

## Extracts from Holy Trinity Church Magazine from 1884/85

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### INTRODUCTION

EARLY in last month, we, the Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity, issued a circular stating that at a meeting of the Guild of the Parish, it was resolved to start a monthly magazine as a medium of supplying information respecting the services in the church and the various works carried on in the parish of Holy Trinity, and we were requested to ask our parishioners and friends to help us to secure the requisite outlay by becoming subscribers at about 1/6 per year. The promises of support which we have received, justify us, we believe, in now entering upon this undertaking. The magazine adopted is "The Banner of Faith," already well known and used by so many of our parishioners. And in order to form a complete volume at the end of the year, we have provided the back numbers for January and February.

The editorial work will be conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. J. Wade, with the assistance of others in compiling and arranging the materials. As the object is simply and faithfully to supply useful and interesting information connected with our Church and Parish, care will be taken to avoid political matters and all occasion of offence, while maintaining our position and privileges in the true spirit of that charity or Christian love, that thinketh no evil, envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, and doth not behave itself unseemly.

We now venture printing 250 copies, though at present we have not so many subscribers, trusting that others on seeing the nature and contents of our magazine will be induced to subscribe.

The origin and progress of our parochial position are appropriately introduced in an article by the Rev. A. J. Wade, on the building of the Church and the formation and legal status of our Parish, to be continued through successive numbers for some time to come. The materials for February and March numbers are being prepared and will be shortly published. We now commend our magazine to the kind consideration of our readers.

### ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE

Few persons who have become residents in Ryde within the last eighteen years are aware that up to the year 1866, Ryde and Ventnor were parts of the one and the same parish of Newchurch, the old parish church being about six miles distant from either town. June 28, 1866, the Newchurch Parish Division Act received the Royal Assent and came into operation in April, 1867; to this Act we shall have occasion to refer hereafter. In 1839, the Rev. W. Spencer Phillips, B.D., became vicar of Newchurch; he was the first vicar who permanently fixed his residence in Ryde, amidst the largest portion of his parishioners. To his earnestness and zeal for the temporal and spiritual interests of the people, guided by a genial and kindly manner, many of our local institutions owe their origin or advancement.

He soon began to set in order the things that were wanting, and one of his earliest works was, with the aid of an efficient committee, to provide additional accommodation for public worship for the increasing

population of Ryde, by the building of a new church. The churches or chapels in the town in connection with the Church of England, were those of St. Thomas, a chapel of ease to the mother church of Newchurch, and of St. James, a proprietary chapel and unconsecrated.

At the census of 1841 the population of the town was 2,460 males, 3,380 females, total of 5,840 souls. On the 14th day of October, 1841, the first stone of Holy Trinity Church was laid by Mrs. Lind, of Westmont, Ryde, on a piece of ground presented by her and her son, Dr. James Player Lind, and his sisters, who were also contributors of 11,500 to the building. But pending some legal difficulties that arose during the progress of the work, the building operations were suspended, after it had reached the level of the street, for about a year, but these difficulties being adjusted the work was resumed and carried on without further interruption.

### **LECTURE "ON HANDEL"**

A series of Winter Entertainments was organized in connection with the Holy Trinity Parish Guild. One of these was a lecture on the celebrated composer, Handel, by the Rev. G. Croke Robinson, M.A., in the small Town Hall, on the 8th of December, 1834. The lecture was made more interesting than lectures usually are by various selections of works in illustration of the writings of this great musician; and in this Mr. Robinson was ably assisted by a small choir, who during the evening sang three of the choruses out of the "Messiah," and also by Miss Fraser and Mr. F. Fowles who kindly sang some solos. After saying a few words about the blessing and enjoyment procured by the gift of music, the lecturer proceeded to give an account of the life and works of Handel, who is by many people acknowledged to be the most gifted and varied composer known to the musical world. His fugues especially show his great power. The chorus "Envy eldest born of Hell" in the Oratorio of Saul is very remarkable, a more elaborate specimen is in the I, Messiah "His yoke is easy." The Occasional Overture was played by Mrs. Croke Robinson and Miss Ada Clayton, and the three choruses selected as specimens of various styles of composition sung by the choir, were, "Behold the Lamb of God" "Surely" and "He trusted in God"; these were all well rendered, especially the latter, which is a fine chorus. Miss Fraser sang that beautiful song known to everyone "Angels ever bright and fair," in a very pleasing and expressive manner; and during the evening that celebrated song, "Let the bright Seraphim," which is a fine specimen of the composer's power. Mr. Robinson sang "But who may abide," followed by "For He is like a refiner's fire," in good style, and also the well-known song "O ruddier than the cherry," out of Acis and Galatea, with great spirit. Mr. Fowles' tenor voice was heard to great advantage in the touching solo "Behold and see," which he sang with feeling, and the beautiful song "But thou didst not leave His soul in Hell." "The Harmonious Blacksmith" was very efficiently played by Miss Ada Clayton, who brought out the supposed striking of the anvil and the sounding of the church bell with great effect. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one, and much appreciated by those who were present; but the room was by no means full, which we regret after the trouble that was taken by so many; this small attendance was no doubt partly owing to the novelty of a lecture with musical illustrations, many persons expecting only a dry lecture, without the attraction of music. We trust that Mr. Robinson will kindly consent to give another musical lecture upon some future occasion.

ON ADVENT SUNDAY we used for the first time the new violet Altar Cloth which was presented to the church by some of our kind friends. We have also during the past month had a set of violet Alms Bags, given us by Mrs. Tuson, and a set of white Bookmarkers, worked and presented by Mrs. H. Woods, for which. We offer our most grateful thanks. We greatly need a new set of crimson Markers, and shall be very glad if some of our friends will follow this good example and work us a set.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. These were not so good as usual owing to the lack of workers. So few came forward to help us that we were obliged to give up decorating the arches which adds so much to the general effect. We must not forget to thank those willing helpers who gave so much of their time and worked so hard to make up for the deficiency.

CAROLS. The following were sung on Christmas Day and on the Sunday after, viz. " The Manger Throne," " Come ye lofty," " Good Christian Men rejoice," The Babe of Bethlehem " and " Once in Royal David's city."

H. T. P. GUILD. The quarterly meeting was held on Thursday, December 11th. The Rev. G. Croke Robinson read a paper on the Synods of the Early Church from A.D. 53 to A.D. 381. It was decided that it was desirable to start a Parish Magazine and the meeting was adjourned that the Council, as a sub-committee, might report on the subject.

BAND OF MERCY., On December 17th, 1884, the committee arranged the half yearly Entertainment. The Rev. G. Croke Robinson was elected on the committee, in the place of the Rev. G. Starkey. It was agreed that any member of the band enlisting six new members should receive a medal. The committee consists of Rev. A. J. Wade, Rev. G. Croke Robinson, J. C. Scholefield, Esq., Mrs. J. C. Scholefield, Miss Bloxam, Miss H. Cosserat, Miss Moore, Miss C. Wade, Miss H. Wade, Miss Clayton, Miss Dickson, Hon Secretary, Miss Canard, Hon. Treasurer.

OUR NATIONAL SCHOOLS. On Saturday, December 6th, 1884, the Pupil Teachers and Monitors of the National Schools of Ryde were examined in religious knowledge, at the Parish room of Holy Trinity Church. One boy and one girl were sent in from our own school. William H. Jarman, second year pupil teacher, stood seventeenth out of sixty-six examined, and was placed top of the second class. Fanny Webb, fourth year, passed in the third class.

CLOTHING SOCIETY AND BOOT CLUB. This Society was started in 1861, for the benefit of the poor of this parish, and has been continued ever since the women paying in to the society receive a bonus of four pence on every shilling deposited. Forty-one women received cards during 1884. Boot cards are also given to the children attending the day and Sunday schools. These receive a bonus of three-pence on the shilling paid in. Ninety-seven children availed themselves of the privilege during 1884. The interest upon these deposits is paid by subscriptions.

|                             |    |    |   |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---|
| The Receipts were           | £. | s. | d |
| By subscription and balance | 12 | 6  | 6 |
| Paid in by poor             | 17 | 17 | 0 |
|                             | 30 | 3  | 6 |

|                   |    |    |   |
|-------------------|----|----|---|
| Expenditure.      | £. | s. | d |
| Drapers' accounts | 23 | 2  | 0 |
| For boot bonus    | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| Balance in hand   | 2  | 1  | 6 |
|                   | 30 | 3  | 6 |

MATERNITY SOCIETY. This Society has also been in existence since 1861. A bag of clothing is lent to the women, and a ticket is given them for grocery to the amount of 2/6; also a few days afterwards one for

meat to the value of 3/- When the child is baptized a bundle containing clothes is given. Fourteen women received the benefit of this society during 1884.

|                                       | £  | s  | d |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Receipts by Balance and Subscriptions | 10 | 0  | 2 |
| Expenditure                           | 7  | 14 | 7 |
| Balance in hand                       | 2  | 5  | 6 |

Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Worsley are the managers of these societies.  
Coal Club Account for 1884. There are Thirty-nine Depositors.

|             | £  | s. | d. |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| To Deposits | 24 | 10 | 3  |
| To Bonus    | 4  | 1  | 3  |
|             | 28 | 11 | 6  |
| Hargreaves  | 7  | 7  | 9  |
| Jacobs      | 10 | 4  | 4  |
| Fairall     | 3  | 8  | 10 |
| Jones       | 1  | 4  | 3  |
| Munford     | 3  | 16 | 5  |
| Harvey      | 1  | 15 | 6  |
| Woodnutt    | 14 | 5  |    |
|             | 28 | 11 | 6  |

HENRY SPANNER, Treasurer.

#### BAPTISMS.

- December 7th, Frank, son of Henry and Sophia Jane Ryall.  
 " 7th, Roderick Charles McKie, son of Peter and Anne McLean.  
 " 7th, John, son of Frank and Esther Mew.  
 " 7th, John Herbert, son of Henry and Betsey Wills.  
 " 31st, Arabella Dorothea, daughter of Henry Turtliff and Helen Margaret Boger.

#### MARRIAGE.

December 18th, Joseph Hollis to Maria Reeves, both of Ryde.

#### **ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE, BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last.)

In connection with the closing statement in our last number there is a little anecdote which I have narrated to some friends, at whose suggestion I venture now to record it here. After the suspension of the building operations referred to, the work was resumed through the instrumentality of the late Hon. Lindsay Burrell, a man of great energy, clear perception, quick and decisive in action, of fixed religious principles, a kind and warm friend. He was temporarily residing in Ryde in the winter of 1844, whilst his yacht was being built. I may mention by the way that he was the founder of the now celebrated Royal

Victoria Yacht Club. One day he enquired of me why it was that the building of the proposed church was not progressing. I explained the cause. He went at once to some of the building committee and requested a meeting of them, which was held, and having learned the nature of the difficulties that had arisen he generously made himself personally responsible for the amount required for security, and settled with them that the work should be proceeded with on the very next day. He then went to the builder who had the contract and requested him to have a man ready at the ground at day-break with brick and mortar. He then came to me saying he had made all these arrangements and asking me to join him the first thing in the morning. I of course gladly agreed to do so; he said to make all sure he would himself call me early. And so he did!

At dawn of day, whilst I was fast asleep, I was suddenly awakened with a loud knocking at the front door of my lodging. My poor old landlady, frightened out of her life, had jumped out of her bed, and was opening the door. I heard the well-known voice of my friend lustily calling out "Wade! Wade! aren't you up yet? I forgot, "he said" the name of your cottage, but I have knocked at them all till I got to the right one, make haste now or the man will be waiting." I will be with you said I immediately. He had procured the key of the enclosure, and when I reached the place I found him thoughtfully pacing up and down the middle of the nave. The labourer had not yet arrived, but as soon as he came Mr. Burrell and I laid two bricks, he on the south side and I on the north of the proposed chancel arch which had been commenced. When we had finished our pleasing work and were retiring, Mr. Burrell said " while I was waiting for you I knelt down on that cold ground and prayed to God' to bless and prosper this church and preserve the workmen from accident or hurt."

I trust his prayer is being realized in its former part as it has been in the latter. I believe no injury occurred during the progress of the building to any man; and I have often thought over this little incident in the Christian man's prayer for its simplicity of faith in the goodness and providence of God. The prayer of a righteous man availeth much."  
(To be continued.)

**MOTHERS' MEETINGS.** These have been established in this Parish for many years, and continue to be highly appreciated by the women who attend them. The Meetings commence in November and are carried on till late in April. At present there are nineteen names on the list. Most of the mothers attend regularly and appear to take great interest in the books that are read to them, and in the short and telling addresses that the Rev. G. Croke Robinson kindly gives them at the close of the meeting. Any mothers wishing to join these meetings would be gladly welcomed. They take place every Monday in the Parish Room, at 2.30 p.m., under the superintendence of Miss Moore and Miss Cramer, in the absence of Mrs. Wade.

**THE BAND OF MERCY.** The half yearly Entertainment was held on January 17th, in the small Town Hall, at 5 p.m. The proceedings were opened by singing a hymn, then followed an address by Rev. G. Croke Robinson, in which he reminded the children that spring would soon be here, and cautioned them against causing unnecessary misery to the poor little birds by robbing them of their nests containing eggs or young ones. A reading by the Vicar; Recitation "My little Mouse" by Ida Wright; Song, accompanied on accordion, by Harry Thearle and Norah Scott. Some prizes were then distributed and a magic lantern exhibited. Two choruses were sung by the children. 130 children were present and several parents, also the hon. members and Inspector Peet, R.S.P.C.A. The following new members joined the Band during January :—Laura Cotton, Norah Scott, Alice Wells, Charlotte Wearne, Florence Snudden, Annie Gawn, William Eldridge, William Woodford, Guy Livingstone.

A DONATION was given by Miss Maxwell to provide the Day Prizes for the boys and girls in kind consideration of the low state of the School funds.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT. On January 29th, we ventured on rather a novel undertaking in the way of a children's entertainment in the large town hall, to which all the children attending our Day and Sunday Schools were admitted free, and others on payment of sixpence, or two pence for the back seats. The arrangements were carried out by a sub-committee formed from the council of the parish guild. It was hoped that the receipts would pay the expenses, and though some rather doubted the chances of success the result showed that the guild would not be out of pocket, but even gained sixpence! The school, children attended to the number of 248, and entirely filled one side of the hall; remarkable order was kept on entering for which great praise is due to the master and mistress. The programme was as follows — piano solo, Miss A. Clayton ; song, "See-saw," Miss Fraser, the children joining in the Chorus ; recitation, "The Phantom Ship," Bertie James ; song, "Philip the Falconer," Rev. G. Croke Robinson ; song, "Beautiful Song," the girls ; recitation, "May Queen," Kate Hollis ; song, "Sing birdie sing," Miss Fraser- recitation, "William Tell," James Russell ; song, "The Snail goes out with his house on his back," the boys. The Sunday and Day School Prizes were then presented to the number of sixty-six, by the Vicar and the Rev. G. Croke Robinson, afterwards a magic lantern was exhibited by Mrs. Robinson and Mr. R. Barrow ; after singing the national anthem each school-child received a bun and an orange before leaving.

It will be seen that a very large number were rewarded for attendance, good conduct, etc., at the schools, and yet we doubt not there may have been some disappointments for some of the children, and we heard that some of the mothers of the children thought that their little ones should have gained a reward ; to all such we would say, great care is taken in the assignment of prizes, and on looking at the mark books the great cause is the unpunctuality and irregularity of many of the children.

However, for this year, at great expense, the Superintendent of our boys' school has kindly provided monthly cards by which the children will be able to show their mothers the number of marks they have obtained, and which must be kept clean and returned at the end of six months.

INFANTS' SCHOOL TREAT. A treat was given to our Infants in the Parish room, on Friday, January 9th. After a few recitations and songs by the little ones, who range in age from two to six years, Prizes for regular attendance and good conduct at the Day and Sunday Schools were distributed. Each child then received toys, sweets, a bun and an orange. The expenses were defrayed by private subscriptions, the oranges being kindly presented by one of our church-wardens — Mr. Spanner.

#### BAPTISMS.

January 4th, Daisy Emmeline Coombes.

" 7th, Neville Foster Blackwood.

" 10th, Alice Moth, (private.)

CLERK AND SEXTON. MR. JAMES BATCHELOR, Frankfort House, George Street.

To whom notice of baptisms, churching's, marriages, burials, etc., should be given and applications made for pews and sittings, at his house as above, or at the church on Wednesdays or Fridays, after the services.

500 Free seats are appropriated for poor persons. All other persons are expected to take Private Sittings. There is no endowment.

Offertory collections are the only means of defraying the various expenses of the Church.

**ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE,  
BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last.)

On 28th of October, 1845, the holy day of St. Simon and St. Jude, the church was consecrated by the Right Rev. Charles Sumner, D.D., Bishop of Winchester. I was curate of Newchurch-with-Ryde for about a year and half, officiating with the Vicar, at St. Thomas' Chapel. On the first Sunday in November, 1845, I took the morning duty at Holy Trinity Church, and preached the first sermon there on Isaiah 58, 13-14. At that time upper Dover Street in which the Church stands was but partially formed, there was no thoroughfare to Star Street, the ground opposite the Church, where now are gardens belonging to each house, was still fields with hedgerows—no house thereon—cattle were feeding there quietly as wont—the congregation, variously composed, was assembling, and as I entered the reading desk and was commencing the service, the west door being open, I observed one of the cows cease her grazing, raise her head, and for a little while, stand gazing towards the church as if wondering what we were all doing, then gently fall on bended knees on nature's grassy cushion as in sympathy with us, and with instinctive reverence of our great Creator and Lord of the Sabbath. "O all ye beasts and cattle bless ye the Lord."

In the consecration deed, a copy of which is now before me, are recorded the names of eleven gentlemen who had acted on the committee for the building of the church and presented the petition for its consecration to the Bishop, viz.: the Rev. William Spencer Phillips, Vicar of the parish of Newchurch, Robert Jacobs and Edward Marvin, churchwardens, James Player Lind, Esq., M.D., William Buckley Astley, Esq., John Leigh Beckford, Esq., Captain, R.N., The Honorable Lindsey Burrell, Alleyne Coxe Yard, Esq., The Rev. Philemon Pownoll Bastard, Samuel Whittewronge Clayton, Esq., and Frederick Thomas Cole, Esq. It is remarkable that not one of these twelve persons is now living here below, the good Bishop and these eleven men, have all long since departed this life, and left behind them the remembrance of their pious deeds to stimulate us in our duty towards God and our neighbour. One of the above named, the Rev. P. P. Bastard, who was to have been the first incumbent, was the first to be interred in the vaults. His health failing hopelessly, he could not undertake the duties, and I was appointed in February, 1846, the first incumbent of the church, and performed the burial service over his remains the following May. Alas! how manifold are the changes and chances of this mortal life—may we seek our rest above.

(To be continued.)

**CONFIRMATION.** The Lord Bishop of Winchester will hold a confirmation in Ryde, on the 11th day of May next, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Classes for female candidates are being held by Rev. A. J. Wade in the parish room, on Monday evenings, at eight o'clock, and Wednesday afternoons at three o'clock; and for male candidates by Rev. G. Croke Robinson in the clergy room, on Monday evenings at eight o'clock.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH BAND OF MERCY**

The Band of mercy was organised in this parish on the 4th of April, 1884, as the result of a discussion upon the subject of such Bands, at a meeting of the ladies' committee of the Ryde branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The object of the band is to inculcate in the minds of our children the great duty of kindness to all animals; the subject is brought before them at

their meetings which take place once a month, when suitable tales and anecdotes of animal life are read to them. The children seem to take great interest in the meetings and look forward with pleasure to each succeeding one. At the outset 110 members were enrolled, 50 have since joined and of the whole number 9 have withdrawn, owing to business or leaving the town. Children over seven years of age are admitted on complying with the rules and making the following promise -- "We agree to be kind to animals, and to do all in power to protect them from cruelty and promote their humane treatment." Each member receives on admission a card of membership. Medals are awarded to those who enlist six new members; they also receive prizes at the half-yearly entertainment for regular attendance at the meetings, and for writing essays on the subject.

The girls meet on the first Wednesday, the boys on the first Thursday in the month, in the Boys' school room, Player Street. Many of the children subscribe to the Band of Mercy Magazine, price one-half-penny per month. The school children pay two pence a year, paid half-yearly in January and July, other children pay according to the rules of the R.S.P.C.A., four pence a year, paid half-yearly.

The management of the band is under a committee of eight, whose names appeared in the January number of this magazine. Anyone wishing to subscribe may become a lion member by paying 2/6 annually, we are also glad of annual subscribers of 1/. Subscriptions to be sent to Miss Dickson, Hon. Secretary, Sheldon House, Wood street.

We must mention that the following new members joined in February—Amelia January, Laura Reeves, Mary Whittington, Lillie Coar, Amy Delicate, George January, Charles Perkis, Ernest Whittington.

#### BAPTISMS.

February 1st, Lilly Gertrude Tait.  
" Bessie May Orchard.  
" Emma Georgians Baigent.

#### MARRIAGES.

February. 12th, Walter Marshall, of Thorpe-Salvin, Yorkshire, to Sarah Ann Arthur Prowse, of this parish.  
" 21st, Frank Emanuel Gutteridge, of Whippingham, to Fanny Jane Morris, of Ryde.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Subscriptions and donations to the funds of these schools would be thankfully received by the honorary treasurer, Miss Corrie, Vale lodge, Wood Street.

BOYS' SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Superintendent would be glad of two additional teachers for both morning and afternoon. Morning School 10 to 10.45 —afternoon 2.30 to 3.30.

WANTED, (urgent), teachers for the infant boys' Sunday school; Class II, (ages 5 to 6,) for the afternoon; Cass III, (ages 4,) for morning and afternoon. Morning school from 10 to 10.45. Afternoon, 2.30 to 3.30.

BENEVOLENT Tickets, Infirmary and Dispensary Letters are always in much request by the district visitors for the poor of the parish.

Funds are earnestly asked for Ryde Home of Refuge, also for St Faith Preventive Home for Children, any left-off clothing, vegetables, coal or Groceries.

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As it is desirable to afford reliable information, from authentic sources on some statistics relating to this Church on which various questions occasionally arise, I will now quote some further particulars from the Consecration. Deed. After stating " that the population of the Town of Ryde, which is situate within the said Parish of Newchurch, has of late years so much increased that the existing Churches do not afford sufficient accommodation, to the parishioners and inhabitants of the said parish, particularly to the Poor, in attending divine service," it is added" that the Petitioners" (whose names are recorded in our last number) "had by means of the Voluntary Contributions of themselves and others, and by means of grants from the, Hampshire Diocesan Society of Eight hundred pounds, and of the Incorporate Society for building new Churches, of Three hundred and fifty pounds, erected a new Church in the said Town of Ryde, on a convenient site, the gift of the late Elizabeth Lydia Lind, of Westmont, the said James Player Lind and his sisters who were also contributors of Fifteen hundred pounds to the building thereof, that by a Deed bearing date the 9th day of September, 1845, the said James Player Lind and his sisters did freely and voluntarily give, grant and convey to Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches, all that piece or parcel of land containing one rood and four perches, and measuring from North to South one hundred and, ten feet, and from East to West one hundred and fifty-eight feet ; that the said Church so erected contains Eight hundred sittings "(this is of course before the Transepts were built and other alterations and additions from time to time were made, to which we shall here- after refer) " of which Five hundred are set apart as free sittings forever, the remaining Three hundred (except as herein after mentioned) being intended to be let for the purpose of providing a yearly stipend for the spiritual person serving the said Church for the time being." It was thought that the "spiritual person" serving the Church might be like other people and require some provision to sustain him in the shape of material substance, which, as there is no endowment, might in some degree be obtained by certain sittings being let, the largest number being free sittings, intended for our poor parishioners. But to return. It having been represented that all things necessary and fit for the performance of divine service had been provided the petitioners humbly prayed the Bishop to consecrate the church which he accordingly proceeded to do after this manner. "We, Charles Richard, by divine permission, Lord Bishop of Winchester, do, by virtue of our ordinary and Episcopal authority, as far as in us lies, and we lawfully can or may, separate or set apart the said church or chapel from all common uses whatsoever, and do dedicate and consecrate the same to the public worship and service of Almighty God.... and we pronounce by these presents and appoint the said church or chapel so erected, by the name or style of " The Church or Chapel of the Holy Trinity, at Ryde "....and we do hereby assign unto the minister of the said church or chapel for the time being the whole of the Pew Rents of the said church or chapel, subject to the payment there out, of the sum of Five pounds to the clerk of the said church or chapel for the time being." (Some persons have questioned the right to have Pew Rents in this church, but the right is established by reference to the sentence of consecration of the church, pronounced by the Bishop who assigns them to the minister. That it is desirable that income should be derived from some other source is admitted and felt, and I would gladly give up Pew Rents during the remainder of my Incumbency if the objectors will kindly provide an equivalent and a little more ! ) And lastly, we do, in consideration of the donations of the said James Player Lind and his family, assign the two Pews in the said church, respectively numbered 43 and 44, situate on the north side thereof, and for the use of the said James Player Lind and his family at all times during the performance of divine service therein for such period as he and they shall continue members of the Church of England, and reside in the said parish of Newchurch.

And we do also assign unto the said James Player Lind the vault situate and being, under the eastern end of the said church, as, and for a vault or place of interment for the bodies of the said James Player Lind and his family, and direct that the sum or fee of one guinea only shall be paid for each interment therein."

Signed C. R. WINTON.

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EASTER OFFERINGS. Parishioners of Holy Trinity parish who kindly give Easter Offerings are now reminded that the only person legally entitled to them is the Vicar of Holy Trinity, and that the only person authorized to collect them is the Clerk of the Church—Mr. James Batchelor, who will apply early in Easter week. Parishioners of Holy Trinity therefore should not give Easter offerings, as such, to any other person applying at their houses for them.

EASTER DECORATIONS. Contributions of flowers and ferns will be most acceptable, and should be sent to the parish room at ten o'clock, on Saturday morning, April 4th. White flowers, especially arum lilies, are the most appropriate for this season.

H. T. P. GUILD. At the quarterly meeting on March 5th, the Rev. G. Croke Robinson read a paper on the synods of the early church, A.D. 381-451. Giving some account of St. Chrysostom and St. Augustine, and of the synods and councils held during this period, to suppress the heresies of Pelagius and Nestorius.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORKING MEN'S SOCIETY.

The eleventh quarterly festival service in connection with the Ryde Branch of the above society will be held in All Saints' church, on Tuesday, April 14th, at 8 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rev F. D. Teesdale, M.A. (head master of I.W. College.) The Branch's special form of service, and hymns ancient and modern will be used. On Wednesday, April 15th, there will be a public tea, (tickets 9d. each), in the town hall, at 6.30 p.m., followed by a public meeting at 8, when the president of the society, Mr. William Inglis, (of Leeds), will give an address on the objects and work of the society. We hope to see this meeting well attended, especially by working men.

ERRATUM. By a printer's error in the March number it, was stated that prizes were given to the members of the Band of Mercy, 'at the half yearly entertainment,' it should have been 'at the winter entertainment.'

NOTE.—A Correction—The Vestry Meeting at Holy Trinity Church will be held on THURSDAY in Easter week, the 9th of April, at 12 noon, and not on the 7th as previously announced.

#### BAPTISMS.

February 28th, George Frederick Ricketts.

March 1st, Frances Louisa James.

- " Laura Anne Elizabeth Hallett.
- " Ida Jane Wills.
- " 20th, Ernest Francis Pyne.

**ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE,  
BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last) In our last number we gave an account of the consecration of Holy Trinity Church, which brought us down to the close of October, 1845. At that time the building was not fully completed, the interior was furnished with all things necessary for divine service, but there were other works not yet finished, and the spire was not erected till about a year afterwards. We may revert to these matters later on, perhaps when we come—if we are spared—to the next anniversary of the dedication of the church in honour of the " Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity." We must now leave for a while the material fabric, and step outside to survey its surroundings and inquire into the nature and extent of the pastoral charge committed to the Incumbent. Questions have frequently arisen and do arise on these special matters, how and when was the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ryde, originally constituted? What is the legal status of the Vicar? What are the rights, liabilities and exemptions of the parishioners of Holy Trinity? Now I will endeavour to meet these questions in a clear and intelligible manner suited to the humblest capacity. We have already seen how provision was made for spiritual things within the church at the consecration by the Bishop, as required by law, but the final assignment of a special district out-side for pastoral duty, and the order respecting the offices to be performed in the church, and the disposition of the fees, etc., are by the same law all vested in another authority, viz: In the Queen in Council, on the representation of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the consent of the Bishop having been previously signified.

Observe then that the matters involved in these and such like questions are not dependent on mere private arrangements or understanding between parties interested, and therefore changeable and uncertain, but regulated by fixed and well defined provisions of law in various Acts of Parliament, to which we will more particularly refer, and by which the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners are all alike bound to be ruled and governed. I will now refer to the London Gazette of May 26, 1846, in which the order in council is published ; " At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of May, 1846, present the Queen's "Most Excellent Majesty in Council—Your Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches, beg humbly to represent "to your Majesty, that, having taken into Consideration all" the circumstances of the Parish of Newchurch in the Isle of Wight, and within the diocese of Winchester, it appears to them to be expedient that a particular district should, under the provisions of the sixteenth section of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, entitled 'An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the last session of Parliament, for building and promoting the building of additional churches in populous parishes,' be assigned to the consecrated church, called Trinity Church, situate at Ryde, in the said parish of Newchurch: And that such district should be named 'The Chapel district of the Holy Trinity, Ryde,' and be "bounded as follows, that is to say : "—the boundaries, etc. will be given in our next.

From January 1st, 1857, their powers were transferred to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.  
(To be continued.)

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH SCHOOLS**

THE BOYS were examined by H.M. Inspector on April 8th, 107 boys were presented for examination in Standards I. to VI. 8 others were present but disqualified by insufficient number of attendances.

The percentages of passes was larger than that of any other Boys' school in this town, viz. 92.4, only two boys failed to pass into a higher standard. In addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic, the children were also examined in geography, including maps, from memory, grammar, with repetition of poetry, singing, and exercises. H.M. Inspector expressed himself well pleased with the cleanliness and order of the children.

THE GIRLS' examination took place on Thursday, April 9th, and the inspection on Friday, April 10th. The number of girls presented was 68, 65 of these passed into the next standard. The percentage of passes was 88. H.M. Inspector commented favorably on the "systematic manner in which the needlework was taught."

HE INFANTS' examination took place on the same day as the above. The little ones acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to their age. H.M. Inspector remarked on the lively and interesting manner in which they were instructed by their mistress. We hope to receive the official Report of the educational department in time for our next number.

THE RESULT of the DRAWING Examinations on March 9th, was forwarded to us a few days ago from the department of science and art, South Kensington. In Freehand, 1st Grade, the exercises of 36 boys and 13 girls were marked Fair," 5 boys and 10 girls "Good," and one boy, Claude H. Hapgood, and 4 girls, Gertrude Butler, Kate Hollis, Annie Jarman, and Mary Lavars "Excellent." In Model Drawing, 2nd Grade, Mary Quelch passed "Good," and Harriet Williams "Excellent;" the latter also passed "Good" in 2nd Grade Freehand.

THE ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY, was held on Thursday, April 9th, when the Vicar the Rev. A. J. Wade, nominated Mr. Evelyn A. Rich as his warden, and Mr. Henry Spanner was re-elected parish warden. Messrs. R. Barrow, A. J. Coombes, E. Groves, J.W. Jackson, W. H. Long, and H. W. Woods, were re-elected sidesmen for the ensuing year. James Batchelor was re-appointed clerk and sexton. Mr. Spanner read the annual statement of accounts and it was agreed the same be printed and circulated in the Parish Magazine, (see June number.)

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report for quarter ending March 29, 1885. At the beginning of the quarter there were seventy-six boys, sixty girls, and sixty-eight infants, on the books; during the quarter thirteen boys, six girls, and four infants left; ten boys, one girl, and five infants, were re-admitted ; and nine new boys, two girls, and thirteen infants were admitted ; at the end of the quarter there were eighty-two boys, fifty-seven girls, and eighty-two infants, on the books ; the average morning attendance was, boys 61.76, girls 42, infants 52, the average afternoon attendance boys 56.07, girls 45, infants 51. Two first class girls have left to attend the classes of the girls Friendly Society. The choir boys have now been formed into a separate class under Miss. N. Pilkington, which is bold in the parish room. It will be seen that fourteen infants have been added to the number during the last three months and the classes are getting very large, and yet our request in the March number for two more teachers has not been replied to. For the present, one of the elder girls is teaching a class of little boys, and though she is doing it very nicely it seems a pity to deprive her of the instruction which she might be gaining herself if others would come forward to help us.

A FLOWER SERVICE was held for the first time in our church on the afternoon of the first Sunday after Easter. At the conclusion of the Litany, the school children entered in procession behind the choir

singing Easter hymns. After a few prayers and the usual catechising, Matt. VI. 28-33 was read as the lesson, upon which the Rev. G. Croke Robinson gave a short address. From the fact that the Creator's hand produces, beautifies, and sustains the flower of the field, he urged upon the children present the truth, that the same protecting hand was always over them, and speaking specially of the lilies of Palestine, he begged the children to cultivate flower-like purity and simplicity in their lives. After the blessing the children presented their flowers, the children of the congregation first and then the school children. The Rev. A. J. Wade and the Rev. Croke Robinson received the flowers at the chancel step and the two first trays were placed upon the altar. The flowers after having been placed in water for the night were forwarded in the morning in three large hampers to the City Parish of St. Mary's, Charterhouse, to cheer the sick and aged in that part of London never see a green field and seldom see a flower. About 600 people were present. The collection which reached £2 16 6 (193 coins being in coppers,) was for the fund for the permanent decoration of the chancel with encaustic tiles, &c., which we hope to see carried out shortly. This will entail considerable expense, and we trust all who are interested in this church will come forward to help us. We have already received the promise of £5 if nine others will subscribe a similar amount. All contributions may be sent to Miss Clayton, Eastfield, or to the vicar or churchwardens.

DECORATIONS. We must remind our readers that we shall be very glad to receive cut flowers or plants for the decorations for Ascension Day, Whit-sunday and Trinity Sunday. Flowers should be sent to the parish room not later than 10 a.m., on the day preceding the festivals; the greatest care will be taken of all pot flowers that may be lent.

ON EASTER DAY the number of communicants was larger than on any former occasion since the church was opened. At 7 a.m. 116 ; 8 a.m. (choral) 123 ; 11 a.m. 95 ; total 334. The number of attendances at services throughout the day including communicants was 1639.

THE CLOTHING CLUB will re-open on Monday, May 4th, in the parish room, from 12.30 to 1 p.m., and be continued every Monday at the same hour (except Bank holidays) until November.

DONATION. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £2 2s. from Miss Bearblock towards supplying new cassocks.

Will any kind friend give us an old Feather Bed or soft mattress (single size) for a poor woman who is a great invalid?

C.E.W.M.S. At the meeting of the Ryde Branch of the Church of England Working Men's Society, on April 15th, Mr. Inglis, the President of the Society, gave some account of its object and the persons for whom it is intended. He said, It is for all real Churchmen who are Communicants—by communicants, he did not mean those who communicate once a year or even three times a year, but those who do so as often as they are able He defined a real Churchman as one who attends the church services regularly and at the proper times ; some peoples Prayer Books tell what sort of churchmen they are, the Matins pages are nearly clean, the Evensong well worn, and when we come to the Holy Communion it is quite clean. Working Men, he said, can do work for the church which the clergy cannot ; they meet their fellow-workmen and hear them talk, and those who do not understand the church will often listen to a fellow-workman and ask his advice, when they would only fight shy of clergy. We want no Shibboleths or party words in this society; all communicants of the Church of England, High Low, Broad, all should be united. The church is made of clergy and laity together, and they must work together. In conclusion, he said, we ask all who are communicants to join us; the Society consists of MEMBERS—Working men, from 17

years and upwards, who are Communicants. ASSOCIATES—Workingmen who desire and intend to become communicants, and to whom the Society acts as a help. LADY ASSOCIATES—All of whom pay 1/ annually. HON. MEMBERS—Gentlemen who pay 5/. annually and help by their presence at meetings,. The Institute of the Ryde Branch is in Star Street, and is open from 5.30. to 10 as a Club and Reading Room. Classes are also held for mutual improvement. Mr. J. H. OSBORNE is the Honorary Secretary.

#### BAPTISMS.

April 5th, William James Harry Steward.

" Daisy Steward.

" Ida Anne Rose Stevens.

" Kate Bushell.

" Frederic Joseph Edmunds.

" William Henry Hilton.

" Charles Henry Williams.

" Robert Cooper.

#### MARRIAGE.

April 9th. Uvedale Corbet Singleton, Capt. R.N., to Adelaide Singleton Taylor.

#### **ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE, BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last.)

In the Order made by the Queen in Council referred to in our last number, the boundaries of the then District of Holy Trinity, Ryde, are fully and minutely described in official and technical form. But if my reader, will, 'as a representative parishioner, patiently accompany me in imagination, I will take him very quickly round the District, It is a fine day, and we will just walk down to the Esplanade, which, by the way, has taken possession of part of my sea by expansion of the road-way into it, whose waters used to dash against and over the garden walls of the houses in Castle Street and along the Strand, and formed the natural boundary of the District on the North side. We will go first towards the East end of the Esplanade. You see that garden gate with the name of the house "Auckland," on it, and as you stand on the pathway, looking down at the bottom of the right hand gate-pier, you see an upright stone, which you may have often passed by without observing.. This stone is the perpetual guardian of two parishes—indeed of two old and two new parishes. Observe a line down its centre, on the east side of which are the letters "St.H," and on the west side the letter "N." This line was the boundary of the old parish of St. Helens,—and still is for all civil purposes. It is also the boundary of the daughter parish of St. John's, Oakfield, for all spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes, and thirdly, it is the boundary of the old parish of " Newchurch," whose position for all civil purposes, in this locality, the parish of Ryde formed there out in 1866, now occupies, and lastly, it is the eastern boundary of the District taken out of old Newchurch and assigned to Trinity Church in 1846, which became a separate and distinct parish for all spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes in 1863. Turning now towards the pier we reach our western boundary, by proceeding up the middle of George Street and crossing over Star Street into Warwick Street, and continuing in like manner through the middle of this street, we cross over St. John's Road into Albert Street, and then to complete our boundary, we take an imaginary line up the middle of this street and across the fields into the road north side of Weeks'. And thence going up a little westward we pass the chapel at the corner, and turning down at the back of Alfred Street, which forms our boundary

on the South, we proceed towards the Railway, across Quarry road, and terminate our boundary finally in that of St. John's Oakfield.

The population within the boundaries of Holy Trinity Parish at the census of 1881, was 3,668, of which 2,182 were females, and 1,486 males.

Now we must consider the provisions made by law for ministering the offices of the Church to this population. We must here refer again to the Order in Council, it provides "That banns" of marriage should be published, and that marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be solemnized and performed in the said church, called Trinity Church ; and that all fees arising therefrom should be reserved for and on account of, and paid to, the present Vicar or Incumbent of the said parish of New Church, during such time only as he shall remain Vicar of such parish, but upon his avoidance thereof the said fees should belong and be paid to the Minister for the time being of the said church, called Trinity Church."

The then present Vicar of the said Parish of Newchurch, was the Rev. W. S. Phillips, B.D., and "his avoidance thereof" was by his death in June, 1863. He was thus the last Vicar of Newchurch, for whose benefit the fees, etc., were reserved and ever since his death they belong to the minister for the time being of the said Church called Trinity Church "without any reservation thereout."

The immediate effects of these changes were that by operation of law, (under " The New Parishes' Acts," to be considered in our next number) " The District " legally ceased to be so called, and became " The New Parish "of Holy Trinity, Ryde, and "the resident inhabitants therein for all ecclesiastical purposes, Parishioners thereof" and of no other Parish," and Trinity Church became " The Parish Church " of Holy Trinity Parish, Ryde, and the minister entitled to be called " The Vicar " thereof—all independent of and separate from our good old Mother Church of Newchurch, and of course of any other since formed, except for civil purposes only.

Briefly then, for the first eighteen years of its existence, Holy Trinity Church was " the District Church," but for the last twenty-two years it has been and is by law, " The Parish Church of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ryde," for all ecclesiastical and spiritual purposes, and its position as such is admitted and its rights confirmed in " the Newchurch Parish Act, 1866," to which we shall refer on another occasion. (To be continued.)

All communications for the Magazine must be sent to the Editor, Trinity Vicarage, by the 20th of the month. The Confirmation was held this year in Holy Trinity Church, on the 11th of May, by the Lord Bishop of Winchester. One hundred and forty-seven candidates were confirmed.

On the 7th of May, the Rev. A. J. Wade was unanimously elected chairman by his brother members of the Ryde School Board.

A Children's Flower Service will be held in Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, June 21st, at 3 p.m. The flowers will be forwarded to a poor London parish on the following day.

#### **HOLY TRINITY RYDE NATIONAL SCHOOLS**

The School year returns in the official forms required by the Educational Department, are closed on the last day of March, and the Managers have hitherto made their Report to the subscribers up to the same

date. But as the grant dependent on the average attendance and on the results of the work done in the schools as tested by the examinations is not received till sometime in May—occasionally in June—the Managers have decided upon issuing their Report now and in future after the receipt and disbursement of the grant, which will give a clear view of the then actual financial condition of the Schools at the time and prevent some misunderstandings. This year the examinations were held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of April, by H.M. Inspector and his assistant, and the grant of £205 5s. 4d., the largest ever made to these Schools, was received on the 20th May.

The following is a summary of the Inspector's Report:

**BOYS' SCHOOL.** "The Boys are clean and orderly. Inasmuch as the teaching staff is weak, the master deserves special credit for the sound and good results in instruction."

Mr. H. W. Woods, one of the Sidesmen of Holy Trinity Church, has most generously re-lacquered and put new burners on the gas standards at his own cost. The work reflects much credit on his establishment, for excellency of execution. The results are at once striking and pleasing in the renovated appearance of the Standards, and the clearness of the light from the new burners.

Will any of our readers help us to provide for the use of a cripple-girl a self-propelling wheel chair, the cost of which is £5 15s. The smallest contributions will be gratefully received by Miss Wade, Trinity Vicarage, or Miss Murray, Dean House, Castle Street.

**BAND OF MERCY.** The following new members joined in May ; Alice Woods, Daisy Woods, Nellie Roach and Harold Coombes. Jane Redstone has withdrawn, having left Ryde.

**CHOIRMEN.** Wanted alto, tenor and bass, please apply to the organist.

F. J. W. WILLIAMS, Organist and Choirmaster, Professor of Music, Alfred Cottage, Wood Street.

**MARRIAGE.**

May 28th, Arthur Ernest Coombes and Mary Ann Trent Symonds.

**BAPTISMS.**

May 3rd, Ellen Louise Hodges.

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WE will now extract two sections from the "New Parishes Act," 1856, referred to in our last number, under the provisions of which "The District of Holy Trinity, Ryde," became a separate, and distinct parish for all ecclesiastical and spiritual purposes on the death of the then late Vicar in June, 1863.

Section 14. " Whersoever or as soon as Banns of Matrimony and the Solemnization of Marriages, Churchings and Baptisms, according to the Laws and Canons in this Realm, are authorized to be published and performed in any consecrated Church or Chapel to which a District shall belong and the Incumbent of which is by such Authority entitled for his own Benefit to the entire fees arising from the Performance of such Offices without any reservation thereout, such District or Place shall become and

be a separate and distinct Parish for Ecclesiastical Purposes, such as is contemplated in the Fifteenth Section of the first recited Act, and the Church or Chapel of such District shall be the Church of such Parish, and all and singular the Provisions of the said firstly and secondly recited Acts (as amended by this Act) relative to new Parishes, upon their becoming such, and to the Matters and Things consequent thereon, shall extend and apply to the said Parish and Church as fully and effectually as if the same had become a new Parish under the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Acts."

Section 15. "The Incumbent of every new Parish created or hereafter to be created pursuant to the Provisions of the said firstly and secondly recited Acts or of this Act shall, saving the Rights of the Bishop of the Diocese, have sole and exclusive Cure of Souls and the exclusive Right of performing all Ecclesiastical Offices within the Limits of the same, for the Inhabitants therein, who shall fine- all Ecclesiastical Purposes be Parishioners thereof, and of no other Parish; and such new Parish shall, for the like Purposes, have and possess all and the same Rights and Privileges, and be affected with such and tho.41 same Liabilities, as are incident or belong to a distinct and separate Parish, and. to no other Liabilities."

There are various important matters for consideration involved in the provisions of these two sections which I would commend to the serious attention of parishioners of Holy Trinity, as I have no doubt that many of them, and others not my parishioners, are under the impression that claims for, or assertion of - parochial rights and independent position are advanced without legal authority which they will find on examination of the above is not in reality the case.

(To be continued.)

SECRETARY'S FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GUILD OF THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH, RYDE,

June 2nd, 1885.

The Guild consists of a warden, sub-warden, chaplain, assistant chap-lain, forty-one members and five honorary associates, making in all a total of forty-nine members. It is much hoped that as the Guild becomes better known, the number of members may greatly increase.

We would here draw attention to the following rule : " Persons desirous of joining the Guild shall make application to a Member of the Council, and state the particular work in the Church or Parish which they would undertake, or help others to do, at the desire of the Council." The objects of the Guild are to deepen the spiritual life of the Members and Associates and to further Church work in the Parish; to concentrate into one compact body, all persons who are now and shall become Church-workers, so that mutual aid and encouragement may enable all to work zealously together, in the cause of our common Lord and Master."

There have been four General Meetings of the members, and nine Council Meetings during the year. At the December meeting the Rev. G. Croke Robinson read a very instructive and interesting paper on "Synods of the early Church," and at the March meeting followed with a second paper, continuing the subject. The meetings have been fairly well attended and there has been more freedom among the members in discussing the subjects brought before them than was formerly the case.

This we are very glad to see perhaps the most noticeable works of the Guild during the past year have been first, the conducting of the Entertainments which have proved so satisfactory, at least in financial respect, viz: for the Council have been enabled to hand over the sum of t6 to the Holy Trinity National Schools ; £2 5s. to the choir cassock fund ; and £3 17s. to the Sunday Schools. This we consider is a

matter for congratulation and we hope that these Entertainments may be continued with increasing prosperity during the coming winter months. We would here express our grateful thanks to those who have so readily and kindly come forward to help us in this undertaking.

The report of the Day Schools appears in the June number of the Parish Magazine Sunday Schools. Extracts were read from the Report recently drawn up and which may be found in the May number of Magazine and in addition the following, which applies to the Girls' Infant Schools. The regularity and conduct of the girls continue to be very satisfactory. During the last year the Infant School has very much increased. The room is now far too small and the classes over-crowded. It is to be hoped before long a class room will be added, but of course for this funds are needed, let us as members of the Guild exert ourselves and consider it our duty to collect the means for enlarging the school.

The Superintendent who has kindly taken the school in the afternoon can now only attend every other Sunday, we should be glad if someone would come forward to permanently fill her place. More teachers are also most urgently needed."

DISTRICT VISITING. At present all the districts have visitors but as one lady is anxious to resign we shall be very glad if anyone will kindly volunteer to fill the place. The district mentioned is a part of "Weeks."

The choir consists at the present time of sixteen boys and fourteen men. During the past year the attendance has been very good. The choir generally desire to thank those members of the Guild, and others who have kindly subscribed towards their annual outing, and also to call the attention of all those who take an interest in the choir that there is still a lack of funds for the purchase of the new cassocks which much are needed, to replace those which have already seen good service.

#### I. W. CHURCH CHORAL ASSOCIATION

The Festival took place this year at St. Thomas's Church, Newport, on June 4th. Our Choir was present, the total number of voices from the different Island Churches was 364.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. B. Peile, of Ventnor, he pointed out what an important duty and privilege was that enjoyed by the choir in trying to carry out in a fitting manner the praises of God in the services of the church. Our banner used for the first time on this occasion was a new one, presented to the church by Mrs. Tuson and Mrs. Hill, and worked by a member of the congregation. The choirs robed in the Guildhall and walked in procession to the church.

Tea was provided in the Queen's Rooms for the clergy and their respective choirs. ', Mr. Scadding presided at the organ, the conductor being Mr. Lemare of Ventnor. The offertory amounted to £108s.6d.

#### BAPTISMS.

June 7th, George Henry Fleming.  
Fred Reginald Parnell.

BAND OF MERCY. The following new members joined in June; Beatrice Mary Barton, Clara Eleanor Barton, Henry Barton, Frederic Cotton.

Our thanks are due to the kind friends who provided a feather bed for the poor woman, for whom we pleaded in our May number.

INVALID'S CHAIR. We wish to thank: Miss Bloxam, the Misses Acock and Mrs. and Miss Long for their kind contributions towards the above object in answer to the appeal in our last number, and shall be thankful for further help from other friends.

FLOWER SERVICE. A second children's Flower Service was held in Holy Trinity Church, on June 21st. The children entered in procession singing hymns and presented their flowers at the chancel step, where they were received by the clergy, the Rev. A. J. Wade, Rev. G. Croke Robinson and Rev. A. Clayton. After a short service the vicar, the Rev. A. J. Wade, addressed the children. The flowers which weighed in bulk one and a half hundredweight, were forwarded the next day to the Rev. Canon Wade, rector of St. Ann's, Soho, from whom we have since heard as follows:—" A thousand thanks for the flowers, some pains had to be taken about their equitable distribution, and it was amazing to find the excitement and delight which they produced among the poor Londoners, who so seldom, and scantily, can enjoy such things."

C.E.W.M.S. A Bazaar and Promenade Concert, at which several ladies and gentlemen have promised to assist, will be held in the Large Town Hall, on July 14, in aid of the Library, &c., of the Institute of the Ryde Branch of the Church of England Working Men's Society. The String Band of the Hyde Rifle Volunteers will play during the afternoon and evening.

We have received with thanks five shillings from Miss T. Knowles, toward the Infant School Enlargement, part of proceeds of work done for charitable purposes.

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We have already referred to the "New Parishes' Act, 1856," and extracted two sections under which the District of Holy Trinity became a separate and distinct Parish for all ecclesiastical and spiritual purposes, and we added that its position as such was admitted and its rights confirmed in "The Newchurch Parish Act, 1866." We will now refer to this Act so far as it concerns Trinity Church and Parish.

In our first number we stated the fact that up to 1866, Ryde and Ventnor were parts of the one and the same Parish of Newchurch, the old Parish or Mother Church being six miles distant from either town. In the third section of this Act it is enacted that "the Parish and Vicarage of Newchurch shall be divided into and shall form three separate and distinct parishes and vicarages to be called respectively—the Parish of Ryde, the Parish of New-church and the Parish of Ventnor," and the portion of the old parish assigned to each of these three parishes is described in schedules at the end of the Act.

In Section 6, it is enacted that "each Parish constituted by this Act shall be a separate and distinct Parish for all civil purposes, and except as is by this Act otherwise provided for all spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes. \* \* \* And subject to the provisions herein contained. "All Acts of Parliament, laws, canons, and customs relating to parochial business \* \* \* and to ecclesiastical fees, dues, oblations, and offerings (except such as are payable to the Incumbent of any district Church) shall apply to each Vicarage and Parish constituted by this Act," etc. Now mark well the above exceptions, and in explanation thereof read the following Section 40. " Nothing contained in this Act shall prejudice affect or interfere with the rights and privileges of the Incumbent of any district church, or confer on the Vicar of any parish constituted under this Act, any right or authority within any ecclesiastical district to which the Vicar of the old parish was not entitled, nor in any way alter or affect the position of the resident inhabitants of any new parish or ecclesiastical district already constituted, which for all spiritual and ecclesiastical

purposes shall remain as if this Act had not passed, nor shall anything in this Act contained, alter or affect any of the provisions of " The New Parish's Act, 1856." "I cannot exaggerate the importance of this section, possibly few, if any, of our readers have ever had occasion to look into or consider the bearings of this Act or the above extracts. Please do so now, and you will observe that the Act leaves all the Incumbents and the resident inhabitants of the several districts or parishes already constituted before the passing of this Act, in precisely the same position as to all ecclesiastical and spiritual rights and privileges in which it found them all remain as if this Act had not passed." By virtue of this saving clause the parochial position of Holy Trinity is secured. (To be continued.)

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am reading up our Parish Magazine with much interest and look forward with pleasure to each Monthly issue for some special information on parish matters. In the last two numbers you have asserted, and to my satisfaction proved by reference to "the New Parishes Acts "that Holy Trinity has been, "a separate and distinct parish for all ecclesiastical and spiritual purposes "since 1863,—And that " the resident inhabitants are by law parishioners thereof and of no other parish. "Now let me ask a question or two respecting the marriages of such persons. Must the Banns of marriage of residents in the Parish of Holy Trinity be published and their marriages performed in Trinity Church or are they at liberty to have them published and to be married in the church of the old parish out of which Trinity was originally taken, or again in All Saint's Church which in respect to civil matters holds the position of the old parish church in relation to Ryde? I have particular reasons for asking these questions, and your answer will much oblige,  
A PARISHIONER.

The Editor inserts the above letter as it refers to a question of general interest, in this and other like parishes, and is one of special questions to which we must direct particular attention hereafter. We will occasionally admit correspondence on kindred matters, but we must request the writer to be brief and supply his name with but not on his communication, the name not being intended for publication. The Editor thinks that, for the present, a satisfactory answer to the question referred to, may be gained from the statement made by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, (Bishop McDougall) in his charge to the Clergy and Churchwardens at his last visitation, June 10th, at Newport: He said in reference to " legal judgments since they last met, there were two points recently brought forward which he ought to bring before the notice of the clergy and laity."—One of these refers to the above question, "It has been decided officially by Justices Cave and Day that the parishioners of a district parish which had been legally formed and separated from another parish had no right to be married in the mother church of the parish. Their banns should be published in the new district church—not in the old parish church. This being so no license should be granted for persons to be married in the old parish church unless one of the persons concerned resided in the area still left to the old parish after separation. Dr. Deane, the vicar-general, approved of this decision, and bad acted upon it."

The case referred to was thus decided by the Judges of the Queen's Bench, and not having been appealed against it stands as the judgment of the law, where both parties reside in the same ecclesiastical district or new parish. But suppose one of them resides in the old parish, out of which the new one was formed, what then is their position as to the publication of banns and the performance of the marriage? In that case the banns must be published in both parishes, and here the Rubrick applies, as follows—" And if the persons that are to be married dwell in divers

Parishes, the Banns must be asked in both Parishes; and the Curate of the one Parish shall not solemnize Matrimony betwixt them, with-it out a Certificate of the Banns being thrice asked, from the Curate of" the other Parish."

Now a Clergyman who knowingly and persistently will publish the banns unduly, that is, otherwise than the law allows, and illegally perform the marriage in his church under the circumstances referred to, is liable to unpleasant consequences and personal inconvenience from the offended law.

Of course if the parishioners of Holy Trinity cannot have their banns published nor be married in the old parish church—the mother church of it and all other churches in Ryde—they cannot have their banns published nor their marriages performed in the more recently constituted church of "All Saints," unless one of the parties resides in the part under the Vicar of Ryde for ecclesiastical and spiritual purposes.

It has been maintained by certain persons who know little of ecclesiastical law, that when an ecclesiastical district or new parish is not also a civil parish, but forms part of or is included within another Parish for civil purposes their union with it confers on them a civil right to be married in the Church of the Civil Parish ; and this view was advanced in the case referred to that was tried in the Queen's Bench, but the Judges declared that where parties claimed a civil right they must go to the Registrar's office, according to the provisions of the law, and undergo the civil forms ; but if they desire to be married after the ecclesiastical and spiritual form, they must resort to the church of the parish where they reside.

#### MARRIAGE.

July 1st. George Barrett Blessley, to Anne Bromley Guy.

#### BAPTISMS.

July 5th, George Henry Burnett.

- " Florence Langworthy.
- " Edgar Langworthy.
- " Beatrice Langworthy.
- " Anne Amelia White.
- " James Arthur White.
- " Fanny Ellen Woodnutt.
- " Eliza Margaret Long."
- " George Arthur Martin.
- " Robert Butler.

H. T. P. BAND OF MERCY. The half-yearly entertainment took place on Friday July 10th, when 131 children assembled in front of Trinity Church, each had a little crimson bow pinned on, to mark them as belonging to the Band and all marched down to the sands under Apley, where the children had games and ran races for toys. Some girls recited and three songs were sung. Before leaving, each child had a cup of milk and a bun. Inspector Peet and Mr. Williams the schoolmaster were indefatigable in helping to amuse the children besides the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Scholefield, Miss Bloxam and other ladies most kindly helped. The treat lasted from five till eight o'clock p.m.

The following new members joined in July; Fanny Cooper, Ivon Young and George Chalmers.

After August the meetings of the Band will be discontinued during the summer until further notice.

C. E. W. M. S. The bazaar which was held in July 14th, was a great success. The total receipts were X94 10s. 10d. of which £70 0s. 6d. was clear profit. Two-thirds of this sum will be devoted to the library and one-third to the general fund.

#### MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. PRINCESS BEATRICE TO PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBURG.

In celebration of this event the school children of Ryde, above two thousand five hundred, were treated by the inhabitants of the town to a tea, sports, etc., in the grounds of Ryde House kindly lent by Sir Henry Daly. The children of Holy Trinity assembled at their schools at one o'clock, where each child was decorated with a red bow, (the colour assigned to our schools), and received a ticket; after packing the infants into two vans they marched in procession to the Esplanade.

Here, when all the other schools were assembled, the band struck up "God save the Queen," which was sung by the schools, they then formed into one large procession, four abreast and marched along Pier Street, up Union Street and High Street, along Queen's Road and Binstead Road to their destination. The streets were decorated in several places with flags, etc., but a rule had been made by the committee that no school should carry banners or flags with their distinctive name. This rule was observed by our school and some others, but we noticed that it was not carried out strictly by all. In the field the children had swings, races and other games provided for their amusement. Tea took place at four o'clock. The arrangements proved to be inadequate for such a gigantic affair which could not be a success, except by the clearest directions being given to the subordinate helpers and the most rigorous attention to all regulations made. At seven the names were announced of those children who had brought the best bunches of wild flowers, who subsequently received prizes presented by the Mayor and Admiral Katon; the flowers were afterwards sent to a hospital in London. After a speech by the Mayor, the children having spent a very happy day, dispersed to their homes, most of them being accompanied by their parents who had been admitted to the field on payment of threepence.

Tickets for dinners of two shillings (or one and sixpence each in the case of man and wife), were distributed to all the aged people above sixty-six years.

INVALID'S CHAIR. Kind contributions have been received from Miss Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, "A Friend," Major Wiggins, and Mrs. Polkinghorne, toward the above object for which we offer our grateful thanks. The total sum required has not quite been reached yet.

#### **ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE, BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last.)

In our last number while explaining the legal bearing of the question respecting the publication of Banns and performance of marriage of parties, one or both, residing in Holy Trinity Parish, we were led to notice that in the course of a case tried in the Queen's Bench, where it was contended that persons dwelling in an ecclesiastical district or new parish, one or both, had a civil right to have their banns published and marriage performed in the church of the civil parish, it was decided by the Judges that where such persons claimed a civil right they must go to the Registrar's office, according to the provisions of the law and undergo the civil forms. Now some people innocently and some otherwise desire to have their marriage very secret and very quiet, and think the Registrar's office must be very convenient,—and so it is,—for this purpose, as nobody outside, possibly neither father nor mother nor other relative or friend may know anything about it till it is all over, and perhaps not for some little time after! We will now lay before you the process required by law for civil marriages in the Registrar's office, and by Superintendent Registrar's certificate, as licence for performance of marriages in the church of the parish or ecclesiastical district in which one or both of the parties reside, or in some registered building where marriages may be performed

By Act of Parliament, 6 and 7, William IV., Chapter 85, it is enacted that while "all the rules prescribed by the rubric concerning the solemnizing of marriages shall continue to be duly observed by every person

in holy Orders of the Church of England who shall solemnize any marriage in England ..after publication of banns, such marriage may be solemnized in like manner on production of the registrar's certificate as hereinafter provided." By section iv. it is enacted that " in every case of marriage intended to be solemnized according to the form authorized by this Act, one of the parties shall give notice under his or her hand, in the form of schedule (A) to this Act annexed, or to the like effect to the superintendent registrar of registra district within which the parties shall have dwelt for not less than seven days, then next preceding—or if the parties dwell in the districts of different superintendent registrars, shall give the like notice to the superintendent registrar of each district, and shall state therein the name and surname and the profession or condition of each of the parties intending marriage, the dwelling place of each of them, and the time not less than seven days, during which each has dwelt therein, and the church or other building in which the marriage is to be solemnized."--And by section vis, it is directed that "such notice of intended marriage shall be read at meetings of the Guardians (under the Poor laws) three times in three successive weeks. "But by 1 Vic. c. 22, See. xxiv., it is provided that as "it sometimes happens that there is no board of Guardians in a superintendent registrar's district, etc., every notice shall be suspended in a conspicuous place in the superintendent registrar's office."

By the provisions of the former Act 6 and 7 Will. 1V., there was some degree of publicity given by the reading of the notices at the meetings of the Board of Guardians composed, as it is, of resident representatives of the various parishes, in the superintendent registrar's district, who possibly might know the parties whose names were thus far published, and, in some instances, lead to the prevention of illegal and improper marriages. But the provision of the later Act of 1st Vic. in case of there being no Board of Guardians within the registrar's district, suggest a practical evasion of the former, and, in some instances, the substitution altogether of the Registrar's office, where the notice is suspended and the marriage performed. And in this respect, the Act might fairly be called "An Act for facilitating clandestine marriages, and securing their performance privately by a civil process in the Registrar's office." Coldly legal and binding would the bond be on both parties, but without any religious ceremony or recognition of God, it cannot be called " Holy Matrimony, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and

His Church. "True it is that marriages may be performed in a parish church, after superintendent's certificate, instead of publication of banns, but this seldom occurs, and only three such marriages have been performed in Holy Trinity Church. It may be here stated that a Superintendent registrar can only give his certificate for the performance of marriage in the church of the parish or ecclesiastical district in which one or both of the parties reside.

(To be continued.)

#### GUILD OF THE PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

In our July number we published the fourth Annual Report of this Guild and in doing so directed attention to the objects of it and the rule which regulates admission into the Guild, etc. We propose making such further extracts from the Books of Rules from time to time, as may guide and interest our readers. We will at present quote the " Prayer for the Guild," used at the opening of our Meetings and recommended Meeting to be said daily by the members, as it might be also by others on behalf of our Church and Parish.

#### PRAYER FOR THE GUILD.

ALMIGHTY God who has built THY Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, JESUS CHRIST himself being the head corner stone, grant us to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine. Send down THY special blessing upon this Church and Parish, the healthful spirit of THY grace upon our Clergy, and further with THY continual help the Members and Associates of this Guild, that we may all be united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and serve THEE truly in

lowliness of mind and perseverance in good works to THY Glory, the mutual benefit of each other, and the salvation of our souls; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. AMEN.

On Sunday, September 13th, the HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held in Trinity Church. The usual gifts of fruit, corn and flowers, for the decoration of the church and thank offerings to God for his good blessings on the harvest, are requested to be sent to the parish room, during the preceding week. The offertory and other collections on that day will be devoted to the funds of the schools which are much in need of liberal support.

#### BAPTISMS.

August 2nd, Margaret Hunt.

- " Vera Harris.
- " Cyril James Watson Harris.
- " William James Barsdell.
- " Walter Harry James.
- " Frederic Charles James.
- " Daisy May Mew.
- " Florence Adelaide Mew.
- " Gordon Burnaby Mew.
- " Ethel Mary Firmage.
- " 21st, Mariska Young.

#### MARRIAGE.

August 26th. Arthur James Locke to Rozella Newbald.

#### **ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, RYDE, BY THE VICAR, REV. A. J. WADE, M.A.**

(Continued from our last.)

Before this month of October on which we are now entering, shall have passed away, the Fortieth Anniversary of the Consecration of Holy Trinity Church will have been commemorated on the Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude, the 28th inst. Of those who assembled in the Church on that holy, solemn and happy occasion, few only remain unto the present, some are fallen asleep, and some have ceased to dwell among us here. Many reflections naturally occur to the mind while we write, reviving pleasant memories of people and events that have been in the past, and now are no more—gone but not forgotten. But such reflections are in part too obvious and common to need mentioning, and in part too sacred and personal to admit of expressing.

We have already stated some particulars respecting that occasion which we have thought would interest and afford information to our readers, and parishioners, we will now add a few more which have been reserved for this month as we approach our Church's

Anniversary. We have recorded in our early numbers special matters connected with the material building itself, the names of those who had taken, at and from the first, prominent part in providing for the erection of the church, as donors of the site and contributors to the funds, and members of committee for organizing and carrying on the work. But all these good intentions and efforts would have been considerably marred and frustrated in satisfactory execution, if they had not met with the skill and ability of the Architect that designed, and the fidelity and care of the Builders who laid the foundation and raised the whole structure to final completion. And we have the more satisfaction in recording their names, from the fact that they were all local men,—men of Ryde. The Architect was Mr. Thomas Hellyer,

whose admirable design, with its graceful and fair-proportioned Spire, stands well in comparison with other more costly and elaborate work. The builders of the first part, the foundations and walls thereon up to the level of the street, were the late Messrs.

Langdon and Denham. The stability and strength of their most important though less visible work has been well tried and proved, and the remaining work up to and including the spire, was completed by the late Mr. Thomas Dashwood, who executed his portion of the building in all its details in the most efficient and satisfactory manner. Referring to the spire we have remarked that it was not finished at the time of the consecration of the church, but in the year following. And now dropping for a moment the editorial "we," I should like here to mention that the top stone of the spire was fixed in its lofty resting place by my own hands under the guidance of the builder. It was a misty day. I well remember when I had ascended the first stage of the ladders which were becoming the more perpendicular the higher I rose one of the men gently- said—almost whispered—"Don't look down, Sir,—look up, —keep looking up, Sir." I never forgot these words—they were the simple expression of the good work-man's own practical knowledge and experience—full of more application and deeper meaning than he thought of, it may be, when he spake them outside the Spire, but they had in them a spiritual lesson to be learned and preached within and without the Church, that if we would ascend on high in our heart and spirit we must look up to heaven—not down to earth—set our affections on things above where Christ is, not on things below where all is misty and uncertain, and in each step we take in life amid the difficulties and doubts that surround us, "look up, keep looking up, Sir." But to return to my "ladders." When I had ascended about half way, I must confess, I caught myself giving a little look down, "was it not a little one?" just to see how it appeared below! and had I not quickly checked my curiosity by the good man's words and looked upwards again, I should probably have descended sooner than I had intended and in a reversed order—head foremost indeed—but downwards! and so had never reached the height to which I had aspired. But at last safely landed on the highest stage of the building, I fixed the last stone, as prepared, on the top of the Spire, and through it to a secure depth in the spire, the late much respected Mr. W. Wood, finally fixed the Vane, the weather Cock, ornamental and useful, which has ever since faithfully performed its duty, indicating the direction of the wind, which "bloweth where it listeth." Having finished my mission, I came down from my lofty eminence to earth again amid the kind expressions and greetings of spectators for the work accomplished. Some seemed to have doubted whether I might not have been vane enough to have remained above in the place of the weather cock. And some tender eyes—a pair at all events—that had intently gazed, were still slightly dimmed with the gentle mist of the day that had softly settled on them. To this external completion of the sacred building, I look back with feelings of satisfaction and thankfulness after forty years, for the work begun, continued and ended under the good providence and favour of our God, and still more for His gracious acceptance of this House of Prayer—and His divine blessing—as we believe, on the spiritual work ever since carried on in His name within this Holy Church.

OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL was held on Sunday, Sept. 13th. and was in all respects most successful. The congregations in the morning and in the evening were very large. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, and in the evening by the Rev. G. V. Garland, Rector of Winstead. The collections which were for the Schools, amounted to £23 9s. 7d. On the following morning the fruit and vegetables used in the decorations were given to the invalids and aged in the parish. The corn was sent to London for the Harvest Decorations at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square.

H. T. P. GUILD. It has been decided by the Council to endeavour to provide a series of monthly papers during the coining winter, to be read at the Guild Meetings. The Honorary Secretary, Richard Barrow, Esq., Dover Cottage, Strand, would be very glad to have the names of any persons who may be disposed

to help by contributing papers, we hope that we may even induce some good mechanics to come and give us addresses on their various handicrafts at which we feel sure they would have interested audiences. The first paper of the winter readings will be read on Thursday evening, Oct. 29th, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Room, by the Honorary Secretary, subject : "Monumental Brasses." All who are interested in the subject or think that, they might like to join the Guild, are invited to attend.

PARISH LIBRARY. The Library will re-open for the winter on Monday, the 19th (see calendar). The monthly subscription is 2d. and books can be changed once a week.

MARRIAGE REGISTER BOOKS in duplicate are supplied by the Registrar-General under the provisions of the Acts 6 and 7, William iv. Each book contains 250 pages, and each page has two spaces for entries of Marriages, making a total of 500. When the Register Books are filled, one of them is sent to the Superintendent Registrar to be kept with the other records in his office; the other book remains in the keeping of the Clergyman, with the other registers of the Church. This arrangement gives great security for the preservation of and facility of reference to the Marriage Registers. On July 26th, 1846, the first marriage in Trinity Church was performed by me, and on September 28th, 1885, marriage No. 500, was also performed by me. Thus I began and ended the first series of Marriage Register Books in our Church covering an interval of nearly forty years.

A new set of Register Books has now arrived to replace the old ones that have been filled and on the 3rd instant I have again to perform a marriage, No. 1 therein—Who will enter No. 500 7 and when ? Some new hand will have long since replaced the present old one.

A. J. W.

By desire of our Bishop signified through the Rural Deans to the Clergy, Prayer for the sufferers from Cholera in neighbouring countries, and for the withdrawal of this sickness, is now daily offered up to God in our services in Trinity Church.

#### BAPTISMS.

August 29th. Oswald Powis Griffiths.

Sept. 3rd. Maurice Tennant Carr &

" 6th. Margaret Mary Hapgood.

" 11th. John Maurice Vines.

#### MARRIAGE.

September 14th. John Stephen Carter to Minnie Maria Butler.

" 28th. James Cross to Emma Sophia Hewlett.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS at Portsmouth was a great success.

CHURCH DEFENCE. Will any of our friends send some small contributions towards the purchase of tracts, leaflets, etc., which we wish to circulate extensively over the Parish ? Benevolent Tickets, Infirmary and Dispensary Letters are always in much request by the Clergy and District Visitors for the poor of the parish?

The MOTHERS' MEETINGS will re-commence for the Winter on Monday, the 2nd (see Calendar). Mothers and Wives who wish to are invited to attend.

**BAND OF MERCY.** The monthly meeting for the members will re-commence on the 4th and 5th instant (see Calendar.)

**INVALID'S CHAIR**—towards this object £3 15s. has been contributed, but to cover the entire expenses not less than £1 more will be wanted. The chair when procured will become the property of the Parish, to be used in other cases besides that of the invalid girl for whom we first pleaded.

**CHOIR CASSOCKS.** Five new cassocks for men have been obtained with amount of donations thankfully received, viz. : £5 8s., leaving small balance in hand of 14/2. Miss Freer, of 26, Winton Street, will gratefully receive further donations towards renewing Choir Cassocks and Surplices, so much required.

**BOOK-MARKERS.** The Vicar and Churchwardens offer their thanks to Mrs. Fortescue who kindly worked and presented to the church a set of red book-markers in answer to our request in a former number.

**NOTICE.** During the month we shall be glad to receive any suggestions from the Subscribers of the Magazine, as to any alterations which they think desirable for the coming year; also whether any of our readers wish to discontinue the Magazine at the end of the year (which we hope they will not) but if so they are requested to give notice to Mr. Gabell, the publisher, or to their District Visitor in the course of the month. We shall consider that all who do not do so, will still continue the Magazine. We shall be glad to hear of any new subscribers.

**ENTERTAINMENTS.** The Guild Council have formed a Sub-Committee to carry out a series of Musical Entertainments during the coming winter ; some will take place in the Town Hall, others in the Boys' School Room, Player street, which will be more especially for the parents of our school children. The first it will be seen by the Calendar is to take place on the 10th, in the School room, Player street, when we hope to be able to give a cheerful and bright programme. All the seats will be twopence, except one or at most two rows at the top of the room for performers and members of the Guild Council. We hope we shall have the room well filled—the doors will be opened at 7.30. No children will be admitted unless accompanied by their elders.

#### **BAPTISMS.**

October 4. Beatrice Louisa Gape.

- " Helen Mary Bennett.
- " Frederick William Attrill
- " Ellen Mary Jane Reeves.
- " Ethel Kate Coombes.
- " Lilian Mary Whitfield.

#### **MARRIAGES.**

October 3rd. William George Schooling to Ada Knapp.

**CLERK and VERGER-MR. JAMES BATCHELOR,** Frankfort House, George Street, Ryde.

**DECORATIONS.** Contributions of cut flowers, plants, holly, or money, for the Christmas decorations are most earnestly requested, also we shall be very glad to have the names of any members of the congregation who are willing to join the band of church decorators.

ENTERTAINMENTS. Two very good small Concerts with Readings have been given in the Boys' Schoolroom, Player Street, on November 10th and 23rd last. These Entertainments, which it is hoped will be continued after Christmas, are more especially intended for the poor of the Parish, and those whose children attend our schools. The admission being only twopence we hope they will be fully appreciated as they have been in former years, when the room was always crowded with an attentive audience.

CHOIR SUPPER. On the evening of Nov. 17th, the Holy Trinity Church Choir Men, who so effectually give their gratuitous services, were entertained at Supper at the York Hotel by the Clergy, Church-wardens, and Sidesmen, when a very agreeable social evening was enjoyed by all present.

INVALIDS' CHAIR. Our kind friends who contributed towards this object are thankfully informed that the required sum (less 2/-which will be however added) has now been obtained and the chair will be purchased.

NEW YEAR'S EVE. Our usual Midnight Service will begin at 11.15 p.m., December 31st. Offerings for Decorations.

RYDE RELIEF SOCIETY. As many subscribers to this society have soup tickets and do not themselves know personally poor persons who would be glad to receive them, they are re-requested to send such tickets to the clergy or district visitors of Holy Trinity Parish, who will distribute them.

#### BAPTISMS.

Nov. 1st Ernest George Brown

" Norman Samuel Edward Martin

" Beatrice Amelia Hickman

" Ruth Rosetta Guy

" Genesta Bicheno

" Charles John Fleming

#### MARRIAGES.

Nov 16th. William Bates Smith to Emily Hannah Smith

„ 23rd. John Hackett to Agnes Lovegrove

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