

Yesterday's Names

Special Somerset Sample for Your Family Tree

Old parish magazines contain a wealth of information of interest to family historians, and Yesterday's Names specialises in producing name indexes and scanning page images to make this data widely available.

To give a flavour of this, Yesterday's Names has produced a special sample for Your Family Tree readers from the monthly issues of the parish magazines that were issued in 1897 for Pitminster in Somerset. There is an index listing nearly 400 name references contained in the magazines, together with full scanned page images.

Details of all Yesterday's Names parish magazine index and image CDs can be found at www.YesterdaysNames.co.uk which lists the parishes currently indexed, along with the surnames listed in each index.

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St. Mary and St. Andrew,
Pitminster, Somerset

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1897

Parish magazines were published, usually monthly, from the late 19th century, as a means of informing parishioners about Church services and other Church related events in the parish. They vary greatly in content between different parishes, some containing very little information of interest to family history researchers, others containing vast amounts of useful data that can provide vital clues. Most parish magazines list baptisms, marriages, and burials, with varying degrees of detail, but they often also give details of other events, such as prizes awarded at Sunday schools, names of players in local cricket matches, winners at flower shows, etc. They also frequently list the names of people who made donations to various Church funds. Although parish magazines tend to extol the deeds of the parish gentry, whose lives were very closely interwoven with the Church, they do also sometimes contain fascinating snippets of information about the more lowly parishioners.

This document consists of scanned images of all of the locally-produced pages of the Pitminster parish magazine published in 1897, prefaced by a specially created name index for use to help locate information about specific individuals. The name index section of this document is fully searchable using Adobe Reader, but the scanned images are not searchable in this way. This document is an index for use by family history researchers, and is intended to help identify potential further avenues of research, or to add snippets of background information about individuals.

HEALTH WARNING

As with any index, it is important to confirm facts by reference to source information. This is particularly true with the name index included on this CD.

- For example, information about baptisms, marriages and burials would have been transcribed from the parish register and given to the magazine printer, and may well have been corrupted during this process. It is evident that there are variations in spelling of names, etc., in the magazines. In addition, when transcribing from the magazine to the name index in this document, although great care has been taken, it is still possible that errors could have been introduced.
- Married women were usually referred to by their husband's name. For example, if Elizabeth Brown married John Smith, she would thereafter be referred to as "Mrs. John Smith".
- This index contains names transcribed exactly as printed in the magazines. People were frequently only referred to as "Mr. Smith" or "Mrs. Jones", and no assumptions have been made in the index about whether the "Mr. Bloggs" referred to on one page of the magazine is the same person as the "Mr. Frederick Bloggs" referred to on the next page.

As already mentioned, this document has been designed to aid those researching family histories. It has not been designed for those researching local history, church history, or the clergy, since only information that may be of interest from a genealogical perspective has been included in the name index.

Copies of parish magazines are often difficult to obtain, but collections of them are sometimes to be found in county record offices or local libraries. Information about baptisms, marriages and burials can be checked using films or transcripts of parish registers available at county record offices, at LDS Family History Centres, or from local family history organisations. Many of the other events mentioned in the index may also have been recorded in local newspapers, and films of these are often available in county record offices, libraries, and at the British Library Newspaper Library in London.

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St Mary & St Andrew, Pitminster, Somerset

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Mr		Aplin	1897	Collector			May 1897	2
Mr		Aplin	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	Alice Mary	Ash	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Apr 1897	1
	Cyril William	Ash	1897	Baptised			Apr 1897	1
Mr	W	Ash	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	W	Ash	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	W J	Ash	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
	William James	Ash	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Apr 1897	1
Mr		Ash	1897	School manager			May 1897	2
Mr		Ash	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Ash	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Rev Preb		Askwith	1897	Attended event			Dec 1897	2
Esq	H J	Badcock	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Esq	H J	Badcock	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Miss	Margaret	Badcock	1897	Society secretary			Apr 1897	2
Miss		Badcock	1897	Parish helper			Sep 1897	2
Misses		Badcock	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Mr		Badcock	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mrs		Badcock	1897	Donor			Feb 1897	2
Mrs		Badcock	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mrs		Badcock	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Mrs		Badcock	1897	Parish helper			Sep 1897	2
Rev	G	Beilby	1897	To preach sermon			Mar 1897	3
Rev	H	Bell	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	H	Bell	1897	Attended event			Dec 1897	2
Mrs		Bell	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mr		Bere	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	R	Bicknell	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	R S	Bicknell	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Bicknell	1897	Received payment			Feb 1897	2
	Annie Isabella Eveleigh	Bishop	1897	Married			Jun 1897	1
Colonel		Blyth	1897	To attend event			Apr 1897	2
Colonel		Blythe	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	1
	Frances Emily	Boalch	1897	Married			Jul 1897	1
Mr		Bond	1897	Supplier			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Bond	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	E D	Bourdillon	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
	James	Bradbeer	1897	Married			Apr 1897	1
Mr	J	Buckland	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Buckland	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
	Alice Jane	Budd	1897	Married			Nov 1897	1
Mr	J	Burridge	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
	Arthur James	Caddy	1897	Buried		10 months	Mar 1897	1
Mr		Champion	1897	Choirmaster			Mar 1897	3
Mr	R	Chapple	1897	Donor			Oct 1897	1
	J	Chard	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mrs		Chard	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
		Chedzey	1897	Received payment			Sep 1897	1
Rev	W	Clarke	1897	To preach sermon			Mar 1897	3
Mr		Clatworthy	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Cliff	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Coleman	1897	Received payment			Feb 1897	2
	George Henry	Cook	1897	Parent of Baptised child	Duddlestone		Jul 1897	1
	Henry Thomas	Cook	1897	Baptised	Duddlestone		Jul 1897	1
	Mary Elizabeth	Cook	1897	Parent of Baptised child	Duddlestone		Jul 1897	1
Mr	W	Cook	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Cosens	1897	Collector			May 1897	2
Mr		Cosens	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Mr	H	Cozens	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	H	Cozens	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	H	Cozens	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mrs		Cozens	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	A	Davenport	1897	To preach sermon			Mar 1897	3
Mr	F	Day	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Messrs	G & F	Day	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	S	Day	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	S	Day	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	S	Day	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Messrs		Day	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mrs		Denning	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	Samuel	Dennis	1897	Buried		82	Feb 1897	1
	Henry James	Doble	1897	Married			May 1897	1

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	Rosabella	Dominy	1897	Married			Jul 1897	1
	Charlotte Jane Thomas	Dommett	1897	Married			Apr 1897	1
Mr	F	Dunster	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
	Bessie	Durston	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Apr 1897	1
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Collector			May 1897	2
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr	T	Durston	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
	Thomas	Durston	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Apr 1897	1
	Vera	Durston	1897	Baptised			Apr 1897	1
Mr		Durston	1897	Left parish			May 1897	2
Mr		Durston	1897	Donor			Jun 1897	2
Mr		Durston	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Durston	1897	Donor			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Durston	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mr	W	Dyer	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	W	Dyer	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	W	Dyer	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Dyer	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		Dyer	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Miss		Edwards	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Miss		Edwards	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Mr	F	Fardoe	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Received payment			Feb 1897	2
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Donor			Jun 1897	2
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Fardoe	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Mr	J	Fouracre	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Fouracre	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Captain		Fox	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Miss		Fulford	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
	Ann	Garland	1897	Buried	Staplehay	66	Apr 1897	1
	Alfred Scott	Gatty	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	1
Mr		Goodland	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
	C	Goodwyn	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
	A	Gould	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mrs		Gould	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr	A	Govier	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	A	Govier	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	A	Govier	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
	Flora Jane	Grabham	1897	Married			Sep 1897	2
Mr	J	Griffin	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	J	Griffin	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Griffin	1897	Collector			May 1897	2
Mr		Griffin	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Griffin	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Griffin	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
	Arthur Robert	Gulliford	1897	Baptised			Feb 1897	1
	George	Gulliford	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Feb 1897	1
	Mary	Gulliford	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Feb 1897	1
	Sarah Jane	Hall	1897	Buried		18 months	Dec 1897	1
Colonel		Halyar	1896	Parish helper			Jan 1897	2
Dr		Ham	1897	Organist	Taunton		Jun 1897	2
Mr		Hammett	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Messrs		Hanbury	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Messrs		Hanbury	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
	William	Hardwell	1897	Married			Jul 1897	1
Mrs		Harris	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
		Harris	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mr		Hatcher	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mr		Hatcher	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
	Charles	Hayes	1897	Married			Apr 1897	1
	Charles	Hayes	1897	Baptised			Jun 1897	1
	John	Hayes	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Jun 1897	1
	Louisa	Hayes	1897	Married			Mar 1897	1
	Mary Ann	Hayes	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Jun 1897	1
Mrs		Hayes	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Miss	C	Helyar	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	1
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	3

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Colonel		Helyar	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Jun 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Committee member			Jun 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Jul 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Wrote article			Sep 1897	2
Colonel		Helyar	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mrs		Helyar	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	1
Mrs		Helyar	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mrs		Helyar	1897	To attend event			Apr 1897	2
Mrs		Helyar	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Mrs		Helyar	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Mrs		Helyar	1897	Parish helper			Sep 1897	2
	B	Hext	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mrs		Hickley	1897	Leaving area	Amberd		Jan 1897	2
Mrs		Hickley	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
	Louis Henry	Hicks	1896	Buried		46	Jan 1897	1
Miss	E	Hillman	1897	School teacher			Oct 1897	2
	Ethel	Hillman	1897	School teacher			Aug 1897	2
	Eliza	Honniball	1897	Married			Dec 1897	1
Mr	R	Honniball	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Rev	F L	Hughes	1897	To preach sermon	Lydeard St Lawrence		Mar 1897	3
	H	Hulme	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
	A	Hutchings	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
	Charles Albert	Hutchings	1897	Married			Sep 1897	2
	J	Hutchings	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr	R	Hutchings	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	R	Hutchings	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr	R	Hutchins	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr		Jeboult	1896	Parish helper			Jan 1897	2
Mr		Jeboult	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
Mr		Jeboult	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
	C	Jennings	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr	H	Jennings	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
	Mary Ann	Jennings	1897	Buried		38	Dec 1897	1
Mr	W	Jennings	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Jennings	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
Mr		Jennings	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
Miss		Jones	1897	School teacher			Jun 1897	2
Rev	F	Kinglake	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	F	Kinglake	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Dr	Hamilton	Kinglake	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Dr		Kinglake	1895	Donor			May 1897	2
Mrs		Kinglake	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Mr	F C	Kitchen	1897	Organist	Taunton		Jun 1897	2
Mr		Kitchin	1897	Organist			Oct 1897	1
	John Small	Lavis	1897	Married			Mar 1897	1
Sir	G	Lawson	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Misses		Lawson	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Misses		Lawson	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Mr	R	Lee	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	Samuel D	Lee	1897	School teacher	Ascot-under-Wychwood		Jun 1897	2
Rev	W	Lee	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Rev	W	Lee	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Rev	W	Lee	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	W	Lee	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mrs		Lee	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Mrs		Lee	1897	Parish helper			Sep 1897	2
Mrs	A	Lethbridge	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mrs		Lethbridge	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
	V	Lewis	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Lewis	1897	Supplier	Taunton		Jun 1897	2
Mr		Lewis	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
Mr	T	Lock	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	T	Lock	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	T	Lock	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Lock	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mrs		Loosemore	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	J	Lutley	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2

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Mr		Lutley	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		Lutley	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Macaulay	1887	Supplier			Jul 1897	2
	Elizabeth	Male	1897	Buried		75	Nov 1897	1
	Charlie	Manley	1897	Won prize			Feb 1897	2
Mr		Manley	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr		Manley	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Mrs		Mansfield	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
	Charlotte	Marchant	1897	Married			Nov 1897	1
	Joseph	Marhall	1897	Buried		76	Feb 1897	1
Mr	F	Marke	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr	J	Marke	1897	School manager			May 1897	2
Mr	J	Marke	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Mr	J	Marke	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	J	Marke	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr	John	Marke	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	M	Marke	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	M	Marke	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	M	Marke	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr	T	Marke	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	A	Markes	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
	J	Markes	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr	M	Marshall	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
		Martin & Towell	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
		Martin & Towell	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
Miss		Martyn	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Miss		Martyn	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
	Phillip	Matravers	1897	Married			Nov 1897	1
Esq	E	Mattock	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	E	Mattock	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr	E	Mattock	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	E	Mattock	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Esq	R	Mattock	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rt Hon	J	Mellor	1897	Donor			Jul 1897	2
Rt Hon	J	Mellor	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rt Hon	J	Mellor	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mr		Mellor	1897	Donor			Jun 1897	2
Mr		Minns	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
		Minns	1897	Received payment			Nov 1897	2
	S	Mounttephens	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Esq	F	Newton	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Esq	F	Newton	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Esq	F M	Newton	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	F M	Newton	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	School manager			May 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Donor			Jun 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Parish helper			Jun 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Donor			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Newton	1897	Parish helper			Jul 1897	2
Mrs		Newton	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Esq	W H	Nicol	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	W H	Nicol	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mr		North	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		North	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	H	Oaten	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mrs		Palmer	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
	George Frederick	Parkinson	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Dec 1897	1
	Hilda Rose	Parkinson	1897	Baptised			Dec 1897	1
	Mary Jane	Parkinson	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Dec 1897	1
Mr	T	Parsons	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Pavey	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	G Eden	Peake	1897	School inspector			Aug 1897	2
	Richard John	Pearcey	1897	Married			Jun 1897	1
Mr	T	Penny	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr	C	Perott	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mrs		Perrott	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	Mark	Phillips	1897	Won prize			Feb 1897	2
	Tom	Phillips	1897	Won prize			Feb 1897	2
	E	Pike	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2

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	Ernest George	Pope	1897	Married			Jul 1897	1
Mr		Porter	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Esq	M	Powys	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev	D	Pring	1897	Attended event			Dec 1897	2
Mr		Pring	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
	Thomas	Pursey	1896	Deceased		89	Jan 1897	1
		Pyke	1897	Received payment			Sep 1897	1
Mr	F	Pym	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Mrs		Reynolds	1897	Donor			Mar 1897	2
Mrs		Reynolds	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mrs		Reynolds	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Mrs		Reynolds	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
	Charlotte Ann	Richards	1897	Married			May 1897	1
	Percy	Richards	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	1
	Percy	Richards	1897	Won prize			Feb 1897	2
	Percy	Richards	1897	Attended event			Oct 1897	1
Mr		Richards	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	2
Rev Preb		Robinson	1897	To preach sermon			Mar 1897	3
	Henry Walter	Savory	1897	Married			Nov 1897	1
	Charles	Scott	1897	Married			Nov 1897	1
Rev	F S P	Seale	1897	Vicar - wrote article			Jan 1897	2
Rev	F S P	Seale	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Miss	M	Seale	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Mrs		Seale	1897	Attended event			Feb 1897	2
Mrs		Seale	1897	Committee member			May 1897	2
Mrs		Seale	1897	Parish helper			Sep 1897	2
Mrs		Seale	1897	Parish helper			Oct 1897	1
Mrs		Seale	1897	Attended event			Oct 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - attended event			Feb 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - attended event			May 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - attended event			Jul 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - donor			Aug 1897	1
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - committee member			Aug 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - donor			Sep 1897	1
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - donor			Sep 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - attended event			Oct 1897	2
Rev		Seale	1897	Vicar - attended event			Dec 1897	2
	Alice	Sharpe	1897	Won prize			Feb 1897	2
Mr	T	Sharpe	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Sharpe	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
	Albert	Shire	1897	Baptised			Feb 1897	1
	Albert	Shire	1897	Buried		9 months	Sep 1897	2
	Arthur Alec	Shire	1897	Baptised			Sep 1897	2
Mr	E	Shire	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
	Ellen	Shire	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Feb 1897	1
	Emma	Shire	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Sep 1897	2
	Samuel	Shire	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Feb 1897	1
	William	Shire	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Sep 1897	2
Miss		Simpson	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
Miss		Simpson	1897	Received payment			Nov 1897	2
	Daisy Elizabeth	Smith	1897	Baptised			Mar 1897	1
Mr	E C	Smith	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	G	Smith	1897	Received payment			Aug 1897	2
	Mark	Smith	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Mar 1897	1
	Mary Ann	Smith	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Mar 1897	1
Mr	W H	Sparks	1897	School teacher	Northamptonshire		Oct 1897	2
Mr		Sparks	1897	Donor	Angersleigh		Aug 1897	1
Mr	C	Spiller	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	Martha	Stevens	1896	Buried		74	Jan 1897	1
Mr	L	Stone	1897	Committee member			Jul 1897	3
Mr	L	Stone	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	L	Stone	1897	Committee member			Aug 1897	2
Mr	L	Stone	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	1
Mr		Stone	1897	Attended event			May 1897	2
Mr		Stone	1897	Cricket club member			May 1897	2
Rev	J	Street	1897	To preach sermon	Rockwell Green, Wellington		Sep 1897	2
Rev	J	Street	1897	Attended event	Rockwell Green, Wellington		Oct 1897	2
	Caroline	Sully	1897	Married			Apr 1897	1

<i>Title</i>	<i>First Name / Initials</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Year of Event</i>	<i>Role / event</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Page</i>
	F	Summerhayes	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Esq	A	Sweet	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	A	Sweet	1897	School manager			May 1897	2
	A	Sweet	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
Mr		Taylor	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Esq	H	Thornton	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
Mr	F	Tottle	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Tottle	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
Mr	A	Trott	1897	Attended event			Aug 1897	2
Mr		Trott	1897	Attended event			Jul 1897	2
	Edward	Tuck	1897	Buried		25	Jun 1897	1
	James	Tuck	1897	Buried		27	Feb 1897	1
Miss		Tucker	1897	Donor	Angersleigh		Aug 1897	1
Miss		Tucker	1897	Donor			Sep 1897	2
	Isaac	Upham	1897	Received payment			Jul 1897	1
		Upham	1897	Received payment			Sep 1897	1
	Lucy Emily	Venn	1897	Married			May 1897	1
	S	Vickery	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Mr		Vincent	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	J	White	1897	Won prize			Jul 1897	2
Lady		Wilton	1897	Donor			Aug 1897	1
	Frank	Woodley	1897	Baptised			Oct 1897	1
	Henry	Woodley	1897	Married			May 1897	1
	Henry	Woodley	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Oct 1897	1
	Lucy	Woodley	1897	Parent of Baptised child			Oct 1897	1
	Mary Jane	Woolway	1897	Buried		21	Mar 1897	1
Miss		Wrenford	1897	Received payment			Mar 1897	3
	James	Yeandle	1897	Married			Dec 1897	1

PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER.

	No. of Coins	£ s. d.
Half Sovereigns ...	5	2 10 0
Half-crowns ...	9	1 2 6
Florins ...	7	0 14 0
Shillings ...	28	1 8 0
Sixpences ...	38	0 19 0
Threepences ...	25	0 6 3
Pence ...	190	0 15 10
Half Pence ...	76	0 3 2
	<u>378</u>	<u>£7 18 9</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

	£ s. d.
“ Waifs and Strays ” Society ...	3 15 6
Church Expenses ...	1 19 9
Sick and Poor ...	2 3 6
	<u>£7 18 9</u>

BURIALS.

December 1st—Louis Henry Hicks, aged 46 years.

„ 23rd—Martha Stevens, aged 74 years.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

Once more it becomes my duty (for the thirteenth time) to wish you “ A Happy New Year,” and in doing so I cannot refrain from casting my eye backwards, and feeling deep thankfulness for our preservation (with one slight exception) from any serious scourge of sickness during that time, and so to pray that the mercy of God shown to us in the past may be extended to us in the present year. The number of burials, however, in 1896 are in excess of the two previous years, amounting to 15, whereas in 1895 they were 10, and in 1894, 13. Of these 15, 9 were over 60 years, one, Thomas Pursey, attaining the advanced age of 89. On the other hand there is a considerable decrease in the number of baptisms. In 1896 there were 8; in 1895, 18; and in 1894, 19; but I do not attribute this to any negligence on the part of parents in bringing their children to Holy Baptism, or to wilful opposition to that Sacrament, but to the fact that there have been fewer children born in the parish. The desire on the part of the parents to have their children baptised is to me a great cause of thankfulness, and even where any illness prevents the child being brought to Church, or threatens its life, I have almost always found a praiseworthy anxiety for private Baptism. This is most satisfactory, and I trust all know that I shall be only too glad to come to their houses at any hour of the day or night when the necessity for private baptism arises. Turning to the other Holy Sacrament, I am glad to think that there has been no falling off in the number of Communicants. On Christmas day, 1896, there were 57; on Easter day, 88; on Whit Sunday, 39; as against 51, 74, and 38 on the corresponding Festivals in the year 1895. And yet, after all, how lamentably small a number is this compared with what it should be! Many there are, of course, who have *never* come to Holy Communion, and to whom doubtless it would necessitate an effort to break through the strong bond with which the *habit* of neglect has bound them, and yet among these are some

whose moral life and regular attendance at one or other of the Sunday services causes it to be a matter of astonishment why they do not obey this higher and all-important duty. If any words of mine at any personal interview could help them, or if I could clear away any doubt or misapprehension from their minds, I should be only too thankful if they would speak to me on the subject. Two facts I would mention—one, it is a source of great regret that more do not avail themselves of the *Early Celebration*, especially those who live in or near the village itself. Of the great privilege (and where possible the necessity) of communicating at the 8 o'clock Celebration I will not now speak, but I cannot refrain from commenting on the absence of the poor. I believe that in some parishes it is said that the Clergy have to complain of the sad example of neglect set by the rich. Such is not our condition here—in fact, the absence of the poor or of servants from the 8 o'clock service would lead a stranger almost to conclude that it was intended only for the rich. The other fact that I would mention is, the few who attend at all from the distant parts of the parish. Doubtless many go to other Churches, but surely occasionally they might, on the first Sunday in the month, communicate at their own Parish Church—that Church to which they look forward to be carried when this life has ended, and in the burial yard surrounding which, so many of their friends and relatives lie. Distance need be no bar, when the will is right. One of the most regular male communicants lives quite half-way between the Church and Taunton. I can only hope that when these words are read by those to whom they apply, they may, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, be led to see their force, and so during the coming year act upon them. It may not be without benefit if I draw your attention to the amount contributed to the various Church Societies and to other special appeals. They are as follows:—

				£	s.	d.
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	...	...	...	2	9	0
Church Missionary Society	...	...	...	4	3	1
Additional Curates' Society	...	...	...	3	1	1
Diocesan Societies	...	...	...	2	0	0
Church of England Temperance Society	...	...	...	1	10	6
Royal Agricultural Benevolent	...	...	...	1	10	6
Taunton Hospital	...	...	...	5	9	6
Waifs and Strays Society	..	...	..	3	15	6

Making in all a total of £23 19s. 2d., or an excess of £6 19s. 11d. above what was contributed for special objects last year. This arises from the fact that the Hospital received £1 9s. 6d. more, and the A. C. S. collection also was increased by £1 14s. 7d. Two new appeals likewise were made—one for the C. of E. T. S., and one for the R. A. B.

The Choir has again been unsettled owing to the change of organists, but we are much indebted to Colonel Helyar for allowing Mr. Jeboult to give them lessons, and the beneficial change from shouting to singing must be evident to all who have any musical ear, and if they will only adhere to his instructions on this point alone great improvement will have resulted.

Turning from the Church to the Parish generally, I have only space to mention one fact, and that is, the good name which Pitminster has acquired for quiet and orderly conduct. In conversations which I have had with our policemen, they all allow that the number of charges brought in the police-courts from this parish compare most favourably with other villages of a similar population in the neighbourhood. The public houses are of course the chief cause of most of those charges which have to be brought before the magistrates, and it is therefore greatly to be desired that in every place the publicans should be men who will discourage—and it lies with them to a great extent to prevent—drunkenness. I trust that the landlords of our public houses will therefore strive to keep up the good name the parish has acquired. I desire again to express my thanks to the ladies who held the several Mothers' Meetings, and who collect the contributions to the Clubs. We are about to lose Mrs. Hickley, who is leaving Amberd, and this is a cause of sorrow to all at Staplehay and Stoney Down, for her kindness and great liberality to the poor have endeared her to them all.

Commending you and your families for this year to God's care and keeping,

I am, your faithful Friend and Vicar,

F. S. P. SEALE.

PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR JANUARY.

(First Four Sundays).

	No. of Coins.	£	s.	d.
Half-crown	1	0	2	6
Florins	3	0	6	0
Shillings	21	1	1	0
Sixpences	15	0	7	6
Threepences	34	0	8	6
Pence	161	0	13	5
Half Pence	62	0	2	7
	<u>297</u>	<u>£3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	1	14	5
Organ Fund	0	12	8
Sick and Poor	0	14	5
	<u>£3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

BAPTISMS.

Jan. 3rd. Arthur Robert, son of George and Mary Gulliford.
 „ 3rd. Albert, son of Samuel and Ellen Shite.

BURIALS.

Jan. 16th. Samuel Dennis, aged 82 years.
 „ 21st. James Tuck, aged 27 years.
 „ 23rd. Joseph Marshall, aged 76 years

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Through the kindness of Colonel and Mrs. Helyar, a most enjoyable Entertainment was given at the Mission Room, Blagdon, on Wednesday, January 20th. The first part consisted of a play, entitled "Drifted apart," in which the characters were taken by Colonel Blythe and Mrs. Helyar. It is somewhat difficult to meet with successful amateur actors, and even if you do, they are disinclined to play before a simple country audience, and so we may consider ourselves most fortunate in witnessing a piece so well acted. This was followed by what was called "A Pastoral Play," in which the ten characters were taken by the children of Colonel Helyar, Colonel Blythe and others. Between the pieces there was some vocal and instrumental music, one song being given by the leading choir boy, Percy Richards, "The Minstrel Boy," followed by another by Alfred Scott Gatty as an encore. The trouble of getting up such a performance as this is very considerable, and we should be grateful to Colonel Blythe, a stranger to the Parish, for the time and care he devoted to superintending the arrangements. The question was asked by more than one person, "What are the proceeds to go to?" It was intended that they should pay for the tuning and renewing of the action of the Piano recently given to the School, which amounts to £2, but the statement of accounts which we publish on next page will probably astonish those who ask the question.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

PAYMENTS.			£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.
Mr. Fardoe, Hire of Room	...	...	0	2	6	By Tickets and Admission	..	...	3	5	3
Mr. Bicknell	..	...	1	4	6	„ Returned Mr. Bicknell	...	...	0	1	6
Mr. Coleman	...	...	1	11	6	„ Returned Mr. Coleman	...	...	0	1	3
Printing Bills	...	...	0	5	0	„ Balance required..	...	...	0	6	6
Lamp Glasses	...	...	0	3	0						
Small Payments	...	...	0	8	0						
			<u>£3 14 6</u>						<u>£3 14 6</u>		

PRIZE GIVING.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the Children of the Day and Sunday Schools had their Prize Giving in the School Room. They assembled at 4 o'clock for a Tea, after which the Vicar distributed the Prizes given by the School Managers to those attending the Day Schools. He then read out the attendances at the Sunday School. The highest number of marks possible to be obtained by attendances and learning of lessons during the year was 135, and this number was gained by four scholars—Alice Sharpe, Charlie Manley, Mark Phillips and Tom Phillips. All those who had gained 100 marks and over, received a Prize. It was noticed that the Infants had not been quite so regular during the past year. The Prizes which consisted of Bibles, Prayer Books and Story Books were given away by Mrs. Seale. A Special Prize was presented by the Vicar to Percy Richards for good conduct in the Choir. Mrs. Badcock, as in former years, kindly gave presents of clothing (dresses and shirts), to all children not having missed 10 Sunday mornings at School. This should be a great encouragement to both the children and their parents in keeping up their regularity.

During the afternoon at intervals the children sang some of their part songs. After the Prize Giving was over, a large Christmas Tree laden with toys and presents of all sorts was lighted up, and every child received two gifts, and before leaving the room they also each had a bun and an orange. A few of the mothers were present, but it is to be regretted that more do not attend in order to show their interest in what is done for their children.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

It will be perceived in the Offertory Statement above, that the collection on the last Sunday was not included, but we add these few lines by way of postscript to say it was given to the Indian Famine Fund and that it amounted to £10 7s. Some who were not able to be present at the Services may wish to contribute, and the Vicar will gladly receive during the course of this week any additional sums however small.





PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY—January 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st.

		No. of Coins.			£ s. d.
£5 Note	...	1	...	...	5 0 0
Half-sovereigns	...	4	...	...	2 0 0
Half-crowns	...	6	...	...	0 15 0
Florins	...	15	...	...	1 10 0
Shillings	...	32	...	...	1 12 0
Sixpences	...	30	...	...	0 15 0
Threepences	...	39	...	...	0 9 9
Pence	...	231	...	...	0 19 3
Half Pence	...	98	...	...	0 4 1
		<u>456</u>			<u>£13 5 1</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£ s. d.
Indian Famine Fund	..	...	...	...	11 2 0
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	2 3 1
					<u>£13 5 1</u>

Of the above sum—£11 2s. 0d.—Ten Shillings was collected at the Children's Service in the Afternoon.

BAPTISM.

January 31st.—Daisy Elizabeth, daughter of Mark and Mary Ann Smith.

MARRIAGE.

February 15th.—John Small Lavis and Louisa Hayes.

BURIALS.

February 4th.—Arthur James Caddy, aged 10 months.

„ 13th.—Mary Jane Woolway, aged 21 years.

COAL CLUB.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Mr. Newton	...	1	7	0
Mrs. Lethbridge	...	1	7	0
Mrs. Reynolds	...	1	7	0
Mrs. Helyar	...	1	7	0
Mrs. Hickley	...	1	7	0
Mrs. Badcock	...	1	7	0
Mr. Goodland	...	2	12	6
Interest ...	...	0	5	6
Members' Payments	...	44	0	0
		£55	0	0

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Mr. Goodland	...	55	0	0
		£55	0	0

BLANKET CLUB.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Offertory	...	2	6	0
Mrs. Reynolds	...	0	4	0
Mrs. Helyar	...	0	4	0
Mrs. Badcock	...	0	4	0
Mrs. Hickley	...	0	4	0
Mrs. Lethbridge	...	0	4	0
Mr. Newton	...	0	3	0
Mr. Hatcher	...	1	1	0
Members' Payments	...	9	14	0
		£14	4	0

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Mr. Hatcher	...	13	15	6
Ticket not cashed	...	0	8	6
		£14	4	0

CLOTHING CLUB.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Offertory	...	1	8	10
Martin & Towell	...	1	12	0
Harris	...	0	9	6
Mrs. Reynolds	...	0	1	6
Mrs. Helyar	...	0	1	6
Mrs. Hickley	...	0	1	6
Mrs. Badcock	...	0	1	6
Mrs. Lethbridge	...	0	1	6
Interest ...	...	0	5	6
Rummage Sale Fund	...	2	4	2
Members' Payments	...	28	10	0
		£34	17	6

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Martin & Towell	...	32	14	0
Mrs. Harris	...	2	3	6
		£34	17	6

SCHOOL CLUB.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Children's Payments	...	13	11	0
Anon. ...	...	0	5	0
Interest ...	...	0	3	0
Offertory...	...	2	6	6
		£16	5	6

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Martin & Towell	...	4	18	2
Mr. Pring	...	0	11	0
Mr. Jennings	...	1	16	2
Mr. Richards	...	1	16	2
Mrs. Harris	...	7	4	0
		£16	5	6

The Balance from the Rummage Sale Fund at the close of last year amounted to £10 17s. 7d., of this sum, £2 4s. 2d. has now been drawn for the Clothing Club, leaving a balance of £8 13s. 5d.

CHURCH EXPENSES AND ORGAN FUND ACCOUNTS.

1896.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
April	Offertory— <i>nil.</i>			
May	„	2	15	9
June	„	2	7	10
July	„	1	12	6
August	„	2	15	8
Sept.	„	2	5	0
Oct.	„	1	6	0
Nov.	„	1	13	3
Dec.	„	1	19	9

Balance due to Vicar ... 14 11 7

£31 7 4

1896.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
	Balance due, March, 1896 ...	7	3	0
	Choir Boys, 9 months ...	2	19	10
	Choir Master, 3 months ...	3	0	0
	Organist, Mr. Minns ...	3	10	0
	„ Miss Fulford ...	1	15	0
	„ Miss Wrenford ...	2	10	0
	„ Miss Simpson ...	2	10	0
	Tuning Organ ...	0	12	0
	Candles ...	1	18	0
	Cleaning Lamps ...	0	19	0
	Oil ...	0	13	6
	Washing Surplices ...	1	5	0
	Mr. Jeboult, Cab Fares for Lessons to Choir ...	2	12	0

£31 7 4

The payment of the Lessons to Mr. Jeboult, amounting to £3 3s., was paid by Colonel Helyar. In consequence of the increasing adverse balance, the Vicar has been obliged to inform Mr. Champion that he can no longer afford to retain his services as Choirmaster, although, where there are “boys” in a Choir, it is highly desirable that there should be a master over them.

LENTEN SERVICES.

During the Season of Lent, there will be a Special Evensong on Thursday Nights, at 7.30. The following is a list of the Preachers:—

March	11th.—Rev. G. Beilby	...	“Trifling with conscience”—Acts xxiv., 24-27.
„	18th.—Rev. F. L. Hughes,	...	I. Kings xii., 28.
	Rector of Lydeard St. Lawrence.		
„	25th.—Rev. Preb. Robinson	...	“The Grace of God.”—I. Cor. xv., 10.
April	1st.—Rev. W. Clarke	...	
„	8th.—Rev. A. Davenport	...	“The sorrowing sinner, the suffering Saviour” —Phil. iii., 10.

It is earnestly hoped that an effort will be made by many, even if living at a distance, to be present at these Services. The almost universal practice of having special Lent Preachers, shows how important it is considered by the Church, that during this sacred Season the minds of her people should be influenced by the teaching of others than their own regular Ministers. The attendance at these Services cannot fail to be of great spiritual benefit to the souls of those who, being conscious that without repentance no pardon can be extended to them, are anxious to avail themselves of the instruction which Lenten Sermons always afford. May God, during this Lent, grant His blessing to both those who teach and those who hear.



PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY—February 28th, and March

					No. of Coins.			£ s. d.		
Half-crowns	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Florins	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
Shillings	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	1	8	0
Sixpences	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Threepences	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	0	8	3
Pence	...	...	174	...	...	...	...	0	14	6
Half Pence	...	...	110	...	...	...	...	0	4	7
					<u>371</u>			<u>£3 18 4</u>		

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£ s. d.		
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	2	9	8
Sick and Poor	..	...	...	...	1	8	8
					<u>£3 18 4</u>		

BAPTISMS.

March 5th.—Cyril William, son of William James and Alice Mary Ash.

March 16th.—Vera, daughter of Thomas and Bessie Durston.

MARRIAGES.

March 24th.—James Bradbeer and Charlotte Jane Thomas Dommett.

March 29th.—Charles Hayes and Caroline Sully.

BURIALS.

March 26th.—Ann Garland, Staplehay, aged 66 years.

HOLY WEEK.

In addition to the usual Matins at 9.30, there will be on the first three days of this week, Evensong at 4.30, with a short reading on some subject in connection with our Blessed Lord's Passion. On Thursday, Evensong will be at 7.30, followed by the address to the communicants which has now been given on this day for several years past. The Vicar trusts that all who are communicants will make a special effort to be present. It affords an opportunity for instruction being given on the subject of Holy Communion and the system of self-examination, by means of the questions bearing on the Ten Commandments cannot but be helpful to those who are earnestly seeking to prepare themselves for their Easter Communion. It is not however intended that Communicants *only* should be present. There are some who are desirous of becoming such, but are wavering or for some reason holding back. By God's blessing their presence at a service like this may be the means of removing those obstacles.

On Good Friday what is known as the Three Hours Service has repeatedly now been held in our Church, the meditation on the first three Words being taken after Matins, and the last four from 2 to 3 o'clock, but in consequence of the few that attend in the afternoon, the Vicar has decided this year to make a change. At 9 o'clock the Ante-Communion Service will be said: at 11 o'clock Matins and a Sermon; at 3 o'clock Evensong; and at 7 o'clock there will be in the Schoolroom a Service consisting of Hymns, with instructions on the Stations of the Cross, the several incidents referred to being illustrated by Lantern Slides. The pictures will, it is hoped, help to impress on the mind the sufferings of Him who by "His Agony and Bloody Sweat, His Cross and Passion," purchased our salvation. It will be intended for those of all ages, but it will be undesirable that any children under 10 years of age should come unless they are brought by their parents. The Vicar trusts that his parishioners will avail themselves of this effort he makes to bring home to their hearts and minds on this most sacred day, the great facts in connection with our Redemption. The Lantern and Slides will involve a slight expense (about 12/6) towards the defraying of which a collection will be made at the close.

SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS.

At the request of Miss Margaret Badcock, the Secretary, we give notice that a Bazaar will be held at the Shire Hall, Taunton, on the 29th and 30th April, in aid of the above Society. The Bazaar will be open from 2—10 o'clock each day. Admission 1/- from 2—6 o'clock; 6d. later.

The Band of the Royal Artillery from Woolwich has been engaged to play on both days.

There will be Theatricals under the management of Mrs. Helyar and Colonel Blyth, and many other attractions.

There are few objects more worthy of support, and it will afford us great pleasure to hear that a large sum has been realized.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

In last month's Magazine it was shown that there was a balance on these expenses of £14 11s. 7d. It is most undesirable that such a balance should remain. At present the Vicar is responsible for all receipts and payments, a responsibility he would most gladly hand over to the Churchwardens if they would undertake it. In his letter, recently read in Church, the Bishop alluded to the Incumbent's Easter dues, an offering made in most parishes, but not in this: and as this is so, it is felt that it would be in accordance with the Bishop's advice, if the opportunity were afforded to the congregation to wipe off this debt *on the Church*, and it has therefore been decided that the offertory on Easter Day shall be devoted to that purpose.



PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR APRIL.

		No. of Coins.			£ s. d.
Sovereign	...	1	...	...	1 0 0
Half Sovereigns	...	7	...	...	3 10 0
Half-crowns	...	2	...	...	0 5 0
Florins	...	9	...	...	0 18 0
Shillings	...	30	...	...	1 10 0
Sixpences	...	34	...	...	0 17 0
Threepences	...	41	...	...	0 10 3
Pence	...	200	...	...	0 16 8
Half Pence	...	92	...	...	0 3 10
		<u>416</u>			<u>£9 10 9</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£ s. d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	0 13 10
Parish Charities	...	...	...	...	0 15 6
Poor	...	...	...	...	0 16 8
Debt on Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	7 4 9
					<u>£9 10 9</u>

The outstanding debt on the Church Expenses on January 1st was £14 11s. 7d.; it will thus be seen that the Easter Offerings have reduced it to £7 6s. 10d.

MARRIAGES.

April 8th.—Henry Woodley and Lucy Emily Venn.

April 19th.—Henry James Doble and Charlotte Ann Richards.

EASTER VESTRY.

The usual Easter Vestry was held on Friday, April 23rd, when there were present Messrs. Fardoe, Buckland, E. Mattock, T. Durston, F. Marke, Stone, Lutley, Dyer and North, and the Vicar in the Chair. The accounts for the past year were produced by the Churchwarden, Mr. Fardoe, read and passed. They showed a balance in the hands of the Churchwardens of £1 6s. The Vicar expressed his regret at the departure of Mr. Durston from the parish, and nominated as his Churchwarden in his stead, his son, Mr. T. Durston. Mr. Fardoe was elected Parish Churchwarden on the nomination of Mr. E. Mattock, seconded by Mr. Buckland. The following were appointed School Managers: Colonel Helyar, Mr. Newton, Mr. A. Sweet, Mr. E. Mattock, Mr. Durston, Mr. Ash, Mr. J. Marke and the Vicar. Some discussion then took place as to the providing gravel for the Churchyard paths. Mr. E. Mattock kindly undertook to ask Mr. Mattock to allow the gravel to be given from his pits. The Vicar stated that there was a great scarcity of hassocks in the Church, and the Churchwardens agreed to provide some new ones. Mr. Dyer brought forward the question of permission being granted for the use of the Mission Room. The Vicar explained that by the title-deeds the room could only be used for certain purposes which were there specified. After some discussion it was arranged that Mr. Dyer, Mr. North, and Mr. Lutley should see the title-deeds now in the hands of the Churchwarden. Mr. Lutley drew attention to the fact that the well at the School was not chained after the well water had been condemned by the Sanitary Officer, but Mr. Fardoe replied that he himself had ordered this to be done on receiving orders to that effect from Dr. Alford.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

On March 31st a numerously-attended Meeting of the Parishioners was held in the Schoolroom, Pitminster, to consider in what way the Parish should commemorate her Majesty's Jubilee. Col. Helyar took the Chair. After some discussion it was decided, on the proposal of Mr. Newton and seconded by Mr. Lock, that there should be a day of festivity, to consist of a dinner for the men and boys and tea for the women and children. It was further decided that there should be a permanent memorial, and various suggestions were made, the Chairman mentioning a Parish Room and a Victoria Nursing Fund. Mr. Lutley spoke of the necessity of either increasing the Churchyard or providing a Cemetery, and it further appears by a paragraph in the *Somerset County Gazette* that there are those who are in favour of our following the example of our neighbours at Trull on the occasion of the Jubilee of 1887, and providing a new Treble Bell, so as to make our present peal more complete. After some discussion, in the course of which the Vicar alluded to the kindness of Dr. Kinglake, who two years ago offered £100 towards providing a Parish Nurse, which offer, however, up to the present time they had been unable to make use of, it was proposed by Mr. Badcock and seconded by Rev. W. Lee, "That this meeting approve of the establishment of a Victoria Nursing Fund, and that the following Ladies act as a Committee to arrange for the appointment and support of a Nurse: Mesdames Seale, Helyar, Kinglake, Newton, Badcock and Lee, with Colonel Helyar as Chairman." A numerous Committee was also formed to arrange about the details of the day's festivities, the members of which have since met, and divided the parish into districts for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, Mr. J. Marke, Mr. T. Durston, Mr. Cosens, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Aplin undertaking this arduous and responsible duty; Mr. J. Marke was also appointed Secretary. It is hoped that a large and successfully-formed Bonfire may be lighted on the Blagdon Hills. In a very sensible letter in the *Spectator*, of April 10, the writer says, "With a galaxy of well-made bonfires, all blazing together, on the top of every hill from Land's End to John o'Groat's, a magnificent spectacle would be produced, which thousands of her Majesty's subjects could promote and appreciate." Bonfires have in our country been lighted on the anniversaries of great events for centuries, and may even be traced to pre-Christian times. Midsummer Day (St. John's Day), June 24, was especially selected for the lighting of a bonfire. While, therefore, we show our thankfulness for the blessings granted to the Nation during the long reign of her Majesty, by furthering acts of kindness and mercy suitable to the wants of our own times, let us try and express our feelings of joy in one of those simple ways in which our forefathers delighted.

CRICKET CLUB.

The members of this Club met at the Schoolroom, Pitminster, on the evening of April 6th, and elected Mr. F. Pym as Secretary, Mr. Cosens Captain, Mr. F. Fardoe Treasurer and Sub-Captain, and Messrs. Stone, J. Marke, E. Shire and F. Day as a Committee. The Treasurer reported that he had £4 10s. in hand. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Fardoe for so kindly allowing the use of his field.



PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR MAY.

					No. of Coins.			£ s. d.		
Half Sovereigns	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Half-crown	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
Florin	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
Shillings	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	1	8	0
Sixpences	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	1	0	6
Threepences	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	0	8	9
Pence	...	...	153	...	...	...	...	0	12	9
Half Pence	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	0	3	2
					336			£4	7	8

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£ s. d.		
Bath and Wells Diocesan Societies	...	...	...	...	1	15	3
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	2	0	7
Poor ... ..	...	...	...	...	0	11	10
					£4	7	8

BAPTISM.

May 1. Charles, son of John and May Ann Hayes.

MARRIAGE.

May 20. Richard John Pearcey and Annie Isabella Eveleigh Bishop.

BURIAL.

May 22. Edward Tuck, aged 25.

BON-FIRE.

On Jubilee Day, June 22nd, the Parochial Committee have arranged that there shall be a Grand Bon-Fire on Adcombe. Col. Helyar, Mr. Newton and Mr. Durston have contributed wood, and Mr. Mellor has also signified his intention of giving orders for some. The preparation and management of the Fire has been entrusted to Mr. Fardoe, who has also kindly undertaken to defray all costs of erection, &c. It has been found necessary to purchase some material, tar, &c., and an outlay of about £2 will be incurred and as the funds of the Jubilee Committee are already strained to the utmost, it has been thought some might like to make a special contribution for the Bon-Fire. Should they do so, they can give the same (however large or small), to either the Vicar, or Mr. Fardoe. Information has been sent to Mr. Dunn, the Clerk of the Peace for Somerset, who is collecting a list of all the Bon-Fires in Somerset, that we are making these preparations, and we hope that our efforts will be as successful as others, and that on the Blagdon Hills will be seen one of the finest Bon-Fires in the County. It is announced that upwards of 700 such large Bon-Fires will be lit in the whole of England, of which 60 will be in the County of Somerset.

FESTIVITIES.

The Committee together with their Chairman Colonel Helyar have been hard at work making the necessary preparations for the Jubilee Parochial Entertainment on June 24th. An enormous tent has been secured from Mr. Lewis, Taunton, and a Band, which will play throughout the day. A small Sub-Committee has been appointed to choose the joints of meat and other things required to feed the 200 people expected to sit down to Dinner. At the next Committee Meeting the arrangements will be completed as to the Tea, which will be provided for 400 women and children. Through the kindness of Mr. Newton the Gathering will take place in the Cricket Field, where it was held ten years ago.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The Managers of the Pitminster School have appointed Mr. Samuel D. Lee as the new Master, Mr. Lee was a student of the Culham Diocesan Training College, Oxfordshire, and has been Head Master of the Ascot-under-Wychwood Schools since 1894. In his testimonial the Vicar of Ascot writes:—"I cannot speak too highly of Mr. Lee's diligence in the discharge of his duties, his whole heart is in his work and he spares no trouble to promote the advancement of the children." Mr. Lee enters on his duties on June 21st, when we hope that both the parents and children will give him a hearty welcome. During the time that intervenes before his coming, Miss Jones, one of the Assistant Mistresses of St. James' Schools has kindly taken charge of the School.

ORGANIST.

Up to the present time the Vicar has taken upon himself the responsibility of paying the organist's salary, but he has now informed the Churchwardens that he can no longer do so, and they have therefore taken the matter in hand. For sometime past owing to the organist living in the village, the cost to the parishoners has only been £10 10s. a year, but as he will now come from Taunton this payment will necessarily be increased. Mr. Fardoe has consulted Dr. Ham the organist of St. John's Taunton and on his recommendation Mr. F. C. Kitchen has been appointed at a salary of £20 a year. He will enter on his duties at the end of the month.

PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR JUNE.

	No. of Coins.	£	s.	d.
Half Sovereigns	3	1	10	0
Half-crowns	3	0	7	6
Florins	3	0	6	0
Shillings	34	1	14	0
Sixpences	38	0	19	0
Threepences	36	0	9	0
Pence	184	0	15	4
Half Pence	97	0	4	1
	<u>398</u>	<u>£6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Churchyard	1	1	0
Church Missionary Society	3	0	6
Church Expenses	1	4	9
Sick and Poor	0	18	8
	<u>£6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>

CHURCHYARD.

In the above statement of accounts it will be seen that the sum contributed for the keeping of the Churchyard in order only amounted to £1 1s., in addition to which the Vicar had received from a former parishioner a contribution of 5s., making in all £1 6s. Of this sum 19s. 6d. had been paid to Isaac Upham previous to Whitsunday, on which day the Offertory was given. The amount required for keeping the grass mown from April to September is £4, and in consequence of the Church Expenses and Organist Fund requiring all the Offertories (except that for the poor), it is impossible to set apart another Sunday for the Churchyard Fund. It was hoped that, as on one of the chief Festivals of the Church's year the congregation were asked to give towards this object, the amount given would have been sufficient; it falls short by £3. Unless therefore contributions towards this purpose are sent to the Vicar as soon as possible, the Churchyard must present a neglected and uncared for appearance.

BAPTISM.

June 6th.—Henry Thomas, son of George Henry and Mary Elizabeth Cook, Duddlestone.

MARRIAGES.

June 19th.—Ernest George Pope and Frances Emily Boalch.

June 23rd.—William Hardwell and Rosabella Dominy.

JUBILEE FESTIVITIES.

Our anticipations about the bonfire on Adcombe Hill on June 22nd were not disappointed, and great credit is due to Mr. Fardoe and Mr. Durston for the trouble they took about it. It may be of interest to state the amount of wood used in the construction. Colonel Helyar, Mr. Newton, and the Right Hon. J. Mellor each gave two waggon loads of wood, Mr. Durston 120 faggots and logs, and 300 faggots were purchased from Mr. Bond. When constructed the pile was 21 feet high, 99 feet round, and 22 feet through the centre. A cask of tar was poured over the whole. Great pains were taken in building it up, so that there might be a thorough current of air. At ten o'clock some 300 of the parishioners assembled on the hill, and the huge pile was lit at the top by Mr. Fardoe, and the flames immediately mounted up apparently nearly as high as the bonfire itself. At the moment of lighting, the Vicar and Choir-boys started the National Anthem, which was taken up by the rest of the spectators, the singing of which was even heard so far as Howleigh. From an official statement of the bonfires lit throughout the United Kingdom, 106 were returned from Somerset—this does not include smaller fires, which were not registered. From our own hill it was easy to count 50.

THE DINNER.

Midsummer Day in this year will long be remembered as the day on which the parishioners of Pitminster commemorated the Queen's Jubilee, and this not merely from the fact itself, but also from the successful manner in which everything connected with it was carried out. Through the kindness of Mr. Newton the Cricket field at Barton was placed at the disposal of the Committee. Here a very large tent was erected, fitted up with tables, at which, at 2.30, 270 of the parishioners (men and boys) sat down to dinner. Unlike ten years ago, when a contract was given for the provisions to Mr. Macaulay, everything on this occasion was supplied and cooked in the parish. At each end of the tables were large joints of cold beef or legs of mutton, and when these had been done justice to they were replaced by hot plum puddings. In spite of the large number everyone was quickly served, and, amongst others, thanks are specially due for assistance given in waiting to Messrs. Jennings, Trott, Sharpe and Tottle, together with the men servants of Colonel Helyar, Mr. Newton and Mr. Nicol. One toast only was proposed, the toast of the day, "The Queen," and this was given by Colonel Helyar. After alluding to the special services of thanksgiving which had been held in all Churches on Sunday last, he gave a short account of the magnificent procession to St. Paul's on Tuesday, 22nd, which he himself had witnessed, and concluded with allusions to some of the social improvements which had taken place during Her Majesty's reign. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, the Band playing "God save the Queen," and the whole company cheering vociferously. As soon as the tent was cleared, the waiters, bandsmen, and some few late comers had their dinner, making the number in all over 300.

THE TEA.

By 5.30 all traces of the dinner had been removed, and everything was arranged for tea, to which 500 women and children sat down. Numbers of ladies and others most willingly undertook the waiting, and there was an ample supply of cake, bread and butter, and tea. The Committee had arranged to supply Jubilee tin mugs for the children, which they carried away with them as mementoes of the day, and will doubtless be preserved by them for many years to come.

During the afternoon sports had been arranged, and the following is a list of the winners :—

Boys' Race.—1st, V. Lewis ; 2nd, S. Mountstephens ; 3rd, S. Vickery.

Flat Race, Men.—1st, E. Pike ; 2nd, F. Summerhayes ; 3rd, J. Hutchings.

Hurdle Race.—1st, A. Hutchings ; 2nd, E. Pike ; 3rd, J. Hutchings.

Bicycle Potato Race.—1st, A. Markes ; 2nd, C. Lewis ; 3rd, J. Markes.

Obstacle Race.—1st, A. Hutchings ; 2nd, J. Hutchings ; 3rd, S. Mountstephens.

Women's Race.—1st, M. Pike ; 2nd, L. Pike.

Boot Race.—1st, J. White ; 2nd, B. Hext ; 3rd, E. Pike.

Obstacle Race, Boys.—1st, S. Vickery ; 2nd, J. Chard ; 3rd, E. Pike.

Egg and Spoon Race, Women.—1st, Mrs. Chard ; 2nd, Mrs. Mansfield ; 3rd, Mrs. Hayes.

Sack Race.—1st, J. White ; 2nd, J. Markes ; 3rd, C. Jennings.

Women's Race.—1st, Mrs. Gould ; 2nd, Mrs. Palmer.

It had been decided that none but parishioners should be admitted to the ground till after the tea, but during the evening some of their friends were admitted on a small payment, and there cannot have been less than 1,000 people present. Dancing was kept up with great vigour till quite ten o'clock, and after all was over it is most gratifying to record that everyone was thoroughly pleased and satisfied. It will easily be understood that proceedings on such an extensive scale as this could not be carried out without very careful previous organisation, and we think it right to give the names of the members of the Committee, several of whom not only attended the meetings regularly, but also worked most laboriously both beforehand and throughout the day itself:—Colonel Helyar, F. Newton, Esq., Rev. F. S. P. Seale, Rev. W. Lee, Messrs. E. Mattock, T. Lock, S. Day, T. Durston, W. Ash, J. Griffin, A. Govier, T. Aplin, R. Hutchins, R. Bicknell, L. Stone, W. Dyer, M. Marke and H. Cozens. Of Mr. John Marke, who acted as Secretary, it is impossible to speak in terms of too high praise. Not only did he most ungrudgingly give up his time to the duties, but was most kind and courteous to one and all. We hoped to have given the accounts in full to-day, but this being impossible, they will be inserted in the next number.



SUBSCRIPTIONS.

ANGERSLEIGH.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Pitminster Subscriptions ...	49	12	10
Angersleigh Subscriptions ...	1	18	0
Col. Helyar (Theatricals) ...	2	7	9
Gate Money after 7 o'clock ...	1	5	0
4lbs. Tea sold ...	0	6	0
Broken ware sold ...	0	4	0

£55 13 7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. Smith (Ware) ...	5	7	1
Messrs. Day (Meat) ...	11	14	8
Mr. Dyer (Bread and Cake) ...	4	6	8
Messrs. Hanbury (Beer) ...	5	8	0
Mr. Lewis (Tent and Groceries) ...	9	10	4
Mr. Durston ...	2	12	6
Mr. Clatworthy (Urns & Furnaces) ...	1	10	0
Mr. Griffin (Butter) ...	1	1	0
Mr. Ash (Milk) ...	0	12	6
G.W.R. Band ...	6	0	0
Prizes for Sports ...	3	19	0
Mr. Hammett (Printing) ...	0	17	0
Towards Expenses of Bonfire ...	2	0	0
Secretary, Out-of-Pocket Expenses			
—Postage, Bill-posting, Horse			
Hire, &c. ...	0	14	10

£55 13 7

We regret that last month certain names of those who served on the Committee or assisted as Waiters were omitted. We give below as accurate a list as we are able to obtain:—Names of Committee: Colonel Helyar, F. Newton, Esq., the Vicar, Rev. W. Lee, Messrs. E. Mattock, T. Lock, S. Day, T. Durston, W. J. Ash, J. Griffin, A. Govier, R. Hutchings, R. S. Bicknell, L. Stone, W. Dyer, M. Marke, H. Cozens. J. Lutley and J. Fouracre, with Mr. J. Marke as Secretary. Names of Waiters: Messrs. H. Jennings, A. Trott, T. Sharpe, F. Tottle, M. Marshall, J. Lutley, R. Honniball, J. Burridge, F. Dunster, T. Parsons, T. Penny and W. Cook.

SCHOOL REPORT OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The following Report was received from the Rev. G. Eden Peake, who inspected the School on June 30th:—"The present Master has only had charge of the Schools one week. He has a great opportunity to improve the tone and discipline of the School, which has suffered by the slovenliness and want of smartness of the late teacher. Ethel Hillman is an excellent teacher, and deserves the highest praise for the admirable state of the Infant class."

PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

	No. of Coins.	£	s.	d.
Half-crowns	9	1	2	6
Florins	12	1	4	0
Shillings	69	3	9	0
Sixpences	68	1	14	0
Threepences	61	0	15	3
Pence	410	1	14	2
Half-pence	186	0	7	9
	<u>815</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	2	7	10
Choir and Organ	4	17	3
A.C.S. (Home Missions)	1	2	11
Sick and Poor	1	18	8
	<u>£10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

CHURCHYARD FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Offertory—Whit Sunday, 1897	1	1	0	Upham (Cleaning Paths)	0	3	0
Mrs. ...	0	5	0	May 15. „ (Mowing)	0	10	0
Mrs. Reynolds	0	10	0	„ 29. „ „	0	6	6
Mrs. Helyar	1	0	0	June 26. „ „	0	7	6
The Vicar	0	5	0	July 6. „ „	0	3	0
				„ 10. Chedzey	0	1	9
				„ 12. Pyke (Avenue)	0	6	0
				„ 12. Upham	0	3	0
				„ 13. Chedzey (Hedges)	0	2	0
				Aug. 14. Upham	0	4	6
				„ 21. Chedzey	0	10	0
				„ 31. „	0	10	0
Balance due to Vicar	0	6	3				
	<u>£3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

The Gravel now being placed on the Paths has been supplied by the Churchwardens, and the following have lent Horses and Carts to fetch it:—Mr. Fardoe, Mr. T. Durston, Mr. Ash, Mr. Griffin, Mr. L. Stone and Mr. Manley.

BAPTISM.

August 1st.—Arthur Alec, son of William and Emma Shire.

MARRIAGE.

August 17.—Charles Albert Hutchings and Flora Jane Grabham.

BURIAL.

August 21.—Albert Shire, aged 9 months.

PARISH NURSE.

The following information has been forwarded for inserton by Colonel Helyar:—

“Our Jubilee Commemoration, inaugurated by a Bonfire on Adcombe Hill, continued by a Dinner and Tea to all Parishioners, is at length complete with the arrival of the promised Nurse, who is now at work in the Parish. Copies of the Nursing Rules have been distributed, and the Parish divided into the following districts for the purpose of organization and reference, in case the services of the Nurse are desired:—

Pitminster Village	...	} Mrs. Badcock.	Poundisford	} Mrs. Helyar.
Lower Woodram	...		Eastbrook	..	...
Lower Blagdon	...	} Miss Badcock.	Kibbear	...	...
Sellicks Green	...		Duddleston	...	...
Howleigh	...		Fulwood	...	...
Lowton	...		Canonsgrove	...	...
Upper Blagdon	...	} Mrs. Seale.	Fosgrove	} Mrs. Lee.
Blagdon Hill	...		Shoreditch	...	...
Feltham	..		Piercefield	...	...
Curdleigh	...		Spearcey	...	...
Leigh Hill	...		Staplehay to Southwell Lodge			

The following is a list of Yearly Subscriptions already received or promised:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
H. J. Badcock, Esq.	10 0 0	Rev. F. Kinglake	...	...	1 0 0
Col. Helyar	10 0 0	The Misses Lawson	...	...	1 0 0
F. M. Newton	10 0 0	Mrs. A. Lethbridge	...	...	1 0 0
Mrs. Reynolds	3 3 0	W. H. Nicol	...	...	1 0 0
Capt. Fox	1 1 0	A. Sweet	...	...	0 10 6
Miss Tucker	1 1 0	The Vicar	...	...	0 10 0
J. Allen-Jefferys	1 0 0	Mrs. Bell	...	...	0 5 0

while kind Donations have been given or promised by Dr. Hamilton Kinglake, the Rt. Hon. J. Mellor, Sir G. Lawson, A. Gould, E. D. Bourdillon, C. Goodwyn, H. Hulme, Miss Martyn. We trust that the Parish generally will now add their Yearly Subscriptions to our list.”

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival for this year will be held on Sunday, September 19th. The Sermon in the Evening will be preached by the Rev. J. Street, Vicar of Rockwell Green, Wellington. The Offertories during the day will be, as usual, given to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR SEPTEMBER.

		No. of Coins.			£	s.	d.
Sovereigns	...	2	...	...	2	0	0
Half-sovereigns	...	2	...	...	1	0	0
Half-crowns	...	8	...	...	1	0	0
Florins	...	12	...	...	1	4	0
Shillings	...	42	...	...	2	2	0
Sixpences	...	64	...	...	1	12	0
Threepences	...	67	...	...	0	16	9
Pence	...	346	...	...	1	8	10
Half-pence	...	154	...	...	0	6	5
		<u>697</u>			<u>£11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	0	14	2
Organist and Choir Fund	...	...	...	...	0	18	3
Church of England Temperance Society	...	...	...	...	0	14	5
Taunton and Somerset Hospital...	...	...	...	...	8	12	10
Sick and Poor	...	...	...	...	0	10	4
					<u>£11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

BAPTISM.

September 19th.—Frank, son of Henry and Lucy Woodley.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

THE Harvest Festival this year was held on Sunday, September 19th. The Church was decorated by the following ladies:—Mrs. Seale, the Misses Lawson, the Misses Badcock, Miss Martyn, Miss C. Helyar, Miss Edwards and Miss M. Seale. In spite of the previous rainy weather, a large quantity of beautiful flowers were sent by various donors, and there was a large loaf—weighing 24lbs.—given by Mr. R. Chapple, which was afterwards with the fruit in the Church distributed among the aged poor. At Evensong, there was a specially large congregation, every available seat being filled. The Choir was augmented by several ladies and gentlemen, at the invitation of Mr. Kitchin, the Organist. The Anthem was, “The eyes of all wait upon Thee,” by Edwin Clare, and the solo parts were taken by Percy Richards. Maunder’s Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (from the Wells Festival Books

for this year) were sung. The Sermon was preached in the morning by the Vicar, and in the evening by the Rev. J. Street, Vicar of Rockwell Green, Wellington. The Offertory throughout the day was, as usual, given to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and it is with great thankfulness that we are able to record that at each service the amount exceeded that of former years, the total being £8 12s. 6d. In order that it may be understood how lamentably for many years it had fallen below what might be considered a suitable contribution from this Parish, we give the amounts annually contributed for the past seven years:—

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
1896	...	...	5	9	6	1892	...	...	2	18	9
1895	...	...	4	0	0	1891	...	...	3	10	0
1894	...	...	3	13	8	1890	...	...	6	13	6
1893	...	...	3	2	9						

PITMINSTER SCHOOLS.

It is, with very great satisfaction, that we are able to state that Miss E. Hillman has obtained a First Class at the Bath and Wells Diocesan Examination for Pupil Teachers for 1897. This is the third time she has been placed in the First Class during the past four years. This Examination is open to the Pupil Teachers from all the Schools in Somerset, the candidates being divided according to their year of apprenticeship. Miss Hillman took this time the papers for the third year candidates, of which there were 53. Thirteen of these were placed in the First Class in order of merit—Miss Hillman being Eighth. Thirteen were commended, twenty-five simply passed, and two failed altogether. From these particulars it will be understood the amount of work necessary to obtain a First Class.

NEW MASTER.

On October 21st, Mr. W. H. Sparks will enter on his duties as Master of this School. He is at the present time Master of a School in Northamptonshire, but he was brought up and served his apprenticeship in the Schools at Minehead, where he was Pupil Teacher and Monitor for nearly six years.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

These Meetings are closed during the summer months. On the re-assembling of the Mothers who attend the Blagdon Meeting on September 23rd, they most kindly presented Mrs. Seale with a Silver Bread Fork. We can only repeat what we have said before, that such gifts are specially valued, as showing not only that the Meetings are useful, but that they also promote a kindly feeling between the Mothers and the ladies who superintend them.



PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR OCTOBER.

(INCLUDING ALL SAINT'S DAY).

		No. of Coins.			£ s. d.
Half-crowns	...	7	...	...	0 17 6
Florins	...	2	...	...	0 4 0
Shillings	...	25	...	...	1 5 0
Sixpences	...	64	...	...	1 6 0
Threepences	...	67	...	...	0 6 9
Pence	...	160	..	...	0 13 4
Half-pence	...	82	...	...	0 3 5
		<u>355</u>			<u>£4 16 0</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£ s. d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	0 13 6
Organist Fund	...	...	...	..	1 8 6
Sick and Poor	...	...	...	...	0 14 0
Society for Propagation of the Gospel	...	...	...	...	2 0 0
					<u>£4 16 0</u>

MARRIAGES.

October 6th. Charles Scott and Rhoda Annie Pine.

„ 25th. Henry Walter Savory and Alice Jane Budd.

Marriage omitted.

July 6th. Phillip Matravers and Charlotte Marchant.

BURIALS.

October 29th. Elizabeth Male, aged 75 years.

CONFIRMATION.

THE Bishop of the Diocese has decided to hold his Confirmation in our own Parish Church, on Friday, November 19th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be candidates from the adjoining villages, as well as from our own. We have at present from Pitminster 20 candidates, male and female. It is greatly to be hoped that the parents, as well as the god-parents of these young people will make an effort to be present at the Service. Too often we fear that the office of god

parent is little more than a form, and that those who take upon themselves this duty, attach no importance and often bestow no thoughts upon their god-child as such after the day of the baptism. But at the same time, the instructions in the Prayer Book as to the duties of god-parents, are very clear, and one of these is, "Ye, (that is the god-parents,) are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him." However then any may have neglected to take an interest in the spiritual welfare of their god-children in the past, let them avail themselves of this opportunity of witnessing the "imposition of hands" upon them, and uniting with the Bishop in his prayer that they may "daily increase in God's Holy Spirit, more and more, until they come to His everlasting Kingdom."

CHURCH EXPENSES.

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PITMINSTER.

OFFERTORY FOR NOVEMBER.

		No. of Coins.			£	s.	d.
Florins	...	4	0	8	0
Shillings	...	16	0	16	0
Sixpences	...	32	...	...	0	16	0
Threepences	...	22	...	...	0	5	6
Pence	...	144	...	...	0	12	0
Half-pence	...	70	...	...	0	3	0
		<u>288</u>			<u>£3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

Which has been allotted as follows:—

					£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	0	16	6
Organist Fund	...	...	...	..	1	13	6
Sick and Poor	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
					<u>£3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

BAPTISM.

November 7.—Hilda Rose, daughter of George Frederick and Mary Jane Parkinson.

MARRIAGE.

November 11.—James Yeandle and Eliza Honniball.

BURIALS.

November 11.—Mary Ann Jennings, aged 38.

November 17.—Sarah Jane Hall, aged 13 months.

CONFIRMATION.

ON Friday afternoon, November 19th, the Bishop held his second Confirmation in our Church, the previous one having been in March, 1895. On that occasion the Candidates came only from our own parish, but this year two centres were appointed for the Rural Deanery of Taunton, one at S. Mary's and the other at Pitminster. The following is a list of the Candidates and the names of the Parishes from which they came:—

					Males.		Females.
Pitminster	...	...	...	...	12	...	12
Trull	...	...	...	...	1	...	13
Angersleigh.	...	...	...	..	—	...	3
Corfe	...	...	...	...	—	...	3
Wilton	..	...	...	...	4	...	8
Thornfalcon	...	...	..	...	—	...	5

The Bishop and Clergy robed at the Vicarage, and at the north door of the Church met the Choir, which had been augmented by some of the Trull Choir, and was preceded by the Processional Cross, kindly lent by the Rev. D. Pring. The Processional Hymn was. "Soldiers of Christ arise," and Evensong (which was shortened) was intoned by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Bell reading the lesson, Acts viii., 5. At the close of the prayers the hymn "Thine for ever," was sung, and his Lordship then took his seat under the Chancel arch. The introduction to the Confirmation Service was read by the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, the Bishop's Chaplain. Previous to the laying on of hands the Bishop addressed the Candidates, making a special point of the interest taken by the Holy Angels in the Service, and of their loving care for each one of them. He reminded them, also, of the intercession of our Blessed Lord that day on their behalf, and of the influence which those who had tried to serve God in their day and generation should have upon them, giving as an illustration from olden time S. Augustine, and from modern days General Gordon. He ended by impressing upon them that they were come to God's House that day to receive that spiritual strength which the Holy Ghost could alone impart to them. They must be careful to use the strength thus given to them, and then Christ would set His mark upon them as His own. At the close of the address the question was put by the Bishop, and answered by the Candidates singly; the silent prayers of the congregation were asked for them, and the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost," was sung while all were still kneeling. After the imposition of hands the Bishop added a few more words of exhortation, urging upon them the necessity of regularity in prayer, in reading the Word of God, in attendance at Church, and especially at Holy Communion; and as a most important motto to be remembered and acted upon throughout their whole life he gave them the words of S. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." The hymn, "O Jesu, I have promised," was then sung, and after the blessing had been pronounced by the Bishop, the "Church's One Foundation," as a Recessional. Thus closed what we trust was a service attended by the greatest blessing to the Candidates, and of great benefit also to those who had come to pray for their children or for any in whom they felt called to take a special spiritual interest.

At the Vicarage afterwards the Bishop met a number of the Clergy, District Visitors of the Parish, and other friends, and we cannot but feel that the earnestness with which he discharges all his duties in Church, and the kindly manner in which he meets every one in private will tend to bind us all more closely to him at each successive visit to our Parish.

PAROCHIAL CLUB.

The last District Visitors' Meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, 30th, when the Club Accounts were all completed. The Clothing and Blanket Tickets will now be given out, and it is hoped that the Members will be careful to procure their goods before January 15th, after which the Tradesmen have orders to receive no Tickets and no Bonus will be given.

