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ST. MARY'S ALDERBURY.

SERVICES.

Sundays :—Morning Service at 11 a.m.; Children's Service at 2.30 p.m.; Evening Service at 6 p.m.

Week Days :—Matins daily at 8.20; Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.20.

Holy Days :—Matins at 11 a.m.

Holy Communion :—Every Sunday at 8.30 a.m., except 1st Sunday in month at mid-day.

Holy Baptism :—On 2nd Sunday in month at Children's Service.

Churching of Women :—At the Daily Service at 8.20, or on Saints' Days at 11 a.m.

Sunday School :—At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the School.

Parish Magazine.

The 6th year of the *Parish Magazine* has now come to a close, and we are beginning again. The Editors, Miss Hutchings and Miss E. Hutchings, wish gratefully to thank all who have helped in any way, and all who have so well supported them during the past year, and they hope they may count on a continuance of their support during 1901. The numbers sold during this past year have kept up to the usual average of 125 each month, and the printing expenses, as a rule, have not been so heavy, so that the balance on the whole, between receipts and expenses, is more even. There is a deficit, but, considering we have lost one very generous supporter of the *Magazine*, and that there has been no Coffee Supper this autumn to swell the funds, the deficiency is a small one; indeed, less than last year, when we had both those helps, which we have now lost. The Editors fear there has been some dissatisfaction the last few months amongst a few subscribers at the *Magazine* being distributed so late. This has been the case, they are aware, owing to the fact that owing to a press of other business the local news has not been sent in so early to the printers, and consequently the completed *Magazines* have arrived later, and in such a scattered district as this it unavoidably takes a few days to distribute them, and some must necessarily have them still later than others. The Editors regret that dissatisfaction has been caused, and will endeavour for the future to send in the local news earlier, but they would like to point out that in a great many places where the *Parish Magazine* contains any local news, it never comes out till the middle of the month, whereas here it is only the last few months, or every now and then at a very busy time, that it has been late; and very few *Magazines* contain so much local news as ours does because it entails a great deal of time and trouble which the majority of Editors do not care to undertake. So perhaps in the future, if the *Magazines* should be late, subscribers will bear this in mind and be a little lenient to the Editors, who do their best for them, and who trust that the *Magazine* may continue to prosper as it has done the last six years.

Magazine Accounts.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
48 Hon. Subscribers	5 19 4	On an average 125 Church Monthlies	
74 Penny Subscribers	3 14 0	every Month for 12 months	4 7 3
8 Penny Subscribers for part of year	0 4 2	125 Magazine Covers a month for 12	
Extra Copies Sold	0 0 3	months	8 4 6
Books Sold Lending Library	0 8 0		
Vicar's Subscription (Balance)	2 6 0		
	£12 11 9		£12 11 9

Smoking Concert.

On Wednesday, December 5th, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Reading-room by the members and their friends. Mr. W. Osmond presided in the place of the Vicar, who was prevented by ill-health from attending. Messrs. F. Bowey and Moore came from Salisbury, and contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the evening by their clever performances on the banjo. They played two duets, and in addition each gave two solos. Mr. M. Edwards sang several songs in his usual inimitable manner, and fully maintained his character as being a universal favourite. Songs were also sung by Messrs. W. Osmond, R. Northeast, G. Newson, W. Noyce, B. Lewis, Gilbert, E. Eyres, and T. Rumbold; Messrs. R. England, H. Maidment, and A. Hatcher gave a trio; Mr. A. Fry contributed a recitation; and Messrs. B. Hickman and A. Maidment an amusing dialogue. Two pieces were played by Messrs. W. Hartford (violin), A. Hatcher and H. Maidment (cornets), and E. Knight (piano), and Messrs. W. Bowey and E. Knight shared the accompaniments during the evening. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and to the Salisbury friends, and also to the Vicar for the use of the piano, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Alderbury Unionist Club.

On Thursday, December 6th, the annual dinner in connection with the Alderbury Unionist Club was held at Mr. Eyre's workshop. The room was effectively decorated, and a goodly company were present, amongst others being, besides Mr. T. Greenwood in the chair, the Rev. R. S. Weallens, Mr. Hammick, Colonel Fawcett, Mr. W. Osmond, Mr. Meyer (Clarendon), Mr. Macan (Longford), Mr. Hill, Mr. Carr, etc. The catering was successfully undertaken by Mr. A. Lewis, a hearty vote of thanks being awarded him by the company during the evening. The toasts were numerous, and amongst others may be mentioned "The Bishop and Clergy," which was proposed by Mr. Hill, and who, after regretting the unavoidable absence of the Vicar through illness, also introduced the Rev. R. S. Weallens, who has come to work amongst us, to those present with a few kind words, to which Mr. Weallens suitably responded. Mr. Macan proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," to which Colonel Fawcett responded. Mr. Osmond proposed "The Constitutional Party," and Mr. Hammick responded, regretting that our member, Mr. A. Morrison, could not be with them that evening. Mr. Meyer proposed "The Alderbury Club," to which Mr. Hill and Mr. Carr responded. Mr. Hill said they had a very fairly good Club for a village, numbering between 50 and 60 members, and in Mr. Carr they had a very energetic Secretary, who did a great deal in keeping the Club together. Mr. Carr expressed a wish that younger members would join. Mr. Hill wished to thank Lord Radnor, Mr. A. Morrison, M.P., Mr. Garton, and Mr. Greenwood for their kind gifts of game, which had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the dinner. Colonel Fawcett proposed "The Chairman," which was acknowledged with musical honours. In reply, Mr. Greenwood expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and his gratitude to the gentlemen who had come forward to support him. He hoped to become better acquainted with Alderbury people, and should be glad always to do all he could to help the Club. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Royal Magnets (Messrs. Pare, Bowden, and Woodward), who provided the musical portion of the entertainment, and to Mr. Eyres for the use of the room, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Dance at School.

Another successful little dance was held at the School on December 11th. About the same number were present as last time, and all who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The music and refreshments were under the same management as before, and all the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out.

Pig Club.

There was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Pig Club, which was held on December 11th. The business was transacted by Messrs. Dean and Carr, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hill, the secretary of the Club. One new member joined. 50 pigs have been insured during the year, and the Club is in a flourishing state.

Church Lads' Brigade Social Evening.

The St. Mary's Company, No. 931, of the Church Lads' Brigade, Alderbury, gave their annual social evening at the School on Wednesday, November 28th. Invitations had been issued to the parents, and a representative of nearly every family managed to come, so a nice little company were assembled. Several kind friends were also asked, most of whom were able to be present. The School had been gaily decked with flags by Captain Warren, assisted by Corporal Noyce and Mr. E. Knight. The arrangements for the tea were successfully undertaken by Miss Tucker and Miss Cutler, ably assisted by Mrs. Noyce, and many delicacies from the Vicarage added much to the appearance of the tables and the enjoyment of the meal. About 6.30 all sat down to tea, trays being taken by Miss Hutchings, Mrs. Osmond, Miss Staples, Mrs. E. Knight, and Mrs. Rolls. The Vicar was also present and a visitor at the Vicarage, also Miss G. Osmond, Miss Watts, Miss Trebble, Miss Spearing, and Mr. E. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Osmond, who could not manage to come to the tea, came later. During the meal Captain Warren read the reports, first welcoming those present, and expressing his pleasure at having again been able to thus see something of the parents and relations of the lads. A few invited had not been able to come, amongst others Miss Fawcett and Miss E. Hutchings, the latter, to her great regret, being prevented by illness. He then read the financial report, the balance-sheet being in brief as below :—

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
1899		£ s. d.	1899.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand	...	1 12 4	Annual Tea	...	0 13 6
1900.			Equipment, Carriage of Brigade Monthly	...	0 3 3
C.L.B. Entertainment	...	1 15 5	1900.		
Subscriptions.			Company's fee to Headquarters	...	1 0 0
Rev. Canon Hutchings	...	1 0 0	Two Parades and Conveyance, &c., Salisbury	...	0 9 0
Miss Staples	...	1 0 0	"Outing" to Warminster	...	0 6 6
Members	...	1 6 1	Review at Romsey	...	1 4 6
Miss E. Hutchings	...	0 10 0	Church Parade, Cathedral, and Conveyance, &c.	...	0 4 6
Miss Hutchings	...	0 5 0	Brigade Monthly for year	...	0 6 0
Mr. Rose	...	0 10 0	Battalion Fund	...	0 2 6
A Friend	...	0 1 0	Awards	...	0 7 6
			Sundries (Stationery, &c.)	...	0 9 4
			Balance in hand	...	2 13 3
		£7 19 10			£7 19 10

In explanation of the accounts, it should be stated that the expenses at Warminster consisted of conveyance to and from Salisbury, and amusements while there, the lads paying their own railway fares and carrying their own provisions, tea, however, being provided for them by the kindness of ladies at Warminster. At Romsey, again, the expense was for conveyance, tea tickets, and other refreshments.

Captain Warren then turned to the Company report, and was glad to say numbers were keeping up. Some lads had left, but recruits were taking their places, and he had 16 still on the book, the same number as last year. He next read the list of attendances. The two who had the largest number of points—not only for attendance but for punctuality, smartness in drill, and good conduct as well—were Privates Hedley Rolls, and W. Cox. After a few words of hearty congratulation from the Vicar to both Captain Warren and the lads on such good reports and the general flourishing state of the Company, he presented the two lads mentioned above each with a medal.

After the tables were cleared followed games, hissing and clapping and musical chairs being as usual very popular, and heartily joined by the elder members of the party. Songs were also contributed at intervals by Mrs. W. Osmond, Miss Staples, and Mr. Osmond. Soon after 10 o'clock the National Anthem was sung, and after hearty cheers for the Vicar and his family, Captain Warren, and the officers, the party dispersed after a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks are due to Mr. E. Knight, who lent his piano, and who, with Mrs. Knight, was very helpful in many ways.

C.L.B. Entertainment.

On December 19th an entertainment was given at the School on behalf of the Alderbury Company. It had not been intended to hold it before Christmas, but as Lent will come very early and there are a good many things to come off in a limited time, it was considered desirable to have this entertainment without delay, and members of St. Martin's Company, Salisbury, having offered their assistance, it was too good an offer to be refused. The only drawback was that, being settled in a hurry, our lads were hardly prepared, and were not able to take the lion's share of the programme like last year, which adds so much to the local interest, but under the circumstances it was unavoidable.

Captain Freestone, from St. Thomas's Company, also brought out a contingent of vocalists from Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Osmond kindly gave their assistance, so that with these combined efforts an excellent entertainment was the result. It was a fine night and there was a very fair audience, but, considering how much people have grumbled about nothing going on this autumn, one would have thought such a good opportunity would have been welcomed and the room packed, but those who were absent missed a great treat. The behaviour throughout the evening was excellent, and the audience was a very appreciative one. The programme opened with the National Anthem, Company 931 standing on the platform and saluting meanwhile. The other items on the programme in which our Company took part were an excellent recitation, "Poll's Wedding," in Wiltshire dialect, very well rendered by Corporal C. Judd, and a farce, "Ole Fat Joss," in which Sergeant R. Hibberd and Privates C. Gould and R. Taylor took part. It represented the pranks a mischievous young cousin and nephew played on a choleric old gentleman. It was a very amusing piece and very fairly done. The two pieces given by St. Martin's Company were most entertaining and splendidly rendered. The first, "Blundering Barney," represented the difficulties experienced by a very gouty and fidgety old gentleman with two Irish servants sent to him by his sister, and their blunders were most comic. The other, "Courting under Difficulties," shows the awkward predicament a young man gets into when insisting on paying his addresses to a young lady whose uncle very much objects to him. Being caught in the house one day by the unexpected return of the uncle, he has to hide behind a screen, and finally changes clothes with the butler, which leads to further complications, but all comes right in the end. There was also a very good dialogue in broad Wiltshire between two lovers. In each of the pieces the female parts were wonderfully carried out by members of the Company.

The musical portion of the programme was also very enjoyable, the soloists being mostly all well known to an Alderbury audience. Miss Kenway gave two solos, and was especially successful in the second. Miss Nightingale received a warm re-call for "Fame the Fiddler," but time would not allow of any encores. Her second song was also a particularly pretty and taking one. Mrs. W. Osmond sang twice, and was heartily applauded for her rendering of "An Old Garden." Mr. Osmond sang one of the late Sir A. Sullivan's celebrated songs. Captain Smith and Captain Freestone contributed spirited and martial solos, and Lieutenant Pearce brought down the house with his humorous song. Miss Hutchings acted as accompanist most of the evening. At the conclusion of the programme the Vicar (Chaplain of our Company), in the name of all present, warmly thanked all the kind friends who had helped, but especially those who had come out from Salisbury, and had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening. Many thanks are due to Mr. E. Knight, who rendered valuable assistance in arranging the room, to Mr. Rolls for his help, to the children who also helped, to Mr. R. England who acted as door-keeper, to Mrs. H. Beaumont, Mrs. Bodman, Mrs. R. England, and Mrs. Rolls who lent chairs, to all who lent properties for the acting, and last, but not least, to Captain Warren, on whose shoulders rested the burden of making arrangements, decorating the platform, seating, etc., and to whose forethought and care much of the success of the evening was owing.

Refreshments were provided for the Salisbury party at the Vicarage, for which, before they left, the Rev. W. Bristow warmly thanked their entertainers on behalf of all present.

The proceeds, including sale of tickets beforehand, door money, and sale of programmes, amounted to £1 19s., the expenses to £1 4s. 3d., being rather heavy this time owing to hire of wigs, besides conveyances, printing, etc., so a profit has been realised of 14s. 9d., which has been given to the funds of the Alderbury Company.

Programme :—National Anthem, Company 931 ; song, "Soldiers, Sailors, Volunteers," Captain Smith ; song, "The Lost Chord," Mrs. W. Osmond ; recitation, "Poll's Wedding," Corporal C. Judd ; song, "Fame the Fiddler," Miss Nightingale ; song, "Thou'rt passing hence," Mr. Osmond ; farce, "Ole Fat Joss," Company 931 ; song, "Trusty as Steel," Captain Freestone ; song, "Eternal Rest," Miss Kenway ; Irish sketch, St. Martin's Company ; song, "You can't thing of everything," Lieutenant Pearce ; song, "When I'm big I'll be a soldier," Miss Nightingale ; dialogue, "Jealousy," Corporal Bracher and Private E. Davis ; song, "In Old Madrid," Miss Kenway ; song, "Obedient to the call," Capt. Freestone ; song, "An Old Garden," Mrs. Osmond ; drama, "Courting under difficulties," St. Martin's Company.

Alderbury School.

The following children have made up the full number of attendances during the third quarter of the School year from October to December 31st :—James Lawrence, Fred Tucker, James Segrott, Jesse Brewer, Wilfred Mouland, Reginald Mouland, Hilda Mouland, Amy Street, Lily Segrott, Nora Bowden, Ethel England, and Amy England:

The School broke up for the Christmas holidays on December 20th, and will re-assemble on January 7th.

Notices.

The Band of Hope Treat will be held on January 3rd, the School Treat early in January, also the Choir Supper, a Concert for Church Repairs some time that month, and the Choir Concert early in February.

New Year.

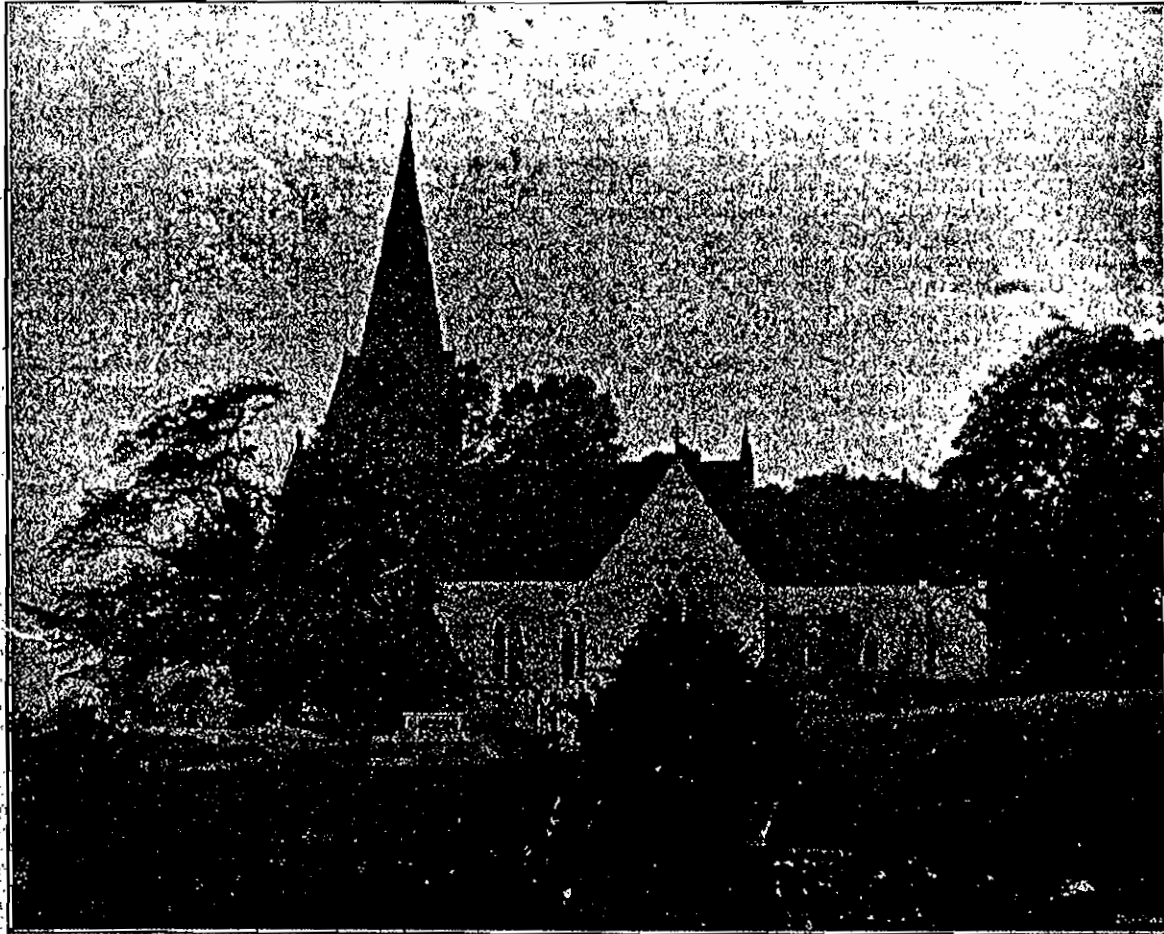
The best New Year wishes to all in Alderbury and the parish! Let us who have been spared through another year look back, thank God heartily for past mercies, sorrow for much we have left undone and opportunities of usefulness neglected, take courage for the future, and resolve to do more for Him during 1901, if we are spared, than we have ever done before. As must always happen, a fresh year brings many changes. We have to welcome amongst us a new worker, the Rev. R. S. Weallens. Let us do our part that his ministry may bring a blessing to us and to himself. On the other hand, we shall be losing ere long one who has worked amongst us some years, and to whom Alderbury owes a great debt of gratitude for the many good works he has started during his sojourn here. Let us again do our part that what has been started may be carried on. We terribly want more workers in Alderbury in Sunday School and many ways. The beginning of a New Year must always be a solemn time. We look back again and notice how many have been taken from us even in 12 months. This year, too, we begin a new century. How many changes one notices in a place and its customs even in 10 years, and if any of us were spared throughout a century, the alterations would be still more startling. We none of us know how far into this fresh century we may be spared. Let us so live and work for God *now* that, whenever the call comes, we shall be ready.

“ There's work for each and there's work for all
In the coming New Year bright.
Let us labour on while the daylight lasts
And rest in the darkening night.
Lord help us to live, as Thou would'st live,
Wert Thou on earth to-day,
And speak the words that Thou would'st speak,
And walk the perfect way.
So bid us be an echo faint,
But pure, and clear, and true,
Of all Thy gracious heart or hand
Would think, or plan, or do.
Thus we beseech Thee, give us grace
To work with all our strength,
Throughout this golden coming year,
That work be crowned at length.
For labour is sweet in the Master's name,
And His strength and guidance are sure ;
His promise is now and ever the same,
To those who in patience endure.”

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Death and Funeral of Queen Victoria.

As was briefly mentioned in our last number, a heavy cloud of sorrow has hung over the nation of late in consequence of the death of our late most gracious Queen. At her great age, such a contingency was naturally to be expected before very long, but nevertheless it came at the last with a great shock. Those around her knew there was cause for anxiety for the last six weeks, but no note of warning reached her subjects at large till Saturday, January 19th, when Her Majesty, who was at her country residence, Osborne, in the Isle of Wight, was described as needing a complete rest. Later on in the day and on the Sunday the news was more serious. On Monday morning it was said "The Queen's condition is very grave, but not entirely without hope." After that, and on Tuesday, the bulletins quickly succeeded each other, varying in gravity till Tuesday afternoon, when the message given was "The Queen is slowly sinking," and at 6.45, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, she quietly and peacefully passed away. It is a cause for much thankfulness that she was spared a long illness, and that it was a comparatively painless one, and that a period of consciousness enabled her to recognise her dearest ones before she sank to rest. The malady was generally described as failure of powers from old age, accompanied by a serious difficulty of circulation in the region of the brain. When it once became public that the Queen's condition was serious, every part of the United Kingdom showed its deep concern, and not only in Great Britain and the Colonies, but in every country where the news reached, and from members of every sect and creed, heartfelt prayers were offered for the preservation of England's great Queen. When it was known that all was over, the whole nation was plunged at once into the deepest grief. Not waiting for official orders, everyone hastened to put on mourning, and many touching instances have been given of how the very poorest contrived to put on something black. No better tribute could have been given to the greatness of our dear Queen, no better proof of the affection in which she was held, than this universal feeling of bereavement, thus showing itself so spontaneously, proving how strong a hold she had on the hearts of her people.

On the Sunday after her death, January 27th, references were made to the sad event in every place of worship in the Kingdom. In the Parish Church at Alderbury, suitable hymns were sung throughout the day, the Vicar preached on the subject in the morning, the Rev. R. S. Weallens referred to it in his sermon in the evening, and after both services the "Dead March" was played, the congregation reverently standing.

The funeral ceremonies began on Friday, February 1st. Space will not allow of a very detailed account of them, nor of a full description of the room at Osborne fitted up as a Chapel, where the coffin lay, a scene of great beauty, dignity, and solemnity, everything black being banished from the room, the air filled with the fragrance of the many lovely flowers, and all arranged by loving hands as best befitted the temporary resting-place of our great Monarch, our pure and noble-minded Queen. The inscription on the coffin was in Latin, but a free translation is as follows:—"Here lies the body of the most serene, the most powerful, and the most excellent Queen Victoria I. By the Grace of God, Queen of Britain, Defender of the Faith, and Empress of India. Departed this life 22nd day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1901, in the 82nd year of her age and the 64th of her reign." The coffin was removed on February 1st, on a gun carriage, to the Royal Yacht *Alberta* at Cowes. Over the coffin was spread a white silk pall, with rich embroideries of gold and crimson, and upon this lay the Royal Standard; at the head of the coffin was placed the large crown of gold and jewels on a purple cushion; near the foot lay the sceptre and the two golden orbs. Behind walked the King, the German Emperor, and other members of the Royal Family. Next followed Queen Alexandra and the Royal Princesses, also on foot, and then the members of the late Queen's household. The procession was accompanied first by the plaintive music of the Highland Pipes, and then by the massed Regimental Bands, playing alternately one or the other of the Funeral Marches. At Cowes, the Bluejackets carried the coffin on board the *Alberta*, where it was placed on a bier covered with ruby velvet. The King and Queen embarked on the *Victoria and Albert*, and other members of the Royal Family on the *Osborne* and the German Emperor's yacht, the *Hohenzollern*. A long line of British ships of war, and a shorter parallel line of

foreign men-of-war and British gunboats, extended from Cowes to Portsmouth, and through this Fleet the procession wended its way. When all was ready for the start, a minute gun was fired from the guardship *Australia*, eight torpedo destroyers glided out to lead the way, and as the procession passed the salute was taken up by minute guns all along the line of ships, and the crews "manned ship." It was a lovely bright afternoon, such weather as one had been accustomed to describe as "Queen's weather," and the shore was lined with spectators. It was a beautiful impressive sight, the ships slowly gliding along, led by the little *Alberta* with its precious freight, plainly distinguishable by its white silken gleaming covering, and preceded by the inky black torpedo boats, the stately men-of-war lining the way, the pathetic music of the bands wafted over the water, the crowds all along the shore all clad in black, all lit up by the bright sunshine overhead. As the *Alberta* turned into Portsmouth Harbour the last rays of the sun shone full on her, lighting up the coffin and the beautiful white pall with an unearthly glow, as if giving the dear Queen a parting blessing, and as if all Nature was combining with her sorrowing subjects to give her a touching farewell on this her last voyage.

The *Alberta* and the other Royal Yachts remained at Portsmouth all night, and on the Saturday morning early, after a short service on board the *Alberta*, the coffin was conveyed to the train, the King and Royal Family occupied the next saloon, and the whole party travelled to London. At Victoria Station the coffin was again placed on a gun carriage, and the procession started through the streets of London to Paddington Station. The King and all the Royal Princes and foreign representatives rode, the Royal ladies followed in carriages. The day had begun with rain, but it was fortunately fine, though gloomy, later. The route all the way along was crowded with spectators, all in mourning, all marking the presence of their well-beloved and now silent Queen amongst them by reverent silence. It was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, the princely escort, numbering representatives from very many kingdoms, following the shrouded coffin which held the heart of the Empire, the solemn and beautiful music of the regimental bands, the crowds of silent mourning subjects. At Paddington the *cortège* again entered the train, and on arriving at Windsor the procession was re-formed. Owing to the restiveness of one of the horses attached to the gun-carriage there was some delay, but the circumstance led to the conferring of a great honour on the Navy, who have always served their Queen so well, as, at the suggestion of Prince Louis of Battenberg, the sailors present harnessed themselves to the gun-carriage and drew it to St. George's Chapel. The funeral service, which was fully choral and beautifully rendered, was conducted by the Dean of Windsor, the Bishop of Winchester, and the Archbishop of Canterbury. At the conclusion the Deputy King of Arms read the proclamation of the late Queen's titles, and then those of our present Sovereign, King Edward VII., finishing with a loud "God Save the King." This was immediately followed by the sweet strains of Spohr's anthem, "Blest are the departed," carrying back the thoughts of all present once more to their late Sovereign, and the Heavenly Rest to which our good Queen Victoria has attained, and then the Archbishop pronounced the Blessing. The coffin was borne to the Memorial Chapel, where a private service was held on the Sunday, and attended by the King and Queen and Members of the Royal Family. On Monday, February 4th, the Queen was finally laid to rest in the Mausoleum at Frogmore by the side of the Prince Consort, the Royal mourners on foot following the coffin on the gun-carriage, and a short service was held at the Mausoleum, finishing with the Committal Prayer and the Blessing.

Memorial services were held all over the kingdom on February 2nd. At Alderbury, the service took place at noon in the Parish Church. Miss Hutchings presided at the organ, and as an opening voluntary played Spohr's "Blest are the departed." The service was fully choral, and the hymns used were "Brief Life," "The Saints of God," and "There is a Blessed Home." Psalm xc. was chanted, and the Orchestra assisted in that and in the hymns. The service began with a hymn, then followed the Litany, then the Burial Service, omitting the Committal Prayer. The Rev. R. S. Weallens read the first part, and the Vicar the rest. At the conclusion the "Dead March" was played, the congregation all standing. As a closing voluntary Miss Hutchings played Mendelssohn's "Funeral March." There was a very large congregation, and the behaviour was most reverent and orderly.

A grand service was held at the Cathedral the same day at two o'clock, at which the members of the Alderbury Company of the Church Lads' Brigade, under Captain E. Knight, were present, marching with the rest of their battalion and contingents of the Volunteers and Yeomanry from the Market House to the Cathedral, and there forming a guard of honour for the Mayor and Corporation. It was a pity that the arrangements were so bad that sufficient seating accommodation was not secured even for all this guard of honour, to say nothing of the vast numbers of people who could not get into the Cathedral, when there was really plenty of room inside, only by bad management the gangways were blocked.

The next day, Sunday, February 3rd, suitable hymns were used at the Parish Church, Alderbury, one being "Nearer my God to Thee," one of Her late Majesty's favourite hymns, and one of the last she joined in on earth, but no further references were made to recent events.

And so our great and beloved Queen, the mother of her people, whose reign has been not only the longest, but the best on our records, has been taken from us. Let us in the words of one of the Collects appointed by our Bishop at this time "Thank God for the faith and loving sympathy, the purity and sincerity, the wisdom and thoughtfulness, the diligence and courage which He has shown forth in her, and pray that by this example we may learn what true and lasting greatness is, even the service of Himself and of our brethren in Him and for Him." And let us also pray that we may be loyal to our present Sovereign, King Edward, that he may likewise be blessed, and be enabled to follow in his noble mother's steps.

The Proclamation of His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII., was made in Salisbury by the Mayor on Monday, January 28th, at various spots selected in the City. "God Save the King."

Alderbury School.

The School re-assembled after the Christmas holidays on January 7th. On Friday, January 18th, a surprise visit was paid by the Government Inspector, Mr. Hicks. There was a very fair attendance, and, as far as is known, the result of the visit was satisfactory.

On Friday, February 8th, rather later than usual owing to the Queen's death, the annual Treat for both Day and Sunday scholars was held at the School, beginning with a tea at 4 o'clock, to which all did full justice. On the whole there was a good attendance, though a few were away owing to illness. The provisions were supplied by Mr. A. Lewis, the cutting up and preparations for the tea were done by Mrs. Noyce, Mrs. E. Knight, Miss Watts, Miss Trebble, and Miss Spearing, who also helped to wait on the children, assisted by the Vicar, Mr. Weallens, Miss Hutchings, Miss E. Hutchings, and Mr. E. Knight. After an interval for the helpers' tea and clearing and re-arranging the room, the Vicar gave his usual magic-lantern exhibition. Here, as in many other ways, Mr. Warren was sorely missed. Of late years he had been the Vicar's right hand with the magic-lantern, and many of the arrangements had been left entirely to him. Fortunately, one of the elder Sunday School lads, and a member of the C.L.B., George Coleman, came forward and proved a very sensible and useful assistant. Pictures were shown of the Holy Land, as well as of animals, birds, and reptiles, &c., finishing with the favourite comic slides, causing, as usual, much laughter and enjoyment. But the good order maintained by the elder children during all the evening spoke eloquently of the excellent discipline exercised by Mr. E. Knight and his influence amongst young people. Near the conclusion, the Vicar showed portraits of our late Queen, the present King and Queen, and Duke and Duchess of York, each one being received with hearty applause. Mr. Knight said he was sure the children would like to be the first in the parish to sing "God Save the King" in their own School, and the words being thrown on the sheet a verse was accordingly sung, all standing, with much enthusiasm. Next came pictures of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, also received with much acclamation, and "Good-night" brought the exhibition to a close. Hearty cheers for the Vicar and his family, for Mr. Knight, and for the other teachers followed, and then the party dispersed about 8 o'clock.

Choir Supper.

On Wednesday, February 13th, the Vicar gave a supper to the Choir. Members of the Orchestra not included in the Choir were invited, also other friends and Church helpers. Between 40 and 50 were expected, but several were absent owing to illness. The supper was held in the Class-room, the tables being loaded with delicacies and prettily decked with crackers and oranges. The carving was undertaken by the Vicar, Mr. Weallens, Mr. W. Osmond, and Mr. Freestone. Miss Hutchings, Miss E. Hutchings, Mrs. W. Osmond, and Mr. E. Knight were also present. When full justice had been done to the ample meal provided, and the crackers had been distributed amidst much merriment, the Vicar spoke a few words, saying how pleased he was to welcome them there. There had been no Treat last summer, as owing to the great expense of that enjoyable trip to London the year before funds would not allow of another expedition so soon again, so this Supper was instead. He wished the Choir all prosperity. It had acquired a reputation—many people thought it by far the best Choir in the neighbourhood—but they must be careful to keep up that reputation, and he should like to impress on them that it was impossible to get good singing without regular systematic practice. It was a necessity for *all*, for the men as well as the trebles, for those who had been a long time in the choir as well as for new-comers, and very often the things they thought they knew best required most practice, as they were apt to get careless over them. It was very easy to tell in the services in Church when there had not been a good practice beforehand of *all* the parts. He must also point out to them how very grateful they ought to be to Mr. Freestone, to whom much of their success was due, who had a great gift for teaching, and who took the greatest pains in training them. They could best show their appreciation of his teaching by making the best use of it, and coming regularly to practice. (Loud applause.) Mr. Freestone, on behalf of himself and the Choir, thanked the Vicar heartily for his kind words. He could corroborate what the Vicar had said as to the need of regular practice. He was very pleased to do his part, and the good feeling exhibited by members of the Choir in his dealings with them made his duties very pleasant ones. He also pointed out to them a higher standard to aim at, not only to aspire to be a first-rate Choir, but to make the best use of the great gift of music entrusted to them. He must remind them, too, of how much they owed to the interest taken in the Church music by the Vicar and the Misses Hutchings, but especially they owed a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Hutchings, who was the mainspring of the Choir, upon whom devolved far more of the working of the Choir than upon his shoulders, and whose powers as a musician did more for them than perhaps they at all realized.

He then proposed a vote of thanks to their entertainers, which was heartily given, and the Vicar suitably replied. All then adjourned to the big School, where games were played by all with great zest, Mr. Freestone and Mr. E. Knight being most useful in suggesting and starting them. A little dancing was indulged in towards the end of the evening. About 10.30 the Vicar and his daughters wished them good-night, "God Save the King" was sung, hearty cheers followed, and the party dispersed after a very enjoyable evening. A hearty vote of thanks must be given to Mrs. Rolls, who undertook the hot water supply for the meal; to Miss Tucker upon whom devolved all the greatest labour in preparing the supper; to Mrs. Noyce and Miss E. Dean, who ably assisted her; and to Mr. E. Knight, who undertook the superintendence of the arrangement of the rooms, lighting, etc.

Church of England Temperance Society.

Sermons on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society were preached at the Parish Church on Sexagesima Sunday, February 10th, by the Vicar in the morning, and the Rev. R. S. Weallens at the evening service. There were very fair congregations, and the offertories during the day amounted to £5 16s. 5d.

Parish Council.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the School on Monday, February 16th. The Clerk, Mr. Dean, and five Councillors were present, the Chairman, Rev. Canon Hutchings, and

... being absent owing to illness. The chair was taken by Mr. Parsons, Vice-Chairman. Minutes were read and signed; it was settled that the amendments to the Local Government Act should be received; the county rate basis was discussed and accepted; a precept for the year's expenses was issued; a vote of thanks was decided to be conveyed to Lord Alton, through Mr. Hulbert, for the great improvement at Moor Well, and for the commencement of the new pump and pump-house that had been erected; and the question of an application for a Sunday postal delivery it was agreed should be discussed at the annual Parish Meeting.

Choir Concert.

A very successful Choir Concert was held at the School on Tuesday, February 19th. The audience was not as large as had been hoped, but, allowing for the amount of illness in the parish, may be considered a very fair one, and was decidedly a very appreciative one. Mrs. W. Osmond and Mr. A. Hatcher were prevented from singing by illness, and the voices of several members of the Choir were also somewhat affected by recent colds, but all did their best, and the programme was well carried out. The greatest gems of the evening from a musical point of view were naturally Mr. Foley's solos. Perhaps we at Alderbury hardly realize how grateful we ought to be to Mr. Foley for coming. Few such accomplished musicians would *give* their services to play to a village audience like he does, and for that reason it is a matter of regret when he does come and the room is not well filled. His first solo, called "Légende," a weird air reaching to a passionate climax and then dying away again to the original pathetic dreamy theme, he played in a most masterly manner; in response to the hearty encore it evoked he gave a simple tuneful melody. Later on he played a sweet dainty cradle-song, in which the violin's pure clear voice seemed to be singing some child to sleep, and then a bright mazurka, with all its quick changes of time and rhythm, again displaying his powers of execution, his complete mastery of the instrument, and through all the sweetness and richness of tone possessed by a violin but only rightly produced by an accomplished musician. The orchestra, also ably led by Mr. Foley, contributed also two lively, taking pieces, but next to Mr. Foley the greatest interest centred on the members of the choir themselves. The concert began with Costa's "God Save the King," with orchestral accompaniment, the solos being taken by Miss E. Hartford and Mr. W. Hartford, the chorus by the choir. The choir also sang as a body two pretty attractive part songs, "Lullaby," by Barnby, being especially taking, and two glees, one a lively "Sleighting Song" with an accompaniment of bells and bones, the other "Forest Echoes," with a cleverly contrived echo managed by Mr. and Miss Hartford, but the effect was a good deal spoilt by the laughter of the audience all the time, who seemed to find the echo very amusing. If they could only have controlled their feelings till it was finished the effect would not have been marred. The choir also repeated the choruses of many of the solos, and their singing throughout reflected great credit on themselves and their teacher, Mr. Freestone. The trebles also sang two pretty trios, and there were two vocal duets, one, the story of the consecration of a banner given to a warrior bold, very sweetly sung by Miss E. Hartford and Miss F. Spearing, and the other an old taking melody, and not very easy to sing, but very creditably rendered by Miss Hartford and her brother, and richly deserving the encore awarded it. They each also contributed a solo. Miss Staples received a warm re-call for her song "In the morning," and in response gave an old favourite, "Wishes and Fishes." Master E. Hatcher was very successful in his solo "Harbour Lights," as also was Miss F. Spearing in "When children are asleep," with its dainty haunting refrain after each verse. Mr. Majdment and Mr. B. Lewis each sang a stirring song with great effect. Mr. B. Lewis is especially to be commended for his efforts on this his first appearance as a soloist since his childhood. Mr. Freestone contributed a fine solo by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and also a humorous and very pithy recitation called "Women's Rights." But the favourite vocalist of the evening was undoubtedly Mr. E. Knight, who received quite an ovation when he came forward to sing, having made himself deservedly very popular at Alderbury this last year. "The Lads in Blue," a spirited song extolling the virtues of our great Navy, he rendered exceedingly well. An additional verse of original composition, mentioning the last services rendered to their beloved Queen by the Navy at her funeral, added much to the effect and fairly brought down the house. In response to the enthusiastic encore he sang a Devonshire dialect ditty in admirable style.

Miss Hutchings presided ably at the piano as accompanist during all the evening, and Mr. Freestone conducted the choir pieces. The proceeds of the Concert will be given to the fund for choir music, but the exact amount is not yet known.

Many thanks are due to Mr. E. Knight for lending his piano, to Miss Watts for selling tickets and decorating the platform, and to Mr. Dean who, assisted by Mr. Rolls, not only put up the platform and arranged the room, but also acted as door-keeper, seated the audience, and kept order.

Programme :—Solo and chorus, "God Save the King," the Choir; glee, "Sleighting Song," the Choir; song, "An Evening Melody," Miss E. Hartford; solo and chorus, "The Harbour Lights" (encored), Master E. Hatcher; trios (a) "The Evening Bells" (b) "Lo! the Heavens," the Choir; violin solo, "Légende" (encored), Mr. A. Foley; song, "In the morning" (encored), Miss Staples; song, "Sons of the Motherland," Mr. W. Hartford; vocal duet, "Pulaski's Banner," Miss E. Hartford and Miss F. Spearing; recitation, "Women's Rights," Mr. Freestone; part song, "Awake Æolian Lyre," the Choir; song, "The Lads in Blue" (encored), Mr. E. Knight. Overture, "Chilperic," the Orchestra; part song, "Lullaby," the Choir; song, "When the children are asleep" (encored), Miss F. Spearing; vocal duet, "I know a Bank," Miss E. Hartford and Mr. W. Hartford (encored); song, "The March of the Boys" (encored), Mr. H. Maidment; violin solo (a) "Berceuse" (b) "Mazurka," Mr. A. Foley (encored, but not given); song, "A Soldier's Motto" (encored), Mr. B. Lewis; glee, "Forest Echoes," the Choir; song, "The Sailor's Grave," Mr. Freestone; selection, "Popular Airs," the Orchestra.

Sale of Work.

It is proposed that on Wednesday, March 27th, just at the close of the School year, a Sale of Work should be held in the School of the articles made by the infants in the Kindergarten department, and also of the needlework done by the girls in the School. The Kindergarten materials are a serious item of expense to country schools, but the Government insists on their use. If the many dainty little things made by the little ones can be sold, even for small sums, the expense will be considerably lightened, and parents have perhaps little idea of how pretty most of the things are. All are invited therefore to come and see. The Sale will be open from 3 in the afternoon to 7.30 in the evening. Tea and refreshments will be provided at low prices. If anyone would like to help towards the tea by giving some small contribution, either half-a-pound of tea, or some sugar, or little cakes, or milk, or butter, or in any other way, a good deal of expense would again be saved and a larger profit could be realized. Anyone wishing so to help would they kindly communicate with Miss Watts before March 20th.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Owing to a careless mistake in the printing, the times of the special services were not very clearly stated in the notice about Lent last month. Every week there will be special morning service, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesdays; special evening service on Fridays at 7 o'clock. Easter Day will fall this year on April 7th. During the week before—generally called Holy Week, a time when we should think particularly of our Saviour's sufferings, ending with His Death on Good Friday—the special services will be increased. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday that week there will be morning service at 11, and on Wednesday evening service as well at 7 o'clock. On Good Friday there will be morning service at 11, evening service at 7. On Easter Eve morning service will be at 10 o'clock.

The Vicar earnestly hopes that all who can will attend the Good Friday services and not spend it as an ordinary holiday. It was touching to see how people flocked to Church for the memorial service of the Queen, and it was right and fitting they should do so, to pay a last tribute of respect to one who was not only a great and wise Sovereign, but emphatically a *good woman*, and the mother of her people; but surely if we thus voluntarily make an effort to pay

respect and show our love to an *earthly* Sovereign, however good and dear to us, should we not do it ten times more for our *Heavenly King* on the day when we commemorate *His* Death and Burial, especially if we remember what an inestimable benefit His Death conferred on us, how good he has been to us in the past, and is still, the Friend that never fails us.

On Easter Day the services will be as follows:—Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.; Morning Service at 11; Holy Communion at mid-day; Children's Service at 2.30 p.m.; full Choral Evening Service, with orchestral accompaniment, at 6 p.m. The Vicar sincerely hopes that all who are confirmed will remember and not neglect their Easter Communion, one of the times as Christians they are bound to come, and even if they have not been for years, to make this time a special effort—not let *this* opportunity slip by, but obey their Lord's command and thus show forth His death till He come.

Any offerings of plants and flowers for the decorations will be very acceptable, if sent on Easter Eve, *not later than 11 in the morning.*

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BAPTISM.

FEBRUARY 10th.—Walter William, son of Walter and Linda Cooke.

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Week Days :—Matins daily at 8.20; Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.20.

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Holy Communion :—Every Sunday at 8.30 a.m., except 1st Sunday in month at mid-day.

Holy Baptism :—On 2nd Sunday in month at Children's Service.

Churching of Women :—At the Daily Service at 8.20, or on Saints' Days at 11 a.m.

Sunday School :—At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the School.

Choir Concert.

The profit realised from the Choir Concert on February 19th, after all expenses were paid, amounted to 7s. 8½d., and has been devoted to the Choir Fund. The Balance Sheet is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand from 1898' ..	0 0 5½	Preparing Room, Chairs, &c. ...	0 3 6
Sale of Tickets	1 6 0	Printing bills, tickets, programmes	0 12 0
Door Money	0 17 0	Part Songs, Glee's, &c. ...	0 8 4
Sale of Programmes	0 1 7	Hiring and Tuning Piano... ..	0 5 0
		Conveyance	0 8 6
		Balance in Hand	0 7 8½
	£2 5 0½		£2 5 0½

Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the School on Monday, March 4th. There was a good attendance. As the Rev. Canon Hutchings was unable to take the chair, owing to his being a candidate for the coming election, Mr. Dean was unanimously elected Chairman for the evening in his stead, and business started at 7.40 p.m. Eleven nomination papers were handed in, and on a show of hands the following were chosen:—Rev. Canon Hutchings, 28; Mr. Parsons, 20; Mr. W. Osmond, 18; Mr. Dowty, 17; Mr. Eyres, 17; Mr. Arthur Lewis, 17; Mr. Carr, 16; Mr. Hill, 16; Mr. B. Moody, 16. There was no demand for a poll, and the Chairman declared the above named nine to be elected for the next three years. The unsuccessful candidates were Mr. W. Conduit, 15; Mr. Sidney Tucker, 14. The following statement was made regarding the *Ely Charity*:—

Balance in hand March 31st, 1900	£	s.	d.	
			2 10 3	
Paid by Messrs. Lovibond			5 0 0	
			£7 10 3	No Expenditure.
Balance in hand March 4th, 1901				

Regarding the *Ten Acre Charity*, the Rev. Canon Hutchings explained that as the tenant had not yet paid the rent, already five months in arrear, the money due for the Charity had not yet been received, but as soon as it came it should be distributed.

The question of postal facilities being next discussed, it was decided by a majority of one vote that the Postal Authorities should be petitioned for a Sunday delivery of letters.

A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to Mr. Dean for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Chairman, the meeting was brought to a close.

Since the meeting, the Ten Acre Charity money has been received and distributed. A statement of the same shall appear in next month's Magazine, as well as an account of the first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council, on March 25th.

Pig Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Alderbury, Whaddon, and Petersfinger Pig Club was held at the Club Room on Tuesday, March 12th. Mr. Hill (secretary) read the Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand	20 12 7	Expenses of Club and Compensation Payment for Loss of Pigs	6 14 1
Hon. Members' Subscriptions ...	1 5 0	Balance in hand	23 15 6
Members' Quarterly Subscriptions	2 11 6		
13 New Members' Entrance Fees	0 13 0		
Insurance of 193 Pigs	4 16 6		
" of Sows	0 11 0		
	£30 9 7		£30 9 7

The following gentlemen are honorary members and subscribers :—

	£ s. d.
Rev. Canon Hutchings	0 10 0
Mr. Hickman, Alderbury	0 5 0
Mr. Hickman	0 2 6
Mr. A. Aylward	0 2 6
Mr. C. Aylward	0 2 6
Mr. Sutton	0 2 6
	£1 5 0

The retiring members were all re-elected, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hill for the great pains he has always taken in managing the business of the Society.

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BAPTISMS.

February 27th (Privately).—Frank, son of Alfred John and Emmeline Noyce.

March 10th.—Bernard Russell, son of James William and Harriet Ellen Grist.

BURIALS.

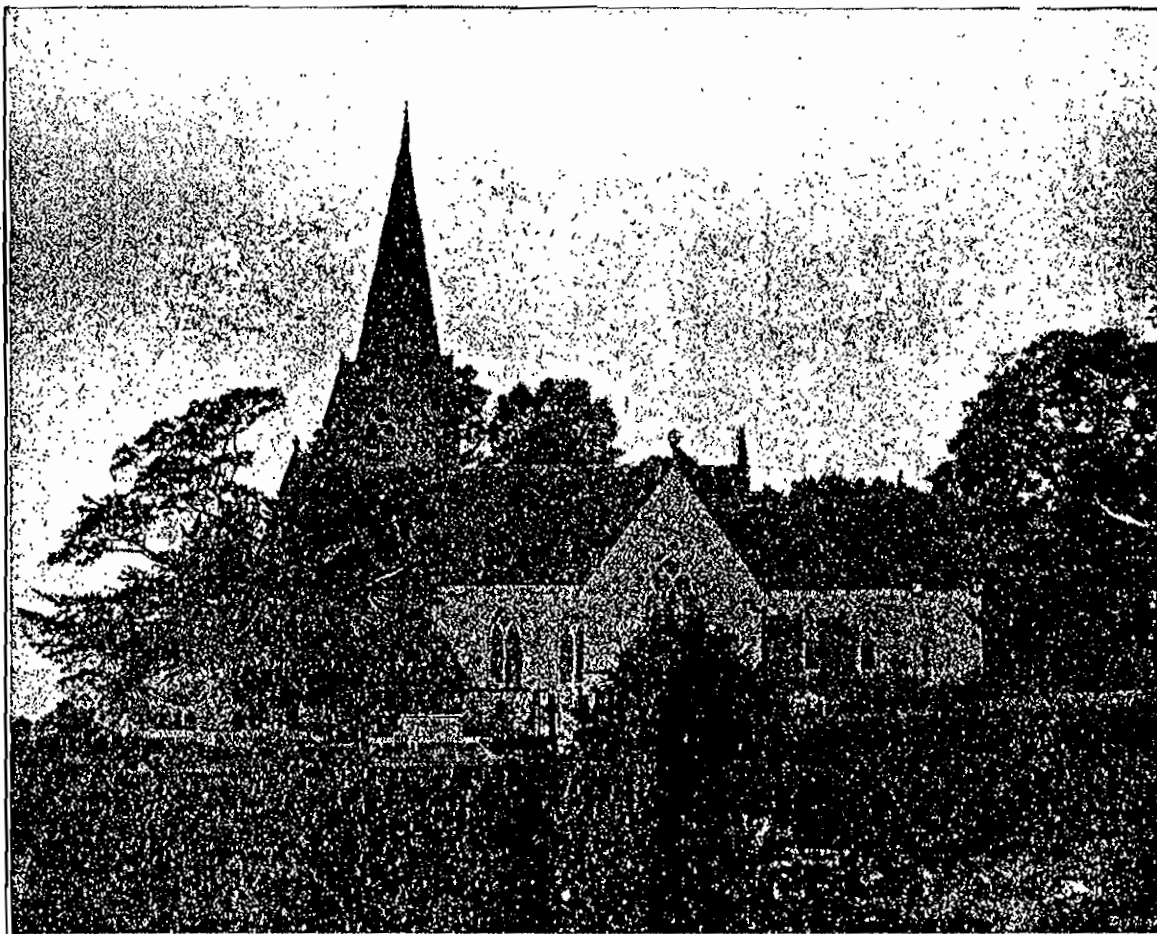
March 3rd.—Frank Noyce, aged 13 days.

March 9th.—Betsy Gould, aged 46.

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Sale of Work.

On March 27th, a very successful Sale of Work was held in the big School of articles made by the Girls and Infants. There were four Stalls:—Needlework, presided over by Miss Watts and Miss Trebble; Woollen-work, under the charge of Miss Philipps; Kindergarten-work, under the charge of Miss Spearing; and Refreshments, under the superintendence of Mrs. Noyce and Miss Morley. Everything found a ready sale; in fact, had more garments been forthcoming they could have been disposed of, and the sum of £6 13s. od. has been realized for the School Funds. Many thanks are due to all who helped in any way, and especially to those who contributed to the Refreshment Stall either in money or kind, these being as follows:—Mrs. Garton, G. M. Fort, Esq., Miss Hutchings, Miss E. Hutchings, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. W. W. Osmond, Mrs. Noyce, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. A. Lewis, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. J. Belstone, Mrs. Rolls, and Mrs. W. England.

Winter Work.

The Winter Work for the season entirely closed at Easter. The Evening Continuation Classes ceased on March 21st; the Working Party broke up on March 27th; and the Knitting Class on March 28th. More particulars of the number of garments made by the Working Party will be given next month. The Knitting Class has done very fairly, but all garments must be finished and the needles returned to the Vicarage.

The Scripture Union will be held as usual, at 6.30 p.m., during the Summer, at the School or out of doors, on the last Thursday in the month, unless any alteration is made in date or place of meeting, when due notice will be given. Band of Hope will also continue to be held, but at 7 o'clock during the Summer, instead of 6.30 p.m.

Easter.

The Parish Church was decorated for Easter by Miss Hutchings and Miss E. Hutchings, assisted by Miss L. Fort and Mrs. Hinds. Though there was not the great profusion of flowers that there has been sometimes, owing to the lateness of the season, still many more were contributed than had been at all expected. Besides several pot plants from the Vicarage, very nice ones were sent by Mrs. Garton, Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. W. Osmond, and Mr. Coleman, and consisted of arums, spiræa, deutzia, tulips, hyacinths, salmon-coloured lilies, and genista. Cut flowers were contributed by Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. W. England, Mrs. E. Peck, and Mrs. Lawrence, and wild flowers were picked by Elsie and Ethel England, Lily Segrott, Annie, Alice, and Florrie Bodman, Elsie and May Lawrence, Ursula Rolls, Elsie and Maggie Cox, Alice and Louie England. Small leaved sprays of ivy were also sent by Mrs. W. England, and proved very useful. Some long thick sprays were procured by Messrs. Alfred Lewis and O. Noyce, and were effectively used on either side of the Chancel arch and for wreathing the Chancel standard lamps. A pot of spiræa stood in the front of the Font, and a pot of deutzia at the corner of each side bay. Primroses and sweet violets were used for the base of the Font, and primroses clustered round the stem of the bowl, backed with white flowers and greenery. Ivy wreathed the bowl, and primroses nestled in amongst it round the top. White flowers were arranged at the base of the back bay, and also over the spiræa in front. Each panel of the Pulpit was wreathed with small ivy, and daffodils in various gradations of height were placed beneath. A group of plants stood near the Pulpit, and another group round the Lectern, interspersed with daffodils. Primroses and Spring flowers were used for the base of the Reading Desk. Plants were arranged all along each side of the Chancel, backed with ivy, and a broad sunny line of daffodils in front. Daffodils were also used for the centre of the standard lamps and for the small Chancel windows, with a pot of spiræa behind. The 13 Altar Vases were filled with white flowers, azaleas, narcissus, lilies of the valley, and arums. When the white festal hangings were added, the Church presented a very beautiful appearance.

The weather was not very favourable on Easter Day, but there were fair congregations during the day and a very good one in the evening, though not so large as sometimes at Festivals. The only sad note struck during the day was the terrible falling off of Communicants at the two Celebrations; there have not been so few for the last eight years. Mr. Freestone presided at the organ in the morning, and Miss Hutchings in the evening, assisted by the orchestra, ably conducted by Mr. Freestone, and their efforts added much to the fulness and richness of the music. The singing was well rendered by the choir and heartily joined in by the congregation. The service was sung by the Vicar, and the Rev. R. S. Weallens preached. The service concluded with Stainer's beautiful "Sevenfold Amen." As an opening voluntary the orchestra and organ played part of an Easter anthem, "Break forth into joy," leading into the first hymn in the service, that grand burst of praise, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day." As a closing voluntary they played a march of Westbrook's. The offertories at the two Celebrations were given to the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund, and amounted to £6 4s. 10d. The decorations were kept up over the following Sunday, and owing to the coolness of the weather the flowers required very little renewing.

Evening Continuation School.

The members of the Evening School during the season were entertained at a supper at the School, through the kindness of Mr. E. Knight, on April 10th. These Classes started on October 8th and were carried on till March 21st. 33 names were entered on the register, and there was a very good average attendance. The Class was visited by Mr. Corbett, County Council Inspector, on January 23rd, and he reported most favourably on the attendance and the excellent order and registration, and also the progress made in the three subjects taught:—Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Geography, and Drawing, the drawings being particularly creditable. A visit was paid by the Government Inspector, Mr. Hicks, on March 18th, but his report has not yet been received. Great interest has been taken in the Classes by the pupils themselves and their able teacher, Mr. E. Knight, and it is to be hoped they will be taken up again with renewed zest next Autumn.—The supper was held at 8 o'clock in the new Class-room, where the tables were arranged, and had been gaily decked with flowers and plants. 31 members were present. The Vicar, Mr. Weallens, and Mr. E. Knight presided over the carving, and Miss Knight and Miss A. Knight waited on their guests, assisted by Mrs. Noyce and Edith England. Miss Hutchings and Miss E. Hutchings were also present. When all had done full justice to the ample meal provided for them, Mr. Knight read the report of the season's work, the substance of which has been given above. He also said that he had offered a prize for drawing, but did not mention it till rather late in the season, or doubtless more would have competed. Out of the number who did two were so close that he had decided to give each a prize, Algie Maidment and Charlie Fulford. There were also certificates awarded for regular attendance, punctuality, diligence, and good behaviour. He hoped they would spend a pleasant evening, and if all was well he intended to start the Classes earlier next October, when he trusted they would all meet again. Miss Hutchings then presented the drawing prizes (a nice frame containing the competition drawing), and gave certificates, amidst much applause, to the following:—J. Hickman (never absent, never late), H. Rolls, O. Noyce, H. Maidment, W. Noyce, A. Fry, F. Fry, T. Rumbold, H. Dyer, W. Dowty, W. Brewer, B. Hickman, H. Newman, and U. Bray. The Vicar commented on the importance and usefulness of these Classes, and congratulated all on the success they had achieved this first season, and also reminded the members of the debt of gratitude they owed to their excellent teacher, Mr. E. Knight. The very hearty applause testified to their appreciation. A vote of thanks having been proposed to the Vicar, Mr. Weallens, and the Misses Hutchings for their presence there that evening, and to Miss Hutchings for her assistance in providing the supper, and unanimously carried, a move was made to the big School, where illustrated papers were provided, and games for those who liked. Mr. B. Lewis and Mr. H. Newman also contributed songs, and a very pleasant evening was spent till a little after 10 o'clock, when coffee and cakes were handed round, and after "God Save the King," and hearty cheers for Mr. Knight and for the Vicar and his family, the party dispersed.

Parish Council.

A Parish Council Meeting was held on March 25th, when five members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the correspondence relating to the footpath in Top Oak Fields and the new pump and pump-house; also a letter from the Clerk of the District Council in reference to the stopping of the footpath from Alderbury to Pitton, and it was settled that Mr. Meyer should be written to about the matter, and also that Mr. Macan should be appealed to respecting the footpath at Alderbury across the fields from the bottom of Silver Street to the road by the Church, and should be requested that the footbridge across the stream in the field might be replaced. It was also decided a letter of condolence on the recent loss of his father, so long 'Squire in this parish, should be sent to Captain Fort in the name of the Parish Council. The financial statement of accounts for the year ending March 31st was also given, the Balance Sheet being as below:—

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Mr. J. Parsons, June 3rd, 1900	2	0	0	Balance due to Treasurer	1	19	7
March 25th, 1901	3	0	0	Audit Stamp	0	5	0
				Stationery	0	5	3
				Use of School five times	0	10	0
				Clerk's Salary	2	0	0
				Balance due from Treasurer	0	0	2
	£5	0	0		£5	0	0

List of Persons Benefited by Ten Acre Charity.—Due Christmas, 1900.

£5 divided among 30 persons.

Mrs. H. Beaumont, Mrs. W. Beaumont, Mrs. Eliza England, Mrs. Harriet England, Mrs. Hazel, Mrs. King, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. F. Lewis, Mrs. Newson, Mrs. A. Northeast, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Rumbold, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Stickland, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Tom Thomas, Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. J. Taylor, Messrs. G. England and H. Fry, Miss Fitcher, Miss M. Fry, Mr. Gartray, Mr. Moody, Mr. J. Prewett, Miss Targett, Miss Thick, Miss Williams, Mr. T. Whitcher, Mr. T. Northeast (senior).

Alderbury School.

The prizes for Attendance and Needlework during the past year were given at the close of Morning School on Friday, April 19th, by the Vicar, the Misses Hutchings being also present. The attendance has pulled up a good deal, though there is still room for improvement, but there are seven who have made full number of attendances instead of only three, like last year; and those seven received each a certificate as well as a prize. It may be noticed that the Standard has been raised, no one below 10 of the highest number received a prize, instead of the highest in each Standard. This ought to stimulate a larger number to attend more regularly. The children who received prizes were as follow:—ATTENDANCE—*Number of times School open*, 417.—Amy Street, Lily Segrott, Nora Bowden, Jim Segrott, Wilfred Mouland, Reggie Mouland, and Ethel England, all 417. Hilda Mouland, 415; Amy England, 415; Fred Tucker, 414; Jesse Brewer, 409; Jim Broomfield, 407. Some of the full attendance prizes were Queen Victoria Memorial Prayer-books; all would have had them, but some already had Jubilee Prayer-books. NEEDLEWORK.—Standard VII., Elsie Thomas; S. VI., Clara Hand; S. V., May Fry and Hilda Mouland; S. IV., Nellie Dyer; S. III., Katie Brewer; S. II., May Bowden; S. I., Maude Northeast and Ethel England. INFANTS.—Hilda Peck and Fred Viney. The Vicar presented the prizes while Mr. Knight read out the names. Mr. Knight also said that he hoped a larger number would make up full attendances next time, as seven was a very small number out of 160—quite 60 ought to out of that number. He had intended to present those seven who had achieved it with medals, which they could wear on certain occasions, but he had not yet been able to procure them; they should have them when they arrived. The Vicar also

spoke a few words, re-echoing what Mr. Knight had said about attendance, and also said there were prizes due for the Scripture Examination, which he should give at Whitsuntide, and also certificates for attendance at Sunday School. After hearty cheers for the Vicar and his family, and for Mr. Knight and the other teachers, School broke up.

Miss G. Phillips has obtained a First Class in the recent King's Scholarship Examination, and will enter the Salisbury Diocesan Training College in August next.

This is also a fitting opportunity to congratulate Mr. E. Knight on the birth of a daughter, at West Alvington, on April 23rd.

Vestry Meeting.

The Vestry Meeting, for the purpose of electing Churchwardens for the ensuing year and consulting about the repairs of the Church, was held at the School on Monday, April 22nd. It was a public meeting, and it was a pity so few were present, as the subjects discussed concerned more or less all in the parish. Owing to an unavoidable delay, notices were not issued as soon as they ought to have been; still, it was given out twice in Church, and a good many knew of it. Beside the Church officials—that is to say, the Vicar, Mr. Weallens, Mr. W. Osmond, and Mr. Meyer (Churchwardens), and Mr. Dean (Clerk), there were four persons present.

Mr. Osmond first read out the statement of the Church expenses, &c., for the past year, in which it appears that there is a deficit of over £7 due to the Churchwardens' account. He also mentioned the strong feeling against Church Rates in the parish amongst Church people, and it was settled that quarterly collections in Church for Church Expenses should be tried, though the Church Rate should not be abolished. The desirability of making some rule also to protect people's sittings in Church was also discussed. People who came regularly to Church and have their own appropriated seat and their own books in it naturally do not like to come and find it filled up with other people; but this is very constantly done now, especially in the evenings on Sunday. Without instituting pew rents, which is a very objectionable practice, if by putting cards with the people's names in the appropriated seats people could be prevailed upon to respect them, and if a rule was made that no one must take these seats till three minutes before service begins, then a good deal of ill-will would be avoided, and it would be more comfortable for every one. Of course in that case, if the owners were late, they would be prepared to find their seats occupied; and people must remember another thing, that no one is entitled to appropriate a seat unless they attend regularly. Some one also should be at hand to show strangers where they may sit without disturbing any one. The possibility of keeping the Churchyard in better order was another subject discussed. A proposal had been made that, with the full consent of the parishioners, the mounds should be levelled and iron crosses put to mark the spot of each grave where none other monument existed. This has been done with great success at Britford, and it certainly enables the mowing to be done with much better effect. But the feeling of the meeting being that such a measure would be very unpopular in Alderbury and meet with great opposition, the question was dropped for the present. Some of the money raised for the Churchyard a few years ago was still in the Vicar's hands, and it was settled that that should now be handed over to the Churchwardens, and use made of it as far as it would go to enable the grass to be constantly mown during the Summer. More money will have to be raised from the parish later to keep that fund up, if no other arrangement is made.

As regarded the Church repairs, Lord Radnor had met the Vicar and Churchwardens at the Church that morning to discuss the matter, and expressed himself willing to do his part in bearing expenses. The estimate of the whole cost is very roughly given at £500. The next thing to be done is to get the estimate of the cost of repairing each part, so that it can be done gradually and the expense spread over some length of time, and then it is proposed to call a public meeting to consider the cost which must be met first and the desirability of a house-to-house collection. Mr. Meyer having retired from his post as Churchwarden, owing to his leaving this neighbourhood in the Summer, the Vicar nominated Mr. Greenwood as his successor, and Mr. W. Osmond was unanimously re-elected People's Warden by those present. Mr. W. Osmond congratulated the Vicar on the improvement in his health, and on his having obtained such an efficient helper as Mr. Weallens, and the meeting was brought to a close.

Toy Symphony Concerts.

The Members of the Alderbury Toy Symphony Party have been taking part in several Church Lads' Brigade Concerts in the neighbourhood of late, with great success. The first one was at the Victoria Hall, Salisbury, on April 16th, for the St. Edmund's Company; the next, on April 18th, at Bemerton School, for the Bemerton Company; and the last on April 23rd, at the Assembly Rooms, Salisbury, for the St. Thomas's Company. Everywhere their efforts were much appreciated. Much amusement was caused by the fog-horns, and the music was pronounced to be extremely pretty and attractive. It is, perhaps, needless to say that the performers enjoyed themselves quite as much as their audiences, and regret that it is over for the present. Many thanks are due to the gifted composer of the Symphony for the pleasure he has given here and in the neighbourhood, to Mrs. W. Osmond for the pains she took in getting it all up, and to Mr. Freestone for the able way he has performed his arduous duties as conductor throughout.

Ascension Day.

The services on Ascension Day, May 16th, will be as follows:—Choral Morning Service at 11 a.m. (no sermon), to be followed by a Celebration of the Holy Communion; full Choral Evening Service, with orchestra, at 7 p.m. The Flower and Egg Service will be held, as usual, at the beginning of the Evening Service.

The Vicar earnestly hopes that all who can will attend one or more of these services, remembering that the Ascension of Christ was the glorious completion of His work on earth, and, therefore, to all earnest-minded Christians it is as great a festival as Easter or Christmas, and not meant to be kept simply as a holiday or totally ignored, as it is sad to see so many people do.

Flower and Egg Service.

As has been above stated, the Flower and Egg Service will be held, as usual, on Ascension Day evening. A very small number attended last year. Will not more make an effort to come this year? It seems so sad that, now the freshness of it has worn off a little, so few should support a bright attractive service with offerings devoted to such a good purpose. The service is fixed at 7 o'clock on purpose to enable grown-up people to attend, as it is intended quite as much for them as for children, and *all* are invited to offer.

All kinds of flowers, *wild* as well as garden ones, are equally acceptable (except bluebells). Last year it was nice to see so many bunches of wild ones, some of them being the prettiest of any offered. The flowers are best tied in bunches; the eggs must be placed in baskets, baskets being provided at the Vicarage for those who do not possess any. But those who bring their own must please put their names, so that they can be identified after. All contributions *must be presented in Church*. The presentation takes place at the Chancel steps after an opening voluntary and a hymn. The choir children give their offerings first, then the children in the body of the Church, and then the adults. Both eggs and flowers are afterwards sent to the Infirmary.

Notices.

A grand Military Bazaar for the Bulford Institute will be held in Salisbury on May 9th, 10th, and 11th. It will be opened on the first day by Lord Roberts, the second day by General Buller, the third day by General Barklie. More particulars as to admission are supplied by the bills distributed over the village.

Cottage Flower Show.—The Longford Cottage Flower Show will be held in the Park on July 17th.

Sunday School.

We are in great need of more teachers in the Church Sunday School. May we appeal for help? Now that the Sunday School contains between 90 and 100 Scholars, the classes have for some time been inconveniently large, but still they have been managed with the kind aid of the Day School staff, to whom the Vicar is most grateful; but now that we are losing two efficient teachers—Miss L. Fort and Miss F. Fort—to whom a great debt of gratitude is due for their never-ceasing and excellent work during many years, we shall be very short, even with the help of the Day School teachers. Surely there are young people in the place who could help with the younger classes, even if they were not willing to undertake older ones. One person has offered. Will no one else come forward? A fixed lesson is appointed for each Sunday, which is a great help and makes it much easier for those unaccustomed to teach. If there were plenty of workers it could be arranged so that a class should never be without a teacher, and yet the same one need not always be tied both morning and afternoon, nor every Sunday, but hitherto with so few teachers that has been impossible. Good and noble as it is of the Day School staff to help us, and indispensable as they are to us as things are now, they ought not by right to have to teach on Sundays, when they are doing so all the week, nor ought the Vicar at his age to be obliged to teach, either. A great deal has been done for Alderbury in the past, still a good deal more is done than in many places. Now is the opportunity to show that it is appreciated, and there is still higher ground to go on. It will involve self-denial, and it would be a great effort to some to begin, but it is an opportunity of working for their Master that all young Church people, and especially Communicants, ought to be glad to embrace. There are plenty who could do it. Will they not respond to this appeal? and may we hope that the Vicar will receive some *voluntary* offers of help?

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BAPTISMS.

April 14th.—Bertha Ellen, daughter of Henry Arthur and Laura Ellen Hatcher; Stanley Arthur, son of Arthur and Dora Jane Northover.

BURIALS.

March 29th.—George Munkhouse Fort, aged 85.

April 6th.—Elsie Amy Dench, aged 18 days.

Obituary.

On March 24th, near Wrexham, Wales, Ophelia Lucas, aged 73 years, widow of Charles Lucas, Whaddon, for some years Churchwarden in this parish.