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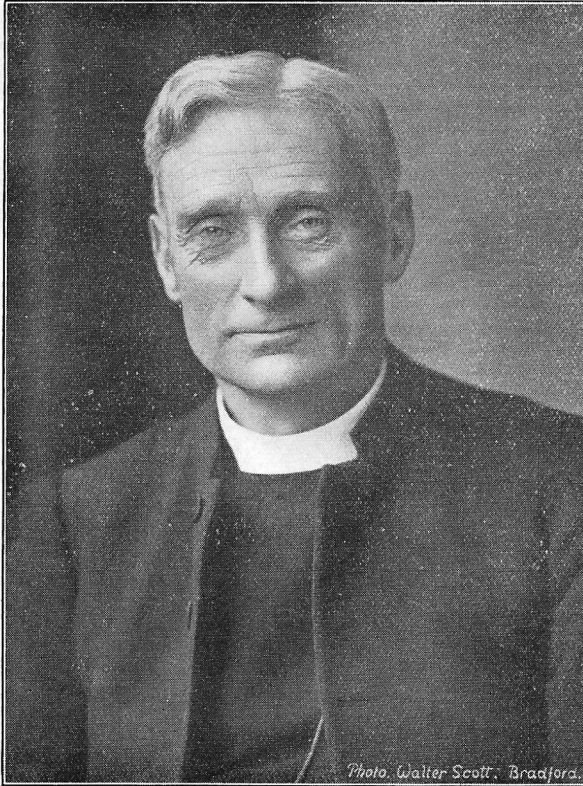
The Parish Church

(St. Paul)

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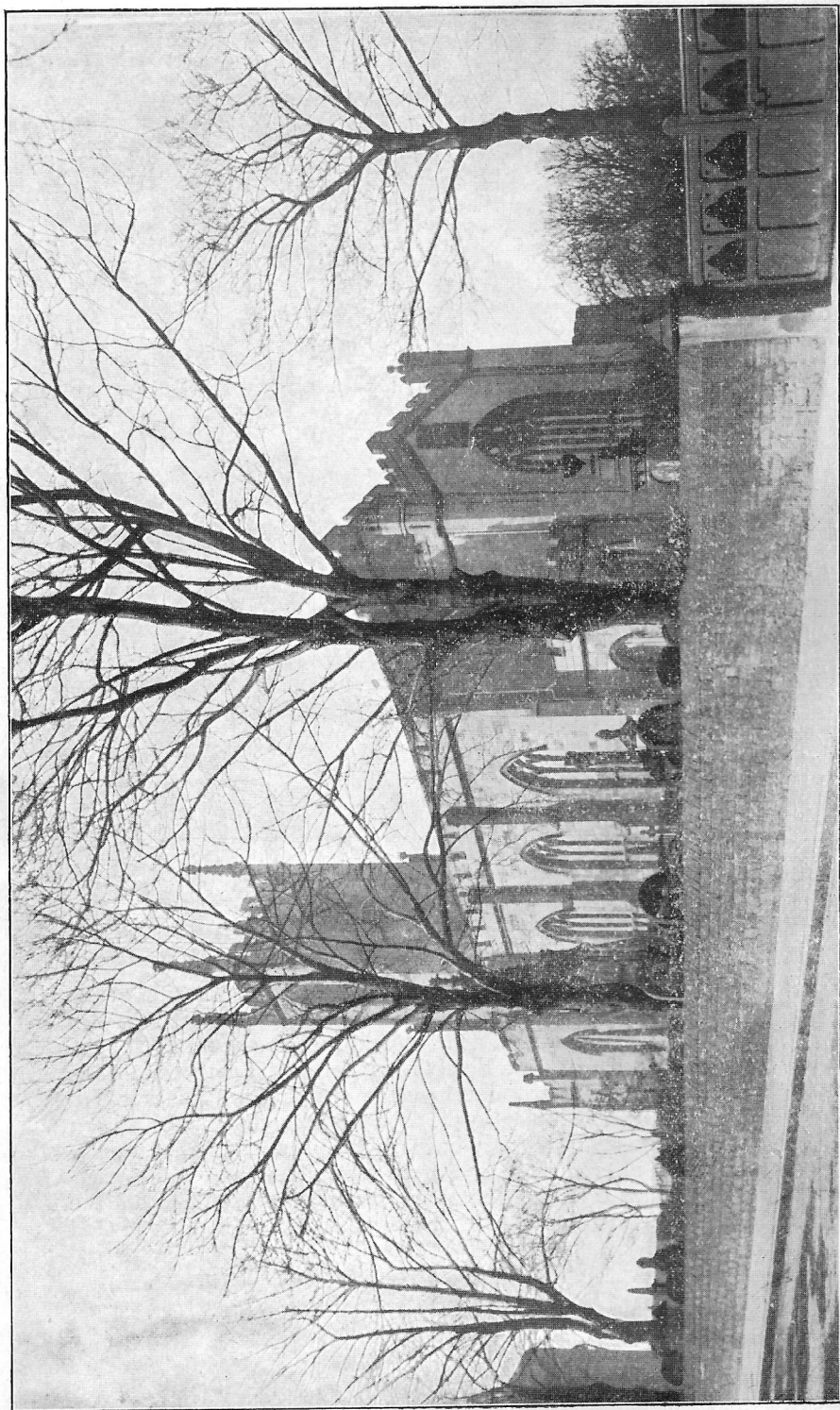
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Foreword by the Bishop of Bradford.

IN view of the Centenary Celebration of the Consecration of the Parish Church, I am delighted to see that the people of Shipley are to be provided with a short handbook to the history of the Parish and Church. It is a timely reminder of the part which the Church has played in the development of the town and district. The affection of the Shipley people for their Church has been shewn afresh by the great efforts they have made to render it more worthy of the worship offered there, and I am sure that they will greatly value this memento of the Centenary, both as a reminder of the past and as an incentive to further the work of the Kingdom of God in the parish.

ARTHUR BRADFORD.



The Parish Church, Shipley.

Photo Matthews, Bradford.

PREFACE.

The Souvenir of the Centenary of the Consecration of our Parish Church, has been produced at the request of the Church Council, who fixed its modest price, so as to bring the book within the reach of all.

I hope that those who scan these pages will share at least some of the pleasure, which I have derived in compiling it.

N. H. HARDING JOLLY.

THE CENTENARY.

On Saturday evening, October 30th, at 7-30, a Congregational Gathering will be held in the Schools, at which several former Shipley clergy will be present, and all past and present members of the Church are invited by the members of the Church Council. The School will be specially decorated and refreshments served. Musical items will be given during the evening. The ladies of the Church Council have in hand arrangements for the refreshments.

Sunday, October 31st.

10-30—Rev. William Pearson, M.A., Rector of Spofforth.

2-30—Rev. T. Chadwick, B.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Stalybridge.

6-30—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bradford.

Monday, November 1st (the actual date of Centenary):

7-30—Special Form of Service. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Knaresborough. An Augmented Choir will render the musical portion of the Service. Free Church Ministers will also be present.

Sunday, November 7th.

10-30—The Vicar.

6-30—Rev. Canon Harford, M.A., Canon Residentiary of Ripon.

Sunday, November 14th.

10-30—Venerable Archdeacon of Craven.

6-30—Rev. Canon Forster, M.A., Vicar of Idle.



The Vicar.



Mrs. Harding Jolly.

SCIPLEIA.

When William I. became King of England, after the great battle of Hastings in 1066, he ordered that a survey of his new kingdom should be made. The results of this survey are contained in the Domesday Book (1086), now in the British Museum. The Manor of Shipley is thus mentioned:—"In Scipleia, Ravenchil had three carucates (about 300 acres) of land to be taxed where there may be two ploughs. Ilbert has it, and it is waste. Value in King Edward's time, ten shillings. There is a wood pasture half a mile long, and half a mile broad." Six centuries later there is a record of an assessment of lands recorded in the Town's Book, of 46 oxgangs (about 550 acres) at 69s., which is equal to about 1½d. an acre. Around Shipley, as around other districts, there was a considerable amount of common land, where grazing was permitted free, and each inhabitant could use the common land for horses and cattle. But the common lands were divided amongst the various freeholders of the town, as an order to that effect was issued by Parliament in 1815.

There is an interesting connection of Shipley with one of the ancient religious orders. The Order of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem was founded in connection with the great crusades of the middle ages, which sought to wrest the Holy City from the Turk. The Manor of Shipley belonged to this Order in the 14th century. The Order held land here for centuries afterwards. At the top of the old house that used to be called Dixon's Old Hall, standing at the junction of Manor Lane with Kirkgate, are the stone lanterns which were symbolical of this Order. J.D., A.D., the initials over the entrance, stand for John and Ann Dixon, 1593.

The Manor of Shipley passed into the hands of William Gascoign in 1551, and then to the Rawsons, until the middle of the 18th century, thence to Dr. Cyril Jackson and his descendants. The Manor was purchased by Mr. J. W. Field, of Heaton Hall, and by the marriage of one of his daughters with the future Earl of Rosse, it came into possession of that family, though since then

great portions have been sold for building purposes. There is a vault at the East end of the Church which is called the Rosse Vault.

A large map drawn by hand, of the Manor of Shipley, is in possession of the Urban District Council. No names are given, only reference figures. It was made between 1816, when the canal was opened, and before 1823, when the foundation stone of the Church was laid. The date of the map is therefore about 1820. The hamlet of Shipley contained a few houses round about the market place, mostly small, with a few larger residences. There were no houses where the present Bradford Arms district lies.

Away to the west of the hamlet, where Crowgill Park and Church stands, there stretched a wide heath, styled Low Moor, bounded with fields on either side. A reminiscence of this moor is found in the name Moor End House on the present Saltaire Road. A narrow strip of moorland led up the hill called High Bank Road (now Moorhead Lane) to the High Moor, beyond Stony Ridge. Across the "Low Moor" were tracks, but no roadway. The Low Moor commenced where the Junction Hotel now stands, and ran along the "present" Saltaire Road as far as Nab Gate. Leading from the moor was an enclosed trackway in the direction of Springhurst Wood, which still exists at the back of Wellington Crescent.

A petition was presented to Parliament, 1814, by "several owners of estates in the Manor and Township of Shipley" shewing that there were in the manor several commons and parcels of waste ground which might be improved if enclosed." This was followed by an Act for the Enclosure of Moorland, 1815, of 277 acres 3 roods 28 perches.

In 1815, Rev. Cyril Jackson, D.D., Lord of the Manor of Shipley, procured the passing of an Act to enclose the waste or common lands, amongst the freeholders of the township.

At the Council's Offices is kept the award made by Mr. Bower, the Commissioner. This Award Book shows that $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres were granted to the town's surveyors for stone, and to overseers and churchwardens for common rights. This land is now Crowgill Park.

Mr. John William Field, of Heaton, purchased manorial rights from the Rev. Cyril Jackson, and received 88 acres of the moorland. The principal freeholder, Mr. William Wainman, obtained 40 acres, and Mr. E. C. Lister 35 acres. Smaller allotments were made to other freeholders, Mr. William Denby, and Rev. Jeremiah Dixon. Smaller portions were received by farmers and cottagers. The names of some of these past landowners are now familiar because of the streets which bear their names.

Mr. Field gave an acre of land for the site of the Church. One of his daughters married Lord Oxmantown, afterwards Earl of Rosse.

At the beginning of the 19th century, Shipley (now about 29,000 in population) was only a hamlet of Bradford, with a population of about 1,400, which even in 1831 had only increased to 1,926. There were only a few houses, and these were in the lower portion of the village. West of the Manor House (since pulled down) there were but two houses, one being near the Ring of Bells Hotel: Collyer's Farm, off Moorhead Lane, being the other.

A bridle-path led from Shipley to Bradford, leaving the Market Place and running into Manningham Lane. To reach Bingley, one travelled by the present Saltaire Road (then called Moor End Road, on which Moor End House stands) and Nab Lane, and so into the old Bradford and Bingley Road.

Shipley, like Wilsden, was in the Parish of Bradford. Bradford then contained but a comparatively small population; in 1821 the population of the whole parish was 52,954.

HOW THE CHURCH CAME TO BE BUILT.

The centenary of St. Paul's Church is being held in a critical and troublous period in the industrial history of our nation. The mind naturally goes back in thought to the early days of the 19th century, when the country was also discontented and in an unhappy condition. The great war with Napoleon had just been concluded.

Peace had been declared by the Treaty of Vienna. There had been a period of inflated prosperity, superficial as it proved to be, followed by the inevitable reaction and depression in trade. There was talk of revolution and repressive measures were taken by the authorities. Plots like the Cato Street Conspiracy, and outbreaks like "Peterloo" at Manchester, gave ground for alarm. But the people generally were seeking for freedom, and with good cause. There were actually 160 different crimes, "actions which men are daily liable to commit") which were punishable by death, such as forging receipts, sheep stealing, picking pockets, or shoplifting. Under the Halifax gibbet laws, persons were hanged for stealing cloth from the "tenters." But on the other hand, there was also a rising passion for reform in the country. There had been a remarkable revival of religion under the Evangelicals, when thousands were converted and England was saved from the horrors of a revolution like that which had but broken out recently in France. An immediate result of this religious revival was the abolition of the Slave Trade. The great Missionary Societies were founded. Politically, the passion for freedom was expressed in the passing of the Reform Bill.

During Lord Liverpool's ministry, the Parliament made a grant of a million pounds as a thankoffering for the conclusion of peace after the Napoleonic wars, to be used for the erection of churches. It was felt that religious worship should be encouraged, in view of the disorders of the day.

The grant was made available in 1818, and it is interesting to record that a number of Shipley men, under the guidance of Rev. Henry Heap, Vicar of Bradford, made application for a grant from this fund towards the erection of a church in Shipley.

The Government Grant had to be supplemented by private subscriptions. There was reason to think that the application would not be successful. A church had been promised for the more outlying hamlet of Wilsden. Our Church, was, however, one of the last that was erected out of this fund. It is said to be greatly due to Mr. Heap's perseverance that this application was successful. It was five years after the application before the foundation stone was laid.

The original copy of the petition was sent anonymously to the present Vicar three years ago, and is now framed and hangs in the Vestry. A reproduction is on the next page.

The Lord of the Manor, John Wilmer Field, gave the site for the new Church. The body of this benefactor is interred in a vault beneath the Chancel. A monument in the south wall of the Chancel records his memory.

Travel used in Church

Plans were prepared by Mr. J. Oates, Architect, of Halifax. The foundation stone was laid on November 5th, 1823. The Vicar of Bradford (Rev. Henry Heap) performed this ceremony. Three years later, on Sunday, November 1st, 1826, the Church was consecrated. The churches at Wilsden and Shipley were built exactly alike (though their internal furnishings are now considerably different), and consecrated on the same day. There was much local excitement in Shipley and Wilsden when that very dignified prelate, Dr. Harcourt, Archbishop of York, arrived in state to consecrate Wilsden and Shipley Churches. These places were then in the archdiocese of York, as the diocese of Ripon had not then been formed, not to mention the new diocese of Bradford.

Wilsden Church was consecrated in the morning. Later on, a number of parishioners walked to the parish boundary towards

at Bradford

Heap preached - copy sermon in church etc

Shipley. September 25th 1818.

We the undersigned, Inhabitants & Proprietors of Estates, within the Township of Shipley, in the Parish of Bradford, in the County & Diocese of York, being very desirous that a Chapel of Ease, to the Parish Church of Bradford, should be built in some convenient place in our Township, as we find it extremely inconvenient to attend Divine Service on Sundays, at the Mother Church, by reason of the great distance, it being more than three Miles. Willing therefore to the best of our Ability, to evidence our most earnest desire for the erection of such a Chapel of Ease - We hereby subscribe the following Sums, & thus bind ourselves to payment, provided we be enabled by the Aid & Liberality of Government, added to our own Intentions, to carry our Wishes into effect.

Rich ^d B. Wharman	100	Thos. Topham	10
Thomas Murch	100	G. T. Lister	10
Rich ^d and Jennets	250	John Pepper	5.5
John Blyth	20	John White	5.25
	275		

Samuel Young, Windhill	300	21.0.0
Rich ^d Bate's Junction	20.0.0	20.0.0
John Wilcock	6.6.0	6.6.0
Robert Craven	10.0.0	10.0.0
John Wm Hodgson	10.0.0	10.0.0
Michel J. J. J.	1.0.0	1.0.0
		368.6.0
B. Hays Vicar of Bradford	31.10.0	31.10.0
	899.16.0	899.16.0
Rev D. Jackson	100.0.0	100.0.0
		499.10.0

Bingley, to meet the Archbishop, who had been staying with Mr. William Busfield, of St. Ives, and escorted him to the Church.

Older people tell of having heard from their parents of an accident that happened in the crowded Church at the Consecration. One version has it that in the corner near the present clergy vestry, and under the gallery, a temporary platform had been made for seating people. Under the weight of the crowd the seating gave way with a loud crack. A voice called out, "The gallery is giving way!" and there was some consternation and excitement. A few climbed over the gallery front and dropped to the pews below. The Vicar of Bradford spoke to the people and bade them keep their places. Fortunately, the alarm subsided, and no serious injury was done.

Accommodation was provided for 1,500 people, since reduced by the removal of the West Gallery. The style of the Church is Gothic. In its exterior the Church is a handsome one of its kind, though church architecture of the period was at a low ebb, commonly called "Churchwarden Gothic."

The position of the new building was on a ridge above the town, on Moor Lane, and the site was considered out of the way, being somewhat isolated from the rest of the village. A hundred years has seen, of course, a considerable growth of population around and beyond the Church.

The Government surveyors had certainly an eye to effective sites for their churches, in relation to the surrounding landscape, as, for instance, the sites of Pudsey, Idle, Wilsden, and Shipley. There was a large clump of trees where the Police Station and Church Schools are situate, which gave shelter to a colony of rooks, hence "Crowgill."



Rev. William Kelly, M.A.



Rev. Thomas Newberry.

THE VICARS OF SHIPLEY.

Although the Church was consecrated on November 1st, 1826, it was not until May 30th, 1828, that the ecclesiastical parish of Shipley was formed by an Order in Council. During the months preceding the formation of the parish, the Rev. Richard Horsfall was the officiating clergyman until the appointment of the first Vicar.

The name of the Rev. Thomas Newberry appears for the first time in the registers on November 30th, 1828. The trees around the Church, which greatly add to the appearance of Church Lane, were planted by his order. It is said that Mr. Newberry first drew public attention to the beauties of Shipley Glen, afterwards to acquire a local fame. The Glen in its wilder beauty, to which it has in some measure returned of late years, possessed the more euphonious name of ~~Brackenden~~. This nature-loving Vicar left Shipley for the rectory of Hinton, Somersetshire. A genial pastor, a friend of the poor, a faithful and kindly parish priest, he died in March, 1861.

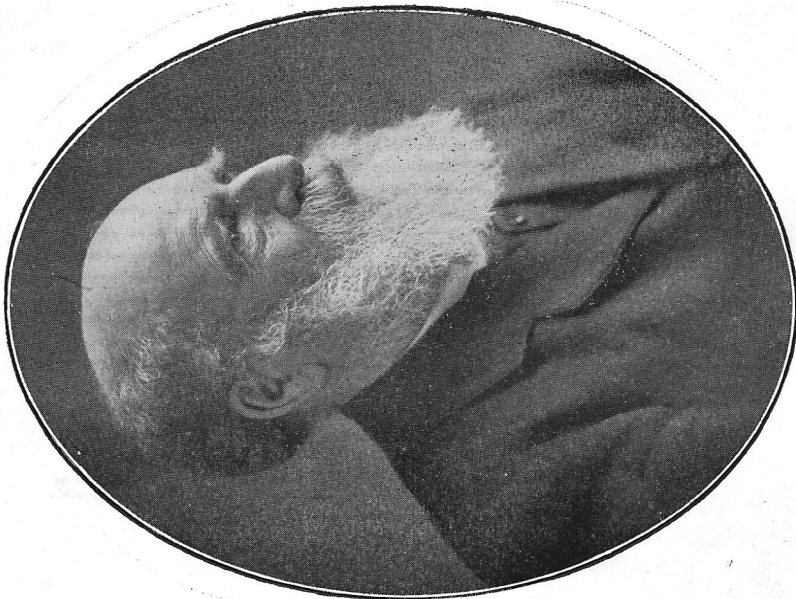
*Brackenden
Hale
Green*

The Rev. William Kelly, M.A., succeeded in 1845, and was Vicar for thirty-eight years. Mr. Kelly was an Irishman, educated at Trinity College, Dublin, 1837-8, ordained by the Bishop of Ripon, 1842. Before he came to Shipley he had been curate of Clayton for three years under the Vicar of Thornton. He was widely respected, and endeared himself by his tact and kindness. He was a man of genial and uniform temperament, which gained him many friends, and a faithful preacher. A beautiful window in the South Aisle, and a bronze tablet on the wall near by, recall his honoured memory.

The Rev. William Pearson, now Rector of Spofforth, was instituted on September 3rd, 1884. Six years later he was appointed Vicar of S. Matthew, Bolton, leaving for Spofforth in 1894, where he still resides in his ample rectory, and works his widespreading parish. Mr. Pearson's warm-hearted nature is remembered by his Shipley friends. In spite of his advanced years



Rev. A. W. Cribb.



Rev. W. Pearson.

he is still wonderfully active. We shall give him a warm welcome at the Congregational Re-union on October 30th, and as our special preacher on October 31st next.

The Rev. Arthur William Cribb was inducted to the benefice on Sunday afternoon, June 8th, 1890, by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, Vicar of Bradford. The Rev. W. Ferens, now Vicar of S. Simon's, Leeds, was present: he had taken charge of the parish before Mr. Cribb's institution. The churchwardens were Mr. H. G. T. Moss and Mr. F. Ives, and Mr. B. Firth, organist. Canon Bardsley spoke very truly when he said that Mr. Cribb was a faithful, very diligent and hard-working Vicar, for so he proved to be in Shipley.

Educated at the Church Missionary Society's College, at Islington, he was a missionary at Foochow, China, 1864-1871. On his return to England he became Curate of Hoby, Leicestershire, 1871-2, afterwards curate and afternoon lecturer of S. Mary, Whitechapel. The living of St. Thomas, Stepney, falling vacant, Mr. Cribb was appointed Vicar in 1874. Here he remained until he came to Shipley in 1890, where he stayed till his death on June 3rd, 1914. During the twenty-four years of his incumbency he shewed himself to be a man of constructive ability. His letters in the Parish Magazine express the delight with which he initiated schemes, which, in spite of all obstacles, he strove (generally successfully) to carry through to completion. In the planning of the Vicarage he took the leading part. Shipley churchpeople will agree, and not least, the congregation of S. Peter's, that the division of a huge and unwieldy parish and the erection of a fine Church, owe very much to his initiative and business capacity, which was further illustrated by the purchase and formation of the Hirst Wood Burial Ground, consecrated in 1895.

The Rev. Bernard Herklots, M.A., was instituted at Ripon by the Bishop on Friday, Nov. 6th, 1914, and inducted at Shipley by the Archdeacon of Craven on the next day. Mr. Herklots is a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he



Rev. B. Herklots, M.A.



Rev. P. Sowerby.
Curate, 1923—

took his degree with theological honours, and also studied at Ridley Hall. He spent three years in India, in connection with the Children's Special Service Mission. On his return he became curate of S. Paul's, Canonbury, 1899-1901. Afterwards he returned to India as a missionary. Returning home, he accepted curacies at Trowbridge (Wilts.) and S. John's, Carlisle, when he was appointed Vicar of S. Thomas, Kendal, in 1907. In 1918 Mr. Herklots accepted the living of S. George's, Leeds, a church of strong evangelical traditions, where he now labours. The book entitled "The Future of the Evangelical Party in the Church of England" is from his pen.

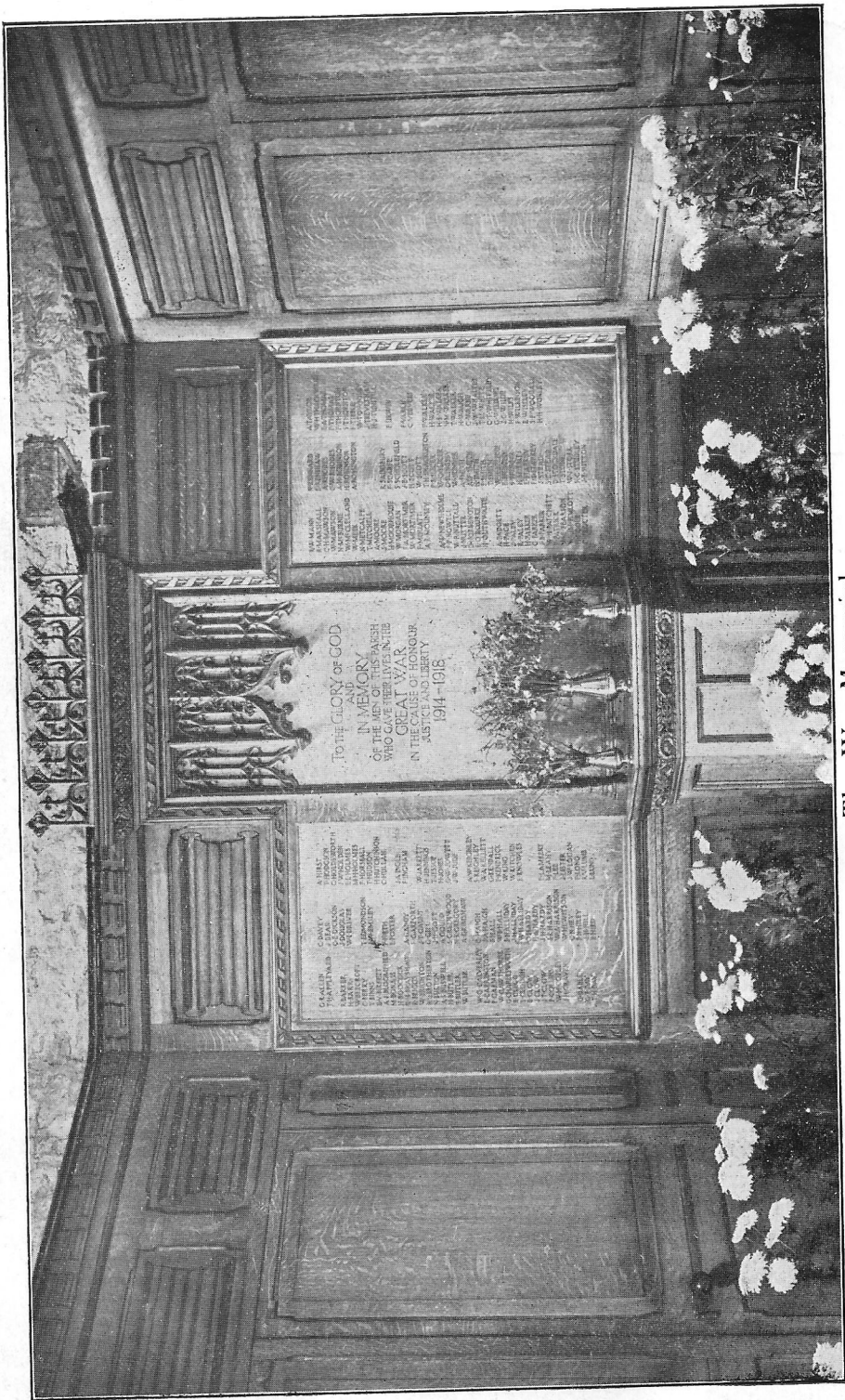
Later V. of S. John Wimbome R. of York

Mr. and Mrs. Herklots have kindly promised to meet their Shipley friends at the School on the evening of October 30th.

The present Vicar, the Rev. N. H. Harding Jolly, M.A., was instituted and inducted to the benefice of Shipley on the Thursday before Whit-Sunday, May 16th, 1918, by the Bishop (Kilner) of Richmond and Archdeacon (Cook) of Craven. Mr. Jolly is a graduate of Queens' College, Cambridge, where he took an honours degree in Theology, 1904. He afterwards studied at the Bishop of Ripon's Clergy College at Ripon, 1906. The first years of his ministry were spent at Burnley Parish Church, where he was curate to the Bishop of Burnley.

In 1909, on the invitation of Canon Denton Thompson, Rector of Birmingham (afterwards Bishop of Sodor and Man), he joined the staff of Birmingham Parish Church. He was then appointed to the position of Clerical Superintendent of the Liverpool Scripture Readers' Society, in 1912. He had the training and oversight of about forty stipendiary laymen, who devoted the whole of their time to assisting the vicars of large parishes, chiefly those without a curate. Some of the Scripture Readers are ordained from time to time. He combined with this work the charge of S. Andrew's, Aigburth, Liverpool, during the absence of the Vicar as an Army chaplain. After six happy years spent in this sphere, he accepted the living of Shipley, offered him by the Simeon Trustees. He had previous knowledge of the West Riding, as his father had been the esteemed Vicar of Thornton for a period of sixteen years.

*1930
Left V. of Herne Bay. Later V. of High Hurstwood
and V. of Aldingbourne, Sussex*



The War Memorial.

THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT CURATES.

J. Brayshaw	1830—1831
William Cooper	1831—1837
Edward Smith	1832—1840
Henry A. Mitton	1860—1864
A. C. Risk	1863—1865
Joseph Scott	1868—1873
Chas. Strong	1874—1878
NASSAU Nassau Clark	1879—1879
John E. Jones	1880—1884
J. F. Longrigg	1885—1887
A. Middleton	1886—1888
T. Duckett	1886—1887
W. G. Howard	1887—1889
W. Ferens	1888—1895
E. B. Smith	1889—1890
J. Priestley	1890—1894
C. Owen French	1894—1905
Henry L. Penzer	1900—1901
W. Spencer	1902—1906
A. R. Steggall	1906—1908
D. Davies	1908—1910
W. Bowker	1908—1917
J. R. Southwell J. C. Hirst	1915—1916 1917—1918
T. Chadwick	1918—1920
*J. A. Pearson	1920—1921
*H. Chapman CLAPHAM	1922—1922
P. Sowerby	1923—1926

* Unlicensed. Bishop's permission to officiate.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

THE EAST WINDOW.—This window is erected to the names of several persons, as follows :—

J. G. Horsfall, Esq., and his wife (Bolton Royd).
Mary Hodgson.

Children of W. and F. Greenwood.

Richard Fawcett, of Bradford.

Mary Fawcett.

James Brown.

Margaret Ann, wife of Henry Smith.

James Hargreaves, of Shipley.

The subject in the windows is Our Lord and the Apostles ;
and also Scenes in the Life of our Lord.

NORTH AISLE :

1. *Below Gallery*.—Memorial Window by Clayton & Bell to the memory of William Cockshott ; erected by Jesse Cockshott, his brother, June 1869.

Subject (Gallery).—Resurrection of Christ, with Angels and Soldiers.

Subject (Below Gallery).—The Resurrection of Lazarus.

2. *Gallery*.—Decorative design.

Below Gallery.—Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection.

SOUTH AISLE :

1. Memorial Window to Rev. William Kelly and his wife, Sarah Ellinor, 1884, given by their children.

Subject : Our Lord as a Boy of Twelve in the Temple.

2. Memorial Window to John Wilkinson and Grace, his wife, by their daughter ; January, 1888.

(Subject (in Gallery) : Appearance to Thomas ; The Resurrection ; The Commission to Peter.

Subject (below Gallery) : The Miraculous Draught of Fishes ; Stilling the Storm ; Raising of Lazarus.

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the top of
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3. Memorial Window to William, Rebecca, and Henrietta Peel.
Subject : Faith, Hope, Charity.
4. Memorial Window to Joshua and Martha Beanland, of Bradford, erected by their son, Henry ; 1875.
Subject : Elijah and Widow of Sarepta, with inscription over,
 “ I was hungry and ye fed me.”
Moses striking the rock, with inscription over,
 “ I was thirsty and ye gave me drink.”
Abraham and the Three Visitors, with inscription over,
 “ I was a stranger and ye took me in.”
5. Memorial Window to Isaac Joshua and Henry Beanland, of Bradford, erected by their executor, J. R. Cordingley, of Bradford.
Subject : Prodigal's Return, with inscription over, “ I was naked and ye clothed me.”
Isaiah's hopeful message to Hezekiah, with inscription over, “ I was sick and ye visited me.”
Peter delivered by the Angel, with inscription over,
 “ I was in prison and ye came unto me.”

MURAL TABLETS.

CHANCEL :

- i. To memory of Francis and David Rouse.
- ii. To memory of William Brumfit.
- iii. To memory of John Wilmer Field, placed there by his two daughters. His body lies in the vault below the Chancel.
- iv. To memory of Margaret Ann Smith, wife of Henry Smith.

SOUTH AISLE :

- i. A Brass Tablet to the memory of Rev. Wm. Kelly. Erected by the parishioners of Shipley, 1884.
- ii. A Tablet in memory of William Peel, Rebecca Peel, and Henrietta Maria Peel, all of Windhill.

- iii. A Tablet in memory of Benj. Firth, 45 years Organist of the Church; 1910.
- iv. A Bronze Tablet in memory of Frederick Smart, Headmaster of the Church Day Schools for 27 years. Erected by his scholars, teachers of Shipley, and friends, 1921.
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WEST END :

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- ii. A Brass Tablet in memory of three Shipley men killed in the South African War, 1901—Herbert O'Donnell, Higson Lister, and Albert Jowett. Erected by the inhabitants of Shipley, 1903.

COMMUNION PLATE.

The Communion Plate consists of the following :—

Flagon, Patten and two Chalices in plated metal, presented to the Church by the Rev. Henry Heap, Vicar of Bradford.

Four silver Chalices and electro-plated Patten, presented to the Church at Christmas, 1885, by subscription.

Two Chalices and one Patten in silver, presented to the Church by Mrs. Barwick, in memory of the Rev. William Kelly.

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OUTSTANDING EVENTS CONCERNING THE CHURCH.

- 1848—Parsonage built.
- 1860—Addition to Churchyard.
- 1865—Heaton separated from Shipley.
- 1875—Church re-seated in oak, with new Gallery fronts. The West end, and East end of North Gallery removed. The present pulpit and Caen stone screen added. Encaustic tiles laid on floor of Choir and Chancel. Eagle Lectern given by Mrs. Mason. *Font by Mr Fox (Chw)*
- 1892—New Organ built; cost £1,400.
- 1893—S. Peter's Church Hall opened.
- 1895—Hirst Wood Burial Ground consecrated.
- 1907—New Vicarage built.
- 1909—June 1st, S. Peter's Church consecrated.
- 1919—Hirst Wood Burial Board formed.
The Vicar resigned certain burial fees, in lieu of the interest on a capital sum of £1,000, subscribed by Churchpeople
- 1921—War Memorial in Porch.
The Reredos, Frontals and two Tablets dedicated.
- 1923—Clergy House purchased.
- 1924—January 1st, Pew Rents abolished. Free-will Offering commenced.
- 1925-6—Installation of electric light by member of Congregation, in memory of his father and mother. New heating apparatus. Renovation of Organ and Electric Blower. Painting and decorating of Church. Re-roofing of Church, etc.

THE REREDOS.

The Reredos was presented by Mrs. Sutcliffe in memory of her son, Lieut. C. G. F. Sutcliffe, his father and sister, and dedicated in 1921.

The Cross, Frontals, and Vases for War Memorial were given by members of the congregation in 1921.

The Lectern Stand, Credence Table, Alms Dish, Font Ewer, and Churchwardens' Wands were presented by members of the congregation in 1892.

The oak panelling in the Porch was erected as a memorial to Richard Clairborne Dixon, died January 11th, 1889.

The oak panelling at the West end was erected as a memorial to Edwin and Sarah Ann Lee, 1908.

THE BELLS.

Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel, London, put in position a set of six bells in 1826. When Mr. Mears saw the Church, he remarked that he had not seen in any part of the country a church so admirably situated for the effect of bells. The sound of the bells, from the elevated position of the Church, certainly does have a wide reach.

The Tenor and Treble bells were added in 1867.

<i>Bells.</i>	<i>Diameter.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>qr.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Tenor ...	44 inches ...	15	0	6
VII. ...	40 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ ...	11	1	7
VI. ...	37 „ ...	8	3	12
V. ...	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ ...	6	3	14
IV. ...	32 „ ...	5	3	21
III. ...	29 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ ...	5	0	15
II. ...	29 „ ...	4	3	12
Treble ...	27 „ ...	4	2	6
				9
				62
				2
				9

The Inscription on the 7th Bell, which was the Tenor of the old peal of six, cast in 1826 by Mears & Stainbank, read as follows:—These Bells were purchased by subscription for St. Paul's Church (Shipley), in the Parish of Bradford.

Rev. Henry Heap, M.A., Vicar of the Parish of Bradford, and Domestic Chaplain to the Right Hon. Lord Howard De Walden.

John Hodgson, Ch. Warden,
 Thomas Wright, Esq.,
 Mr. J. Wright, Mr. Jonas Bradley,
 Committee 1826.

The Inscription on the Tenor bell runs:—In 1867 the original peal of six received the addition of this Tenor and Treble.

William Wright, Esq., of Hirst (Shipley).
 Rev. J. Kelly, Incumbent of Shipley.
 J. H. Whitaker, Churchwardens
 R. B. Butterfield,

The completed peal of eight bells was first opened on March 16th, 1867. The Shipley Company which rang the first five thousand on September 14th, 1867, were as follows :—

1. James Lilley.
2. Samuel Pollard.
3. William Kendall
4. William Wilks.
5. John Wilks.
6. Thomas Ives.
7. James Crabtree.
8. Thomas Palliaser.

The bells were re-hung and re-dedicated on March 24th, 1912.

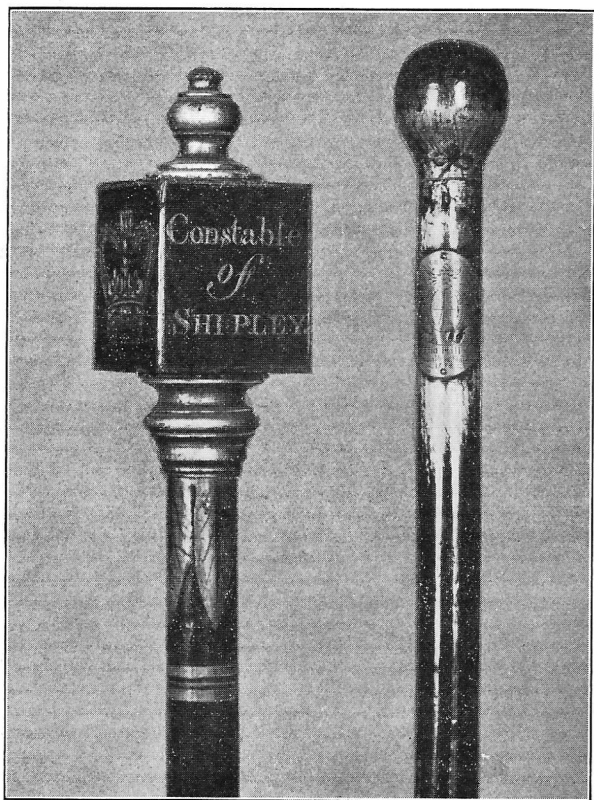
Facing the entrance of the ringing chamber is a large photograph in commemoration of John Lilley, who was a ringer in this tower for 50 years—September 1852 to September 1902. On the wall is the record of a peal rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nettleton. Mr. Nettleton had been a ringer for over 30 years.

A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on September 18th, 1926, consisting of 5,088 changes in 3 hours 4 minutes, as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. B. Kendall, who has been a ringer at this Church upwards of 40 years.

Changes are rung upon these bells of 5,000 changes and over in the following methods :—Grandsire of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Longest length, 10,000 Kent Treble Bob, which occupied the time of 6 hours and 26 minutes.

CHURCH BELLS.

Church bells have by centuries of Christian tradition been associated in this country with days of national rejoicing or sorrow, the coronation or death of a ruler, the peal of victory in war, as well as the dirge. The intimate associations with events in individual life. The wedding bells, the passing bell, or solemn toll of funeral knell; the Sabbath chimes; the Christmas peal



The Constable's Staves.

across the snow, at midnight. The memory loves to linger over the aerial music of distant chimes on a quiet Sunday evening in a quiet countryside, linking one with memories of some of the best treasures in the soul of Old England. Church bells are a distinguishing and often beautiful feature of English village life, and to a less extent in town life also. Many sweet lines have been written by poets in their praise. Familiar to all are the inspiring verses of the Victorian poet :—

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier mind ;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

THE CONSTABLE'S STAVES.

There are two constable's staves preserved in the Church. One has the date 1798 and the other 1822.

In the Shipley Town's Book occur the names of certain constables, e.g. : 1803, Thomas Dibb was constable ; 1811-12, Jonas Ellison ; 1814, Joshua Hainsworth ; 1815, Joseph Glow. The constable of 1822, whose staff is in the Church, had at least one exciting episode in his career, as the following incident, culled from a record of the time, will show :—

“ Mr. James Warbrick, a worsted stuff manufacturer, of Bradford, having procured one of the then obnoxious power looms, in 1822 sent it as privately as possible to a mill in Shipley, where its operations were to commence. The people, however, soon ascertained the facts, public notice was given of its arrival in all the neighbouring villages, and a great number of weavers assembled and threatened to level the mill to the ground if the loom was not instantly taken away. It had no sooner been placed in a cart, protected by a body of constables, than the exasperated weavers rushed upon it with irresistible fury, the constables were compelled to seek safety in flight, the loom was destroyed, and its roller and warp were dragged in triumph through Baildon. The unfortunate operatives were, however, unable to obstruct the general adoption of the detested machine.”

PUBLIC CLOCK.

DIMENSIONS.

Large Clock Face (facing Crowgill Park) :

Figures—1 foot \times 4 inches.

Narrow Figure (V.)— $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Large Hand—4 feet 8 inches \times 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches \times 4 inches.

Diameter—12 feet.

Small Hand Pointer (butt end of hands)—11 inches.

Centre Ring (both hands)—9 inches.

Inner Circle—8 feet.

North and South West Faces :

Diameter—9 feet 9 inches.

Figures—13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Large Hand—5 feet.

Small Hand—3 feet 9 inches.

Weight of Dials—15 cwt. 3 qrs.

Entire weight of Clock—8 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

The pendulum is a 2 seconds one. The clock chimes the quarters on five bells, and strikes the hour on the tenor bell. It is kept in motion by three weights, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 14 cwts. respectively.

The contract was given to Mr. Jonathan Cryer, of Bingley, and the whole of the castings were executed at Shipley by Mr. R. Hird, ironfounder. The lead in the purchase of a new public clock was given by public-spirited workmen, including mechanics, stonemasons, and woollsorters. The cost, £257, including fittings and a lightning conductor, was paid for by public subscription. The response was so satisfactory that a sum of £100 was set aside for an Endowment.

Mr. Joshua Parker was Chairman and Mr. John Wilkinson was Secretary of the Committee. Mrs. Kelly, the Vicar's wife, set the clock in motion at 12 noon on Saturday, June 29th, 1867, and when it first struck its notes, cheers were raised by the 40 ladies and gentlemen who had climbed the steps of the tower. The Committee, we are told, repaired to the Sun Hotel, where they spent the evening in "a most convivial and cheerful manner."

In 1912 the clock was thoroughly repaired and cleaned; all re-dedicated, together with the bells, by the Bishop of Knaresborough on Sunday, March 24th.

THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

There had been some friction regarding accommodation for a Sunday School, as the following letter, written by the Rev. Henry Heap, Vicar of Bradford, shews :—

“ To prevent all disputings among the inhabitants of Shipley relative to the room occupied by Mrs. Sutcliffe as a School and recently in the possession of the Methodists as a Sunday School, I would strongly recommend to the respectable inhabitants of Shipley the advantage of having a New School built from voluntary contributions and when erected to belong to the Church exclusively.”

Signed : Henry Heap, Vicar of Bradford.

Henry Heap ... £5 os. od.

On August 13th, 1828, land was purchased in Shipley for building of Church Day Schools, then called National Schools, because assistance was rendered by the National Society, a Church Society for the promotion of education in religious principles.

This land was purchased by Messrs. Thomas Wright, John Wright, George Semple, Joseph Glover, John Lee, John Hodgson, Edward Craven, and Rev. Richard Horsfall, for use as a Day School, including also a Sunday School, at a cost of £55. This was situate in Moor End Road. A Schoolhouse was erected on the land by voluntary subscription, principally through Mr. Thomas Wright. This School was sold by public auction on February 17th, 1858, for £280. It was bought by Mr. Samuel Wilson.

The present Schools were then opened, September, 1858, which, with Master's House and buildings, cost £2,102. The land was purchased and the buildings erected through the sale of the former school buildings, and by grants from the Government, the Ripon Diocesan Society, and the National Society.

The Infants' School was erected in 1872, at a cost of £1,496, in the vicariate of Rev. Wm. Kelly. In 1886, the Mixed School was enlarged, when Rev. W. Pearson was Vicar, as the stone tablet on the School states. The cost was £1,670. During the five years 1920-4, inclusive, the Church Day School Managers spent by money raised from voluntary sources the sum of £575 on *repairs only* to the School buildings.

DAY SCHOOL NOTES.

March 2nd, 1864.—First day under new code.

July 1st.—Saltaire Factory School mentioned; Alfred Firth, Headmaster.

April 3rd, 1871.—First day under Education Act of 1870.

January, 1873.—Wesleyan School closed.

January, 1886.—Alteration in premises.

December 1st, 1888.—Senior and Junior Departments formed.
I. Crowther head of Junior to December, 1891.

September, 1891.—Reduction of fee to 1d. per week.

December, 1891.—Resignation of Mr. Firth (40 years' service).

January, 1892.—Appointment of Mr. Wood. Combination into one School again.

January 15th, 1893 (Sunday).—Fire broke out in North Classroom.

April, 1894.—All children examined in St. III. for half-time certificates.

May 21st, 1894.—Mr. Smart appointed Headmaster.

February 20th, 1921.—Death of Mr. Smart.

1921.—Mr. W. R. Lodge appointed Headmaster.

An Appeal to the Parishioners.



What has been done and Paid for.

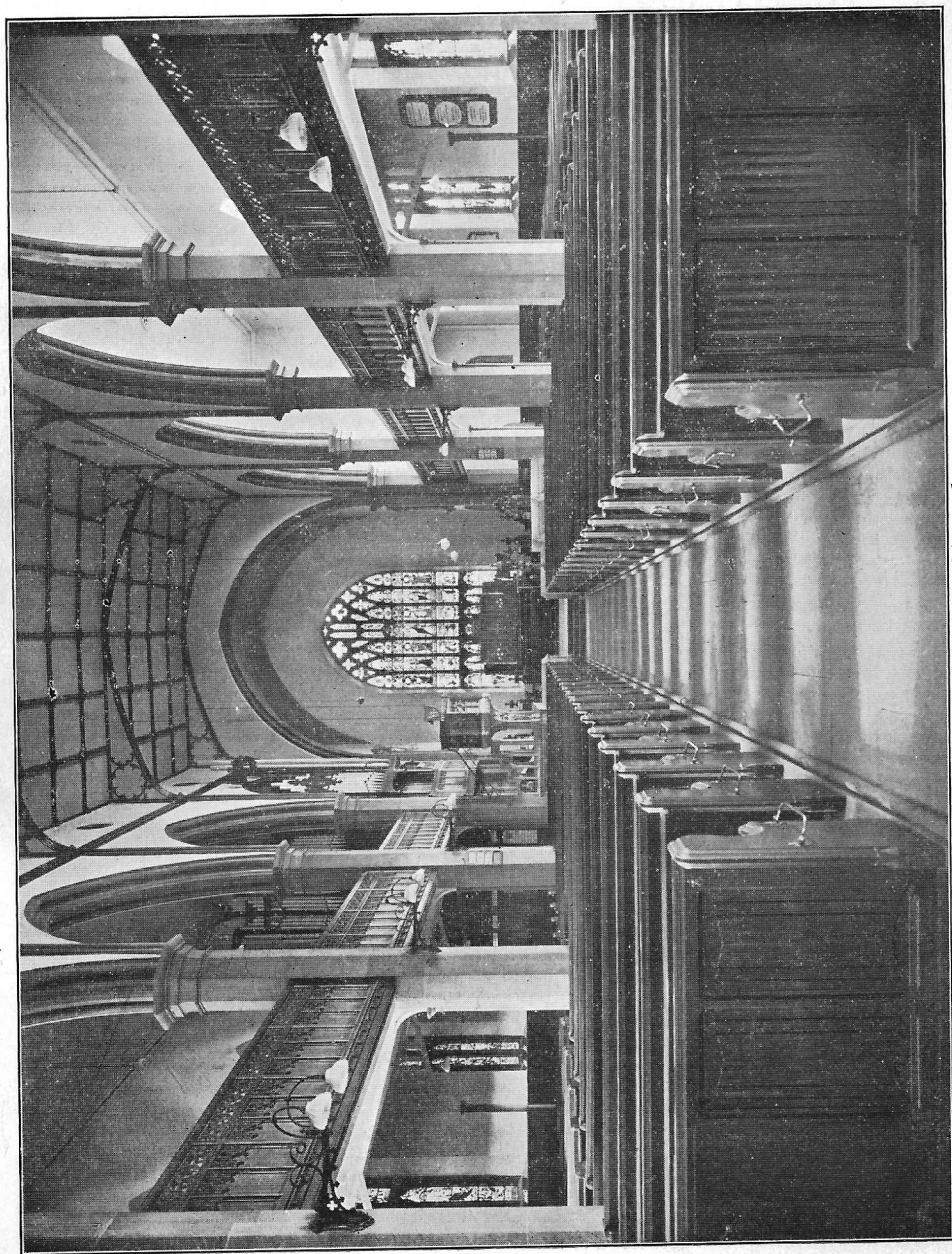
1. Electric Light Installed (The Gift of a Parishioner). *M. ALAN*
2. New Hot Water Heating Apparatus.
3. Organ rebuilt and Electric Blower fitted.

What is being done and not yet Paid for

1. Roofed stripped and re-slated.
2. Window—Leaded Lights repaired.
3. New Choir Vestry.
4. Church Interior and Vestries re-decorated

What still requires doing.

1. A complete Set of New Kneelers.
2. Oak Pannelling in Sanctuary.
3. Mortgage clearing off Clergy House.
4. A New Church Clock.



Interior of the Church.
After Renovation.

SHIPLEY PARISH CHURCH.

CLERGY :

Rev. N. H. Harding Jolly, M.A., The Vicarage.
Rev. P. Sowerby, The Clergy House, 74, Bradford Road.

CHURCH WARDENS :

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Mr. A. E. Horne, 60, Church Lane.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER :

Mr. J. W. Fitton, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., 78, Glen View Road,
Nab Wood.

VERGER AND SUPERINTENDENT BURIAL GROUND, HIRST WOOD :

Mr. Thomas Chapman, 2, Belmont Crescent. Tel. 764 Shipley.

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E. Wilkinson, Mrs. F. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Smart, Misses Deacon,
Dibb, Hodgson, N. R. Lee, Rawnsley, Stubbs. *Ex-officio* :
Clergy, and Diocesan Representatives, *viz.* : Wardens,
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F. Butterfield, J. H. Thompson, A. Quinn, E. Wilkinson,
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Horncastle, Mesdames M. Akam, Stockdale, Lambert,
F. W. Rhodes, Jolly, Sutcliffe, Smart, Misses Hodgson,
Long, Dibb.

BELLRINGERS :

Conductor—T. B. Kendall. *Secretary*—E. Simpson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SENIORS :

Superintendent—Mr. O. Morgan, 23, Moorhead Lane.

Hon. Secretary—

Hon. Assist. Secretary—Mr. E. Northrop, 29, Marlborough Road.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. Oddy, 53, Birklands Road.

Teachers—Messrs. Baxter, Beach, Butterfield, Long, Naylor,
Oddy, Misses Dibb, Edmondson, Hudson, Lee,
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Superintendent—Mr. F. Perry, 19, Chifton Place.

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Teachers—Misses Atkinson, Leach, Marshall, M. & E. Naylor,
Smart.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS :

Conducted by Mrs. Frank Rhodes.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS :

Conductor—The Rev. P. Sowerby.

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TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS :

Conductor—Rev. P. Sowerby.

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CHURCH DAY SCHOOL :

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F. C. M. S. Rhodes, O. Morgan.

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Kneeshaw, Kempster, Green, Morgan, Thompson, Webster,
Russell, Holdsworth, Russell, Fielding, Quinn, Wilcock.

List of Services.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion : Each Sunday at 8 a.m. ; also 1st Sunday Choral
2nd Sunday after Evensong 3rd Sunday after Mattins.
And on Saints Days at 11 a m.

Mattins 10-30 a.m. Evensong 6-30. Infants' Service, 1st Sunday 2-15.
Young People's Service, 4th Sunday 2-15.

Sunday School. Morning at 9-30 ; Afternoon at 2 p m.

Young Men's Class at 2 p. m. in the Y.M.A. Institute, Cross Rosse St.

Women's Bible Class at 2 p.m. in the Class Room, Church Schools.

Men's Service at 3 p.m. in the Church, on the 2nd Sunday (during
winter months).

WEEKDAYS.

Daily Services at 7-45 p.m.

Monday. Boy Scouts meet in Scouts Den.

Girl Guides meet in the Church School Room.

Tuesday. G.F.S. at 7-30 p.m. in the Church School Room.

Teachers' Preparation Class, 8 p.m. in the Clergy Vestry.

Wednesday. Baptisms on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 6-30 p.m.

Boys' Choir Practice, at 7 p.m.

Service in Church, at 8 p.m. (as announced).

Ladies' Working Party as announced.

Communicants' Guild, before 1st Sunday
(as announced).

Thursday. Boy Scouts meet in the Scouts Den.

Girl Guides meet in the Church School Room.

Full Choir Rehearsal, at 8 p.m.

Friday. Church Council, last Friday in month, 7-45 p.m.

Y.M.A. Institute open each evening during the winter months.

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4th Wednesdays 6-30 p.m. Notice must be given beforehand
to the Clergy or Verger.

Applications for Publication of Banns, and Notice of Interment at Hirst
Wood Church Burial Ground, may be given to the Verger,
2, Belmont Crescent.

THE Vicar and Churchwardens
desire to thank most warmly all
the numerous friends who, with
such willingness and generosity have
contributed gifts of money and personal
effort for the Renovation of the Church :
thereby giving further proof, on the
occasion of the Centenary, of their love
for that Place wherein God's Honour
dwells.

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NOTES:

- 1) This copy was owned by Miss Florence Beach, then Dr Christopher M I Clough.
- 2) There are various annotations in this copy either adding to or correcting information therein. It is believed that these are by Mr Charles Cockshott, Reader, Churchwarden.

