

It was also RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Col. Bellairs, condoling with him in his illness, expressing sympathy, and also a hope for his speedy recovery.

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The following new Members were elected : Jas. Jeffery Clark, Esq., J.P., Market Harborough ; and W. H. Wilshere, Esq., Kirby Muxloe.

A VOTE of thanks to the Chairman for presiding ended the Meeting.

THE 60TH ANNUAL REPORT.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Committee are glad to report that the interest in the Society's work has been maintained, in spite of the Great War in which we are engaged. Our Patrons, many of our Presidents, Committee, and Members are taking their parts in various ways in the life and death struggle to preserve our beloved King and Country. We pray God that this terrible war may soon be ended. At the Meeting in November last the following resolution was unanimously passed :—

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During the past year we have lost two valued members—Mr. J. Stockdale Harrison, F.R.I.B.A., of St. Martin's East, Leicester, and Alderman Samuel Squire, also of Leicester. The former joined this Society in November, 1892, and some years after was elected a member of the Committee. He took the greatest interest in our work, and was the first person to report to your Honorary Secretaries the proposed demolition of the old houses in the Newarke. We are thankful he lived to see their preservation, and was one of the purchasers of this unique bit of Old Leicester. He was a member of an old Leicester family, and was articled to the late Mr. James Bird. In conjunction with his sons he designed the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, and amongst other specimens of his work are the West Cotes Free Library, the Vestry Street Baths, the extension of the offices at No. 10, New Street, St. Thomas' Church at South Wigston, and the churches of St. Stephen, North Evington, and St. Guthlac, Knighton. The greatest achievement of the firm of which he was the head was the winning of the All England competition for the designing of the Usher Hall, Edinburgh. On the occasion of the stone-laying he was presented to H.M. the King. Mr. Harrison was President of the Leicester and Leicestershire Society of Architects from 1890 to 1892. He was beloved by all who knew him.

Alderman Samuel Squire was elected in 1901, and subsequently became a member of the Committee. He was Chairman of the Leicester County Borough Technical and Art School Committee, and was one-time High Bailiff of this ancient borough.

We have also lost by death W. G. Lillingston, Esq., J.P. (elected 1903), and F. F. Beardsley, Esq. (elected in 1905).

The following have resigned their membership:—The Rev. Canon Bowers, C. Bennion, Esq., J. H. Clarke, Esq. (since deceased), C. Tollemache-Scott, Esq. J.P. (who has left the county), the Rev. J. E. Sing, Corbet Smith, Esq., J.P., T. Milton, Esq. (since deceased), the Rev. F. S. Edmonds, the Rev. E. A. Beresford, and F. Crick, Esq.

The following new members have been elected:—

In January. The Rev. L. Bradyll Johnson, Newtown Linford Rectory, Leicester; C. F. Spencer, Esq., Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicester; Dr. E. Lewis Lilley, New Walk, Leicester; the Rev. J. W. Watts, Hoby, Leicester; J. R. Gimson, Esq., 90, Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester; W. E. Arnall, Esq., Woodhouse Eaves, Leicester; Charles Stibbe, Esq., Avenue Road, Leicester; the Rev. H. F. Matthias, Cossington Rectory, Leicester; Miss Mary Walmsley, Girls' High School, Loughborough; and Miss Eleanor F. Roper, Girls' High School, Loughborough.

In March. T. Hazlerigg, Esq., King Street, Leicester; Edgar Reeve, Esq., Heatherley, Wigston Magna, Leicester; and Frank Moore, Esq., Burbage, Hinckley.

In May. J. A. Barfoot, Esq., Beaumont Leys, Leicester; and Miss Patey, 6, Newtown Street, Leicester.

In July. H. C. Snow, Esq., Leicester; F. B. Cooper, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., Leicester; and C. Kempson, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., Leicester.

In November. J. J. Clarke, Esq., J.P., Market Harborough; and W. H. Wilshire, Esq., Kirby Muxloe, Leicester.

Twenty members in all, being a net gain on the year of six, and making a total of 307 subscribing members. Members are asked to get their friends to join to keep up the numbers of the Society.

The Hon. Treasurer will be obliged to those members who have not already done so, if they will instruct their bankers to pay the annual subscription of ten shillings to the account of the Society at Parr's Bank, Leicester.

WILLIAM WIGSTON'S CHANTRY HOUSE, AND THE TWO OTHER OLD HOUSES IN THE NEWARKE, LEICESTER.

During the past year a considerable sum has had to be spent, before tenants could be found; and an earnest appeal is made to members and friends to send contributions to the Hon. Treasurer, S. Perkins Pick, Esq., Millstone Lane, Leicester, to help to defray this great cost. The Leicester Corporation has completed its purchase from the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., of the strip of land required for street widening, and has promised a contribution of £200 towards the cost of setting back the gates and wall to the new boundary line.

The following Papers have been read before the Society:—

At the Annual Meeting, A. H. Dyson, Esq. read a Paper on "The Monuments in Stanford Church," illustrated by limelight views.

At the same meeting A. Hamilton Thompson, Esq. M.A., F.S.A., also read a valuable and interesting paper on "The Monasteries of Leicestershire in the 15th Century."

At the March Meeting Mr. Joseph Young read a Paper on "The Token Coinage of Leicestershire and Rutland in the 17th Century."

During the past year Part 1 of Vol. XXXII. of the Associated Societies' Transactions has been issued to members, containing the following Leicestershire Papers:—

"Notes on the Saviles, Lords of the Manor of Blaby, in the County of Leicester," by W. H. Bailey, Esq.

"The History of the Hospital and the New College of the Annunciation of our Lady of the Newarke, Leicester," by A. Hamilton Thompson, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

Volumes XI. and XII. of the "Marriage Registers of Leicestershire" have been published; Vol. XI. contains the parishes of Goadby Marwood, Long Clawson, Old Dalby, Nether Broughton, Saxelbye (with Sholeby), Asfordby, Thorpe Arnold (with Brentingby), Wyfordby Saxby and Stapleford. Vol. XII. contains Aylestone (with Glen Parva and Lubbethorpe), Blaby, Glenfield, Braunston, Kirby Muxloe, Knighton and Wigston Magna. More subscribers are urgently needed if the series is to be completed within a reasonable time.

Volume X. of the British Numismatic Society's Journal is up to the standard. The subscription to this Society is £1 1s. per annum, and for this year the entrance fee has been suspended. Applications for membership should be made to Major Freer, the Stony Gate, Leicester, who has again been elected one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Annual Congress of Archaeological Societies was held at Burlington House, London, on the 26th day of June last, Sir Arthur Evans, President of the Society of Antiquaries, in the Chair, when Major Freer was present, your other representative being unavoidably absent. Major Freer made a report on the Ancient Monuments Bill of 1914, explained the provisions of the Bill, and moved: "That until the Committee appointed by the Bench of Bishops has reported, and that report has been considered, the Congress is of opinion that 'The Ancient Monuments Amendment Bill, 1914,' ought not to be proceeded with in Parliament"; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, to the First Commissioner of Works, and to T. Bennett Goldney, Esq. M.P., F.S.A., the introducer of the Bill.

The resolution was seconded by T. M. Johnston, Esq., F.S.A., and carried.

During this winter the Bishops' Committee has made a report, and Major Freer will read a Paper thereon at an early date.

Your Committee recommends that the present representatives, Major Freer, F.S.A., and W. H. Quarrell, Esq., F.S.A., be appointed for 1915.

G. M. Henton, Esq., has been appointed to report on local earthworks to the Earthworks Committee of Congress.

The Annual Excursion to Glastonbury, Wells, Malmesbury, Lacock Abbey, and other places took place on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, under the guidance of A. Hamilton Thompson and Harold Breakspear, Esqs., and the Rev. S. Thorold Winckley. About forty members and friends took part in this, one of the most delightful of our annual visits. Amongst others, Dr. R. C. Stewart and Colonel Oliver took some excellent photographs.

Mr. F. S. Herne has prepared a new catalogue to the Library, which was much needed, and it will be published in the next part of our Transactions. Our thanks are due to J. T. Spalding, Esq., J.P., of Nottingham, for the privately printed Catalogue of Topographical Works in his Library (five Vols).

In consequence of the action taken by the Society, we are glad to report that the roof and plaster in the Old Chapel at Bradgate Park have been replaced.

During the past year the meetings have been well attended, and several objects of interest exhibited.

Mr. G. M. Henton represented this Society at the re-opening of Tattershall Castle by Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

CHURCH AND OTHER WORK IN THE COUNTY.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Holy Trinity Church.—Dedication of new organ, involving an expenditure of about £720, which outlay has already been met by subscriptions. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Leicester dedicated the instrument in the presence of a large congregation.

Castle Donnington.—Substantial repairs to church and churchyard and new iron gates, costing £209.

Copt Oak.—Memorial gates to church, costing £25.

Cosby.—Memorial oak pulpit. Three bells re-tuned, one re-cast, and two new ones, £300.

Cossington.—A largely attended service of thanksgiving and dedication of the bells was held at All Saints' Church. The peal of four had been taken down for re-tuning and general overhauling, a new bell being added to make a ring of five. In the interval the masonry of the interior of the tower had been thoroughly restored and re-pointed, and the old wooden framework and beams replaced by steel girders and framing on the most modern principles. The outlay involved was about £300, of which about £220 has been raised or promised. The dedication service was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Clayton, D.D.

Countesthorpe.—On Saturday, January 3rd, a new wing to the schools in this parish was formally declared open. This building has taken the place of an older one, built and endowed by Mr. Henry Ralphs about seventy years ago. The old building had no classroom, playground, or ground for extension. The Board of Education required certain improvements which would have involved the expenditure of a large sum, and the building being old, there was no reasonable likelihood of finality when these had been carried out. The Trustees obtained permission to realise the capital of an endowment of about £350, and determined to build a new senior room, starting with this sum as a nucleus, and borrowing the remainder from Parr's Bank. The total cost of the work is £900. The new building is 68 feet long by 18 feet wide, and is divided into three class-rooms by glazed folding screens. There are boys' and girls' and infants' cloakrooms and lavatories, and a spacious corridor, 8 feet wide, parallel to the new room. There is also a new playground for girls and infants at the back of the infants' room, which adjoins the new building. The infants' room has also been improved, and, together with the new room, is heated by low-pressure hot-water radiators. The new senior school has accommodation for 120 children, and is in every way constructed in accordance with the Board's regulations.

Earl Shilton.—Valuable additions and repairs have been made in the church schools at a cost of £900.

Enderby.—On Sunday, April 26th, a tablet, the gift of the parishioners, to mark the 30 years' ministry of the Rev. A. Frewen Aylward, who has just left the parish, was unveiled by the Rev. W. Townshend, Rector of Kirkby Mallory. Altar Cross and candlesticks, £17.

Eastwell.—A new bell has been hung and the interior of the church restored at a cost of £442.

Fleckney.—A new reredos to the memory of Miss Mary Kendall was dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, on Wednesday, January 14th, in the presence of a very large congregation. The reredos is in carved oak, and represents the Transfiguration. The centre portion represents the Lord in Glory, with Moses

and Elijah at His feet. The panels on each side contain figures of SS. Peter, James, and John, and S. Nicholas, the patron saint of the church. The carving is of great delicacy and beauty, and the whole work gives much dignity to the east end of the church. The architect was Mr. E. Turner, under whose personal supervision the work was carried out by Mr. H. Smith, of Leicester. The cost was defrayed from a bequest left by Miss Kendall to the Rev. A. S. Coleman, for the beautification of the church.

Galby.—On Tuesday, the Rev. E. S. B. Fletcher dedicated the new stained-glass window given to Galby Church by the late Mrs. Bigge, in memory of her father, the Rev. Thomas Charles Ord, formerly Rector of Galby, and Vicar of King's Norton for sixteen years. The subject of the window is the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Bigge did not live to see the completion of the window, as she passed away on January 17th.

Glen Magna.—Iron rail to school yard, £21.

Gilmorton.—New village hall and recreation room, £300.

Grimston.—Bells repaired, £20.

Hinckley: St. Mary's.—Electric blower to organ, £100.

„ *Primitive Methodist Church.*—New organ, costing £420.

Hoby.—Oak screen in church, £250.

Kegworth.—A brass eagle lectern has been presented to the Parish Church by Mrs. Elmsley Coke, of the Wymeshead, Kegworth, which was dedicated on November 29th, the Eve of the feast of the patron saint of the church.

Kilby.—Gift of land for enlargement of the churchyard.

Langton Church.—Hassocks, retable, altar frontal, etc., £70.

Langton Thorpe.—Church roof restored, £50.

Langton Tur.—Lamps in church, £18.

LEICESTER :—

St. Andrew's.—Parochial buildings enlarged, £629.

St. Barnabas'.—Parochial hall built, cost £1,050. Brass eagle lectern given by Mr. and Mrs. Southorn.

Belgrave Parish Church.—On Sunday, January 19th, Bishop Clayton opened the new rooms in Justice Street, in this parish, which, when finished, will, it is estimated, cost nearly £2,000. The ground floor of the new building is intended primarily for mission services, whilst the other rooms will be available for meetings of the Men's Club, Church Lads' Brigade, Sunday Schools, and parochial gatherings.

St. George's.—Memorial pulpit, £110; west screen and tower restoration, £400.

St. Mark's.—The Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Lang) dedicated the new parochial Church House in St. Mark's parish. The new Church House takes the place of the one recently vacated by the Sisters at the west end of S. Mark's Church. A suitable house has been purchased, fitted, and furnished at a total cost of about £1,000, towards which Mrs. Perry Herrick has contributed £500.

St. Mary's.—Iron Church of St. Anne purchased and erected; one-third of the cost found by the parish, and two-thirds by the Leicester Church Extension Board. £367 raised locally.

St. Paul's.—The marble tablet which it was decided to erect in St. Paul's Church, Leicester, as part of the memorial to the late Canon James Mason, is now in position on the south-west wall of the church. The inscription reads as follows:—“Of your charity pray for the soul of James Mason, M.A., Priest, first Vicar of this church, A.D. 1871-1911, and Honorary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral, who entered into rest July 2nd, 1912,

aged 72 years. For forty years his life and substance were freely spent in devoted service to God, His Church, and people of this parish. To his labours and example was also specially due the revival of the Church's faith and practice in this town at large. To the Glory of God, and in grateful memory of their first vicar, the people of this congregation have caused to be placed the panelling on the walls of the sanctuary of this Church. A.D. 1913."

St. Peter's.—St. James's Church completed (Byzantine style), cost £7,000.

St. Saviour's.—Organ repaired and two new stops added, £90.

St. Stephen's.—Sanctuary panelled and painted; new dossal, £24.

Royal Infirmary.—An event of importance not only to Leicestershire, but to the Midlands, took place at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, when the re-constructed and modernised wing for children was formally opened by the Hon. Mrs. Murray-Smith (Gumley Hall). The occasion bore witness to the march of scientific knowledge within a few years, for when the foundation stone of the original building was laid 26 years ago, it was thought that the Hospital represented the last word in hygienic construction. Within a generation, however, the building had become antiquated; hence the need for the reconstruction which has just been successfully completed. The original children's hospital, the foundation-stone of which was laid on October 9th, 1888, by the late Sir Thomas Wright (the Mayor), cost £4,751, the fittings bringing the total up to £8,000. The funds for the building operations were raised with characteristic benevolence by Sir Thomas Wright. To keep abreast of the general advance in medical skill and knowledge, the Board decided to spend £14,000 in altering and improving the building, and eighteen months ago the scheme of re-construction was set on foot, the children being transferred to the nurses' wards as a temporary expedient. Little except the outer brick shell of the old building has remained unaltered. Formerly the wing consisted of only two floors, the second of which was used for nurses' cubicles. There are now three storeys, and all three are wards, distinguished by the names "Fielding Johnson," "Lady Wright," and "Margaret Ethel MacDonald." Whereas there was previously accommodation for only 42 cots, there is sufficient space now for 66 cots—22 in each ward. The top ward is the medical ward, the other two being for surgical cases. The most conspicuous feature, viewed from outside, is the glass addition the entire height of the building at its south end, affording considerable space into which patients can be wheeled and given the option of open-air. There are adjustable glazed doors and windows, so that the balconies may be opened or closed whenever desired, the doors being fitted with French casements which permit of their being readily opened in order that the air of the wards may be changed at various periods of the day. Modern hygienic principles have called for the introduction of floors of Italian marble for each storey, and the walls and ceiling brilliant with white paint and varnish give the wards an air of cheerfulness and cleanliness. The cots are all new, and fitted with rubber castors to facilitate movement to the balconies and into the grounds. The method of commencing the founder of a bed is also worthy of notice. Whereas a brass plate was formerly utilised, with the risks attendant upon laborious cleaning, tiles, which are part and parcel of the structure, are now used. Every precaution is taken to avoid the inroads of corrosion and uncleanness, all metal fittings are of aluminium or electro-plated, and many articles of furniture are topped with glass. Special sanitary annexes have been built to each ward, the open gully system being adopted wherever possible. On the ground floor there are also a room for "doubtful" infectious cases; a kitchen; a general bathroom (where persons are bathed before being admitted to the wards), fitted with lockers, brushes, and towels; a sisters' room; linen room, where there is a vast store of the Para rubber with which each bed is supplied. The "Lady Wright" ward is similar to the

others, except that there is a doctors' laboratory. On the ground floor there is also a scientifically-appointed operating theatre, built as an annexe and having four ante-rooms for anæsthetising, etc. The electric lights in the theatre are water-tight, and the walls are of tiles, so that the room may be washed down with a hose without fear of damage. Mr. J. I. Hallam has offered a system of eight electric clocks for use in the building, subject to the acceptance of the Board.

Deaf and Dumb Mission.—The year is an important one in the history of the Leicester and County Mission to the Deaf and Dumb, inasmuch as it sees the establishment of permanent headquarters. This has been a real need in the past, and the Institute in Causeway Lane, which will be opened in October, will be of great use in carrying on the work of those afflicted in this way. The Institute is already partly built. It will be a well-designed building, appropriate to the work that has to be done. It is of red brick, with stone arches, and will comprise a main hall on the ground floor, 48ft. by 28ft., and a chapel and classroom on the second floor. It is built to the design of Messrs. Stockdale Harrison & Son by Messrs. Chitham & Co., Ltd., and the cost, including furnishing, will amount to about £3,000. The memorial stone-laying ceremony took place in the presence of a large attendance. Previously a service was held at All Saints' Church, when the Bishop of Leicester, the Right Rev. Norman Lang, gave an address.

Stoneygate Baptist Church.—When the opening services of the Stoneygate Baptist Church took place Sir Edward Wood unlocked the doors with a presentation key. A service was held in the church. The Church has been erected at a distance of 60ft. from the roadside, and this enables its classical front to be seen to advantage. A central entrance leads from the portico into crush halls, which are so arranged with folding partitions that they can be utilised, if required, for extra accommodation. Side entrances from the portico lead into the staircase halls for the back gallery. The interior of the church is designed in the Georgian style, having a semi-circular arched ceiling carried on arcades, with decorative ribs dividing it into panels. In the panels of the ceiling are formed lunette openings, which give top-lighting on the clerestory principle. Large semi-circular windows light the bottom portico. The whole of the interior woodwork is of Austrian wainscot oak, and there is a special seamless flooring throughout. There is a normal seating accommodation for 475 people, and the seats are of the tip-up type, and are of oak, with pegamoid upholstery, sloping towards the rostrum. The pulpit is on the right-hand side of the rostrum, and the organ will be built on the left. In the centre apse is the marble baptistry. Four vestries are provided, and two of these can be used for baptismal purposes. Above these vestries is a hall, which can be used for meetings. The schools comprise a large central hall, with eight small classrooms, arranged round, and there is also a large room which will be used by the seniors. There is a spacious kitchen, and, in addition, a caretaker's house has been built on land adjoining.

The cost of the building, including that of the land, amounts to about £11,000. Mr. G. Lawton Brown and Mr. Percy C. Jones were the architects, and Messrs. Bradshaw Brothers the contractors.

Loddington.—After a Sunday Evensong, the Vicar solemnly dedicated a memorial brass, placed on the south wall of the chancel by the Morris family, in memory of their ancestors, many of whom are buried in the vault beneath the Chancel. The Morris family resided for over 200 years at Loddington Hall.

Loughborough, St. Peter's.—Vicarage provided at a cost of £800. On Tuesday, December 16th, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the organ which has recently been erected by Messrs. Norman & Beard in the new Church. The total cost of the instrument and case is £750, all of which, with the exception of about £20, has now been raised.

Loughborough. Fearon Hall.—The opening of the new additions to the Fearon Hall, at Loughborough, marks the completion of a scheme initiated many years ago. It was in 1886 that the parishioners of All Saints' first considered a scheme for church extension and improvement, comprising new Sunday Schools, with a Hall, in memory of the late Archdeacon Fearon, a Mission Church on the Paget Estate, repairs to a pillar in the Parish Church, and additions to, and re-fitting of, the bells. The second item has been completed by the erection of St. Peter's Church and the separation of that parish, and the last two were also carried out years ago. The much-needed Sunday School accommodation and the Fearon Memorial Hall were provided by the erection of the building in Rectory Road, which was opened on May 1st, 1889, as a portion of the plans prepared by the late Mr. George Hodson, leaving the front of the building and main entrance to be added at a later date. The original design provided for an expenditure of £4,000, and the main block then erected at a cost of about £2,552, included the Memorial Hall, 80ft. by 30ft., with Gothic timbered roof, class-rooms on the ground floor, and four small annexes with temporary entrance and staircase. The addition and completion of the design have been made possible by the generosity of Mr. W. B. Paget, who gave the major part of the £1,650 required for the contract. Owing to the increased cost of labour and material, the original design had to be considerably modified, but the full accommodation has been maintained. The new block forms a "T" with the old, and is 60ft. long, 36ft. high to the embattled parapet, and the gable rises to a height of 57ft. from the road level. The building is of red brick, with Hollington stone dressings, and is of Gothic design, with weathered buttresses in keeping with the ecclesiastical character of the place and its proximity to the Parish Church. The main entrance is in the centre of the building, and has a Gothic arch of stone. All the windows have stone mullions and transoms, and at the gables are large traceried windows 10ft. wide by 17ft. high. There are four class-rooms, each 25ft. long, by 20ft. wide, the ground floors have a height of 13ft. 6ins., and the upper rooms are 23ft. high, with varnished ceilings. The entrance hall has vestibule with pitch-pine screen and swing doors, the outer doors being of oak, with Gothic heads, and the entrance hall is finished with terazzo marble paving. The staircase is fire-proof, of artificial stone. The building is heated by hot water, and lighted by low-pressure gas. To improve the entrance from Rectory Road, Mr. Paget has paid for a raised terrace in front of the building, with stone steps and entrance at each end. The architects are Messrs. G. & F. W. Hodson, and the contractor Mr. H. Mounteney.

There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mr. W. B. Paget, with a silver gilt key presented by the architect, and which was inscribed on the obverse side: "Fearon Hall completion, March 18th, 1914," and on the reverse side, "Extension opened by W. B. Paget, Esq.; F. W. Hodson, architect."

The new Sunday School buildings of the *Nottingham Road Primitive Methodist Mission* were formerly opened. The buildings include a large assembly hall, with classrooms, and a primary department, and have been erected at a cost of about £1,200. The main door was opened by Mr. W. Lacey (superintendent), and that of the primary department by Miss C. Godkin. Rev. J. T. Ecob presided at the subsequent meeting, at which several addresses of congratulation were given, and the openers were presented with souvenir keys.

Misterton.—Mission room in Walcote fitted and furnished, £30.

The Oaks.—Parish room built, £309. Memorial stained-glass window, £60.

Owston.—Repairs to church, £10.

Quorn.—On Sunday, February 2nd, a chancel screen of oak, erected by Mr. O. S. Brown, in memory of his wife, a devoted churchworker, was dedicated by the Vicar. The screen, as it stands, is part of a more elaborate design which might at any time be completed. The work was carried out by Mr. John Sanders, of Quorn.

Redmile.—Repairs at school, new stove in church, spire repaired, £45.

Sapcote.—Bells repaired, £16.

Scraptoft.—Churchyard wall repaired, £11.

Skeffington.—Mortuary chapel repaired, £100.

Somerby.—The electric light has just been installed in the Parish Church, and in the village generally. It is believed to be the only village so lighted in the diocese. The population is about 500, and there were already two private electric plants at work, besides the possibility of a third, before the Somerby Electric Light Co. was formed. The village has been lighted with gas since 1866, but in consequence of losing its two largest consumers, and the fact that the coal had to be carted three miles from the nearest station, the gas works could no longer be successfully carried on. Further, the plant was absolutely worn out. There was nothing for it, therefore, but either to go back to the oil lamps and candles of fifty years ago, or to go forward and instal the electric light. After a long struggle all last spring and summer, only ended by the co-operation of the Melton Mowbray Electric Light Co., the parish has gone forward. The system is that of overhead cables, running from chimney to chimney all round the village, with here and there a standard. There are several villages in Yorkshire, Devon, and elsewhere lighted in this way, but nearly all of these have water power, which Somerby unfortunately has not. The dynamo is driven by an 18 h.p. oil engine, managed by the village blacksmith, who is also churchwarden and chairman of the Parish Council. The price of the current is 8d. a unit, which is identical with the price paid for gas in past years, viz., 6s. 8d. a thousand. The Church has been wired by the Melton Mowbray Electric Light Co., and the fittings provided by Messrs. W. A. S. Benson & Co., Ltd., of Hammersmith. The body of the Church is lighted by means of eight bowl pendants, in coppered iron, suspended by chains from the roof of the aisles close to the apex of each arch; the Chancel by concealed lights with powerful reflectors on the eastern side of the central Tower. The light is beautifully soft and mellow. The total cost is about £60.

Sibley.—Restoration of exterior of *St. Mary's Church*. This work was carried out during the autumn of 1913. The whole of the freestone in the Tower was overhauled, several perishing stones being taken out and replaced, and all joints raked and pointed. On the north and south sides of the Tower a considerable amount of rubble work, which was found to be defective, was cut out, and replaced by granite. On the advice of the architect a covering with door was provided on the Tower roof over the spiral steps, with the object of preventing water and snow getting down the stair and percolating the fabric. Parts of the lead work on the Tower and Chancel, which had "crept" considerably, were re-laid. All loose copings were re-set, and the pinnacles restored. Oiling the oak doors, painting the ironmongery and spouting, gilding the vane, etc., completed the scheme, the total cost of which was about £145. The work was carried out under the guidance of Mr. Clement C. Ogden, architect, 7, St. Martin's, Leicester, and the general contractor was Mr. Arthur Walker, of Sibley.

Stathern.—New buttress to North wall of Church, £12.

Stoke Golding Parish Church.—For some time past the beautiful old Church of St. Margaret's has been undergoing repair. The re-opening services were held on All Saints' Day, when Evensong was held in the afternoon, the preacher being the Right Rev. N. M. Lang (Suffragan Bishop of Leicester). The work just completed includes the repairing of the whole of the north side of the church, and of the almost tumble-down west end of the south side, at a cost of £600. The chancel was re-built by a previous vicar at a cost of over £1,000, and other work already done includes the restoration of the spire, tower, and old bells and frame, at a cost of £700, and the work recently done, costing £600. To complete the restoration of the remainder of the aisle, the pews and floor, and to provide a heating apparatus, will cost nearly £1,400 more.

Swepton.—New carpet, curtains, reredos lamp, etc., in sanctuary, £25.

