Church was appropriately decorated throughout—(the Altar and Screen being pre-eminently beautiful)—and reflected credit upon the taste and skill of the decorators. An excellent Meat Tea was generously given by Miss Dixon at half-past four. The Granary was filled by some 200 persons. Grace before and after the repast was said by the Vicar. Hearty cheers for the Church, the Queen, Miss Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Marris, and the Vicar, brought the happy gathering to a close. The Festival Services in Church were continued on the following Sunday. The offertory and collections altogether amounted to £2 4s. 6d., which sum has been sent to Lincoln Hospital.

CLIXBY.—**ALL HALLOWS.**—The Dedication Festival was observed on All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day, November 1st). The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 8 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon took place at 3 p.m. A white silk embroidered Alms Bag has been presented by Miss E. Warham, Scarborough.

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